

# Thames-Coromandel District Sport and Active Recreation Plan



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## Executive summary

Sport, recreation, play and physical activity has a crucial role to play in building connected, healthy and vibrant communities. New Zealanders', individually and collectively, value the role physical activity plays in their lives. More specifically in the Thames-Coromandel District 83% of adults (18 years and older) feel that being physically active in the great outdoors is an important part of New Zealanders' lives.

Thames-Coromandel District has a strong Sport and Active recreation sector, where opportunities are provided for the resident population of the district and also a large influx of summer visitors into the area. Thames-Coromandel has a unique combination of future challenges including rising water levels, significant and increasing proportion of the resident population of retirement age and large fluctuations in seasonal populations. All of these factors contribute towards the need for considered planning to ensure future provision of sport and active recreation opportunities meets the future needs of the community.

Thames-Coromandel District Council and Sport Waikato work together to support the provision of sport, recreation, play and physical activity opportunities for the Thames-Coromandel community. Working together, both organisations recognise a need to deliver a coordinated, collaborative and clear plan to lead, enable and guide future provision of sport, recreation and physical activity opportunities for the people of the Thames-Coromandel District. The Thames-Coromandel District Sport and Active Recreation Plan (The Plan) is designed to provide direction for future investment and focus for both the Thames-Coromandel District Council, Sport Waikato and providers of sport in the district. Given the reliance on data from third parties and a survey response rate from sport providers of 76%, it is likely that some data emissions do exist. The Plan represents the most comprehensive data source available at the time of writing and prioritises the following projects for investment, both financially and through staff time.

### Existing assets

- There needs to be a focus on optimisation of use, refurbishment or rationalisation of facilities.
- There is potential for existing facilities to be redeveloped to optimize use and maximise community benefits. Sports should consider working together or hubbing to maximise outcomes and combine resources.
- In some cases the ongoing repair and maintenance cost of an aging facility may begin to exceed the use of the facility. This is especially true in the instance of local facilities who may only be used by one community. In these cases rationalization of facilities needs to be considered.
- Asset management plans will be an important feature of future plans and facility management.
- The Thames-Coromandel District has an ageing network of facilities with limited lifecycle asset modelling. This is particularly true of many of the club buildings on Council land.
- Many of the existing facilities in the Thames-Coromandel District are unable to be adapted for different functions. This is something that will need to be considered as buildings and other facilities reach the end of their useful lives.
- It will become increasingly important for all stakeholders to work collaboratively in order to improve delivery of sport facilities.
- Engage with clubs to ensure that they have asset management plans (which take into account the buildings lifecycle). Encourage co-use of existing assets and / or amalgamation of clubs when warranted.
- When investigating capital investment into the renovation of clubrooms older than 20 years of age, carry out an independent building condition assessment: quantity survey of refurbishment

/ repair costs and a cost benefit analysis and sustainability / feasibility analysis (this work should be scaled appropriately to the capital investment being considered).

- Where global warming and rising sea levels are affecting existing assets, rationalization of ongoing repair and maintenance on these properties and possible alternatives should be considered.

### **Growth of older population**

- Projected growth in the older age groups, will require a stronger focus on facility use/needs suitable for older users. Planning will be needed for new facilities, administration and programs to target changing demographics and provide appropriate opportunities that are available in local settings. Investment in sport facilities will necessitate a strategic business approach.

### **Partnerships**

- It will be important to engage RSOs (and NSOs where appropriate) when considering sub-regional and regional projects in the Thames-Coromandel District.
- There are considerable opportunities to partner with schools, particularly secondary schools, in the provision of facilities for community use. Within Thames-Coromandel some communities have existing community/school partnerships. The continuation and optimisation of these partnerships is crucial in provision of sport facility.
- Rationalisation of existing assets and proposals for new facilities must take into account local secondary school provision and potential community-school partnerships.
- Partnerships with schools, neighbouring Councils, DOC and local Iwi offer opportunities to provide adequate community spaces and places.
- Sports clubs should consider hubbing with existing co-located clubs and additional clubs to maximise utilisation of existing facilities.

### **Financial sustainability**

- Affordable facility solutions are important to smaller local clubs to enable the affordable delivery of programmes to the community.
- Where clubs are finding it difficult to fund ongoing repairs and maintenance, with declining or small membership, opportunities should be investigated for clubs to come together in facilities and rationalisation of facilities to occur.
- Whilst Council assists clubs/organisations occasionally through grants, it seems that resources overall are decreasing whilst maintenance and other costs rise. This makes discussions regarding planning for the future very important.
- Include provision in LTP to support the delivery of 1-3-year objectives; including the introduction of funding for facility developments /feasibilities/investigations and the continued funding of the existing District Coordinator role for Service Delivery Support and Facilities Advisor role to support facilities guidance.

### **Future facilities**

- Sound planning and pre-feasibility should be applied to determine needs of the community for new facilities before any budget for construction is conceived.
- There is a need to establish a district wide approach to accurately capture membership of clubs and community use in each ward as evidence for future facility development.
- Full whole of life costing models (capital and 10 year operational) consideration should guide investment costing logic.

- Facility design and modification will need to focus on multi-purpose use and be flexible to allow for future adaptation.

### Facility investment priorities (view full details in document)

#### Cross boundary partnership projects

Sourced from Waikato Regional Sports Facilities Plan (2018).

| Cross boundary partnership projects  |            |
|--|------------|
| Project  | Timeframe  |
| Indoor 25m community pool (potential Thames-Coromandel, Hauraki and /or Matamata-Piako District Councils partnership). | 4-10 years |

#### Local facility investigation /development projects

The plan has identified 14 priority projects, with the provision for these to be considered in LTP and annual planning processes of Thames-Coromandel District Council.

| Recommended local facility investigation /development projects   |           |
|--|-----------|
| Project  | Timeframe |
| Continued investigation and development of business case for the Thames Replacement Pool / Sub-Regional Pool                               | Year 1-3  |
| Investigation into the redevelopment of Mercury Bay Sports Park  | Year 1-3  |
| Investigation into relocation of clubs from Rhodes Park  | Year 1-3  |
| Monitoring progress of Pauanui Tairua Trail  | Year 1-3  |
| Development of Mercury Bay Skate Park  | Year 1-2  |
| Investigation into potential options and locations for skate path in Tairua  | Year 1-2  |
| Investigation of community swimming pool needs in all wards  | Year 1-2  |
| Monitoring progress of Tairua Rugby and Sports Club's upgrade of the pavilion and netball court facilities                                 | Year 2-3  |
| Investigation into use and current provision of field space in Coromandel with potential for additional field and upgrade of current field | Year 2-3  |
| Monitoring progress of redevelopment of current facility for Hot Water Beach Surf Life Saving Club   | Year 3    |
| Monitoring progress of redevelopment of current facility for Tairua Surf Life Saving Club  | Year 3    |
| Monitoring progress of redevelopment of current facility for Pauanui Surf Life Saving Club   | Year 3    |
| Monitoring progress of redevelopment of current facility for Onemana Surf Life Saving Club   | Year 3    |
| Monitoring progress of redevelopment of current facility for Whangamata Surf Life Saving Club  | Year 4    |

There are a number of clubs that have planned for ongoing upgrades, installations or maintenance costs that may seek funding from Council; where the improvements are considered essential to the club undertaking its activities it is recommended that the project must be fully self-funded. It is recommended that such projects and clubs apply for grants from other funders and or self-fund.

#### Current provision in 2018-2028 Long Term Plan (LTP)

Please refer to section '9.4 Current provision in the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan' for full details of provision in the 2018-2028 :LTP. An asterisk has been included where an LTP item relates to a local facility project listed above.

| Current provision in 2018-2028 LTP         |                       |                  |
|--|-----------------------|------------------|
| Project                                    | Timeframe             | Budgeted expense |
| District - Sub regional aquatics facility* | 2021/22; 2022/23; and | \$21,091,000     |

| Current provision in 2018-2028 LTP                       |  |                  |
|--|--|------------------|
| Project  | Timeframe                              | Budgeted expense |
|  | 2023/24                                |                  |
| Thames – Rhodes park grandstand and clubrooms*           | 2019/20 and 2020/21                    | \$3,133,000      |
| Thames – Waiokarake to Karaka connector trail            | 2018/19                                | \$21,000         |
| Thames – Te Puru skate area                              | 2018/19                                | \$57,000         |
| Coromandel -Premier netball courts                       | 2018/19 and 2020/21                    | \$346,000        |
| Coromandel – Bike park                                   | 2018/19; 2019/20; and 2020/21          | \$633,000        |
| Mercury Bay – Whitianga sports ground*                   | 2018/19; 2019/20; 2020/21; and 2021/22 | \$756,000        |
| Mercury Bay – Sands corner tennis courts refurbishment   | 2018/19                                | \$72,000         |
| Mercury Bay – Matarangi walk to village                  | 2022/23                                | \$160,000        |
| Mercury Bay – Skate Park*                                | 2018/19; 2019/20; and 2020/21          | \$493,000        |
| Mercury Bay – Purangi Upper Harbour walkway              | 2026/27                                | \$1,100,000      |
| Mercury Bay – Taputapuata walkway and footbridge         | 2018/19 and 2019/20                    | \$326,000        |
| Mercury Bay – Wigmore stream walkway and bridge          | 2023/24                                | \$235,000        |
| Tairua/Pauanui – Tairua Skate park*                      | 2019/20 and 2020/21                    | \$184,000        |
| Tairua/Pauanui – Kennedy Park fitness equipment          | 2019/20                                | \$53,000         |
| Tairua/Pauanui –Pauanui playground equipment replacement | 2018/19; 2019/20; 2020/21; and 2021/22 | \$481,000        |
| Tairua/Pauanui – Pauanui skatebowl upgrade               | 2019/20 and 2020/21                    | \$116,000        |
| Tairua/Pauanui – Kennedy Park tennis courts              | 2020/21                                | \$147,000        |
| Tairua/Pauanui – Manaia Road Hub                         | 2021/22                                | \$223,000        |
| Tairua/Pauanui – Manaia Road tennis courts               | 2022/23                                | \$57,000         |
| Whangamata – Boardwalk extensions                        | 2019/20; 2020/21 and 2025/26           | \$557,000        |
| Whangamata – Skatebowl upgrade                           | 2018/19 and 2019/20                    | \$339,000        |
| Whangamata – Aicken Road Floodlights                     | 2021/22                                | \$65,000         |

### Service Delivery priorities for Sport Waikato and Thames-Coromandel District Council

Thames-Coromandel District Council and Sport Waikato have a strong partnership that focusses on the delivery of quality opportunities for the Thames-Coromandel communities. Alignment to both partners vision and delivery will be key to maintaining the partnership moving forward.

The Thames-Coromandel District Council currently partners with Sport Waikato in the following strategies and initiatives:

- Moving Waikato 2025 – Key Partner
- District Coordinator role – Funding Partner
- Facilities Plan – Key Partner and Funding Partner

The following projects have been identified as service delivery assistance within the plan. It is anticipated that these projects will run alongside the Sport Co-ordinators current workplan as contracted by Thames-Coromandel District Council. For further detail on the projects please refer to section 9.6 of the full report.

| Service delivery priorities for Sport Waikato and Thames-Coromandel District Council   |           |
|--|-----------|
| Project  | Timeframe |
| Develop user groups to support redevelopment and/or relocation projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mercury Bay Multi Sports Park</li> <li>• Rhodes Park</li> </ul> | Year 1-2  |

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|---|----------|
| • Coromandel Domain   |          |
| Acquire a new location -assist Mercury Bay Motorsport Club, Mercury Bay Athletics, and Mercury Bay Equestrian Academy in seeking new facility                     | Year 1-2 |
| Facilitate discussion between Coromandel Netball and Coromandel Swimming Club to move to shared clubroom arrangement  | Year 2   |
| To discuss potential inclusion of Thames Squash Club, Thames Tennis Club, and Thames Croquet Club Inc in Rhodes park move investigations                          | Year 1-2 |
| To discuss potential options and optimised approach for indoor space use with Mercury Bay Gymnastics, Mercury Bay Boars Basketball and Coromandel Gymnastics Club | Year 2   |
| Facilitate discussion with Thames Pony Club and Council regarding parking extension project   | Year 1   |
| Facilitate Pauanui Sports & Recreation Club discussions and self-funded upgrade of Pauanui Bowling Club facility  | Year 1   |
| Assist Whangamata Croquet Club with optimisation of current facility use to provide more capacity   | Year 2   |
| Discuss potential light grants as funding option for Coromandel Rugby Football Club & Sports, Whangamata Netball Club, Whangamata Tennis & Squash Club            | Year 1   |
| Monitor Coromandel Bowling Club funding application   | Year 1-2 |
| Discuss optimisation of field space use at Whangamata area school and Aickin Road reserve to provide more capacity  | Year 2   |
| Direct Bike Mercury Bay and Whangamata MTB Club to strategy for cycling and discuss other potential partnerships  | Year 1   |
| Engage Te Whānau Waka Ama O Whangamata in discussions around location   | Year 1-2 |
| Facilitate discussions with Mercury Bay Tennis Club about need for resurfacing with astro court surface   | Year 1-2 |

## Local club support

The following clubs have been identified by Sport Waikato with a focus on building club capability and providing support.

|                                |                                  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Coromandel Croquet Club        | Tairua Surf Life Saving Club     |
| Coromandel Flying Club         | Thames Aquarobics                |
| Coromandel Golf Club           | Thames Athletics Club            |
| Coromandel Netball             | Thames Croquet Club inc          |
| Coromandel RFC                 | Thames Golf Club                 |
| Health Groove Ltd              | Thames Gymsports                 |
| Hoterini Rugby League Club     | Thames Junior Football Club      |
| Mercury Bay Athletics          | Thames Junior Hockey             |
| Mercury Bay Boars Rugby League | Thames Squash Club               |
| Mercury Bay Cricket            | The Dunes Golf Club              |
| Mercury Bay Equestrian Academy | The Fitness Co-Op                |
| Mercury Bay Pony Club          | Te Whanau Waka ama o Whangamata  |
| Mercury Bay Skate Park Trust   | Whangamata Board Riders          |
| Mercury Bay Swimming Club      | Whangamata Bowling Club          |
| Pauanui Golf Club              | Whangamata Croquet Club          |
| Pauanui indoor bowls club      | Whangamata Golf Club             |
| Purangi Golf and Country Club  | Whangamata Ocean Sports Club     |
| Tai Chi Thames                 | Whangamata Rugby and Sports Club |
| Tairua Bowling Club            | Whangamata senior football club  |
| Tairua Rugby and Sports Club   | Whangamata Tennis & Squash Club  |

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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Overview

Sport, recreation, play and physical activity has a crucial role to play in building connected, healthy and vibrant communities. New Zealanders', individually and collectively, value the role physical activity plays in their lives. More specifically in the Thames-Coromandel District 83% of adults (18 years and older) feel that being physically active in the great outdoors is an important part of New Zealanders' lives.

On the world stage New Zealand is recognised as being one of the most active nations in the world. The natural resources we have available to us are some of the most freely accessible and enviable great outdoors in the world. In competitive sport, per head of capita, New Zealand also wins competitions and medals on the world stage at a rate much higher than expectations.

Despite our natural resources and performance on the world stage in competitive sport, 32% of the adult population were recorded as obese in 2017/18 (Ministry of Health, 2019). Our physical activity levels have been in decline and in the Active New Zealand Survey completed in 2017 only 61% of adults and 68% young people within the Thames-Coromandel District have been physically active enough to positively impact their health. Technology and societal change means families are busier, time poor, and sometimes cash poor. Because of these changes the way that people are choosing to connect with physical activity is also changing, to account for this the way we plan and deliver opportunities must also change.

The Thames-Coromandel District Council's vision is:

- To provide quality services and facilities, which are affordable, and delivered with a high standard of customer service.
- To be a good community citizen through our support of community organisations, economic development and the protection of the environment.
- The Coromandel Peninsula is a desirable place to live, work and visit.

On behalf of the Coromandel Peninsula, the Thames-Coromandel Council aims to achieve:

- A prosperous district - the Coromandel Peninsula has a prosperous economy
- A liveable district - The Coromandel Peninsula is a preferred area of New Zealand in which to live, work and raise a family and have a safe and satisfying life; and
- A clean and green district - The Coromandel Peninsula's natural environment provides a unique sense of place.

Thames-Coromandel economic base is largely dependent on visitors and holiday makers. There is a large influx of people visiting the area from out of area and from overseas over the summer period. Planning must consider these seasonal fluctuations in population to make sure that facility and sport and recreation opportunity provision meets needs of both visitors and the resident population to ensure that Thames-Coromandel Council's vision of being a desirable place to live, work and visit is met.

Thames-Coromandel's resident population is projected to slowly decrease from 2019-2048. Only two of the communities will see small increases in their populations over this time (Whitianga and Te Rerenga). All seven other census area units see decreases in population. The needs of the population will also shift as the percentage of the population that is over 65 years of age will begin

to increase in all communities within Thames-Coromandel District. The median age of the district will rise from 52 years (2018) to 59.5 years (2043).

## 1.2 Purpose of this plan

Thames-Coromandel District Council and Sport Waikato work together to support the provision of sport, recreation, play and physical activity opportunities for the Thames-Coromandel community. Working together, both organisations recognise a need to deliver a coordinated, collaborative and clear plan to lead, enable and guide future provision of sport, recreation and physical activity opportunities for the people of the Thames-Coromandel District.



