

South Waikato District Report

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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.










In May, Sport Waikato, Sport NZ, NZ Rugby and the region’s three Provincial Rugby Unions (Waikato Rugby Union, Thames Valley Rugby Union and King Country Rugby Union) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding that signals a commitment to embed Balance is Better and Good Sports principles into the delivery structures of rugby in the Waikato. This is an important step in ensuring that quality rugby delivery that meets the needs of young people (and values their participation regardless of ability) is happening in the region. The MOU will see Sport Waikato staff working alongside each PU, with a particular lens on ensuring quality participation and development opportunities for all, enabling participation of young people across multiple codes and focusing on development rather than winning at all costs.

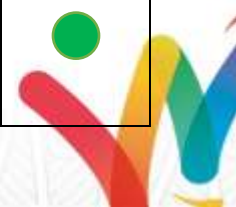
On behalf of Sport NZ, Sport Waikato have administered Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa funding across the region to support physical activity participation through play, active recreation and sport by children and young people aged 5-18 years (and up to 24 years for young women). Over the past financial year, we have distributed \$1.8mil to support children and young people to move more, with a particular focus on supporting participation among priority groups who tend to miss out or have inequitable access to opportunities to be active (e.g. high deprivation communities, young women, Maaori and disabled tamariki and rangatahi).






1. SOUTH WAIKATO SPORT AND ACTIVE RECREATION PLAN MAJOR PROJECT UPDATES



Status	On Track 	Some Challenges 	High Risk 	Complete 
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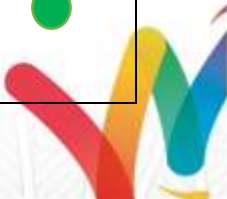
Focus Areas	Progress	Further Considerations/ Proposed Future Actions	Status
Opportunities for activity in the district are promoted via a central digital hub that is accessible to the community	<p>Sport Waikato continues to promote this service and traffic to the website outlines that Be Active is the key reason community members visit the Sport Waikato website.</p> <p>Sport Waikato has engaged a Business Analyst to review the way Be Active is currently being used and what the future of this platform could be to ensure that it provides adequate information on Play, Active Recreation and Sport opportunities for all communities across the entire Waikato Region.</p>	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.	
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>Within the South Waikato district during this reporting period \$105k has been allocated to key initiatives including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest View High School (Let's get Walking and Akoranga) • SURF rugby (School Girls Rugby) • Tainui Full Primary School (Inquiry Learning Scooter Track) • Graeme Dingle Foundation (Stars Adventure Days) • Putaaruru Primary School (School Cluster Sports Officer) • Northern Districts Cricket (Southern Super Smash) <p>A further \$200K has been allocated to Regional initiatives involving the South Waikato including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perry Outdoors, Young and Healthy 2019 Trust, Youthtown Cycling Education and Galaxy Waikato Touch <p>We are working with future applicants for the next round of funding by providing support and advice through the expressions of interest process.</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). Sport Waikato are actively looking to support delivery to happen in the South Waikato.</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>	
Grow local sector capability through the provision of targeted workshops and education initiatives	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.	Sport Waikato will continue to connect the local sport and recreation sector (e.g. clubs) with opportunities to enhance their sustainability, particularly in the wake of the pandemic.	






