

South Waikato District Report

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1. ORGANISATIONAL UPDATE/S – Amy Marfell, Sport Waikato GM Regional Leadership

The work of Sport Waikato staff is guided by the Regional Strategy for Sport and Recreation in the Waikato – Moving Waikato – which is underpinned by a focus on 3 key areas: Our People; Building Communities; and Regional Leadership.









Sport Waikato staff have continued to engage with key stakeholders and projects over the recent Covid-19 lockdown period, placing particular emphasis on a number of sector capability and facilities initiatives in the city, including informing the major event delivery of the upcoming Women's Cricket World Cup, supporting the Waikato Rugby Union to grow participation among children and young people through the implementation of Good Sports and Balance is Better principles, and the ongoing discussions about facilities provision (indoor court and swimming) in the city. The change in the ways Sport Waikato staff work (leading and influencing decision-making through insights) has proven particularly effective during this time.





On behalf of Sport New Zealand, Sport Waikato continues to distribute Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa funding to support physical activity participation through play, active recreation and sport by children and young people in the region. We warmly invite Hamilton City Council to consider any initiatives they may wish to put forth as part of the fund – particularly with a lens to further leverage play strategy outcomes. We would also like to formally thank Maangai Maaori Ollly Te Ua for his participation on the Tū Manawa Community Activation Fund distribution panel.




SOUTH WAIKATO PLAY, ACTIVE RECREATION AND SPORT PLAN MAJOR PROJECT UPDATES


Status	On Track 	Some Challenges 	High Risk 	Complete 
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Focus Areas	Progress	Further Considerations/Proposed Future Actions	Status
Opportunities for activity in the district are promoted via a central digital hub that is accessible to the community	Sport Waikato continues to promote this service and traffic to the website outlines that Be Active is the key reason community members visit the Sport Waikato website.	Sport Waikato is reviewing Be Active and the way that this information can stay up to date/relevant including the way this information is presented and how we can ensure we are capturing all activities across the region. This includes encouraging organisations to set up generic contact details, working alongside regional sports organisations, council connects and regularly checking in with those listed to ensure correct information is entered.	
Support activity deliverers in the district to better understand the needs of the participant (with a particular focus on target groups of children and young people, women and girls, and deprived communities)	<p>Sport Waikato has actively supported the local education, community and sport and recreation sector in the region to access Tū Manawa funding opportunities to support the delivery of sport and recreation programmes, activations and play for children (tamariki 5-11 years) and youth (rangatahi 12-18). The fund aims to provide quality opportunities in play, active recreation and sport for those who are missing out.</p> <p>Applicants who expressed interest during this reporting period included SURF (South Waikato Rugby Football), Forest View High School, Tirau Tennis Club and Putāruru Athletics .</p> <p>Sport Waikato attended meetings where delivery providers were present including the Tokoroa Interagency Meeting to share knowledge of funding opportunities such as Tu Manawa.</p> <p>Sport Waikato staff have connected with applicants to support them with what is required to ensure their applications show evidence of understanding of the need of the participant.</p> <p>During this period Sport Waikato staff met with Putaruru College and Tokoroa High School staff to discuss the Voice of Rangatahi survey which is a tool used to capture the voice of young people and their well being needs at school.</p> <p>Recently Sport Waikato attended the Tokoroa Netball Association Strategic Planning session which included discussions on gathering further information on the need of the participants and how this could best be achieved.</p>	<p>Sport Waikato will continue to drive applications from the district, including but not limited to, among sports clubs, recreation providers and education settings (e.g. primary and secondary schools).</p> <p>We would also invite Council to consider application to the fund for the purposes of any play, active recreation and sport delivery projects that they may wish to implement.</p> <p>Sport Waikato plan to bring all community clubs and delivery organisations together in a forum to discuss the future of sport across South Waikato. This will be held both in Tokoroa and in Putaruru (supporting the Putaruru community hub)</p> <p>There have been challenges in bringing these groups together this side of Christmas due to Covid related restrictions with the forum being postponed until the new year.</p>	

