

NEWSLETTER
THE SPORT AND ACTION TRUST
MORGAN PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE
October 2019

Opening of Sports Hub

The outgoing Hauraki District Mayor – John Tregidga officially opening the Sportshub on Thursday 3rd October. The ceremony was well represented by the users of Morgan Park. Mark Skinner, representing the Sport N Action Trust and John Tregidga spoke and outlined the history of the park and what the ongoing plans are to complete the development. It was an opportunity to acknowledge the support of Hauraki District Council with Morgan Park.



Opening by Mayor of Hauraki, John Tregidga with help from Hannah and Dominic Bismark.



Croquet Greens Development

The main earthworks are complete on the top level and in the lower carpark area. There is some remaining stormwater work that is required to prevent overflow from the new Tennis Courts above, draining across the driveway and in front of the squash club. A nearby resident also requested attention to this issue which the Trust and Council agreed with. The stormwater solution has been resolved with the assistance of an engineer but a resident has requested that this work now not take place. The stormwater resolution works are now on hold pending a reversal of this situation.

Hydroseeding of the croquet green with an interim grass species will be taking place during the week of 21st to 25th October. This is a first step in the greens area settlement/ consolidation ahead of the formal construction of croquet greens which will involve extensive renovation and new turf species throughout 2020.

Netball and Tennis Court Fencing

This work is substantially complete with additional bracing work to strengthen this new fencing remaining. This work will be completed by the end of October. The tennis court fencing has needed bracing as the wind break cloth attached to it acts a sail area and had been pulling and bending the fence lines.

Sports Hub Building Extension, conceptual plans

An architect is still underway with conceptual drawings for options regarding the sports hub building extension. A number of options are being undertaken for consultation with sports clubs as previously discussed with most codes already. More extensive discussion will occur as soon as the concept plans have been completed.

Former Netball Courts and Turf Rehabilitation

The remaining turf seeding work to fully remediate the old netball courts site will be undertaken once more soil is applied to this area, after the balance of debris is from the fill material is removed and recontouring of the site is complete. A quantity of topsoil will be spread over the site prior to grassing as a result of the croquet green redevelopment.

Croquet Club House Relocation

This work has been fully quoted and we have a preferred contractor to undertake this work. This will be programmed with the croquet club as there is an agreement that the new croquet greens will be ready prior to the club house building being relocated. The Sport and Action Trust hold funds to undertake the croquet green construction and the relocation of the croquet club building. This work will proceed ahead of other funding being secured to complete the whole park development.

Funding Applications

A range of funding applications have been submitted and these are pending outcomes. These applications are to undertake the balance of all works at Morgan Park. This work includes the new bowling green construction and Sportshub building extension and the balance of field works for rugby and football to be undertaken once croquet and bowls are relocated.

Memorandums of Understandings between respective sports clubs and Sports and Action Trust

These are underway, with each club to have a specific agreement with the Sport and Action Trust for details particular to their club. There has also been a suggestion to seek from each club an open approach for some matters that relate to other clubs so that there can be a full disclosure of the timing and details of some of the relocation and development aspects of the programme.

Communications

The Sport and Actions Trust website is to be updated for all sports clubs and users of Morgan Park, as well as an irregular update for the public as work milestones are reached. The website will also act as a promotion of opportunities with sports clubs at Morgan Park for the community to join and undertake for pay for play recreation. 2019/ 2020 will be a big 18 months for the park and the respective clubs as once development begins the other stages

can follow for all clubs. The general approach with croquet being relocated first allows other stages to be undertaken, pending funding being successfully secured.