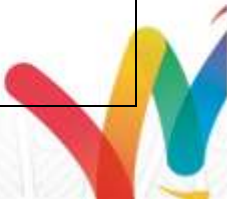
	<p>Throughout this reporting period there have been a number of in person and online initiatives aimed at building the capability of the local sector communities.</p> <p>Recent initiatives include relating to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. The Covid Regional Hardship Fund Q&A and Information Webinar II. Young women's participation webinar in partnership between This is Me and Sport NZ through 'Its My Move' campaign III. Social Media Webinar – aimed at assisting sport and recreational providers with their social media strategy 	<p>Sport Waikato will work alongside other organisations who deliver support on these topics, including department of internal affairs, Community Waikato and Sporty 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>We will also look to targeted initiatives to support youth sport participation (e.g. Good Sports and Balance is Better) via a collaborative partnership between the region's Rugby Unions (see below).</p>	
<p>Support Coach Development in the district in both school and community settings</p>	<p>Sport Waikato continues to facilitate the development and growth of those coaches in our region who influence, educate and develop others through our coach advisor and coach advisor (youth).</p> <p>Working in a 7 way partnership involving Sport Waikato, Waikato Rugby Union, Thames Valley Rugby Union, King Country 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>The Regional Connectivity Coordinator provided valuable connection to assist the Sport Waikato Coach Advisor in the facilitation of District workshops with Waikato Rugby Union.</p>	<p>Continue to 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>Tokoroa Pool Upgrades, Tirau Domain Upgrade and Putaaruru Skate Park</p> <p>During the reporting period Sport Waikato Regional Connectivity Coordinator provided guidance on the these Spaces and Places projects.</p> <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 who is undertaking 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>Sport Waikato will continue to connect with various teams within council to see what insights can be provided to support decision making.</p>	
	<p>Council staff meeting</p> <p>In January, the Regional Connectivity Coordinator met with various staff across business units of the council including, projects, community engagement, communications and projects. The purpose of the meeting was to feedback on the outcomes of the South Waikato Play, Active Recreation and Sport Plan and inform council staff on how the plan can help support their team and individual work plans.</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>Provide stakeholders with district specific insights to support decision-making and enable community conversations</p>	<p>Voice of Rangatahi (VOR) 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 secondary school level. A regional profile is now available for 2021 on the Sport Waikato website. https://www.sportwaikato.org.nz/getmedia/ac9b83c2-b0ca-465d-97e0-c201df21b3b7/vor-2021-profile-regional_1.pdf.aspx?ext=.pdf</p> <p>Voice of Tamariki (VOT) Similar to VOR, VOT seeks to understand the physical activity experiences of tamariki (children). These results will inform provision at a primary school level. This survey is currently in a pilot phase with 10 schools taking part. Once the pilot is complete, there is large appetite to survey within Kahui Ako in term 3. VOT 2022, 2 primary schools from South Waikato have committed to being part of the VOT pilot.</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. In 2020 the Sport Waikato board committed to investing in a second sample boost for 2021. Surveying was completed in 2021 and data will be available to all partners in late 2022</p> <p>School Sport Census NZ Census 2022 Every year secondary schools are required to complete the School Sport NZ participation profiles or census. This provides a snapshot of participation rates, top sports, staff engagement and an indication of the coaches / managers that have committed to providing sport opportunities. Profiles have been made for each school, as well as school cluster and district profiles. The cluster profiles have been shared and the school profiles are to go out this term.</p> <p>Census 2018 and population projections The Insights and Evaluation are currently in the process of moving all demographic data to an interactive dashboard. This will provide staff with instant access to district level data wherever they are. This data will contribute to local plans, as well as the renewal of the district physical activity plan in alignment with the 2024 LTP process.</p>	<p>Sport Waikato support mechanisms moving forward.</p> <p>Encourage district schools to participate in the VOT surveys to ensure a local perspective and inform Sport Waikato support mechanisms moving forward.</p> <p>Continue to provide deliverers with connections and links to specific participation data, profiles and trends to assist with modifications in programming and or delivery methods to ensure quality experiences.</p> <p>Ensure relevant parties have access and are aware of these profiles to assist with decision making processes – particularly when organisations are considering applying to external funders.</p>	
<p>Contribute to Council conversations about play, active recreation and sport via regular meetings and collaboration on key projects</p>	<p>Sport Waikato would like to thank the South Waikato District Council for their willingness to allow the Regional Connectivity Coordinator a regular hot desk arrangement within council offices, specifically within the community facilities team, that has allowed for these types of conversations to take place on a regular basis.</p>	<p>Sport Waikato will continue to engage with South Waikato District Council staff on key projects across the district.</p>	



