

Facility Needs Summary – Discussion Document

What do we have?

- Domain.
 - 1 full size pitch and four junior pitches. Junior area is also used for 5-a-side during the summer.
 - Main pitch in reasonable condition but needs work.
 - Junior pitches in average condition due to this area being shared with Matamata Primary (although better than some pitches in Hamilton, in particular).
 - 2 changing rooms only at clubrooms.
 - Referees at the netball pavilion.
 - Extra changing rooms at Sports Centre.
 - Small but serviceable lounge/kitchen area.
- Pohlen Park/Headon Stadium.
 - 1 full size (unmarked) training pitch.
 - Training pitch is in poor condition as little work has been done on it over a number of years.
 - Open space which could fit several more pitches.
 - This space is in much better condition than the training pitch.
 - 1 indoor pitch (futsal).
 - Changing facilities for up to four teams.
- Matamata College.
 - 3 full size pitches.
 - 2 gyms (possible futsal use).
 - Currently used as wet weather Skill Centre venue.
 - Half turf.
 - Currently used for Skill Centre.
- Swap Park.
 - Currently open parklands with an unplayable surface.

What do we need?

- More full size pitches – at least 1, if not 2. **CRITICAL**
 - We need at least one more full size pitch that is in a similar condition to the main pitch.
 - In 2015 and beyond we expect to be back to three Saturday mens teams so we need at least 1 extra pitch.
 - The extra pitch needs to be in good condition so it can be used as back-up should the main pitch be unplayable.
- More changing facilities. **MODERATELY CRITICAL**
 - At least two more changing rooms, plus a referees changing room, are required at the main central clubrooms.
- Indoor facility to promote the growth of futsal. **NICE TO HAVE**
 - A central indoor facility, aligned with the football club, to cater for the expected growth of futsal, particularly with the younger ages.

Opportunities if we had better football facilities in Matamata

- WaiBOP football hub.
 - We are central to the WaiBOP region and have already had our facilities used by WaiBOP's age-group teams for trials and training sessions over a number of years. Better facilities and, critically, playing surfaces will attract more WaiBOP involvement, probably even from the top men's and women's teams.
 - Due to our central location there is also the opportunity to be involved with WaiBOP/NZF coach education and player development courses and programmes.
- WaiBOP Home of Football.
 - WaiBOP Football is currently investigating the best way to introduce a 'Home of Football' to the region. This will likely take one of two forms:
 - 1) a single catch-all facility at one location, likely Hamilton. Facility would include several pitches, large changing facility block and offices for WaiBOP Football.
 - 2) a selection of smaller facilities at strategic locations across the Federation.
 - We would fit nicely into number 2. Also, WaiBOP has struggled for years to get something going in Hamilton, so number 1 may not ever be feasible.
- Sub-Regional football hub – MPDC/South Waikato.
 - We are the leading football club in the Matamata-Piako/South Waikato area and could initiate more sub-regional programmes, particularly at Youth level.
 - 'Kaimai Rangers' for U-13, U-15, U-17 with regional development programmes running off the back of these teams.
- Artificial all-weather turf pitch.
 - WaiBOP is currently the only Federation without a single all-weather pitch. They're springing up all over the country, particularly in the major centres. If we could establish such a facility here it would aid greatly in our facility becoming a football hub for the region.
- Sub-Regional multi-sport hub – MPDC.
 - We are at the centre of the Matamata Piako/South Waikato region and so are ideally located for establishing a multi-sport hub, covering football but also a selection of other sports. A decent indoor facility would be key to this, allowing sports such as netball, gym sports, futsal, basketball a regional home. (Refer also to key points in the Sport Waikato Sport Facility Plan, below)
- Working with other clubs.
 - The BMX club will need facilities as they currently have nothing at Swap Park.
 - Scouts operate out of an old, run-down building at Centennial Drive. Again, this is an opportunity for a new venue at a large park like Swap Park.
 - We could work with the College to get more football played at club venues, thus releasing a bit of the pressure on their current facilities.
 - Working with (but not joining up with) UMS could be an option as long as it's to our strategic advantage.

Waikato Sport Facility Plan

The Waikato Sports Facility Plan Public Consultation Summary was presented in June 2014. It marks the first time that the Waikato region has collectively examined current and future sport and recreational facility needs. The key objectives are to understand what facilities the region has, what is needed (and not needed), and recommend how an agreed facility network approach can be implemented within the Waikato.

Key points relevant to us:

- Four models were examined, with the *Implementing a Mixed Rationalisation and Development Model* favoured. Definition:
 - Under this approach a mix of coordinated facility rationalisation, optimisation (refurbishment), and new development would be required. This would likely involve capital development and operational partnerships between multiple stakeholders (such as local authorities, charitable funders, Sport Waikato, Sport New Zealand, Regional and National Sports Organisations, and sports clubs).
- Potential Facility Optimisation Approaches (4-10 years) for Matamata Piako District Council:
 - 2 x 2/3 basketball court (one full size netball court) model facility (potential Thames-Coromandel, Hauraki and/or Matamata Piako District Councils partnership).
 - Gymsport sub regional facility hubs – optimisation (Hamilton City Council and Matamata-Piako and Thames-Coromandel District Councils).
- Appendix 1: Summary of Proposed Facility Approaches.
 - Table 1: Summary of Indoor Court Proposed Facility Approaches (Matamata-Piako District Council).
 - Investigate sub regional partnership with Hauraki District Council (potentially in partnership with a high school).
 - Maintain and where possible optimise existing assets.
 - Table 7: Summary of Playing Field Proposed Facility Approaches (All Other Waikato District Councils, which includes MPDC).
 - Examine the allocation of sports fields based on need (and actual utilisation).
 - Upgrade existing sports fields to increase their capacity over winter as needed (especially in multi-sport settings).
 - Upgrade support infrastructure such as toilets and changing rooms to facilitate better utilisation of existing sports fields where required.
 - Examine school partnerships where these will be more cost effective to deliver access to sports fields.
 - Rationalise assets where possible.
 - Table 11: Summary of Clubroom Proposed Facility Approaches (All Local Authorities)
 - Engage with Clubs to ensure that they have asset management plans (which take into account the buildings lifecycle).
 - Encourage co-use of existing assets and / or amalgamation of clubs when warranted.

- Before committing a significant capital investment into any clubrooms carry out an independent building condition assessment (on buildings over 20 years old), quantity survey of refurbishment / repair costs and a cost benefit analysis and sustainability / feasibility analysis (this work should be scaled appropriately to the capital investment being considered).
- Where justified rationalise clubrooms or consider total facility replacement (ideally in a co – use or multisport model when warranted).
- Table 12: Summary of Gymsport Proposed Facility Approaches (Matamata-Piako District Council).
 - Examine the optimisation of sub regional hub (and where sustainable implement improvements - Potentially colocation with a high school).
 - Maintain existing assets where viable / warranted.