Figure 1: Vision of the Thames-Coromandel District Sport and Active Recreation Plan - excerpt from Thames-Coromandel Community Consultation sessions.

The Thames-Coromandel District Sport and Active Recreation Plan (The Plan) is designed to provide direction for future investment and focus for both the Thames-Coromandel District Council, Sport Waikato and providers of sport in the district. It seeks to identify opportunities for partner organisations, that provide community services in the district, to contribute to sport outcomes. Guidance is based on feedback from Thames-Coromandel sport providers, regional sporting codes, Sport New Zealand, sector data and demographic information.

Specifically, for Council, The Plan provides guidance for facility, place and space infrastructure investment. For Sport Waikato The Plan provides priorities for the delivery of opportunities and services to grow participation.

The Plan recognises there are a diverse range of recreation and informal participation opportunities in the Thames-Coromandel District, that are not the focus of this plan. Where possible, The Plan does support and supplement other plans developed for the district.

The Plan offers a series of proposed projects for consideration and implementation by partners in the district.

## 1.3 Trends driving the development of this plan

Thames-Coromandel District (not unlike the Waikato Region and New Zealand as a whole) face a number of challenges in the future that necessitate the use of a planned out and collaborative approach to sport and recreation delivery. These include:

### 1.3.1 *A changing resident population and large seasonal fluctuations in population*

Thames-Coromandel's population is projected to slowly decrease from 2018 – 2043. It is also projected that the makeup of the population will be aging, and a large percentage of the population will be over 65 years of age by 2043.

Thames-Coromandel also faces challenges due to the seasonal fluctuations in its population. These fluctuations occur due to the large number of holiday homes and visitors that visit the district through summer months. Seasonal increases present some challenges for how council plan for and provide community facilities and for how they manage the impact of peak demand on their assets and levels of service.

### 1.3.2 *Maintaining assets, facility sustainability and service levels*

Community sport assets are provided by a range of entities including, territorial authorities, charitable trusts, the Ministry of Education (via schools), community groups and sport providers. Maintaining ageing assets, current service levels and facility sustainability is likely to become increasingly difficult in some geographic locations, especially for areas with decreasing and/or ageing populations. Duplication and underutilisation of sport facilities will become increasingly unaffordable over time.

### 1.3.3 *Changing sport participation preferences*

Sports participation preferences are constantly changing. As community needs change, future sports facilities will need to be more adaptable and resilient to allow for new and changing demands and have less of a reliance on single-activities. This is especially the case for facilities at more local and sub-regional levels.

### 1.3.4 *Improving collaborative approaches*

Historical decision making, in respect of new or replacement facilities, has often been undertaken on an ad-hoc basis. Population growth in certain areas and the desire to replace or refurbish existing ageing facilities (particularly in areas with an ageing and/or decreasing population) will place demands on capital funding budgets.

### 1.3.5 *Geographical isolation of communities in Thames-Coromandel District*

Many of the communities within Thames-Coromandel District are geographically isolated. This presents challenges for facility provision as community members may struggle to travel outside their community for opportunities. This is especially true for ageing populations. The geographical spread of communities and access to local facilities and opportunities needs to be considered in future planning.

### 1.3.6 *Working with neighbouring local authorities*

The Thames-Coromandel District neighbour is Hauraki District, but it is also close to and has many visitors from Matamata-Piako, Waikato, Bay of Plenty District Councils and Auckland Council areas.

Thames-Coromandel is a low growth district with a high number of visitors from other areas. Future approaches to facility provision should consider collaborative approaches and/or cross-boundary funding with a sub-regional focus to ensure provision for communities.

Implications:

- The location and types of sport facilities and services offered will need to adapt to match and meet changing community needs.
- Where repairs and maintenance costs exceed utilisation, especially with local facilities, rationalisation will need to be considered. Asset management plans will be an important feature of future plans.
- Facility design and modification will need to focus on multi-purpose use and be flexible to allow future adaptation.
- It will become increasingly important for all stakeholders to work collaboratively to improve delivery of sport facilities.

## 1.4 Plans influencing the development of this plan

The following plans have also driven the need for a Thames-Coromandel District Sport and Active Recreation Plan.

- Waikato Regional Sport Facility Plan 2018
- Moving Waikato 2025
- Regional Aquatics Strategy 2017 DRAFT
- Waikato Plan 2017
- Thames-Coromandel District Council Long Term Plan 2018-28
- Thames-Coromandel District General Policies, Reserve Management plan 2019
- Coromandel-Colville Reserves: Management Plan 2019
- Thames-Coromandel Youth Strategy 2013
- Thames-Coromandel District Council Annual Plan 2017/18
- Waikato Regional Cycle Education Plan 2019
- Waikato Regional Water Safety Strategy (in DRAFT)

## 1.5 Other factors influencing the development of this plan

### 1.5.1 *Thames Centennial Pool replacement*

The Thames Centennial Pool needs replacement due to the age of the facility and its location on urupa land. Investigations are underway to consider what the appropriate replacement facility should look like. Part of these considerations will include investigation into the needs of the other communities for a public pool and the funding options. This will be a major consultation as part of the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan (LTP). In the 2018-2028 LTP funding was allocated to continue investigations and advance the planning.

### 1.5.2 *Rhodes Park grandstand and clubrooms replacement*

Council has agreed with the Thames Community Board that further investigation into natural hazards at Rhodes Park is needed before confirming the replacement of the existing grandstand

and clubrooms. Investigation is underway to see whether clubs/services are instead relocated to a site with less flood risk.

### 1.5.3 *Mercury Bay Sports Park Redevelopment*

Thames-Coromandel District Council have begun with concept drawings to redesign the Mercury Bay Sports Park. The park currently functions as the main sport facility in Mercury Bay but is not fit for purpose and does not currently have clubrooms or shelter for winter sports. The redesign plans utilise a hubbing approach to sports delivery with many codes utilising multi-use facilities all on the one site.

## 1.6 Methodology

In early 2019, a project team was established to oversee the development of a plan to grow participation in sport for the Thames-Coromandel District with representatives from Thames-Coromandel District Council and Sport Waikato.

The process of developing The Plan included three areas of focus including survey assessment, secondary data analysis (trends in sport and district demographics) and community consultation. This approach provided the best means to gather a comprehensive range of information to inform decisions made in developing The Plan. Key work components included:

1. Survey analysis of current sport providers and associated Regional Sports Organisations in the district: A review of participation and volunteer data, as well as a review of facility ownership and lease details, facility aspirations and a report of club perceptions of financial sustainability.
2. A review of the Waikato Regional Sports Facilities Plan with a specific focus on recommendations for the Thames-Coromandel District.
3. A review of regional trends in sport, recreation and physical activity through Sport New Zealand's Active New Zealand survey results.
4. A review of local demographic trends and growth forecasts with a specific focus on the implications for the provision of sport through the jointly published local district demographic profiles and peak population studies.
5. A review of existing plans prepared by Thames-Coromandel District Council.
6. A community consultation with sport providers, community members, Council representatives and Sport Waikato to discuss the key findings of the above assessment, and to assess potential priorities and recommendations. Five sessions were held in Whangamata, Coromandel, Whitianga, Thames, and Pauanui.
7. The development of a draft plan.
8. Draft plan distributed for public consultation (78 submissions were made by community members on the draft plan). Submissions reviewed by project team.
9. Draft plan presented to Community Boards.
10. Final plan completed.
11. Plan adopted by Council and Sport Waikato.
12. Recommendations of plan distributed into relevant work programmes based on priority. This includes putting forward items for consideration for funding in the next Thames-Coromandel District Council's Long-Term Plan and future annual plans.

Note: Additional methodology notes and a review of survey participants are provided in Appendix A at the back of this report.



## 1.7 Limitations

The plan has been prepared based on available data at the time of writing. Given the reliance on data from third parties and a survey response rate from sport providers of 76%, it is likely that some data omissions do exist. However, the plan represents the most comprehensive data source currently available. The plan does not replace the need for additional assessment and focused planning in an ongoing manner to support and connect with communities in an interactive and live setting. As sporting codes update existing national and regional facility plans, and participation trends and community demographics change, it is envisaged that this plan will require updating, with formal review every 3 years or in alignment with LTP.

## 2. Background

### 2.1 Moving Waikato 2025 Strategy

In partnership with key stakeholders and partners across the Waikato region (including partners from Health, Local Authorities, Education, Sport, Iwi and private providers), Sport Waikato led the development of Moving Waikato 2025 a strategy to grow participation in sport, recreation and physical activity in the Waikato region (Sport Waikato, 2016).

Moving Waikato 2025 was formally published in November 2016.

Moving Waikato 2025 proposes three strategic priorities to grow participation in the region and a number of focus areas for each strategic priority. These focus areas set the scene for targeted delivery from 2016-2025.

This plan aligns with the Moving Waikato 2025 Strategies Regional Leadership pillar, a focus on regional and national partners working together to lead change and enhance outcomes. In this case partnership with Thames-Coromandel District Council to deliver a Sport Facilities plan for the Thames-Coromandel District Council.



Figure 2. Moving Waikato 2025 Regional Strategy.

#### Implications from Moving Waikato 2025:

- Health and wellbeing: Participation in sport, recreation and physical activity has an important impact on the quality of our lives. Participation provides opportunities to make new friends, have fun, relax, reduce stress, improve self-esteem and confidence, as well as a sense of personal achievement.
- Education: Sport, recreation and physical activity helps to teach us respect, commitment, perseverance and humility. Through participation we can work in a team and develop leadership and communication skills applicable to life.
- Building stronger communities: Sport, recreation and physical activity provide individuals a place to belong, families and communities an opportunity to work together and our nation opportunities for inspiration and celebration. Breaking down barriers, building a sense of achievement and connectivity.
- Economic value: Sport, recreation and physical activity are important economic drivers for our region, contributing \$545 million to the regional economy (3.6% GDP) and 4 million volunteer hours (76,000 people) in 2011.

## 2.2 Waikato Regional Sports Facilities Plan

Sport Waikato and partners created the first Waikato Regional Sports Facilities Plan (WRSFP) in November 2014, the WRSFP (Jones & Cessford, 2014) was endorsed by the Waikato Mayoral Forum as a guiding document for the provision of sports facilities to grow participation in sport, recreation and physical activity across the region.

A review of this plan was undertaken in 2018. The updated WRSFP (Sport Waikato, 2018) provides a high level strategic framework for regional sports facilities planning and optimisation of existing facilities. It also provides direction on what should be done and crucially, what should not be done. The Plan focuses thinking at a network-wide sports facilities level with emphasis on national, regional and sub-regional assets, while also capturing local level facility data. It currently does not cover recreation and physical activity provision.

Current funding and delivery partners of the plan include: Hamilton City Council, Hauraki District Council, Matamata-Piako District Council, Otorohanga District Council, South Waikato District Council, Taupō District Council, Thames-Coromandel District Council, Waikato District Council, Waipa District Council, Waitomo District Council, Sport Waikato and Sport New Zealand.

This Thames-Coromandel District Sport and Active Recreation Plan is a local level plan sitting under the Waikato Regional Sports Facility Plan.

### 2.2.1 *Regional Sports Facilities Plan guiding principles for facility investment*

The WRSFP consolidates the key principles that underpin facility planning and provision.



Figure 3. Key principles of the Plan. Adapted from *The New Zealand Sport Facilities Framework* (Sport New Zealand, 2017).

#### **Meets Needs**

Facilities should meet an identified need and be fit-for-purpose. There is often insufficient rigour applied to this fundamental question.

The best outcomes are achieved when all of the potential facility users are identified and a deep understanding gained of their range of needs.

#### **Sustainability**

Facility sustainability requires consideration of the ongoing operating and maintenance costs of the facility and how these will be funded.

The best outcomes are achieved when the 'whole of life' costs of the facility are considered at the outset and how it is intended that these costs will be met. Often, upfront investment in, for example, facility features that enable greater energy efficiency, can deliver huge dividends over the life of the facility.

#### **Collaboration**

Historically sports facilities have tended to be planned and built in isolation.

The best outcomes are achieved when partnerships are developed with education, health, Iwi, and/or the private sector. This increases the likelihood that facilities will be used to their full potential, maximising the return on investment and utilisation.

### ***Integration***

Facilities need to be fit-for-purpose, and sustainable. The best outcomes are achieved by sharing. Creating multi-use facilities or hubs, or co-locating with other sport and recreation, community, education, or transport facilities and infrastructure is an effective approach.

### ***Flexibility***

No one can predict the future, but what we can predict is that things will change. Facilities should be designed to accommodate changing community profiles and associated sporting trends and needs over time.

The best, long-term, outcomes are achieved by designing facilities in ways that enable them to be adapted, developed and extended in response to future demands.

### ***Inclusive***

Most people would agree that society is more inclusive than it once was. Experience shows, however, that barriers remain for many in the accessibility of sport, recreation and physical activity pursuits. The goal of the Plan is to ensure all members of the Waikato community have access to and opportunity for participation.

This principle requires us to consider the needs of a wide range of our community when making decisions. Focus should be given to ethnic, financial and ability barriers including but not limited to age and disability.

#### ***1.1.1 Regional Sports Facilities Plan Hierarchy of Definitions***

- **International:** A facility with the ability to host international competitions/events (i.e. between nations). A local example of a international facility is the Pauanui Golf Club's Lakes Course.
- **National:** A facility with the ability to host regional representative competitions (including professional and semi-professional franchise competitions involving teams from outside New Zealand) and/or to serve as a national high-performance training hub for one or more sports codes.
- **Regional:** A facility with the ability to host inter-regional and internal regional competitions and/or serves as a regional high-performance training hub for one or more sports codes. A local example of a regional facility is the Mercury Bay Bowling and Sports Club.
- **Sub Regional:** A facility with the ability to draw significant numbers of teams/competitors from across adjacent territorial authority boundaries for either competition or training purposes. A local example of a sub-regional facility is the Thames Golf Club Course.
- **Local:** A facility with the ability to serve a local catchment's basic sporting needs. This catchment will predominantly be drawn from within a single territorial authority. An example of a local facility is Coromandel Community Pool.

It is important to understand that a facility at a higher hierarchy level may also meet community needs at a local level. For example, the Avantidrome is an international cycling facility which also serves the very local level needs of the residents of Cambridge and surrounding communities.

### 1.1.2 Regional Sports Facilities Plan priority projects

| Table 1. Waikato Priority Facility Developments |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| Indicative Timeframe                            | Proposed Facility Development   | Key Partners  |
| 1-3 years                                       | 4-5 Indoor Court Facility   | Hamilton City Council in partnership with University of Waikato and neighbouring councils                                 |
|   | Develop additional four fields in the east/northeast of the city (potentially using partnerships with schools and tertiary institutions to increase the critical mass of sports fields within a precinct) | Hamilton City Council, Waikato District Council, Waipa District Council   |
|   | Investigation into playing field provision - quality, capacity, optimisation, allocation and future provision   | Hamilton City Council, Waikato District Council, Waipa District Council   |
|   | Investigation into current and future artificial turf provision – potential incorporation into above playing field investigation  | Waipa, Hamilton City and Waikato District Councils in partnership   |
|   | 2-3 basketball court facility (two full sized netball courts)   | Waitomo District Council, potentially in partnership with Otorohanga District Council                                     |
|   | Gymsports Regional Hub and optimisation of sub regional facilities  | Matamata-Piako District Council, Waipa District Council and Hamilton City Council   |
|   | Explore developing Regional Facilities Plans for football and lacrosse prior to any field development, including hierarchy and mapping of current network   | Hamilton City Council, Waikato District Council, Waipa District Council   |
| 4-10 years                                      | Sub Regional Community Pool   | Thames-Coromandel District Council, potentially in partnership with Hauraki District Council                              |
|   | Sub Regional Community Pool   | Hamilton City Council – East/North East, potentially in partnership with Waikato District Council and/or private provider |

Refer to the Waikato Regional Facilities Plan, 2018 for more details.

The above list links Thames-Coromandel District Council to the following regional or sub-regional partnership opportunities:

- Sub Regional Community Pool – Thames-Coromandel District Council, potentially in partnership with Hauraki District Council. High level discussions have been initiated between councils.

Collaboration is a key concept underpinning the WRSFP. It is recognised as important to improve the effective and efficient provision of sports facilities for future communities, particularly regarding indoor court and aquatic assets. The WRSFP recognises that partnership opportunities exist nationally and regionally, and exist between neighbouring local authorities, schools, across sectors and private partnerships.