<p>Increase collaboration and connection between key stakeholders in play, active recreation and sport in the district through community partnerships</p>	<p>A key role of Sport Waikato staff is to support connections between key stakeholders in play, active recreation and sport to enhance community outcomes. Key projects where Sport Waikato is supporting this type of action is via the development of the Putaaruru Community Hub, and bringing together the Sports Clubs and Organisations for discussions on the future of Sport and Recreation in Tokoroa.</p> <p>In June, 7 local clubs and organisations gathered in person and online to discuss key issues including, increased participation, marketing and communication, funding and sponsorship and community collaboration. The groups were able to share some of the success and barriers they have been experiencing.</p>	<p>Continue to work alongside key stakeholders who activate play, active recreation and sport opportunities across the district.</p>	
	<p>Putaaruru Community Hub Sport Waikato has supported the Putaaruru hub working group by taking them through the Sport NZ hub guide framework to develop an entity called the Putaaruru Community Hub (PCH). The PCH vision statement is “Poipoia te kākano kia puawai”, Nurture the seed so that it will grow. The Hub exists to nurture and grow community clubs and organisations so that they may flourish, whilst still retaining their identity and history. The board for the PCH has been appointed and the constitution finalised, with 6 organisations signing up to be members. Sport Waikato has connected the PCH with Sports Ground to develop an online portal for the group.</p>	<p>The Regional Connectivity Coordinator has been seconded onto the governance board for the PCH for a year and will continue to provide support and build capability to both the Putaaruru Community Hub board and member organisations through inclusion on the PCH Board and connection to the wider Sport Waikato organisation.</p>	
<p>Lead the development and review of the district sport and recreation plan, in collaboration with the District Council</p>	<p>Much of the work of the Sport Waikato Regional Connectivity Coordinator is informed by the district Sport and Active Recreation Plan, which was finalised and adopted in 2021. This is an evidence-based plan that combines local and regional insights, including participation and demographic trends.</p> <p>In June, Sport Waikato held a meeting to bring together clubs and organisations in the district to feed back to them the outcomes and recommendations from the 2021-2024 Play Active Recreation and Sport Plan, and prepare them for the consultation process for the next iteration.</p> <p>Sport Waikato has had ongoing productive conversations with South Waikato District Council around the renewal of these plans which has led to a formation of a Steering Group which is driving the development of the next edition of the Plan. Sport Waikato is currently in the Data Collection and Analysis stage of plan development with Community, Club and RSO surveying planning to be released in across June and July.</p>	<p>Aspects of South Waikato District Sport and Active Recreation Plan required updating (due to further insights obtained within the last year). The refresh of this Plan will provide some key insights into the future of play, active recreation and sport investment in the next iteration of the South Waikato Long Term Plan 2024 – 34.</p>	



<p>Identify opportunities to appropriately celebrate positive sport and recreation outcomes</p>	<p>In January of 2022 – the Waikato Sport & Active Recreation Awards, hosted by Sport Waikato were held at the Claudelands Event Centre to restricted numbers under the Covid Protection Framework. Following the success of the 2020 awards, this community-focused celebration of connection, partnerships, diversity and inclusion and activation of spaces included three new categories– commitment to youth engagement; community unsung hero; and community coach.</p> <p>Finalists from the South Waikato for the community connection award included Tokoroa Blades.</p>	<p>Sport Waikato will continue to celebrate these new award categories, not least because they align with our strategic outcomes, but importantly because these individuals, groups and initiatives often go unrecognised without such an awards format.</p>	
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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 16 RSO's that deliver sport to the greatest mass of participants in the region (Rugby, Netball, Cricket, Football, Hockey, Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton, Athletics, Touch). There is a real desire for these sports to work collaboratively together to approach concerns and issues in sport (particularly in the Rangatahi/secondary school space). All of our RSO network continue to receive fortnightly updates with news from Sport NZ and the wider sector. We have also administered, on behalf of Sport NZ, The Covid Regional Hardship Fund designed to support sporting organisations struggling with finances as a result of the 2020 lockdowns. We received 69 applications, with 68 being successful.</p> <p>A presentation on Balance is Better was made at the Regional Spaces and Places Council Forum and interest has been shown in the Season Transition Guidelines by other Council partners. Netball WBOP have become the third of the 'Big 5 RSO's' to sign up to the Season Transition Guidelines, which will ensure that codes are operating in their appropriate 'season windows' enabling both adequate maintenance of facilities and down time from participation for those who play multiple codes.</p>
<p>Secondary Schools</p>	<p>WSSSA – this Principal Executive group is going through the process of updating the 3 year strategy with Sport Waikato's support. This group leads and drives the sporting landscape for Waikato secondary schools, so ensuring their strategy has a Balance is Better and Good Sports lens, as well as a focus on building positive relationships with our RSO's are key factors.</p> <p>We visited and met with the Principals and key sport staff of 35 schools to understand their challenges and strengths post Covid. We have a record number of schools (19) signed up to commence the Voice of Rangatahi survey in the coming months. This will provide us with invaluable insights to help meet the sport, active recreation and play needs of secondary school students in our region. We have the 2021 Regional Census profile completed which illustrates a slight increase in participation from 2020, and slightly above the national average. Both the Voice of Rangatahi and Census data will help schools to shape their sport plans and ensure they are meeting the needs of their students, as well as working to their strengths with regards to resources and supports.</p>
<p>Primary Learning</p>	<p>At the beginning of this year the Covid-19 Omicron wave caused ripples through schools in the Waikato, with 70% of schools in the region managing Covid-19 cases by mid-March. In response, many schools limited contact with 'unessential' workers (which largely included our Sport Waikato workforce) and as such to continue on with our work, the Professional Learning Partners needed to be flexible and adapt, once again, to accommodate the schools they were working in to. We engaged with schools and teachers through a mix of kanohi ki te kanohi (face to face engagement) and the effective use of digital platforms. Our work focuses on building teacher and school capability to deliver Health and Physical Education in ways that support increased tamariki physical activity levels and feelings of wellbeing. In order to achieve these aims, we work through</p>