<p>Grow local sector capability through the provision of targeted workshops and education initiatives</p>	<p>It was identified in the local play, active recreation and sport plan during consultation with local clubs and organisations that the two top priorities for support was around funding and sponsorship and marketing and communications.</p> <p>Throughout this reporting period there have been a number of online* initiatives aimed at building the capability of the local sector communities.</p> <p>Recent initiatives included webinars relating to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. CommUnity – A fund generating program turning commerce into community II. Boosted Sport – A crowdfunding platform dedicated to getting homegrown play, active recreation and sport off the ground. <p>*Covid-19 has prevented face-to-face interactions for a significant part of the reporting period</p>	<p>Sport Waikato will work alongside other organisations who deliver support on these topics, including department of internal affairs, Community Waikato and Sparty to put together a calendar of events for these initiatives. They would be scheduled to occur prior to the winter season, and prior to the summer season.</p>	
<p>Support Coach Development in the district in both school and community settings</p>	<p>Sport Waikato continue to facilitate the development and growth of those coaches in our region who influence, educate and develop others through our coach advisor and recently appointed coach advisor (youth).</p> <p>Working in a 7 way partnership involving Sport Waikato, King Country Rugby Union, Waikato Rugby Union, Thames valley Rugby Union, NZ Rugby, Sport NZ and Aktive Auckland, the collaboration seeks to provide enhanced quality rugby experiences for the tamariki of the district through the implementation of the balance is better philosophy – utilising Good Sports as the vehicle for this change.</p>	<p>Support the relevant RSO in working with their respective game deliverers to encourage the adoption of this philosophy through their channels in 2022</p> <p>Encourage other ‘codes’ to adopt a similar philosophy within the district, through this example, to ensure a quality experience.</p> <p>Continue to support the 7 way partnership through connection with the local communities and deliverers.</p>	
<p>Drive key outcomes, alongside District Council staff, as identified in the district sport and recreation plan – including and with specific attention to local facilities projects</p>	<p>Spaces and Places projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tokoroa Pool Upgrades • Glenshea Park Improvements • Playground upgrades • Arapuni pump track <p>Sport Waikato has been monitoring the progress of these projects and has connected regularly with the parks manager to see what support can be offered by Sport Waikato such as connecting with other councils who are doing similar projects. Sport Waikato has connected with the consultant undertaken further analysis of aquatics provision for Tokoroa</p>	<p>Sport Waikato will continue to build connections with other teams within council to help drive these local facility projects such as the transport team and the project team</p>	
<p>Provide stakeholders with district specific insights to support decision-making and enable community conversations</p>	<p>Provided Parks Manager at Council with information about key community contacts who can support the development of the Putaruru Skatepark. Those contacts are now part of the project group.</p> <p>Sport Waikato collaborated with South Waikato district council with pre-engagement with the Tokoroa memorial park users around the Public Spaces Bylaw.</p> <p>Voice of Rangatahi (VOR)</p> <p>The VOR survey seeks to understand the sport and physical activity experiences of rangatahi (young people) at school. VOR results continue to inform provision at a</p>	<p>Sport Waikato will continue to connect with various teams within council to see what insights can be provided to support decision making.</p>	

	<p>secondary school level. A regional profile is now available for 2020 on the Sport Waikato website.</p> <p>During the reporting period staff attended a secondary school sport coordinator cluster meeting and met Matamata College’s Sport Coordinator to discuss VoR, traditional school sports days and future initiatives</p> <p>Microsoft Word - Voice of Rangatahi - 2020 Waikato Regional Profile.docx (sportwaikato.org.nz)</p> <p>Active NZ The key measure for our people, percentage of our people being physically active is measured through the Active New Zealand Survey.</p> <p>The 2017 sample boost has enabled partners in Moving Waikato to establish a robust baseline with sub-group analysis at a district level.</p> <p>In 2020 the Sport Waikato board committed to investing in a second sample boost for 2021.</p> <p>Surveying has been underway during the 2021 period and data will be available to all partners in late 2022.</p> <p>Census 2018 and population projections Demographic data for the district, including population projections, has also been collated and presented to Sport Waikato staff for consideration in decision making. This data will also contribute to the renewal of the district physical activity plan in alignment with the 2024 LTP process.</p>		
<p>Increase collaboration and connection between key stakeholders in play, active recreation and sport in the district through community partnerships</p>	<p>Putaruru Hub Sport Waikato has supported the Putāruru hub working group by taking them through the Sport NZ hub guide framework to develop a entity called the Putāruru Hub. The working groups priorities for the last six months have been to create a purpose vision and goal, draft an MOU between the groups and the member organisations of the hub, draft a constitution and confirm a process for the selection of a governance group. The Putaruru Community Hub exists to nurture and grow community clubs and organisations so that they may flourish, whilst still retaining their identity and history.</p> <p>Graham Dingle Connected with the Graham Dingle foundation to see how their programme and the work that Sport Waikato is doing in schools with the healthy active curriculum can complement each other.</p>	<p>The next steps for the Putaruru Hub is to appoint a governance board and register their entity which should be completed in the first quarter of 2022.</p> <p>When the wider Sport Waikato team is able to travel back into the South Waikato community they plan to go into schools to visit the Graham Dingle programme in action.</p>	



