



**NEWSLETTER**  
**THE SPORT AND ACTION TRUST**  
**MORGAN PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE**  
**April 2020**

Since March, the Sports Hub facility is closed due to the COVID 19 lockdown and no user should be accessing the building. The Sport and Action Trust is not an essential service and please if there are any queries please contact Geoff or Jo via email.

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The Tennis Club have reminded us that Please – NO PLAY at the clubs or tennis club courts. Please note that this remains the case in level 3 and check the Sport New Zealand guide in the first instance on the Sport N Action website for specifics.

Morgan Park itself is open for informal recreation access provided that social distancing is observed. Please keep an eye on the Sport New Zealand website.

The lockdown at Level 3 for Morgan Park includes all leased buildings and other club facilities e.g., bowling club and greens, croquet club and greens, tennis and netball court use and field practice (e.g. Football). The playground, skate park and half-court basketball are also still closed.

All development works have been suspended to further notice. Maintenance and priority repairs, site visits and inspections will occur in part during Level 3 and Level 2. However extensive work is being carried out in the background in preparation for the resumption of full access for sport, recreation and play as well as the development works.

Summary of current status.

- The Consent for the croquet green development is being processed at Hauraki District Council
- Updated quotes are being sought for the croquet green construction.
- Arrangements for tennis court surfacing supplier continue with their inspection of the court surface to occur after lockdown.
- Sports Clubs MOU's continue to be discussed.

- Fundraising liaison continue with funding trusts.
- Liaison with the architect on hub extension options continue. The architect has confirmed in April that the plans are still being worked on and there will be a further update next month.
- Communication with Hauraki District Council on the future of their squash club building have paused during the lockdown but will continue with squash court upgrade report.

### **Vandalism to park**

A go kart has been filmed and observed driving over the Morgan Park field areas and the police have been advised. The police have also been sent screen shots of the go kart and the driver and please if the go kart is seen again, please contact the police directly.

This is also a reminder to keep the chain gate locked at all times and a request to not to drive into the park to park next to the courts in future as we are not in a position to complain about field damage from vehicles if our own users are also driving on the same ground.

### **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 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. 2020 will be a big year 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.

Two requests have been received that this newsletter be directly emailed to clubs and then within clubs, to multiple email address, however, to prevent to previous problem we had of people always feeling that they were being left out or not receiving messages at the same time, please note this newsletter will only be posted on the Sport N Action Waihi website for clubs.

### **Morgan Park Shelters**

Following the responses received from user consultation, below is the preferred option for the shelters at Morgan Park. These will vary in size for each of the 3 codes that at this stage have had planning put forward for shelters. The Trust Project manager will be getting quotes for this type of design of shelter but with no front, i.e. 3 sides, based on the feedback that was returned.



This shelter is made by NZ Shelters, but we will be obtaining quotes from three suppliers for our funding applications.