	<p>key processes of strength and needs analyses, action planning and capability building of teachers and schools through Professional Learning Development (PLD). We are currently working within 11 Kaahui Ako across the Waikato region and also some schools that sit outside the Kaahui Ako framework, in total we are working, with varying levels of engagement, with just over 100 schools in the Waikato. Three lead teachers from Putaaruru schools attended two separate workshops that had a focus on building more knowledge on the Health and PE curriculum. Seven schools in the South Waikato have completed their strength and needs assessments and action plans, which has helped shape the content for the next PLD days.</p>
<p>Early Childhood</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. The team continues to connect with leads, centres, and organisations with the aim of influencing the practices of kaiako to include more attention to movement through play and fundamental movement skill progressions. As we work with centres, we find them asking for a variety of activities that will enhance both the physical and emotional well-being of tamariki. Eg, movement promote both physical health as well as mental health. We link it to ‘a happy child is a learning child’ using documents such as Te Whariki (ECE curriculum) and Te Whare Tapa Wha (Maori health model).</p> <p>Our 2 strength areas are the Tokoroa Kahui Ako and the Waikato Kindergarten Association. These are both well-developed communities and have focused ideas on what they would like support with. A couple of focus areas for them are that the kaiako to understand how play affects brain development and “what learning comes out of play”.</p>
<p>The Waikato Regional Active Spaces Plan (WRASP)</p>	<p>Sport Waikato continues to guide the progression of facility development priorities projects, optimisation and governance initiatives outlined in the Waikato Regional Active Spaces Plan (WRASP), along with supporting partners with spaces and places planning advice, growing the region’s facilities planning network.</p> <p>In May, the first Regional Spaces and Places forum was held for our Council stakeholders with attendance from all territorial authorities across the region along with presentations from Sport NZ, Global Leisure Group, Recreation Aotearoa and Sport Waikato staff members. The focus of the first forum for the year was on the priorities outlined in the 2021 Waikato Regional Active Spaces Plan with a lens on regional strategy development and insights across the Play, Active Recreation and Sport Sector. This forum followed the WRASP Advisory Group meeting which was held in March, with this group focusing on the work programme for the year that guides the delivery of the priorities in the plan, including a focus on the development of the Natural Bodies of Water plan and Regional Funding Framework to help inform future decision making and investment. The WRASP Advisory Group membership has now increased to include representation from Waikato Regional Council and Trust Waikato, along with establishment partners including Sport Waikato, Sport NZ and Local Territorial Authorities.</p> <p>Covid 19 has ensured that there needs to be an increased focus on sustainability and optimisation regarding spaces and places planning.</p>
<p>This is ME®</p>	<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>This is ME® is a part of both the Regional Coordination Group and Fan Festival Working Group for the Women’s FIFA World Cup 2023</p> <p>We are now a WiSPA Insights Partner and have contributed 3 regional case studies to the national platform (Backyard/Sista Smash, Ikura Workshops, and Taupo Golf Series) This is ME® were given a Merit Award at the most recent Recreation Aotearoa’s Recreation Awards, and we are due to present on our work at the November 2022 conference in Nelson. Our Young Women’s Breakfast in partnership with H3 and YWCA of Hamilton attracted 48 attendees from around the region. An emphasis was placed on Secondary School aged females and the YWCA sponsored a number of young women to attend.</p> <p>We are in conversation with the South Waikato District Council to establish a council network of W&G champions. Sport Waikato supported SURF with thought leadership for their girls secondary school rugby team.</p>