### **1.1.3 Regional Sports Facilities Plan Thames-Coromandel District recommendations**

| <b>Table 2. Thames-Coromandel District specific recommendations (Sport Waikato, 2018).</b>  |
|---|
| Aquatic facilities  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain existing pools (based on asset lifecycle modelling).</li> <li>• Investigate a sub-regional partnership with Hauraki District Council for a new standard configuration indoor community pool – flexible 25m lane, fun pool and learn to swim/hydrotherapy pool. New provision to provide access in replacement of Thames Centennial Pool that should be maintained until a replacement facility is developed.</li> </ul>   |
| Artificial turf   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop renewal and maintenance schedules to ensure appropriately maintained assets. Ensure sufficient capital provision for renewal cycles and a balanced renewal capital profile (spread of investment across a number of years versus investment loaded in the same year(s))</li> <li>• Advocate for the development of multi-use facilities and/or school facility partnerships which configure existing synthetic surfaces so that they can be utilised for hockey.</li> </ul>  |
| Athletics facilities  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain existing assets to community level facility standard</li> <li>• Where appropriate foster shared facilities</li> <li>• Explore partnerships with Secondary Schools where demand dictates</li> </ul>  |
| Cycling facilities  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain and optimise existing assets, tracks and trails where demand warrants</li> <li>• Utilise assets, tracks and trails in neighbouring Councils</li> <li>• Investigate cross boundary funding for track and trail development</li> </ul>  |
| Bowling, croquet and petanque facilities  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate club amalgamation and partnership options to maximise opportunity</li> <li>• Support the redevelopment of outdoor greens to artificial greens where need is warranted</li> </ul>  |
| Clubrooms   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Before committing any significant capital investment into clubrooms carry out an independent building condition assessment on buildings over 20 years old, quantity survey of refurbishment/repair costs and a cost benefit analysis and/or sustainability/feasibility analysis scaled appropriately to the capital investment being considered</li> <li>• Where justified rationalise clubrooms or if need exists consider facility replacement. If capacity allows look to co-locate codes and utilise a multisport/hub model</li> <li>• Encourage co-use of existing assets and/or amalgamation of clubs when warranted, supporting clubs and community groups to combine resources to share cost and services</li> </ul> |



| <b>Table 2. Thames-Coromandel District specific recommendations (Sport Waikato, 2018).</b>  |  |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engage with clubs to ensure that they have asset management plans in place</li> </ul>  |  |
| Equestrian facilities   |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilise and optimise existing facilities across the network, monitoring demand</li> <li>Maintain existing assets to community level facility standard</li> <li>Where appropriate foster shared facilities</li> <li>Explore partnerships with Secondary Schools where demand dictates</li> </ul>  |  |
| Golf facilities   |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer to National Hierarchy of Golf Facilities in the National Golf Facility Strategy 2013 when considering facility rationalisation and/or development</li> <li>Maintain existing assets</li> <li>Examine the potential for additional partnerships on golf course sites between golf and other sports clubs/community organisations</li> <li>Examine the potential for partnerships and amalgamations between golf clubs on an as required basis</li> <li>Examine the potential for closure of some smaller financially unsustainable golf courses</li> </ul>  |  |
| Gymnastics facilities   |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Examine the optimisation of sub regional hub and where sustainable implement improvements - potentially co-location with a school</li> <li>Maintain existing assets where viable/warranted</li> </ul>  |  |
| Indoor Court facilities   |  |
| <p>Maintain or enhance the network of indoor courts with any additional consideration to ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exploration of partnerships with schools and tertiary institutions</li> <li>Focus on optimising and maintaining existing assets</li> <li>A network approach - investigate sub regional supply and cross boundary partnerships</li> <li>All consideration focused on a one full size netball court model (including run-off's) that allows for two 2/3 basketball courts horizontally marked)</li> </ul>   |  |
| Playing fields  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and upgrade the provision, allocation, utilisation, quality and maintenance of sports fields based on current and future need and develop a strategy to determine conversion of some grass fields to synthetic surfaces especially in multi-sport settings</li> <li>Upgrade support infrastructure such as toilets and changing rooms to facilitate better utilisation of existing sports fields where required</li> <li>Examine school partnerships where these will be more cost effective to deliver access to sports fields</li> <li>Rationalise assets where possible</li> </ul>   |  |
| Outdoor courts  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain existing assets where viable. Ensure on-going repair and maintenance of existing facilities, including installation of lighting</li> <li>Explore multi surface and multi-use court options to allow flexibility (tennis/netball, tennis/junior hockey and tennis/futsal) and consider volleyball and basketball)</li> <li>Explore partnerships with neighbouring councils</li> <li>Promote the rationalisation/merger of clubs and/or shared facilities when appropriate, and where required rationalise underutilised facilities</li> <li>Optimise facilities by co-locating with other sports codes/schools/tertiary institutions and provide flexible courts to meet the needs of multiple user groups i.e. netball/tennis</li> <li>Support Netball New Zealand centre and satellite model</li> <li>Support Tennis New Zealand Strategy to utilise facilities for alternative activities to</li> </ul> |  |

| <b>Table 2. Thames-Coromandel District specific recommendations (Sport Waikato, 2018).</b>  |  |
|---|--|
| generate sustainable revenues   |  |
| Water based sports facilities   |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain existing facilities and optimise where required. Ensure appropriate repair and maintenance plans exist to ensure the quality of facilities over the life of assets</li> <li>• Utilise sub regional and national facilities as required</li> </ul>   |  |
| Squash facilities   |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no indication of the need to develop new facilities</li> <li>• Rationalisation of assets may be required where costs outweigh benefits</li> <li>• In all instances a focus should be on maintaining existing assets in line with asset management planning</li> <li>• Co-location, multi-code use or partnering with other anchor tenants will increase utilisation and sustainability</li> <li>• Any redevelopment will require a comprehensive feasibility study, including accurate demand analysis and mapping of current network and an understanding of national and regional participation trends</li> </ul> |  |

#### Implications from Regional Sports Facilities Plan:

- For the Thames-Coromandel District sound planning and pre-feasibility should be applied to determine actual needs of facilities before any budget for construction is conceived.
- Full whole of life costing models (capital and 10-year operational) consideration should guide investment costing logic.
- Key Facility investment projects directly detailed in the Waikato Regional Facility Plan are primarily cross-boundary. These include;
  - Indoor 25m community pool – current investment into the feasibility of an indoor community pool to service the wider districts
- The Thames-Coromandel District has an ageing network of facilities, with limited lifecycle asset modelling. This is particularly true of many of the club buildings on Council land.
- Many of the existing facilities in the Thames-Coromandel District are unable to be adapted for different functions, this is something that will need to be considered as buildings and other facilities reach the end of their useful lives.
- The Thames-Coromandel District can capitalize on local school and marae for recreational provision partnerships in future.
- The Thames-Coromandel District Sport and Active Recreation Plan assists in guiding the future work programme of refurbishment, rationalisation or otherwise of existing facilities.

## 2.3 Waikato Regional Aquatics Strategy 2017

In 2017 Sport Waikato and Technical Managers representing Local Authority as part of the Regional Sports Facilities Plan commissioned Global Leisure Group Limited (GLG) to develop a Regional Aquatics Facility Plan (Hutchinson & Allan, 2017).

The plan will inform the Region and key stakeholders decision-making processes in outlining a best-practice aquatic facilities network for the Region to meet the current and future needs of its communities.

The timeframe for the Plan is 2017-2027. The review determines an appropriate network of aquatic facilities for the next 10 years through to 2027. Over the longer-term aquatic facilities (as ageing

long-term assets) will require increased maintenance, renewal and in some cases possibly retirement or replacement at more appropriate locations.

In order to respond to the changing needs of their communities' key stakeholders require the best information available to make informed decisions. Accordingly, the plan objectives focus on:

- Review current aquatic asset provision and its capacity to meet future needs and influencing factors including quality, performance, utilisation, distribution and catchment.
- Identify changing demands for aquatics and aquatic participation trends
- Provide gap analysis or over supply taking into account existing facilities
- Determine the "right mix" of facilities that is required to meet the needs of the region
- Identify priority projects for the region.
- Provide design insights to aid future planning.

The Plan provides a blueprint for the next 10 years to 2027 and beyond to enable residents and visitors to have reasonable access to aquatic facilities that are affordable for the Region and individual District's. The Plan is a long-term framework to guide and inform Council's decision-making processes over time. Decisions on specific priority projects/action will be based on a detailed business case developed at the time, not automatically as a result of adopting this plan.

Research for the Plan has highlighted two key challenges:

1. Changing aquatic trends. Participation is changing with an increase in casual and informal recreation.
2. A growing and ageing population requiring flexible pool areas and access to warmer, year-round water.

In considering these challenges in the context of the current network there is:

- Limited access to year-round indoor water area at a local level.
- A lack of flexible, warm water and learn to swim provision, noting that the plan does not include private learn to swim provision.
- An ageing network that has limited flexibility to meet changing demand.

Key gaps in the current network are:

- Hamilton City Council / Waikato District Council - to meet population growth and changing demands.
- Thames-Coromandel District Council / Hauraki District Council – provision of year-round facilities, replacement of ageing assets and meet the needs of an ageing population.
- Waipa District Council / Matamata-Piako District Council – provision of year-round facilities and to meet growing and changing demand.

#### Waikato Regional Aquatics Plan Implications

- Population changes are projected to occur in the Thames-Coromandel District with a growing percentage of the population who will be over 65 years of age. This suggests that there needs to be a stronger focus on use/activity suitable for older users.
- There is a weak basis for facility sustainability without a focus shift to generate and cater more for older users.
- Changing aquatic trends: Participation is changing with an increase in casual and informal recreation.
- An ageing population requiring flexible pool areas and access to warmer, year-round water.

- For the Thames-Coromandel district a key gap in the current aquatics network is the provision of year-round facilities, replacement of ageing assets, geographical spread of communities and meeting the needs of an ageing population.

## 2.4 Waikato Regional Cycling Education Plan – Finalised May 2019

The Waikato Regional Cycling Education Plan was developed through 2018 and 2019 with partners from Hamilton City, Hauraki, Matamata-Piako, Otorohanga, South Waikato, Taupo, Thames-Coromandel, Waikato, Waipa, and Waitomo District Councils, Waikato Regional Council, Sport Waikato, Cycling New Zealand, The Home of Cycling Trust and New Zealand Transport Agency. The objective of the Waikato Regional Cycling Education Plan is to develop a coordinated and collaborative approach for sector stakeholders in the Waikato region to improve cycle safety, build participant confidence and create a partnered approach to the provision of Bikes in Schools and Cycling Education as part of the national BikeReady system.

The Waikato Regional Cycling Education Plan will identify operational activities for delivery, assign responsibility for leadership and co-ordination, identifying the resources required and potential funding sources. It identifies two main activity areas for cycle safety across the Waikato region:

*Bikes in Schools* – enabling more children across the region to regularly ride a bike on an equal basis within schools. Improving outcomes for health, fitness and education through opportunities to exercise and improving cycle confidence and skills;

*Cycle Skills Training* – a coordinated regional approach to education and training programs aimed at improving confidence, safety and skill for riders of all ages and abilities; delivery will align to the national BikeReady Guidelines.

Proposed partners in the delivery of the Waikato Regional Cycling Education Plan include: Hamilton City, Hauraki, Matamata-Piako, Otorohanga, South Waikato, Taupo, Thames-Coromandel, Waikato, Waipa, and Waitomo District Councils, Waikato Regional Council, Sport Waikato, Cycling New Zealand, The Home of Cycling Trust, Community and Philanthropic Funders.

## 2.5 Waikato Regional Water Safety Strategy – Finalised December 2019

The Waikato Regional Water Safety Strategy began development in late 2018 and is estimated will be finalised in late 2019. The Waikato plan is part of Water Safety New Zealand (WSNZ) initiative to develop Regional Water Safety Strategies in three regions across New Zealand including Bay of Plenty, Auckland and Waikato. The purpose of the Regional Strategy approach is to develop collaborative approaches with key local partners that focus on the local context and utilise local knowledge to create solutions. The Waikato plan has been developed in partnership with WSNZ and Sport Waikato.

The Waikato Regional Water Safety Strategy recommends a series of actions targeting agreed focus areas through to 2023. The desired outcome is to improve coordination of drowning prevention resource, focus and capability, and to ensure regional ownership and leadership of Water Safety in the Waikato. Ultimately reducing drowning deaths, incidents and injuries in and on the water, building a culture of safe enjoyment of the Waikato's valued water resources.

This Strategy seeks to leverage existing services in Waikato provided by Coastguard and Surf Life Saving and funded by the collective Local Authority partnership. It has the objective of providing additional focus and emphasis on fresh waters-based incidents and drownings with a specific focus on river safety.

The plan identifies Thames-Coromandel as the second highest District within the Waikato region for preventable drownings. From the 2009-2018 period Thames-Coromandel District had 26 preventable drownings and a large cluster of service interventions (Coastguard, Police, Rescue Co-ordination Centre, Surf Life Saving NZ). The high number of service interventions shows that the support, strengthening and continuation of funding of current services in the district is critical to drowning prevention.

## 2.6 Active NZ participation results

In 2017 Sport Waikato, partnered with Sport New Zealand, to survey the Waikato regions physical activity and participation in Sport, Exercise and Active Recreation as part of the National Active NZ survey (Sport NZ, 2017). Sport Waikato invested to increase the sample size in the Waikato region to capture district level results of both adults and children in the Thames-Coromandel district.

Please note that the figures below are indicative at the time of writing and may be subject to change. Refer to the Thames-Coromandel District Sport and Active Recreation participation profile for further information.

### 2.6.1 Adults (aged 18+)

#### Physical activity

- 61% of Thames-Coromandel adults do more than 150 minutes of physical activity<sup>1</sup> a week, enough to positively impact their health
- 64% of Thames-Coromandel adults want to do more physical activity (much less than the regional average)

The top 5 activities that Thames-Coromandel adults have participated in over last 12 months are:

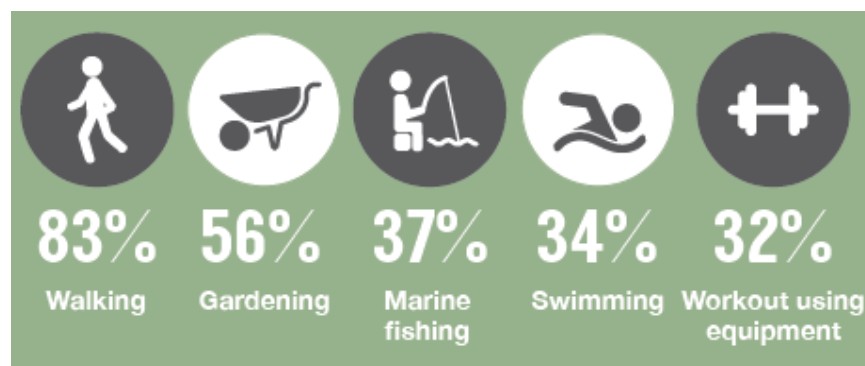


Figure 3: Top 5 Activities for adults in Thames-Coromandel - Excerpt from Active NZ participation profile (Sport Waikato, 2019)

<sup>1</sup> Moderate to vigorous physical activity for sport, exercise and recreation.

Thames-Coromandel adults are more likely to be active through marine fishing and less likely in running, compared to the regional average. In the Waikato region (which includes the Thames-Coromandel District) and nationally traditional sports are not ranked in the top 10 activities. However, the Thames-Coromandel District paints a slightly different picture with the top sports being:

- Golf
- Outdoor bowls
- Table tennis
- Tennis
- Football/Soccer
- Netball
- Touch
- Basketball
- Rugby
- Cricket

Thames-Coromandel Adults are most likely to be active on a road/footpath or private property/home/garden/pool. The top 5 places to be physically active are:

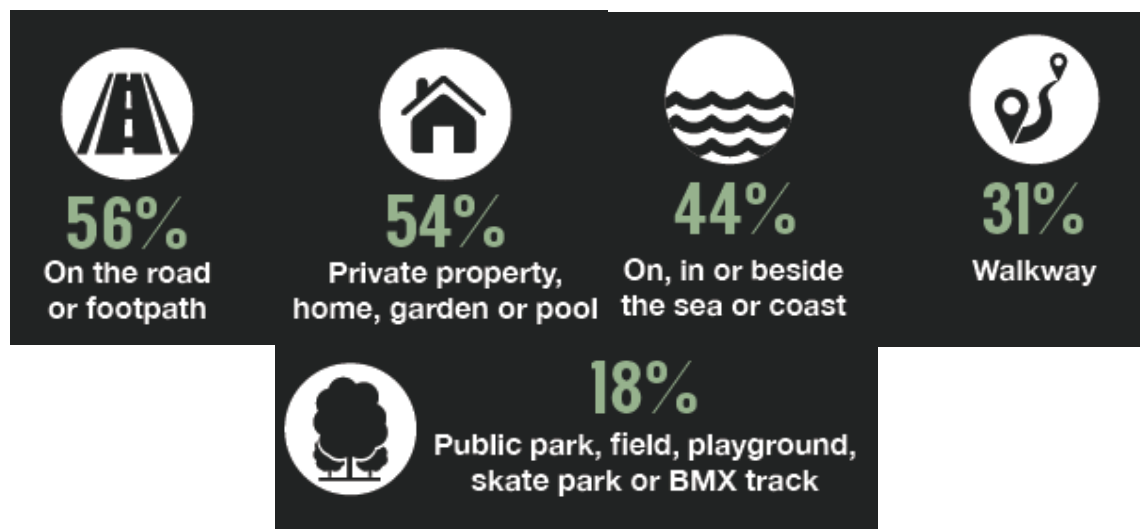


Figure 4: Top 5 places to participate for adults in Thames-Coromandel - Excerpt from Active NZ participation profile (Sport Waikato, 2019)

### 2.6.2 Young people (aged 5-17 years)

#### Physical activity

- 68% of young people do more than 420 minutes of physical activity<sup>2</sup> a week – enough to positively impact their health
- 64% of young people have been physically active (specifically for sport, physical education (PE), exercise and fun) over the last 7 days
- 61% 5-17-year old's want to do more physical activity

