



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

### **Croquet Greens Development**

In September the former top tennis court area will be recontoured. This will see the former tennis court's failed surface and weak gravel foundation removed and recycled as driveway surfacing within the park. A new level surface will be developed with gentle 'batters' or gently sloping banks around the outside of a new four croquet green surface which will run from the squash club north. In Autumn and Spring 2020 extensive specialist turf renovations will be undertaken on the croquet greens to bring them up to play standard. Overall This work will also see the old internal fencing for tennis also be removed as well as woody weed growth and a small failed retaining wall. Some exterior fencing will remain or be relocated as well as some new landscaping during Spring to rehabilitate the area. Septic tank repairs for the squash club building will also be undertaken at this time.

Liaison with neighbouring sports codes and residential neighbours has also been undertaken. This work will establish the base for the four new croquet greens on the upper level and the relocation of the croquet club building to the lower level, with the former lower tennis court area being tidied up during these works, with a focus on the surrounds for gorse and new native plantings. Some work will also be done to improve the access from the end of the driveway behind the squash club so that the former lower tennis court area can provide access to relocate the croquet club building and to eventually provide some limited vehicle storage for Croquet and other park users while the seal lasts.

### **Netball and Tennis Court Fencing**

Amendments to the tennis court fencing will be made to strengthen it. This work involves pipe bracing to the exterior of the courts. This follows some failure in the fencing following shelter cloth being attached to the new fence with the wind then treating this cloth addition as a sail. Additional bracing, an increase of height to the west and a new section of temporary fencing to the north west will be installed. The temporary section to the north west will be superseded when the club house extension is undertaken and this then provides a degree of wind shelter to the tennis courts. Two new gates will be installed and keypad access will follow at a later date so that entry will be by membership or casual pay for play entry. The new concrete paths and fencing will be undertaken in September in time for the Spring/Summer 19/20 tennis season. For the shared courts, lead weights will be supplied to the tennis club to hold the tennis court nets down as opposed to digging in more pipes and sleeves into the new shared netball/tennis playing surface.

### **Sports Hub Building Extension, conceptual plans**

An architect is 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 half basketball courts and new backboards have been a very successful recreation addition to the park. 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.

### **Funding Applications**

A range of funding applications are in the midst of submission and drafting. These 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.