<p>Identify opportunities to appropriately celebrate positive sport and recreation</p>	<p>In 2020, Sport Waikato reconfigured our regional awards format, forgoing a celebration of elite sports in favour of a community-focused celebration of connection, partnerships, diversity and inclusion and activation of spaces. In 2021, we continue this format with an awards celebration in January of 2022 – the Waikato Sport & Active Recreation Awards</p> <p>Three new categories have been added to further enhance this new look awards – commitment to youth engagement; community unsung hero; and community coach. Nominations from the South Waikato include: Community Connection award – Tokoroa Blades</p>	<p>We look forward to celebrating some great initiatives and individuals who activate the people of the South Waikato.</p>	
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3. REGIONAL SPORT WAIKATO PROGRAMME UPDATES

Programme	Locally-Specific Programme Updates
<p>Regional Sector Support - Sector Capability</p>	<p>Sport Waikato’s Sector Capability work across this reporting period has included meeting with 20+ RSOs and building profiles of each sport to identify strengths to build on as well as needs we can support. Core support has included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supporting RSOs through understanding and interpreting the changing Covid Alert levels - Providing connections to funding opportunities, Child Protection Policy development and supporting Tu Manawa applications <p>The Season Transition Plan continues to be a work in progress, with both Cricket and Rugby on board with the agreement, along with three of our Territorial Local Authorities. This will be further developed alongside other codes and Councils in the coming months.</p>
<p>Secondary Schools</p>	<p>Covid 19 and the changing Alert levels have thrown our region’s schools many challenges, and certainly having our region in two different levels at various times has proven difficult to navigate from a sport perspective. Sport Waikato has worked closely with Sport New Zealand and Secondary School Sport New Zealand to ensure schools and RSOs have the most current and up to date advice with regards to sport delivery.</p> <p>We are also supporting the Waikato Secondary School Sports Association (WSSSA) in the update and development of their next 3 year strategy to align with Moving Waikato 2025. We have assisted them in leading the formation of a Waikato Secondary Schools Basketball Advisory group to ensure basketball is accessible for all participants, and enhancing their online presence to streamline Waikato Secondary School Sport communications to participants, school staff, parents and RSOs.</p>
<p>Primary Learning</p>	<p>Sport Waikato are currently in the process of rolling out Healthy Active Learning – an approach to supporting the quality delivery of the Health and PE curriculum in primary and intermediate schools through engaging with Kaahui Ako (Communities of Learning). This approach to supporting primary and intermediate schools sees professional learning development targeted towards teachers with the aim of supporting the delivery of regular and quality Health and PE curriculum delivery to ensure quality movement experiences in schools for tamariki.</p> <p>At present, focus is aimed at the high deprivation areas of the region, however, 2022 will see extension of the initiative more regionally.</p>
<p>Early Childhood</p>	<p>With the national Healthy Active Learning (HAL) focus targeting Primary & Intermediate, Sport Waikato has made the decision to extend their work into the early childhood setting also.</p>