The top 5 activities that Thames-Coromandel young people have participated in over last 7 days are:

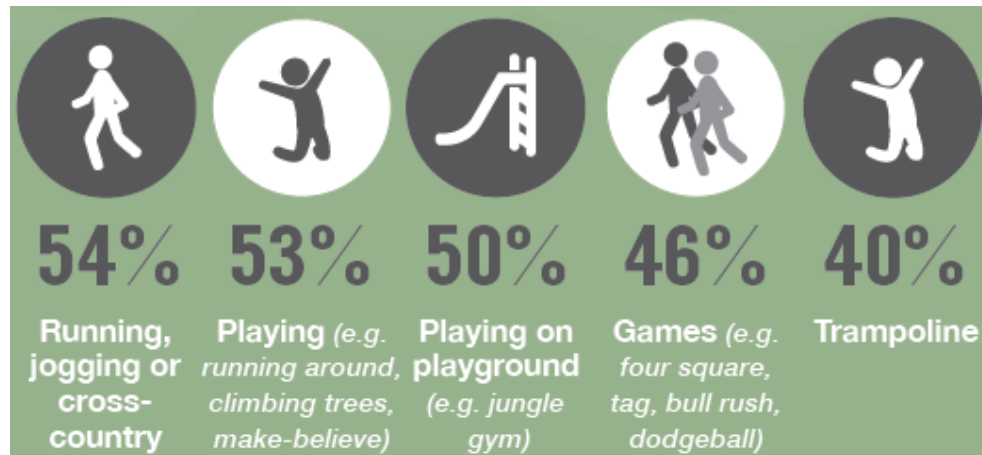


Figure 5: Top 5 activities for youth in Thames-Coromandel - Excerpt from Active NZ participation profile (Sport Waikato, 2019)

Waikato's young people are most likely to be active in PE or class at school or playing on their own. In the Waikato region (which includes the Thames-Coromandel District) and nationally traditional sports are not ranked in the top 10 activities. However, the Thames-Coromandel District paints a slightly different picture with the top sports where young people are active (over the last 7 days) being:

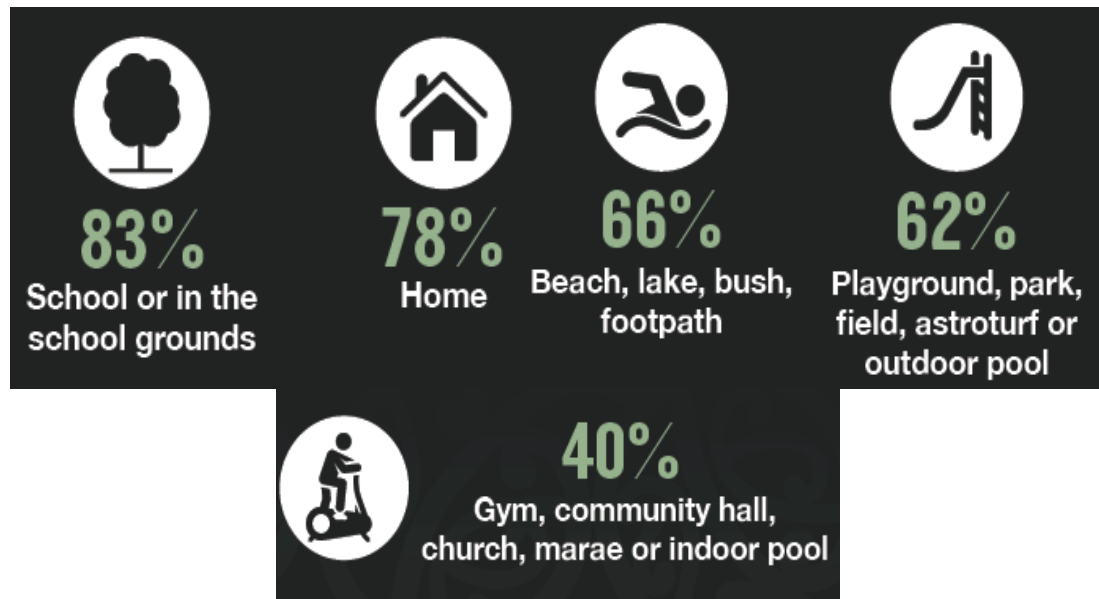
- Athletics or track and field
- Rugby or rippa rugby
- Netball
- Gymnastics
- Football, soccer or futsal
- Basketball or mini-ball
- Touch
- Kapa Haka
- Handball
- Badminton

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<sup>2</sup> Moderate to vigorous physical activity for sport, physical education (PE), exercise and fun.



Thames-Coromandel young people are most likely to be active at school or in the school grounds, or at home. Thames-Coromandel young people are more likely to be active on a playground and 'other' outdoor (66% beach, lake, bush footpath), compared to the regional average. The top 5



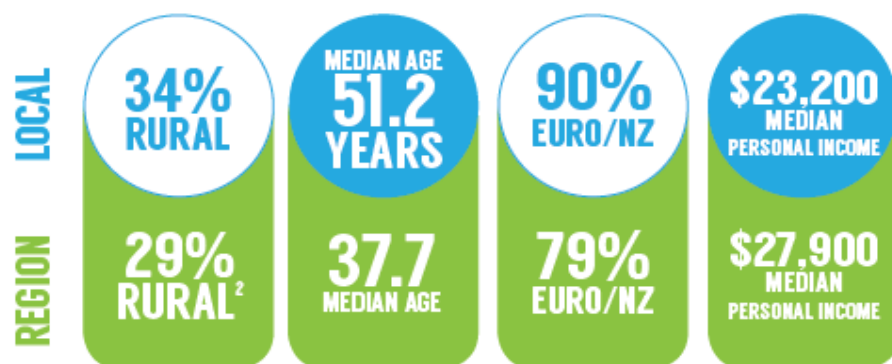
places to be physically active are:

Figure 6: Top 5 places for participation for youth in Thames-Coromandel - Excerpt from Active NZ participation profile (Sport Waikato, 2019)

### 3. Local demographics

#### 3.1 District actual and forecast resident population change

Thames-Coromandel District's usual resident population was 31,881 people for the 2018 census (Statistics New Zealand, 2018). This growth in population from 2013 – 2018 census is larger than population projections predicted from the 2013 census. This may impact on future projections, 2018 population projections have not been released at the time of writing. Thames-Coromandel District is projected to have a stable to slowly declining population from 2018-2048 (Rationale, 2017). The community of Whitianga will see an increase in population during this time. The annual growth rates of the other main settlements (Coromandel, Pauanui, Tairua, Thames and Whangamata) are projected to be between -0.2% to 0.1% per year (TCDC, 2018). The population in the other smaller



<sup>1</sup> SINCE CENSUS 2006 <sup>2</sup> RURAL - DEFINED AS RURAL AND SMALL TOWNS (<1,000 PEOPLE)

settlements in the district is projected to remain fairly stable.

Figure 7: District and regional comparisons of population - Excerpt from Thames-Coromandel District Demographic profile based on 2013 Census (2014)

### 3.2 District seasonal fluctuations in population

The most recent peak population study was undertaken in the summer period from 2016/17 (Thames-Coromandel District Council, 2017). Results were similar to past peak population studies, the peak population day over this period occurred on 31 December 2016, with 146,456 people identified in the district on that day (includes day visitors) with an overnight population of 126,298. There were between 10,000 and 20,000 day visitors in the district each day. These visitors are in addition to overnight visitors and residents. At the time the study was conducted (2016/17 summer) a usually resident population of 27,600 was identified.

Through the summer peak International visitors came mainly from Australia (over 25%) and from Germany (over 10%). Of our domestic visitors, 59% came from the Auckland region, 23% from the Waikato, and 8% from the Bay of Plenty.

### 3.3 Population growth by age

The Thames-Coromandel District is projected to have an increasing percentage of the population aged over 65 years. The number of people aged 65+ is forecast to increase to over 45% of the population by 2048. In the 2018 Census 31% of the Thames-Coromandel District's usual resident population was greater than 65 years of age.

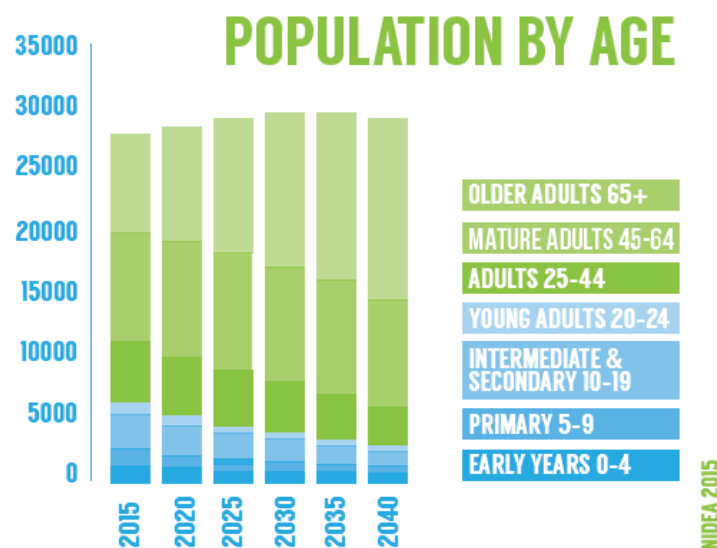


Figure 8: Changes to population make up by age group - Excerpt from Thames-Coromandel District Demographic profile based on 2013 Census (2014)

There will also be changes in the younger age groups. Thames-Coromandel will see a decrease in the proportion of the population under 15 years of age. This younger age group is projected to decline from around 17% in 2013 to between 10% and 13% in 2048.

Thames-Coromandel district will also see a decreasing percentage of the population between the ages of 16 and 64 years of age (from 57% to under 50%). This may have an impact on the district's work force.

The median age of the district will change from 52 years (2018) to 59.5 years (2038).

### 3.4 Ethnic diversity

Thames-Coromandel has a higher percentage of the population that identify as European New Zealander than the regional average. This is projected to remain true but the proportion of the population who identify as Maori (18%-23%) and Asian (4%-9%) will increase in the district from 2018 – 2038.

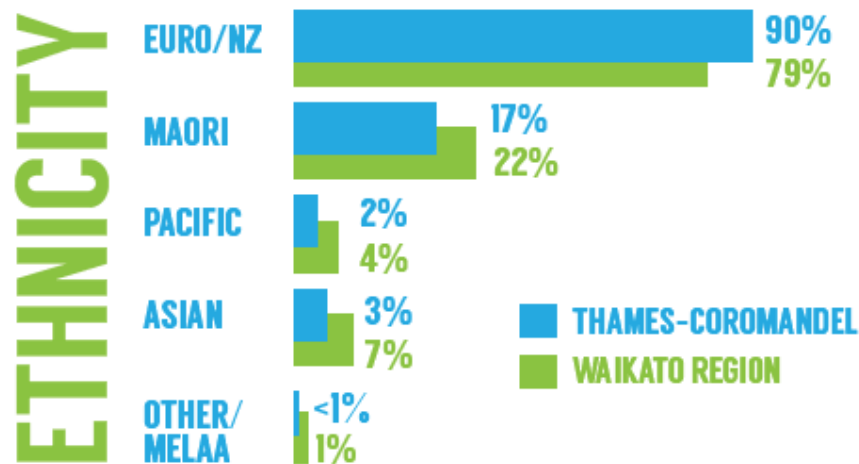


Figure 9: Thames-Coromandel District Ethnicity - Excerpt from Thames-Coromandel District Demographic profile based on 2013 Census (2014)

### 3.5 Economic profile

The economic base of Thames-Coromandel District is largely dependent on tourism, holiday homes and visitors.

Currently Thames-Coromandel District has a larger number of the population over the age of 65 than the regional and national average. It is projected that this age group will become an even larger proportion of Thames-Coromandel District's population in years to come. Currently the age of retirement is 65, which means that a large proportion of the population will be retired. In 2048 greater than 50% of the population is projected to be outside the typical work-force age.

Deprivation scores vary significantly within the District's communities with Pauanui considered one of the least deprived communities and other communities (Coromandel and parts of Thames) considered some of the most deprived communities.

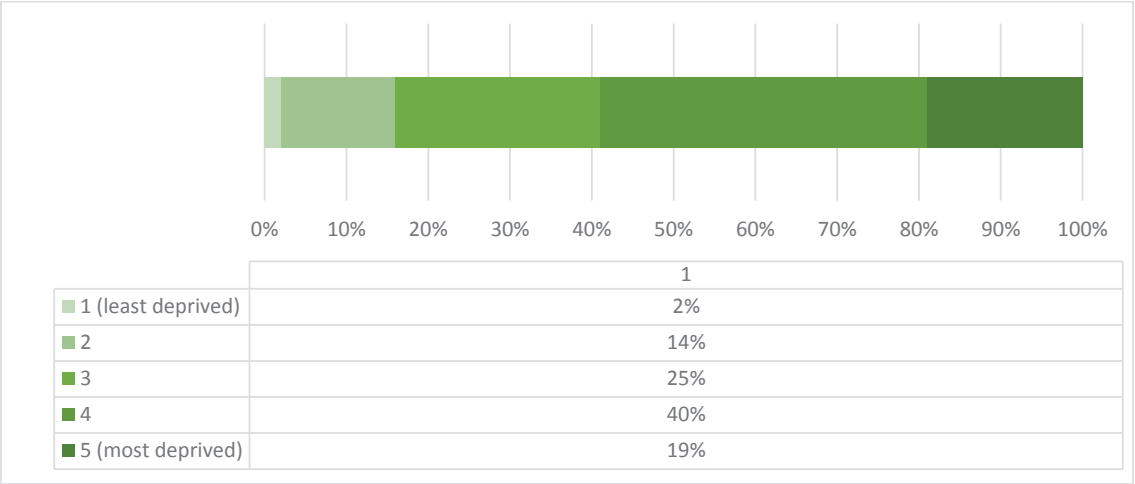


Figure 10: Deprivation scores of Thames-Coromandel District Population (NZIMD, 2019).

As shown above a smaller percentage of the population fits within the least deprived scores. A higher percentage of the population sits at the more deprived end of deprivation scale.















## 4. Sporting trends and participation profiles

### 4.1 Waikato Regional vs. National trends

Sport New Zealand's Active New Zealand Survey data allows us to compare Regional participation preferences in sport, physical activity and play, to preferences from other regions and national averages. Thanks to the boosted data set that Sport Waikato invested in for the 2017 survey information is now available at a district level in Active NZ participation results. However, understanding of regional vs. national trends is still crucial for planning of future delivery of sport and active recreation opportunities.

In the Waikato:

- 68% of young people participate in greater than 420 minutes of physical activity, the same as nationally. 420 minutes of physical activity is enough to positively impact young peoples' health
- Less adults participate in greater than 150 minutes of physical activity than nationally (57% vs. 60%). 150 minutes of physical activity is enough to positively impact adult health.
- There is a higher percentage of Waikato adults that are non-participants (29% vs. 27%)
- Less young people participate in physical activity or sport for fun (70% vs. 76%)
- Less adults participate in physical activity or sport to lose weight or to look good (15% vs 17%)
- More adults participate in physical activity or sport to challenge themselves or win (13% vs 11%)

|                         | Young people  | Adults  |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| Do less than nationally | <br>Swimming   |    <br>Walking   Snow sports   Running   Group fitness<br><br><br>Yoga/pilates  |
| Do more than nationally |  <br>Rugby/Rippa   Biking (all types) |    <br>Biking   Tramping   Fishing   Sailing<br><br> <br>Horse riding   Hunting |

### 4.2 The Economic Value of Sport and Recreation in the Waikato Region

'The Economic Value of Sport and Recreation to the Waikato Region' (EVSRWR) report identifies that sport and recreation (including volunteered services) contributed an estimated \$447.1 million

to the Waikato Region's GDP in 2012/13 (Sport New Zealand, 2015). This is \$98 million lower than the Waikato estimate in 2009. The main difference is a lesser estimation of the value of the 17 industries listed in the EVSRWR report necessary for sport and recreation which reduced by \$113 million. Other occupations, school's investment and Council expenditure have increased by \$8.9 million. Volunteer services have increased by \$4.9 million.

Within the Waikato region a total of 4.3 million hours were attributed to sport and recreation in 2013/2014 and the Hamilton City sport and recreation sector contributes 30.1% of regional contribution to GDP.

Regionally, since 2011 there has been a decrease in Council spending on new sport and recreation facilities from \$47.6 million (2011) to \$32.8 million in 2013. This contributed \$11.5 million to the value of the construction sector in 2013.

### 4.3 Regional Sporting Organisations view of trends for sports codes

Regional Sport Organisations (RSOs) are an important component of the provision of sport in the Waikato region. RSO's are responsible for the delivery of their sport and are the governing body for the region. They sit under the umbrella of the respective National Sport Organisations (NSOs).

RSO's vary among sports, but they are usually responsible for some or all of the following:

- Delivery of the sports structure in the region
- Support and development of sports clubs
- Management of coach, referee and volunteer programmes
- Where applicable management of major events aligned or partnered with the National Sport Organisation.

Twenty-one of the RSOs that operate in the Thames-Coromandel district were surveyed to gain an understanding of their clubs and associated facilities capability, sustainability and ambitions. In particular, questions were asked to ascertain the volunteer and membership trends in the clubs at a district level and to gain a perspective of the requirements for facilities upgrades i.e. needs vs wants.

Twelve RSO's completed the survey and their responses are below.

#### 4.3.1 ***Athletics WBOP***

Athletics Waikato Bay of Plenty (AWBOP) currently has no affiliated clubs operating within the Thames-Coromandel district. However, a startup club in Whitianga will be open for its first season in term 3, 2019. There is also an unaffiliated club operating in Thames. There is no current data regarding the trends, due to being unaffiliated.

The startup club in Whitianga will be operating on local sports grounds and sharing equipment storage facilities. In the future, this club wishes to expand their facility by having their own storage shed and club rooms. Thames is currently operating on the Thames High School field. As the Whitianga club is new, any financial support is appreciated. However, the team establishing this club are very driven and motivated.

#### 4.3.2 ***Gymnastics NZ***

There are currently four Gymnastics NZ affiliate clubs operating in the Thames-Coromandel District: Coromandel, Mercury Bay, Thames and Whangamata.

Membership in the district is at a maximum regarding space and time available, it is common to have waitlists in place. Due to school spaces being the venue for some of these clubs, availability is limited to one night a week and storage is limited. As an interim measure, the Thames club is operating from a leased commercial building. However, another option will need to be sourced due to current rates. Although they currently have a great group of skilled volunteers, they would like to see this increased. It has been noted that Thames, Mercury Bay and Whangamata are requiring facility upgrades/new facilities.

#### **4.3.3 Netball WBOP**

Netball Waikato Bay of Plenty (WBOP) is affiliated with all netball centres including Thames. There has been a recent trend of decreasing adults and increasing social teams. The centres are all operated by volunteers. However, there are limited numbers offering their time.

Netball WBOP are not aware of any facility upgrades necessary for their clubs, and to the best of their knowledge all clubs appear to be financially sustainable.

#### **4.3.4 Special Olympics Thames Valley**

There are currently no noted affiliate clubs for Special Olympics Thames Valley. Fifteen athletes from Hauraki Lifestyle Trust are involved with Special Olympics in Thames. Within Thames itself, there are 4-6 volunteers. Other volunteers and athletes fall outside out of this district.

The facilities are spread from Paeroa, the Hauraki Lifestyle Trust building and the Thames Centennial Pool. Fundraising is done throughout the year to ensure there is financial stability to support their athletes. There is potential for growth. However, they can only sustain a certain number of athletes at present.

#### **4.3.5 Squash Waikato**

There are currently three Squash Waikato affiliate clubs operating in the Thames-Coromandel District: Thames, Mercury Bay and Whangamata.

The overall trend for memberships within the clubs vary. Thames has a stable membership, Mercury Bay is increasing and Whangamata having a small membership. Squash Waikato have identified the trend of a slow decrease in volunteers.

The Mercury Bay complex is requiring improvements to expand for the growth in membership. The two other venues are currently meeting the needs of their members. Financial stability is unknown across the three individual clubs.

#### **4.3.6 Swimming Waikato**

There are currently four Swimming Waikato affiliate clubs in operating in the Thames-Coromandel district: Coromandel, Mercury Bay, Thames, Whangamata. The Thames Swimming Club is the largest in the district. They are also the only club that operates all year round with paid coaching staff. The other clubs operate in summer only and are largely volunteer based. Therefore, membership relies on the season and the number of volunteers available to instruct.

The seasonal dependency of the facilities limits the amount of swimming deliveries carried out. To the best of Swimming Waikato's knowledge, these clubs appear to be financially stable.



#### **4.3.7 *Tennis Waikato Thames Valley***

There are currently two Tennis Waikato Thames Valley affiliate clubs operating in the Thames-Coromandel district: Hikutaia and Thames. Memberships across these two have declined, with Thames suffering the greatest loss. Therefore, volunteer numbers are very low.

Hikutaia and Thames are needing their facilities updated. Thames is currently having financial difficulties.

#### **4.3.8 *Thames Valley Basketball Association***

The Thames Valley Basketball (TVBB) Association affiliate clubs operate through schools, excluding the Mercury Bay Boars sports club which operates in Whitianga. Players are affiliated through school, or the Mercury Bay Boars and then through to TVBB.

In 2019, there was an increase by one school. Currently the primary schools and secondary schools operate separately. Numbers could be increased if there was someone to organise an established club. There is a struggle to get enough volunteers on board.

Coromandel Area School only has a half court which does not allow for competition games to be played in Coromandel. This team is currently travelling to Mercury Bay Area School for their 'home' games.

Thames Basketball Association has been in recess due to lack of personnel. The Thames primary schools and secondary schools run their Basketball competitions internally. There is one individual who runs the primary school competition. This person requires assistance to set up a club to run basketball.

#### **4.3.9 *Thames Valley Hockey Association Inc.***

The current affiliates of Thames Valley Hockey Association Inc (TVHA) operate in Thames through a Junior and Men's club.

There has been growth in primary age players, as well as new interest within the secondary school level. There is a concern that as the male players age within the Thames Men's Club, there are not enough younger players joining. Officiating volunteers are supported at primary and are somewhat supported at senior level. However, there is a real gap in the secondary level. It has been proven difficult to find and develop officiating volunteers.

There is a need for artificial turf. Thames High School is witnessing a decline in numbers due to the dangerous current conditions. If a multipurpose turf with hockey markings was available, they would expect to see a growth at all levels. To the best of their knowledge, clubs appear to be financially sustainable.

#### **4.3.10 *Thames Valley Rugby Football Union***

There are currently five senior and five junior Thames Valley Rugby Football Union affiliate clubs operating in the Thames-Coromandel District Council. There is approximately between 40 – 60 players per club in the senior space and an average membership of 56 players per club in the junior space across the district. Volunteer trends differ across the affiliate clubs. However, there is a stable volunteer base across the clubs with most roles being unpaid.

All club facilities require an upgrade of toilet facilities for public use and there is a need for general changing areas for women's rugby. If there are mix genders playing on the grounds, there can be an issue regarding toilets and changing areas.

There is still research to be done with each club to determine financial stability.

#### **4.3.11 *Thames Valley Touch***

There is currently one Thames Valley Touch affiliate club operating in the Thames-Coromandel District: Whitianga. The overall trend for memberships within the clubs are steady. However, the trend for volunteers is decreasing.

Thames Valley Touch is not aware of any facility upgrades necessary for their clubs, and to the best of their knowledge this club appears to be financially sustainable.

#### **4.3.12 *Waikato Golf Association Inc.***

There are currently nine Waikato Golf Association Inc (WGA) affiliate clubs operating in the Thames-Coromandel District. Memberships have remained static with an increase in secondary memberships, predominantly from the Auckland region. This trend is anticipated to continue to grow. Current volunteer numbers are sufficient to meet the needs of the clubs. Although, more volunteers are sought after and appreciated.

All clubs would like upgrades to current facilities. However, the state of these facilities is at a standard that is meeting the needs of members.

To the best of their knowledge, all clubs appear to be financially sustainable.

### **4.4 Thames-Coromandel Secondary School's view of trends for sport participation**

There are five high schools within the Thames-Coromandel District: Whangamata Area school; Thames High School; Mercury Bay Area School; Te Wharekura o Manaia and Coromandel Area School. Two sources of information are available specifically in the Secondary School space: The New Zealand Secondary School Sport Census and a recent survey undertaken by Sport Waikato to look at facility provision and community use of Secondary Schools within the Waikato Region<sup>3</sup>.

#### **4.4.1 *New Zealand Secondary Schools Census***

The New Zealand Secondary School Sport Census (NZSSSC) gathers information around the participation of students and volunteering of staff within organised sports. From this survey we could see that:

- 56% of students within Thames-Coromandel Secondary Schools meet the NZSSSC requirements for involvement in sport. This is higher than the national average (52%), but slightly less than the Waikato Regional average (57%).

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<sup>3</sup> Please note information was not available in either source regarding Te Wharekura o Manaia.

- 54% of female students within Thames-Coromandel Secondary Schools meet the NZSSSC requirements for involvement in sport. This is higher than both the national (49%) and regional (53%) averages.
- 58% of male students within Thames-Coromandel Secondary Schools meet the NZSSSC requirements for involvement in sport. This is higher than the national average (56%), but slightly less than the Waikato Regional average (61%).
- 19% of total staff were involved in sport. This is lower than the national and regional average (29%). Additionally, only 8% of total staff were involved in coaching sport, lower than the national and regional average (16%).

#### 4.4.2 **Waikato Secondary Schools Facilities Survey**

Coromandel Area School; Mercury Bay Area School; Thames High School; and Whangamata Area School also took part in a survey from Sport Waikato in 2019 looking at the provision of sport facilities within schools. The intention of the survey was to find out what facilities schools currently had and what community use looked like for these school facilities. Future focusses nationally are for collaborative approaches to facility provision for school and community facilities. The intent is to try and meet the needs of all the community while reducing the duplication currently seen between school and community use facilities.

Below a table provides a brief overview of facility provision within schools:

| <b>Table #. Thames-Coromandel District Secondary School's Sport Facilities</b> |                            |                                 |                       |                       |                      |                           |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>School Name</b>   | <b>Grass sports fields</b> | <b>Artificial sports fields</b> | <b>Outdoor courts</b> | <b>Covered courts</b> | <b>Indoor courts</b> | <b>School pool length</b> |
| Coromandel Area School   | 2                          | 2                               | 1*                    | 0                     | Y                    | 25m                       |
| Mercury Bay Area School  | 1                          | 0                               | 3                     | 0*                    | Y                    | 25m                       |
| Thames High School   | 2.5*                       | 0                               | NA                    | 3                     | Y                    | 33 m                      |
| Whangamata Area School   | 2.5                        | 1                               | 3                     | 0                     | Y                    | 25 m                      |

\*poor condition or unsuitable

Y – School has indicated that they have indoor badminton, netball, volleyball and/or basketball marked courts.

Coromandel Area School:

- Stated that the community utilise all of its facilities outside of school hours, between 54-58 hours per week. Currently these community groups use Coromandel Area School facilities futsal, yoga, Manaia League, Coromandel Rugby Club, community badminton, social basketball, and the Netball Club.
- They also referred to plans to develop a new international sized outdoor netball court and would like to extend the indoor court facility as they currently believe that provision is not sufficient for the school and community's needs. They are open to discussions around how funding could be accessed for a long-term community project to extend this.

Mercury Bay Area School:

- Has approximately 12 hours of community use of facilities within school hours from basketball, netball, futsal and ta-kwon-do clubs/groups.
- Seasonal pool is open to the community for 60 hours a week through school hours.
- The school also uses community facilities and reports using Mercury Bay Sports Park daily for netball, rugby, football and league.

Thames High School:

- Has not listed community use of its facilities either inside or outside of school hours and does not allow community use of its school pool. However, they do say that both rugby and football access their sport facilities.
- Thames High School utilises community facilities at Rhodes Park (outdoor courts and sports fields).
- Council staff provided additional background information about community use of Thames High School facilities. The Jack McLean Centre (Indoor courts) has community use both inside and outside of school hours. Thames High School also have basketball hoops located on site that are utilised by community.

Whangamata Area School:

- Currently has 5 hours of use outside school hours, with gymnastics and social basketball as listed users.
- The school uses a range of community facilities including the community pool, club rugby fields, club netball courts, and mountain bike parks.
- Whangamata Area School have planned upgrades for the cricket wicket/practice nets and to re-do the floors for their indoor courts.

## 5. Thames-Coromandel District club participation trends and profiles

### 5.1 Sport participation by activity

93 clubs (representing 79% of total clubs in the district) responded to the Thames-Coromandel Sport Club Survey, May 2019. Full methodology of the survey is noted in Appendix A: Methodology.

Survey respondents (sports clubs) in the Thames-Coromandel District recorded a total of 16,890 members for 2018. Of these, 9407 members belonged to fishing clubs.

The top five responding activities by membership were fishing, golf, combined sports, surf lifesaving, and exercise classes. However, the top responding sports by growth of membership between 2014 and 2018 were fishing, exercise classes, combined sports, netball, and touch rugby. Combined sports and exercise classes are in the top five for the number of members and growth.

#### Implications

- When clubs work together (as is seen with combined sports clubs) growth in membership and volunteer numbers are evident. Nationally it is recognised that Community Hubs promote strength in administration, efficiencies in delivery and develop stronger community connections for sports. Future planning should emphasise the importance of this.
- Volunteer numbers are in decline nationally and are the backbone of delivery in community sport. In partnership with Sport Waikato, community sports organisations should work towards developing new initiatives to attract, reward and retain volunteers in the sector.
- Changing participation preferences are seen in the large number of members associated with exercise classes, a non-traditional form of sport/recreation participation. Focus should be given to providing opportunities that meet the needs of people seeking non-traditional forms of participation in sport and recreation.

### 5.2 Sport participation by ward

Membership of sports club providers (by respondents) saw a total growth of 6067 members (as reported by respondents) between 2014 and 2018. Survey responses were received from sports club providers from all five of the wards.

As populations change the pool for potential sport participants changes accordingly. Considerations are made to these potential changes as part of the prioritisation process (as described in **Error! Reference source not found.** Appendix E: Assessment Criteria).

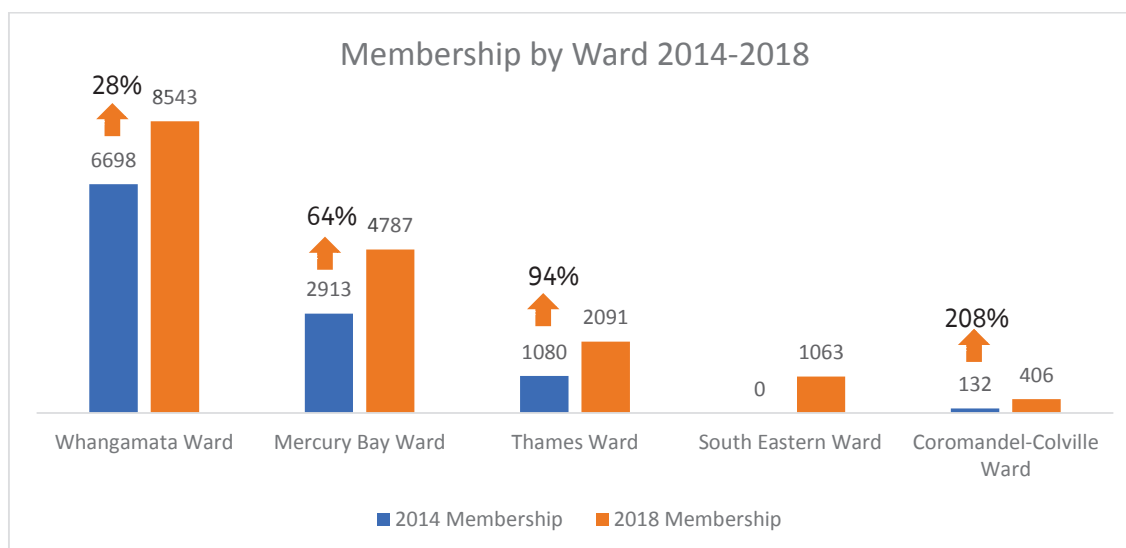


Figure 11: Sport Participation by Ward 2014-2018

It is noted that not all sport providers that are active in the communities are detailed as they did not all participate in the survey. For a full list of survey respondents and non-respondents please see Appendix A.

## 5.3 Workforce

### 5.3.1 Volunteers

60 of the 93 survey respondents recorded they have volunteers involved in their sport. 48% of sport providers utilising volunteers reported their volunteer base had increased over the past 10 years, while 25% have experienced a decrease and 27% did not share this information.

Club volunteer numbers ranged from 1 – 119 with an average of 23 volunteers per club across respondents. Volunteers covered a broad spectrum of roles supporting the function of the clubs/providers and their events. Roles included, but were not limited to:

- Committee members
- Management
- Administration
- Coaches and Officials
- Facilities and Grounds maintenance
- Kitchen and Bar staff

Of those clubs whose volunteer base has increased, 93% state their membership has also increased or remained constant over the last 5 years. Some clubs reported that member growth has created a larger pool of people willing to volunteer.

Clubs whose volunteer base has been decreasing attribute the decline to an aging population of current volunteers. These clubs have seen an increase in younger members coming through and have mentioned that upskilling could be a valuable tool to enable an increase in volunteers. Most of these clubs have either not grown or have experienced a decline in membership over the past 5 years. The few that saw an increase, have also had a rise in youth memberships.

It is evident that a correlation exists between the growth and decline of memberships and growth and decline in volunteers.

#### 5.3.2 ***Paid employees***

Of the 93 responding sport providers, 24 indicated they had paid employees to undertake specific duties. Paid staffing roles identified included:

- Grounds keeping
- Coaching roles
- Administration
- Bar staff
- Lifeguards
- Cleaners

Most paid positions were for administration and maintenance roles.

#### Implications for the workforce

- For sport clubs and partners, a key priority over the next five years will be the development and implementation of volunteer recruitment and retention plans. Increasing youth memberships is promising regarding the recruitment and retention of new volunteers.
- There is a current gap between the new young members and the aging volunteers. Consider offering youth development opportunities to strengthen delivery of sport and offer sustainable solutions beyond the ageing existing volunteer and paid workforce.
- Changes to Health and Safety Legislation will have implications for responding sport providers that have employed staff. Sport Waikato should work with these club to ensure they understand their responsibilities as PCBU's.