	<p>The Early Childhood team continue to work alongside the Primary team to promote Kahui Ako recognising the strengths of all age groups working together from birth to high school. Sport Waikato have connected with 19 Central Kids centres across the region. Seven of these centres are in the South Waikato. Alongside that, the Early Childhood team work with private centres and U5 organisations such as Plunket and the Libraries so we can reach both tamariki and whanau. Our mahi is to ensure kaiako and facilitators are confident with how quality physical activity and play can be experienced and how it supports a lifelong love of moving. In alignment with our HAL mahi, our connections continue to grow with the MOE as we continue to build relationships with their team and our relationship with the DHB continue to be strong</p>
Play	<p>Regionally Sport Waikato continues to embed play principles and support play concepts through our regional support structure. So far in 2021 this had included incorporating play concepts in the education curriculum and school environment through our Professional Learning Partners and Community Connector at a Primary School and Early Childhood Education level, supporting play opportunities through This is Me including launch event activities for the Women’s Cricket World Cup in 2022 while supporting avenues to increase opportunities for play through Tu Manawa Funding. 2022 will see a focus on regional support for play through our Regional Play Lead and ongoing partnership with Sport NZ.</p> <p>Sport Waikato continues to raise the awareness of the value of play to tamariki, whanau and our Waikato communities. Sport Waikato recently participated in Playweek Aotearoa with our Play Outdoors campaign from 15th – 28th November. Sport Waikato provided a social media competition “bingo activities” focussed on Early Childhoods, Primary Schools and their communities with giant play activities as prizes.</p> <p>The South Waikato District Council is one of only two Councils in the Waikato Region who have included Play in their planning with an investigation towards a play trailer or play street trial in the action plan.</p>
This is ME®	<p>Sport Waikato remains committed to supporting women and girls in the Waikato region to participate in sport and physical activity THEIR way. During this reporting period, we have engaged with a number of cross-sector and delivery partners.</p> <p>As part of the This is ME® Secondary Schools Programme, other approaches have been utilised to engage with staff and students during uncertain times. For example, we have attended Sports Coordinator and interagency meetings, and gained greater insights into young women and girls’ experiences and feelings towards physical activity through Voice of Rangatahi surveying. This data has supported the capability building of key staff members to adapt and deliver inclusive opportunities through co-design that meet the needs of the females in their school.</p> <p>This is ME® delivered a webinar in place of a physical event to compliment Sport NZ’s Women + Girls Summit, which was well attended by providers throughout the region.</p> <p>In the South Waikato the This is Me team has met with YMCA and WACT to introduce the opportunities like those in other districts to increase the physical activity opportunities available for young women.</p>
Regional Cycling	<p>Sport Waikato continued to lead the Regional Cycling Education Plan, working with partners from all local authorities, Waikato Regional Council, NZTA/Waka Kotahi, Cycling NZ and the Home of Cycling. The objective of the plan being to grow opportunities to ride a bike safely and equitably, taking a collaborative approach to the provision of Bikes in Schools and Cycling Education under the national BikeReady system.</p> <p>Bikes in Schools is a school-led venture with the main objective being to enable all New Zealand children to ride a bike on a regular and equal basis. Students experience the 'joy of biking' and the many positive social, health and learning outcomes that result from having access to bikes during the school day. Today we have grown to 21 completed community projects with another 13 underway.</p> <p>BikeReady cycle skills instruction sees an increase in those developing safe road skills, becoming empathetic road users who appreciate cycling as viable transport, and more active and healthy communities.</p> <p>Through implementation of the Plan, our Lead Advisor alongside our Professional Learning Partners, has substantially increased sustainability of Bikes in Schools projects, as together we work to embed cycling activities into school curriculum.</p>

The Waikato Regional Active Spaces Plan	<p>Sport Waikato continues to guide the progression of facility development priorities projects, optimisation and governance initiatives outlined in the Plan, along with supporting partners with spaces and places planning advice, growing the region's facilities planning network.</p> <p>Looking ahead to 2022, The Waikato Regional Active Spaces Plan provides a roadmap for spaces and places planning and increased opportunities for participation. 2022 will see a concentrated effort through the Advisory Group to agree to an ongoing work programme for the year that guides the delivery of the priorities in the plan, including a focus on the development of regional plans such as the Natural Bodies of Water and Provision for Older Populations plan to help inform future decision making and investment. Covid 19 has ensured that there needs to be an increased focus on sustainability and optimisation regarding spaces and places planning.</p>