## 6. Existing facility inventory, needs and future plans

Survey respondents were requested to provide feedback on their existing facilities. Included as part of this assessment was a review of the type of facilities available and a request for insight into any future facility repair and maintenance, or development aspirations.

### 6.1 Financial sustainability

Respondents were asked if they own or manage any facilities (ranging from club rooms, outdoor hard courts, indoor court, artificial turf, aquatic or activity-specific sport facilities) and if they were financially sustainable. The sport clubs that responded to this noted the following:

- Ten clubs (11% of clubs) reported that their facilities were not financially sustainable. Of these ten clubs only three of them say that their clubs are utilised to capacity. Nine of the ten clubs share their facilities with other clubs.
- Five clubs have a scheduled repair or maintenance plan that they are not currently on track with. A further twenty-five clubs had scheduled repair and maintenance plan that was on track.

Over half of the clubs in the district currently share their facility with other clubs and a further

Implications for financial sustainability:

- Affordable facility solutions are important to smaller local clubs to enable affordable delivery of programmes to the community.
- Where clubs are finding it difficult to fund ongoing repairs and maintenance, with declining or small membership, opportunities should be investigated for clubs to come together in facilities (most clubs in Thames-Coromandel are open to sharing facilities) and rationalisation of facilities to occur.
- These trends indicate that most sport clubs in the Thames-Coromandel District are financially sustainable.
- Whilst Council assists clubs/organisations occasionally through grants it seems that resources overall are decreasing whilst maintenance and other costs rise. This makes discussions regarding merging, hubs and the optimisation of facilities as well as planning for the future very important.

eleven clubs that do not currently share facilities are open to sharing with other clubs in the future.

### 6.2 Facility provision by ward

Tables in 'Appendix D: Facility provision by ward' provides detailed information around the sport facilities across the Thames-Coromandel District. Facilities that have been categorised into a 'status' or facility hierarchy ranking in the WRSFP (2018) have had these included in the tables. The facilities that do not have a status recorded in the WRSFP have had a suggested status included, this is indicated through the use of an asterisk.



## 7. Summary of community consultation

Community consultation is critical in gaining an understanding of communities wants and needs. Whilst the survey provides an opportunity to gather information from club settings community consultations provide an opportunity for other interested community members to provide feedback.

Thames-Coromandel District Council and Sport Waikato hosted five community consultation evenings – one in each ward. The consultations discussed key findings from the survey and the key challenges that are driving the development of the plan.



Figure 12: Why do we need a plan - excerpt from Thames-Coromandel Community Sport Evenings.

The consultations also discussed the purpose of the plan which was to:

- Provide clubs and organisations the opportunity to have their say
- Gather a stocktake on existing facilities and investment
- Address future need with growth in mind
- Prioritise projects
- Inform council investment
- Link to 10-year plan

And discuss the priorities for the plan:



Figure 13: Priorities for the plan - excerpt from Thames-Coromandel Community Sport Evenings

Information captured during the community consultation sessions is presented in 'Appendix A: Methodology' and has been incorporated into the tables in 'Appendix D: Facility provision by ward'. Information provided through the community consultations was taken into consideration when addressing strategic priorities and concluding recommendations. A summary of the consultations is provided below, for full details please refer to 'Appendix A: Methodology'.

## 7.1 Whangamata Community Consultation (13 June 2019)

13 individuals representing ten clubs/organisations attended the Whangamata community consultation. Key topics of conversation included:

- covering of the community pool;
- funding opportunities;
- growing membership of non-traditional sports clubs;
- facility challenges with growing clubs;
- hubbing;
- opportunities for young people; and
- transportation challenges.

## 7.2 Coromandel / Colville Community Consultation (18 June 2019)

12 individuals attended the Coromandel / Colville community consultation, representing 11 clubs/organisations. Key topics discussed at the consultation included:

- capacity of facilities;
- aging facilities and expenses of repairs/maintenance;

- development of community events;
- volunteers; and
- increasing participants of high school age group.

### 7.3 Mercury Bay Community Consultation (19 June 2019)

14 individuals attended representing 11 club/organisations at the Mercury Bay community consultation. Key themes from the discussions included:

- Clubs searching for a home;
- Discussion about the lack of indoor court space due to the fire at the College;
- Covering the community pool;
- Redevelopment of sport park; and
- Development of a new skate park.

### 7.4 Thames Community Consultation (20 June 2019)

12 individuals attended the Thames community consultation evening, representing 11 clubs/organisations. Key themes from the discussions included:

- Flooding of facilities;
- Support requests; and
- More access to natural assets for sport and recreation development.

### 7.5 Tairua / Pauanui Community Consultation (25 June 2019)

8 individuals attended the Tairua / Pauanui community consultation evening, representing 5 clubs/organisations. Key themes from the evenings discussions included:

- Hubbing – key example of Pauanui sports club;
- Seasonal fluctuations in use of sport facilities;
- Indoor facility space in Pauanui;

Implications from community consultation:

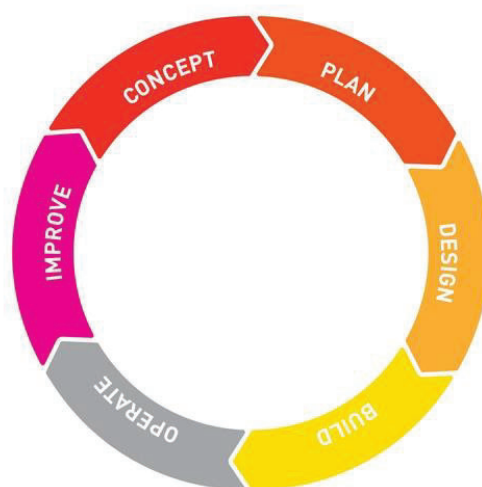
- Community consultation is critical in understanding the grass roots needs of the community and engagement with the sport community was welcomed.
- Collaboration with Council, RSO's, schools and surrounding clubs are all avenues which organisations are actively pursuing, or open to exploring, to optimise club and sporting opportunities.
- Future facility development projects.

## 8. Facility planning process and decisions criteria

## 8.1 Facility planning process

The 2018 WRSFP (Sport Waikato, 2018) adopts the New Zealand Sporting Facilities Framework's six stage facility life-cycle (Sport New Zealand, 2017a).

Those exploring facility developments and stakeholders should review the project at each stage of the planning processes, and its alignment with the WRSFP's principles, criteria and recommendations. The principles and criteria should be used to structure stakeholder decision making. Sport Waikato will be able to guide stakeholders through the planning process and direct them towards useful resources.



Each step in the six stage cycle represents a GO/NO GO decision point

Figure 14: Six stages in the lifecycle of a facility (Sport New Zealand, 2017a).

### 1.1.4 The Six Stages of the Facility Lifecycle

1. **Concept** – identifying the need for a facility and developing the strategic case for doing so, including assessing the specific need in the wider context of the desired facility network
2. **Plan** – ensuring the facility will be fit for purpose, sustainable and future-proof. Assessing and determining financial feasibility based on the facility mix
  - a. **Concept Plan** – Two-page high level document outlining the need in the wider context of the desired facility network
  - b. **Feasibility Plan** - Assess market dynamics, including demographics and changing sport and participant needs (feasibility assessment).
  - c. **Business Case** - Critique and review key thinking. Include detailed assessment of Capital and Operational budget and funding plan
3. **Design** – developing the detailed functional and spatial requirements of the facility based on the facility mix. Details are confirmed and estimates finalised. Secure funding for capital and operational investment and investment expenditure
4. **Build** – constructing the facility
5. **Operate** – managing and maintaining of the facility to ensure it delivers a quality experience. Developing the most effective and efficient operating model and the programming of the facility
6. **Improve** – evaluating the success of the facility, how it has delivered on the identified outcomes and objectives, what improvements can be made and any experience or learnings that can be shared

The greatest impact on a facility's strategic outcome is made in the concept, plan and improve stages of the facility life cycle.

### Roles and responsibilities

Each facility planning process requires stakeholders to clearly identify roles and responsibilities, including who plays a facilitation and support role for codes/clubs wanting to develop facilities.

### Further information

For more detail about the Facility Lifecycle, refer to the Sport NZ information: <https://sportnz.org.nz/managing-sport/search-for-a-resource/guides/community-sport-and-recreation-facility-development-guide>

## 8.2 Decision making criteria

The WRSFP (Sport Waikato, 2018) provides a facility investment decision making criteria to ensure a robust, transparent and fair process in decision making. The criteria is envisaged to involve charitable funders, local authorities, regional sports organisations and Sport Waikato acting in a collaborative manner to ensure facilities reflect the needs of their communities, while also fitting within a regional network of facilities.

All proposed facilities, whether new build or redevelopments, should go through this process. However, the scale of the proposed project and its likely ongoing operational costs will dictate how detailed the analysis in each stage of the process will need to be. For some smaller projects the process can likely be truncated. Sport Waikato, as the process facilitator, will be able to provide guidance on this.

These criteria work in conjunction with the facility planning process and facility lifecycle. The criteria should be considered at all levels of planning.

Level One Criteria are critical at the initial evaluation stage. Other levels of criteria are considered in more detail should a proposal progress.

| Table 3: Decision criteria from the WRSFP (2018). |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Level one criteria:</b>                        |   |
| Strategic Alignment                               | The degree of alignment a facility or proposed facility has with national and regional facility strategies and wider strategic documents and plans, such as those concerned with urban planning, infrastructure development, tourism, economic development, and transport networks  |
| Projected Users and Needs                         | The degree to which any existing or proposed facility matches the projected needs of the community within its core catchment area. In the case of facilities with wide utilisation (such as aquatics facilities) this involves consideration of all potential and existing users from general recreational users through to members of formal sports codes, ethnic, financial and ability barriers including but not limited to age and disability. |
| <b>Level two criteria</b>                         |   |
| Stakeholder Partnerships                          | The potential for operational and/or capital partnerships between multiple stakeholders<br>The potential for wider partnerships (beyond operational and capital) between multiple stakeholders to work together to allow inclusion of other user groups or those with different physical, mental or social abilities.   |
| Network Consideration                             | The degree to which a facility or proposed facility compliments rather than duplicates the existing network, contributes to network optimisation and builds on the Waikato region's strengths   |
| Demand  | The degree to which current and forecast demand exceeds potential supply (once all existing facilities are being run at an optimal operational level) and the facility or proposed facility can meet the identified gap   |
| Operational Sustainability                        | The degree to which the existing or proposed facility is operationally sustainable. The assessment takes a whole of lifecycle approach which looks at operational and maintenance costs throughout the facility's life.   |

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|------------------------------|---|
| Return on Investment         | The return on investment that the facility, or proposed facility, can generate. This includes social, economic, environmental and cultural impacts.   |
| <b>Level three criteria:</b> |   |
| Best Practice                | The ability of the facility or proposed facility to reflect international and national best practice in its location, design and subsequent operation |
| Progress Sporting Objectives | The ability of the facility or proposed facility to progress the competitive sporting objectives of the Waikato region and wider New Zealand society  |

All proposed facility projects identified in the Plan will need to be tested in more detail, including analysis of verified facts and evidence-based decision making using the decision criteria defined in the Plan. Note: Sport Waikato will be able to guide proponents through the decision criteria and direct them towards useful resources (such as business case templates).

#### Implications

- Proponents and stakeholders alike should consider at each stage how a project aligns with the principles, criteria and recommendations of the Waikato Facility Plan.
- The principles and criteria should be used to structure stakeholder decision making.

## 9. Strategic priorities

The Thames-Coromandel District Sport and Active Recreation Plan has identified the following priority projects. These have been split into projects that are focused on facility development and service delivery projects to enhance the provision of services for the Thames-Coromandel District in upcoming years.

### 9.1 Recommendations

The Thames-Coromandel District Sport and Active Recreation Plan (The Plan) is developed to help guide the future work programme of refurbishment, rationalisation or otherwise of existing facilities. It also assists with a set of criteria for consideration when planning the development of a new facility.

Participation preferences are changing, there has been a move towards more informal and unstructured forms of participation in recreation activities. These changes will need to be considered by the Thames-Coromandel District Council when planning the sport and recreation resources provided for communities. This should include an added emphasis on trails, cycleways, walkways and diverse spaces alongside traditional sport field and sport facility provision.

As current council and club facilities age and come to the end of their useful life, limited access to funding will mean that all facilities will not be able to be renewed or rebuilt. A holistic approach will be required to meet the changing landscape of recreation and will need continual consideration in a manner that questions the need and form of the facilities provided.

#### 9.1.1 *Existing assets*

- There needs to be a focus on optimisation of use, refurbishment or rationalisation of facilities.
- There is potential for existing facilities to be redeveloped to optimize use and maximise community benefits. Sports should consider working together or hubbing to maximise outcomes and combine resources.
- In some cases the ongoing repair and maintenance cost of an aging facility may begin to exceed the use of the facility. This is especially true in the instance of local facilities who may only be used by one community. In these cases rationalization of facilities needs to be considered.
- Asset management plans will be an important feature of future plans and facility management.
- The Thames-Coromandel District has an ageing network of facilities with limited lifecycle asset modelling. This is particularly true of many of the club buildings on Council land.
- Many of the existing facilities in the Thames-Coromandel District are unable to be adapted for different functions. This is something that will need to be considered as buildings and other facilities reach the end of their useful lives.
- It will become increasingly important for all stakeholders to work collaboratively in order to improve delivery of sport facilities.
- Engage with clubs to ensure that they have asset management plans (which take into account the buildings lifecycle). Encourage co-use of existing assets and / or amalgamation of clubs when warranted.
- When investigating capital investment into the renovation of clubrooms older than 20 years of age, carry out an independent building condition assessment: quantity

survey of refurbishment / repair costs and a cost benefit analysis and sustainability / feasibility analysis (this work should be scaled appropriately to the capital investment being considered).

- Where global warming and rising sea levels are affecting existing assets, rationalization of ongoing repair and maintenance on these properties and possible alternatives should be considered.

#### 9.1.2 ***Growth of older population***

- Projected growth in the older age groups, will require a stronger focus on facility use/needs suitable for older users. Planning will be needed for new facilities, administration and programs to target changing demographics and provide appropriate opportunities that are available in local settings. Investment in sport facilities will necessitate a strategic business approach.

#### 9.1.3 ***Partnerships***

- It will be important to engage RSOs (and NSOs where appropriate) when considering sub-regional and regional projects in the Thames-Coromandel District.
- There are considerable opportunities to partner with schools, particularly secondary schools, in the provision of facilities for community use. Within Thames-Coromandel some communities have existing community/school partnerships. The continuation and optimisation of these partnerships is crucial in provision of sport facilities.
- Rationalisation of existing assets and proposals for new facilities must take into account local secondary school provision and potential community-school partnerships.
- Partnerships with schools, neighbouring Councils, DOC and local Iwi offer opportunities to provide adequate community spaces and places.
- Sports clubs should consider hubbing with existing co-located clubs and additional clubs to maximise utilisation of existing facilities.

#### 9.1.4 ***Financial sustainability***

- Affordable facility solutions are important to smaller local clubs to enable the affordable delivery of programmes to the community.
- Where clubs are finding it difficult to fund ongoing repairs and maintenance, with declining or small membership, opportunities should be investigated for clubs to come together in facilities and rationalisation of facilities to occur.
- Whilst Council assists clubs/organisations occasionally through grants, it seems that resources overall are decreasing whilst maintenance and other costs rise. This makes discussions regarding planning for the future very important.
- Include provision in LTP to support the delivery of 1-3-year objectives; including the introduction of funding for facility developments /feasibilities/investigations and the continued funding of the existing District Coordinator role for Service Delivery Support and Facilities Advisor role to support facilities guidance.

#### 9.1.5 ***Future facilities***

- Sound planning and pre-feasibility should be applied to determine needs of the community for new facilities before any budget for construction is conceived.



- There is a need to establish a district wide approach to accurately capture membership of clubs and community use in each ward as evidence for future facility development.
- Full whole of life costing models (capital and 10 year operational) consideration should guide investment costing logic.
- Facility design and modification will need to focus on multi-purpose use and be flexible to allow for future adaptation.

## 9.2 Cross boundary partnership projects

The WRSFP (Sport Waikato, 2018) identifies the need for the Thames-Coromandel District council to explore the establishment of cross boundary partnerships with other councils/local boards. This cross boundary approach should be considered when thinking about facility provision for communities at all times. Within the Waikato Regional Sports Facility Plan (Sport Waikato, 2018) there was one potential cross boundary project identified. This is displayed in 'Table 4'.

| Table 4: Thames-Coromandel District potential sub-regional cross-boundary partnership projects |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| Indicative timeframe (funding dependent)   | Proposed approach  | Comments  |
| 4-10 years   | Indoor 25m community pool (potential Thames-Coromandel, Hauraki and /or Matamata-Piako District Councils partnership). | Pre-feasibility in progress with the Thames-Coromandel Council. |

In September 2017 the Mayoral Forum endorsed the Community Facilities Funding Framework. The purpose of the Community Facilities Funding Framework is to enable local authorities in the Waikato region to make collective, strategic investments in new community facilities so that communities benefit from these investments now and into the future by:

- developing partnerships and leveraging funding from central government, community funders and other funders beyond local authorities;
- supporting aligned delivery of facilities to broader communities than just those defined by local authority boundaries;
- enabling a more financially robust delivery mechanism for local authorities in delivering community infrastructure;
- ensuring community facilities receive support from each local authority commensurate with the level of benefit to each authority's community now and into the future; and
- identifying, analysing and funding sports, recreation, arts and culture facilities for the region on a prioritised basis over time using a robust funding framework.

The objective of the Cross-Boundary Funding Framework will be to provide guiding principles and recommendations from which the Thames-Coromandel District Council and other Local Authorities can prioritise investment decisions, particularly those identified in the WRSFP (Sport Waikato, 2018).

## 9.3 Criteria for local facility projects

### 9.3.1 *Optimisation of assets*

In some locations, local facilities will likely require rationalisation and optimisation. This will potentially involve approaches such as amalgamations, sharing facilities between clubs, and between clubs and schools. Local facility partnerships are also likely to become more essential.

It will become increasingly important that every funding grant be evaluated carefully to optimise the investment and to not perpetuate a suboptimal facility network that may not meet the changing local community needs.

### 9.3.2 *Asset management plans*

The overriding recommendation for all projects is that investment in clubroom upgrades should consider evidence of Asset Management Plans, and where feasible co-location/use and development of community hubs should be undertaken.

Clubroom asset management plans should include independent building assessments prior to investment on facilities that are greater than 20 years old.

### 9.3.3 *Priority projects*

Table 6 identifies the priority projects identified within this plan. Indicative timeframes provide recommendation as to the priority of the project; the proposed approach details the specific actions required. Provision should be considered in the LTP process for priority projects.

## 9.4 Current provision in the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan (LTP)

At the time of writing this plan, the Thames-Coromandel District Council 2018-2028 LTP was active. The following priorities were approved in the LTP for budgeted expenditure. Projects with an asterisk are linked with recommendations in section 9.5.

| Table 5: Thames-Coromandel District current provision in 2018-2028 LTP |  |                  |
|--|--|------------------|
| Project  | Timeframe                              | Budgeted expense |
| District - Sub regional aquatics facility*                             | 2021/22; 2022/23; and 2023/24          | \$21,091,000     |
| Thames – Rhodes park grandstand and clubrooms*                         | 2019/20 and 2020/21                    | \$3,133,000      |
| Thames – Waiokarake to Karaka connector trail                          | 2018/19                                | \$21,000         |
| Thames – Te Puru skate area  | 2018/19                                | \$57,000         |
| Coromandel -Premier netball courts                                     | 2018/19 and 2020/21                    | \$346,000        |
| Coromandel – Bike park   | 2018/19; 2019/20; and 2020/21          | \$633,000        |
| Mercury Bay – Whitianga sports ground*                                 | 2018/19; 2019/20; 2020/21; and 2021/22 | \$756,000        |

| Table 5: Thames-Coromandel District current provision in 2018-2028 LTP |  |                  |
|--|--|------------------|
| Project  | Timeframe                              | Budgeted expense |
| Mercury Bay – Sands corner tennis courts refurbishment                 | 2018/19                                | \$72,000         |
| Mercury Bay – Matarangi walk to village                                | 2022/23                                | \$160,000        |
| Mercury Bay – Skate Park*  | 2018/19; 2019/20; and 2020/21          | \$493,000        |
| Mercury Bay – Purangi Upper Harbour walkway                            | 2026/27                                | \$1,100,000      |
| Mercury Bay – Taputapuatea walkway and footbridge                      | 2018/19 and 2019/20                    | \$326,000        |
| Mercury Bay – Wigmore stream walkway and bridge                        | 2023/24                                | \$235,000        |
| Tairua/Pauanui – Tairua Skate path*                                    | 2019/20 and 2020/21                    | \$184,000        |
| Tairua/Pauanui – Kennedy Park fitness equipment                        | 2019/20                                | \$53,000         |
| Tairua/Pauanui – Pauanui playground equipment                          | 2018/19; 2019/20; 2020/21; and 2021/22 | \$481,000        |
| Tairua/Pauanui – Pauanui skatebowl upgrade                             | 2019/20 and 2020/21                    | \$116,000        |
| Tairua/Pauanui – Kennedy Park tennis courts                            | 2020/21                                | \$147,000        |
| Tairua/Pauanui – Manaia Road Hub                                       | 2021/22                                | \$223,000        |
| Tairua/Pauanui – Manaia Road tennis courts                             | 2022/23                                | \$57,000         |
| Whangamata – Boardwalk extensions                                      | 2019/20; 2020/21 and 2025/26           | \$557,000        |
| Whangamata – Skatebowl upgrade   | 2018/19 and 2019/20                    | \$339,000        |
| Whangamata – Aicken Road Floodlights                                   | 2021/22                                | \$65,000         |
| Whangamata – Harbour Walkway   | 2019/20 Annual Plan                    | \$111,603        |

## 9.5 Recommended local facility investigation /development projects

| Table 6: Thames-Coromandel District recommended local facility investigation /development projects |             |  |  |  |
|--|-------------|--|--|--|
| Indicative timeframe   | Ward        | Project  | Components   | Proposed approach  |
| Year 1-3   | Thames      | <b>Thames Replacement Pool / Sub-Regional Pool</b> Continued investigation and development of business case to confirm the scale of facility to meet the needs of the community. Collaboration with Hauraki District to promote concept of sub-regional facility with the inclusion of users from other districts. | Thames Centennial pool – Used by community, Thames Swimming club, and Thames Aquarobics  | Continued investigation and development of business case to confirm the scale of facility to meet the needs of the community. Collaboration with Hauraki District to promote concept of sub-regional facility with the inclusion of users from other districts. Current provision in LTP (2018-2028).  |
| Year 1-3   | Mercury Bay | <b>Redevelopment of Mercury Bay Sports</b><br>Investigation into the redevelopment of Mercury Bay Sports Park, including the build of a clubrooms. Design should consider the need for future facilities to be flexible, adaptable and multi-purpose.  | Mercury Bay Sports Park – Used by Whitianga touch club, Mercury Bay Netball Centre, Mercury Bay Boars Rugby League, Mercury Bay Football club, Mercury Bay Cricket club, Mercury Bay Junior Rugby Club, Whitianga Pickleball Club. | Investigation into the redevelopment of Mercury Bay Sports Park, including the build of a clubrooms. Design should consider the need for future facilities to be flexible, adaptable and multi-purpose. Current provision in LTP (2018-2028).  |
| Year 1-3   | Thames      | <b>Relocation of Rhodes Park</b><br>Investigation into relocation of clubs to a new facility, developed with the intention of multi-use, hubbing, and adaptable and flexible spaces that will provide for future changes in sport and recreation delivery.   | Rhodes Park – Used by Thames Rugby and Sport Club Inc., Thames Junior Rugby club, Hoteirini Rugby league club, The Fitness Co-op, Thames Junior Football Club, Thames Junior Cricket Club  | Investigation into relocation of clubs to a new facility, developed with the intention of multi-use, hubbing, and adaptable and flexible spaces that will provide for future changes in sport and recreation delivery. Currently only provision for facility upgrade of Rhodes park in LTP (2018-2028). Will need investigation/expansion of this in next revision of LTP. |
| Year 1-2   | Mercury Bay | <b>Mercury Bay Skate Park</b><br>Development of facility.  | Mercury Bay Skate Park – community use   | Current provision in the LTP in 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21. Development of  |

| Table 6: Thames-Coromandel District recommended local facility investigation /development projects |  |  |   |   |
|--|--|--|---|---|
| Indicative timeframe   | Ward   | Project  | Components  | Proposed approach   |
| Year 1-2   |  |  | and Mercury Bay Skate Park Trust.   | facility to align with this provision.  |
| Year 1-2   | South Eastern  | <b>Tairua</b><br>Investigation into potential options and locations for skate path in Tairua.  | No identified venue as yet – Community use.   | Investigation into potential options and locations for skate path in Tairua. Current provision in LTP 2019/20 and 2020/21.  |
| Year 1-2   | South Eastern, Mercury Bay and Coromandel / Colville | <b>Investigation of swimming pool needs</b><br>Investigation into the provision of community swimming facilities for Whangamata, Mercury Bay and Coromandel should be included in the assessment of community need undertaken for Thames Replacement Pool / Sub-Regional Pool. | Whangamata Community Swimming Pool- Use by School, and community and Whangamata Amateur Swimming Club<br>Mercury Bay Community Pool – Used by community, school and Mercury Bay Swimming club, potential inclusion of Mercury Bay Learn to Swim in future.<br>The Coromandel Community Swimming Pool is operated by a non profit community group. Use by Coromandel Swimming Club, learn to swim, Coromandel Area School and community. | Investigation into the provision of community swimming facilities for Whangamata Mercury Bay and Coromandel should be included in the assessment of community need undertaken for Thames Replacement Pool / Sub-Regional Pool.              |
| Year 2-3   | South Eastern  | <b>Monitoring progress of Tairua Rugby and Sports Club's upgrade of the pavilion and netball court facilities</b>  | Cory Park – Used by Tairua Rugby and Sports Club  | Monitoring progress of Tairua Rugby and Sports Club's upgrade of the pavilion and netball court facilities to enable the club to promote hubbing and combined sports approach to sport delivery. Currently no provision in LTP (2018-2028). |

| Table 6: Thames-Coromandel District recommended local facility investigation /development projects |                      |   |                                       |   |
|--|----------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| Indicative timeframe   | Ward                 | Project   | Components                            | Proposed approach   |
| Year 2-3   | Coromandel/ Colville | <b>Coromandel addition of another rugby field</b><br>Investigation into use and current provision of field space with potential for additional field and upgrade of current field | Coromandel Rugby club and ground      | Investigation in next LTP. There is the potential of expansion onto a council owned piece of land near CILT site. No formal control and management agreement with DOC for the land this club is on. |
| Year 3   | Mercury Bay          | <b>Hot Water Beach Surf Life Saving club</b><br>Monitoring of redevelopment of current facility   | Hot Water Beach Surf Life Saving Club | Monitoring of redevelopment of current facility. Currently no provision in LTP (2018-2028).   |
| Year 3   | South Eastern        | <b>Tairua Surf Life Saving Club</b><br>Monitoring progression of rebuild of clubrooms.  | Tairua Surf Life Saving Club          | Monitoring progression of rebuild of clubrooms. Currently no provision in LTP (2018-2028).  |
| Year 3   | South Eastern        | <b>Pauanui Surf Life Saving Club</b><br>Monitoring progression of rebuild of clubrooms.   | Pauanui Surf Life Saving Club         | Monitoring of redevelopment of current facility. Currently no provision in LTP (2018-2028).   |
| Year 3   | South Eastern        | <b>Onemana Surf Life Saving Club</b><br>Monitoring progression of rebuild of clubrooms.   | Onemana Surf Life Saving Club         | Monitoring of redevelopment of current facility. Currently no provision in LTP (2018-2028).   |
| Year 4+  | South Eastern        | <b>Whangamata Surf Life Saving club</b><br>Monitoring progression of rebuild of clubrooms. (7 years).   | Whangamata Surf Life Saving Club      | Beyond life of the plan – for review in 4+ years.   |

All facility challenges were discussed by Sport Waikato and Thames-Coromandel staff members. For further clarification of terminology used in recommendations please see 'Appendix F: Glossary'. It was decided that some of the projects were smaller projects, not critical to the functioning of the club. These self-funded projects are listed in Appendix A: Methodology. The plan recommends that the club fund these projects themselves.

## 9.6 Service delivery priorities for Sport Waikato and Thames-Coromandel District Council

| Table 7: Service delivery priorities for Sport Waikato and Thames-Coromandel District Council |  |  |  |               |           |
|---|--|--|--|---------------|-----------|
| Description   | Facility name/club   | Components   | Proposed approach  | Undertaken by | Timeframe |
| Development of user group   | Mercury Bay Multi Sports Park  | Sports Park – Used by Whitianga touch club, Mercury Bay Netball Centre, Mercury Bay Boars Rugby League, Mercury Bay Football club, Mercury Bay Cricket club, Mercury Bay Junior Rugby Club, Whitianga Pickleball Club. | Development of user group to support redevelopment and/or relocation projects. | Sport Waikato | Year 1-2  |
| Development of user group   | Rhodes Park  | Thames Rugby And Sports Club Inc., Thames Junior Rugby Club, Hoterini Rugby League Club, Thames Junior Football Club, The Fitness Co-Op, Thames Netball Centre, Thames Valley Motorcycle Club                          | Development of user group to support redevelopment and/or relocation projects. | Sport Waikato | Year 1-2  |
| Development of user group   | Coromandel Domain, Coromandel Community Swimming Pool and Coromandel Area School | Coromandel Netball, Coromandel Gymnastics Club, Coromandel Swimming Club, Coromandel Croquet Club, Coromandel Bowling Club, (Combined Clubs of Coromandel Inc), Coromandel Rugby Football Club &                       | Development of user group to support redevelopment and/or relocation projects. | Sport Waikato | Year 1-2  |

| Table 7: Service delivery priorities for Sport Waikato and Thames-Coromandel District Council |   |  |   |               |           |
|---|---|--|---|---------------|-----------|
| Description   | Facility name/club                                    | Components   | Proposed approach   | Undertaken by | Timeframe |
|   |   | Sports   |   |               |           |
| Acquire a new location -assist club in seeking new facility                                   | Currently in discussions to find home                 | Mercury Motorsport Club<br>Mercury Bay Athletics<br>Mercury Bay Equestrian Academy                 | Facility discussion around other potential locations. Including the exploration of shared opportunities with other clubs.                   | Sport Waikato | Year 1-2  |
| Facilitate discussion between clubs to move to shared clubroom arrangement                    | Coromandel Area School                                | Coromandel Netball<br>Coromandel Swimming Club   | Facilitate discussions regarding use of swimming club rooms for shared use.   | Sport Waikato | Year 2    |
| To discuss potential inclusion in Rhodes park move investigations                             | Victoria Park   | Thames Squash Club,<br>Thames Tennis Club,<br>Thames Croquet Club Inc                              | To discuss potential inclusion in Rhodes park move investigation  | Sport Waikato | Year 1-2  |
| To discuss potential options and optimised approach for indoor space use.                     | Mercury Bay Area School<br><br>Coromandel Area School | Mercury Bay and Boars Gymnastics<br>Mercury Bay Boars Basketball<br><br>Coromandel Gymnastics Club | Have conversations about existing spaces available within the community and optimisation of current facility to allow more provision.       | Sport Waikato | Year 2    |
| Facilitate discussion with club and Council regarding parking extension project               | Thames Pony Club                                      | Thames Pony Club   | Facilitate discussion with club and Council regarding parking extension project. Lighting and clubrooms projects to be self-funded by club. | Sport Waikato | Year 1    |
| Facilitate club discussions and self-funded upgrade of facility                               | Pauanui Sports & Recreation Club                      | Pauanui Bowling Club   | Recommend self-funding of green upgrade and prompt club discussions between bowling and wider sports club.                                  | Sport Waikato | Year 1    |



| Table 7: Service delivery priorities for Sport Waikato and Thames-Coromandel District Council |  |   |   |               |           |
|---|--|---|---|---------------|-----------|
| Description   | Facility name/club   | Components  | Proposed approach   | Undertaken by | Timeframe |
| Assist club with optimisation of current facility use to provide more capacity                | Whangamata Combined Sports Centre  | Whangamata Croquet Club   | Engaged in a feasibility study to move to bigger grounds. Conversation about optimised use.   | Sport Waikato | Year 2    |
| Discuss light grants as potential funding option  | Coromandel Domain, Aickin Road Sportsground, Whangamata Combined Sports Centre | Coromandel Rugby Football Club & Sports, Whangamata Netball Club, Whangamata Tennis & Squash Club | Pass on information to the clubs regarding lights grants that the clubs could access to help with the installation/replacement of field lights. | Sport Waikato | Year 1    |
| Monitor club funding application situation  | Coromandel Domain  | Coromandel Croquet Club<br>Coromandel Bowling Club  | Monitor funding application decision due in November 2019. Monitor whether club is sold by bowling.   | Sport Waikato | Year 1-2  |
| Discuss optimisation of field space use to provide more capacity                              | Whangamata Area School and Aickin Road reserve                                 | Whangamata Rugby and Sports Club<br>Whangamata Senior Football Club                               | Optimisation of field space so that an additional field is not needed.  | Sport Waikato | Year 2    |
| Facilitate conversations with club regarding refurbishment                                    | Lyon Park  | Mercury Bay Tennis Club   | Facilitate conversations with Mercury Bay Tennis club regarding refurbishment of surfaces and fences.   | Sport Waikato | Year 1-2  |
| Direct to strategy for cycling and discuss other potential partnerships                       |  | Bike Mercury Bay, Whangamata MTB Club   | To direct to strategy for cycling and direct to seek other partnerships e.g. forestry.  | Sport Waikato | Year 1    |
| Engage club in discussions around location  | Beach Road Boat Ramp   | Te Whānau Waka Ama O Whangamata   | To discuss potential options for office space and storage as the club currently functions out of a private residence.                           | Sport Waikato | Year 1-2  |
| Monitor development   | Pauanui Trail  | Hikuaui District Trust  | Monitor usage and development of trail  | Sport Waikato | Year 1-2  |

## 9.7 Local club support

The following clubs have been identified by Sport Waikato with a focus on building club capability and providing support.

Coromandel Croquet Club

**Coromandel** Flying Club

Coromandel Golf Club

Coromandel Netball

Coromandel RFC

Health Groove Ltd

Hoterini Rugby League Club

Mercury Bay Athletics

Mercury Bay Boars Rugby League

Mercury Bay Cricket

Mercury Bay Equestrian Academy

Mercury Bay Pony Club

Mercury Bay Skate Park Trust

Mercury Bay Swimming Club

Pauanui Golf Club

Pauanui indoor bowls club

Purangi Golf and Country Club

Tai Chi Thames

Tairua Bowling Club

Tairua Rugby and Sports Club

Tairua Surf Life Saving Club

Thames Aquarobics

Thames Athletics Club

Thames Croquet Club inc

Thames Golf Club

Thames Gymsports

Thames Junior Football Club

Thames Junior Hockey

**Thames** Squash Club

The Dunes Golf Club

The Fitness Co-Op

Whānau Whanau Waka ama o Whangamata

Whangamata Board Riders

Whangamata Bowling Club

Whangamata Croquet Club

**Whangamata** Golf Club

Whangamata Ocean Sports Club

**Whangamata** Rugby and Sports Club

Whangamata senior football club

Whangamata Tennis & Squash Club

## 10. Action plan

Sport Waikato and Thames-Coromandel District Council staff will continue to engage with the clubs who did not respond to the survey over the term of the plan (3 years) to try and gain a better understanding of their needs.

The following actions will need to be undertaken to implement the recommendations of this plan:

| Table 8: Thames-Coromandel District Sport and Recreation Plan - Action Plan |  |   |                                    |                                     |                                       |                      |  |
|---|--|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Priority area   | Proposed action  | Additional projects related to action                 | Staff/undertaken by                | Prioritisation – project start date | Budget implications                   | Reporting/monitoring | Outcome (achieved/not achieved, description) |
| <b>Funding</b>  |  |   |                                    |                                     |                                       |                      |  |
|   | Include provision in LTP to support the delivery of 1-3 year objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facility development/feasibility /investigations recommended in plan (NEW)</li> <li>• District Co-ordinator role to support service delivery requests and provide capability building opportunities (EXISTING)</li> <li>• Facilities Advisor role to support facilities guidance (EXISTING)</li> </ul> |   | Thames-Coromandel District Council | 2019/2020 (Year 1)                  | Provision in LTP                      |                      |  |
| <b>Local priority projects</b>  |  |   |                                    |                                     |                                       |                      |  |
|   | <b>Thames Replacement Pool / Sub-Regional Pool</b> Continued investigation and development of business case to confirm the scale of facility to meet the needs of the community. Collaboration with Hauraki District to promote concept of sub-regional facility with the inclusion of users from other districts.   | <b>Investigation of community swimming pool needs</b> | Thames-Coromandel District Council | 2019/20-2021/22 (Year 1-3)          | Current provision in LTP (2018-2028). |                      |  |
|   | <b>Redevelopment of Mercury Bay Sports Park</b><br>Investigation into the redevelopment of Mercury Bay Sports Park, including the build of a clubrooms. Design should  |   | Thames-Coromandel District Council | 2019/20-2021/22 (Year 1-3)          | Current provision in LTP (2018-2028). |                      |  |

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| Priority area   | Proposed action  | Additional projects related to action              | Staff/undertaken by                | Prioritisation – project start date | Budget implications   | Reporting/monitoring | Outcome (achieved/not achieved, description) |
|   | consider the need for future facilities to be flexible, adaptable and multi-purpose.   |  |                                    |                                     |   |                      |  |
|   | <b>Relocation of Rhodes Park</b><br>Investigation into relocation of clubs to a new facility, developed with the intention of multi-use, hubbing, and adaptable and flexible spaces that will provide for future changes in sport and recreation delivery.               |  | Thames-Coromandel District Council | 2019/20-2021/22 (Year 1-3)          | Currently only provision for facility upgrade of Rhodes park in LTP. Will need investigation/expansion of this in next revision of LTP. |                      |  |
|   | <b>Mercury Bay Skate Park</b><br>Development of facility.  |  | Thames-Coromandel District Council | 2019/20-2020/21 (Year 1-2)          | Current provision in LTP (2018-2028).   |                      |  |
|   | <b>Tairua Skate Path</b><br>Investigation into potential options and locations for skate path in Tairua.   |  | Thames-Coromandel District Council | 2019/20-2020/21 (Year 1-2)          | Current provision in LTP (2018-2028).   |                      |  |
|   | <b>Investigation of community swimming pool</b><br>Investigation into the provision of community swimming facilities for Whangamata and Mercury Bay should be included in the assessment of community need undertaken for the Thames Replacement Pool/Sub-Regional Pool. | <b>Thames Replacement Pool / Sub-Regional Pool</b> | Thames-Coromandel District Council | 2019/20-2021/22 (Year 1-3)          |   |                      |  |
|   | <b>Monitor Tairua Rugby and Sports Club's upgrade of the pavilion and netball court facilities</b>   |  | Thames-Coromandel District Council | 2020/21 and 2021/22 (Year 2-3)      | Currently no provision in LTP (2018-2028). Will need investigation in next revision of LTP.   |                      |  |
|   | <b>Coromandel addition of another rugby field</b><br>Investigation into use and current provision with potential for additional field and upgrade of current field   |  | Thames-Coromandel District Council | 2020/21 and 2021/22 (Year 2-3)      | Currently no provision in LTP (2018-2028). Will need investigation in next revision of LTP.   |                      |  |
|   | <b>Hot Water Beach Surf Life Saving club</b><br>Monitor progression of redevelopment of  |  | Thames-Coromandel                  | 2021/22 (Year 3)                    | Currently no provision in LTP (2018-2028).  |                      |  |

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|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|----------------------|--|
| Priority area   | Proposed action  | Additional projects related to action | Staff/undertaken by   | Prioritisation – project start date | Budget implications                        | Reporting/monitoring | Outcome (achieved/not achieved, description) |
|   | club house and storage facility build.   |                                       | District Council  |                                     |  |                      |  |
|   | <b>Tairua Surf Life Saving Club</b><br>Monitor progression of rebuild of clubrooms.  |                                       | Thames-Coromandel District Council  | 2021/22 (Year 3)                    | Currently no provision in LTP (2018-2028). |                      |  |
|   | <b>Pauanui Surf Life Saving Club</b><br>Monitor progression of rebuild of clubrooms.   |                                       |   | 2021/22 (Year 3)                    | Currently no provision in LTP (2018-2028). |                      |  |
|   | <b>Onemana Surf Life Saving Club</b><br>Monitor progression of rebuild of clubrooms.   |                                       |   | 2021/22 (Year 3)                    | Currently no provision in LTP (2018-2028). |                      |  |
|   | <b>Whangamata Surf Life Saving Club</b><br>Monitor progression of rebuild of clubrooms.  |                                       |   | 2022/23 (Year 4+)                   | Currently no provision in LTP (2018-2028). |                      |  |
| Service delivery priorities   |  |                                       |   |                                     |  |                      |  |
|   | Develop user groups to support redevelopment and/or relocation projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mercury Bay Multi Sports Park</li><li>• Rhodes Park</li><li>• Coromandel Domain</li></ul>          |                                       | Sport Waikato District Coordinator with support from Thames-Coromandel District Council staff |                                     |  |                      |  |
|   | Acquire a new location -assist club in seeking new facility <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mercury Bay Motorsport Club</li><li>• Mercury Bay Athletics</li><li>• Mercury Bay Equestrian Academy</li></ul> |                                       | Sport Waikato District Coordinator with support from Thames-Coromandel District Council staff |                                     |  |                      |  |
|   | Facilitate discussion between clubs at Coromandel Area School to move to shared clubroom arrangement   |                                       | Sport Waikato District Coordinator  |                                     |  |                      |  |

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|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--|
| Priority area   | Proposed action  | Additional projects related to action | Staff/undertaken by  | Prioritisation – project start date | Budget implications | Reporting/monitoring | Outcome (achieved/not achieved, description) |
|   | To discuss potential inclusion of Thames Squash, Tennis and Croquet Clubs in Rhodes park move investigations   |                                       | Sport Waikato District Co-ordinator with support from Thames-Coromandel District Council staff |                                     |                     |                      |  |
|   | To discuss potential options and optimised approach for indoor space use. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mercury Bay Gymnastics and Mercury Bay Boars Basketball</li><li>Coromandel Gymnastics Club</li></ul> |                                       | Sport Waikato District Co-ordinator with support from Thames-Coromandel District Council staff |                                     |                     |                      |  |
|   | Discuss council approval of Thames Pony Club parking extension project – self-funded   |                                       | Sport Waikato District Co-ordinator with support from Thames-Coromandel District Council staff |                                     |                     |                      |  |
|   | Facilitate Pauanui Bowling club discussions with wider club and self-funded upgrade of facility  |                                       | Sport Waikato District Co-ordinator with support from Thames-Coromandel District Council staff |                                     |                     |                      |  |
|   | Assist Whangamata Croquet club with optimisation of current facility use to provide more capacity  |                                       | Sport Waikato District Co-ordinator  |                                     |                     |                      |  |

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|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--|
| Priority area   | Proposed action  | Additional projects related to action | Staff/undertaken by  | Prioritisation – project start date | Budget implications   | Reporting/monitoring | Outcome (achieved/not achieved, description) |
|   | Discuss potential light grants as funding option for Coromandel Rugby Football Club & Sports, Whangamata Netball and Whangamata Tennis and Squash club |                                       | Sport Waikato District Co-ordinator  |                                     |                       |                      |  |
|   | Monitor Coromandel Bowling club funding applications situation   |                                       | Sport Waikato District Co-ordinator  |                                     |                       |                      |  |
|   | Discuss optimisation of Whangamata field space use to provide more capacity  |                                       | Sport Waikato District Co-ordinator  |                                     |                       |                      |  |
|   | Facilitate conversations with Mercury Bay Tennis club regarding refurbishment  |                                       | Sport Waikato District Co-ordinator  |                                     |                       |                      |  |
|   | Direct Bike Mercury Bay and Whangamata MTB Club to strategy for cycling and discuss other potential partnerships                                       |                                       | Sport Waikato District Co-ordinator  |                                     |                       |                      |  |
|   | Engage Te Whānau Waka Ama O Whangamata in discussions around location  |                                       | Sport Waikato District Co-ordinator  |                                     |                       |                      |  |
| Thames-Coromandel Sport and Recreation Plan                                 |  |                                       |  |                                     |                       |                      |  |
|   | Update Sport Plan – to align with LTP 2022   |                                       | Thames-Coromandel District Council to initiate and engage Sport Waikato consultant | 1 Feb 2022                          | Provision in next LTP |                      |  |
|   | Update Sport Plan – every three years after 2022   |                                       | Thames-Coromandel District Council to initiate and engage Sport Waikato            | 1 Feb 2025                          | Provision in next LTP |                      |  |

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|---|-----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--|
| Priority area   | Proposed action | Additional projects related to action | Staff/undertaken by | Prioritisation – project start date | Budget implications | Reporting/monitoring | Outcome (achieved/not achieved, description) |
|   |                 |                                       | consultant          |                                     |                     |                      |  |



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## Appendix A: Methodology

### *Sport club survey*

The club survey was sent out to a total of 118 clubs in the Thames-Coromandel District, as listed on the Sport Waikato database. The digital survey link (via SurveyMonkey) was emailed by Sport Waikato staff, on behalf of the Thames-Coromandel District Council, to all contacts in the database in March 2019, allowing two months for the completion of the survey. Hardcopies of the survey were posted to those organisations without an email address and were also provided to other clubs who preferred responding on paper.

The survey close date was extended from 12 April through to 10 May to ensure as many organisations as possible had the opportunity to respond. Non-respondents were followed up via multiple phone calls and email reminders from council and Sport Waikato staff.

A total of 93 organisations completed the survey (79%), servicing all 5 wards and 7 local communities (including towns), across 37 different sports and activities. This resulted in 70 facility specific responses.

Given the reliance on data from third parties it is likely that some data emissions exist.

| Table 9: Survey respondents by town/community |             |                             |                     |
|---|-------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Town/Community                                | Respondents | Number of clubs on database | Percentage response |
| Coroglen                                      | 0           | 1                           | 0%                  |
| Coromandel                                    | 10          | 11                          | 91%                 |
| Hikutaia                                      | 0           | 1                           | 0%                  |
| Hot Water Beach                               | 1           | 1                           | 100%                |
| Matarangi                                     | 2           | 2                           | 100%                |
| Matatoki                                      | 0           | 1                           | 0%                  |
| Mercury Bay                                   | 20          | 26                          | 77%                 |
| Pauanui                                       | 4           | 7                           | 57%                 |
| Tairua  | 3           | 6                           | 50%                 |
| Te Puru                                       | 1           | 1                           | 100%                |
| Thames  | 29          | 33                          | 88%                 |
| Whangamata                                    | 16          | 20                          | 80%                 |
| Whangapoua                                    | 0           | 1                           | 0%                  |
| Whitianga                                     | 7           | 7                           | 100%                |

| Table 10: Organisations that responded to the survey |  |
|--|--|
| Coromandel Town Walking Group                        | Kiaido Ryu Martial Arts                        |
| Thames Gymsports                                     | Whangamata Boardriders                         |
| Mercury Bay Table Tennis                             | Coromandel Swimming Club                       |
| Te Aputa Tira Hoe                                    | Coromandel Rugby Football Club & Sports        |
| Coromandel Golf Club                                 | Health Groove Ltd                              |
| Thames Bowling Club                                  | Whangamata Ocean Sports Club                   |
| Tairua Surf Life Saving Club                         | Whitianga Gun Club                             |
| Tairua Golf And Country Club                         | Mercury Bay Equestrian Academy                 |
| TCA Fitness Club                                     | Pauanui Surf Life Saving Club                  |
| Thames Pony Club                                     | Tairua Rugby And Sports Club                   |
| Thames Aquarobics                                    | Age Concern Thames                             |
| Whitianga Touch Club                                 | Mercury Bay Cricket Club                       |
| Whangamata Amateur Swimming Club                     | Whitianga Community Waka Ama                   |
| The Fitness Co-Op                                    | Monday Walkers (Coromandel Town)               |
| Coromandel Croquet Club                              | Matarangi Boat & Fishing Club                  |
| Thames Coast Bowling Club Inc                        | Coroglen Darts Club                            |
| Mercury Bay Squash Club                              | Mercury Bay Pony Club                          |
| Hauraki Aero Club                                    | Mercury Bay Bowling And Sports Club Inc.       |
| Mercury Bay Boat Club                                | Contact Care Thames                            |
| Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club                        | Thames Croquet Club Inc                        |
| Mercury Bay Boars Basketball                         | Thames Golf Club                               |
| Thames Tennis Club                                   | Hoterini Rugby League Club                     |
| Whangamata Tennis & Squash Club                      | Pauanui Bowling Club                           |
| Thames Squash Club                                   | Mercury Bay Indoor Bowling Club                |
| Mercury Bay Swimming Club                            | The Dunes Golf Resort                          |
| Tai Chi Thames                                       | Takeabreath                                    |
| Coromandel Netball                                   | Bike Mercury Bay                               |
| Hot Water Beach Lifeguard Service Inc                | Mercury Bay Football Club                      |
| Thames Athletics Club                                | Purangi Golf And Country Club                  |
| Pauanui Indoor Bowls Club                            | Coromandel Gymnastics Club                     |
| Coromandel Bowling Club                              | Thames Rugby And Sports Club Inc.              |
| Mercury Bay Gymnastics                               | Whangamata Golf Club                           |
| Whangamata Surf Life Saving Club                     | Mercury Bay Speedway Club Inc                  |
| Pauanui Golf Club                                    | Coromandel Flying Club                         |
| Mercury Bay Netball Centre                           | Thames Junior Football Club                    |
| Whangamata Netball Club                              | Thames Badminton Club                          |
| Whangamata Sailing Club Inc                          | Keep Fit                                       |
| En Pointe Dance Studio                               | Thames Valley Motorcycle Club                  |
| Te Whanau Waka Ama O Whangamata                      | Hauraki Thames Scottish Dancing Club           |
| Thames Sailing Club                                  | Whangamata Senior Football Club                |
| Whangamata Senior Walkers                            | Mercury Bay Tennis Club                        |
| Mercury Bay Golf & Country Club                      | Thames Netball Centre                          |
| Whangamata Equestrian & Social Group                 | Matarangi Residents Tennis (Not A Formal Club) |
| Mercury Bay Skate Park Trust                         | Whangamata Rugby and Sports Club               |
| Mercury Bay Boars Rugby League                       | Thames Amateur Swim Club                       |
| Thames Junior Rugby Club                             | Mercury Bay Rugby & Sports Club Inc            |
| Whangamata Croquet Club                              | Thames Swimming Club                           |

| Table 11: Sport Clubs that did not respond to the survey |                                    |
|--|------------------------------------|
| Coromandel Touch   | Tairua Indoor Bowling Club         |
| Franklin Thames Valley Pony Club                         | Tairua Pauanui Sports Fishing Club |
| Hauraki Aero Club  | Thames Clay Target Club Inc        |
| Hikutaia Tennis Club                                     | Thames Harness Racing Club         |
| Lakes Resort Golf and Country Club                       | Thames Netball Centre              |
| Mercury Bay Aero Club                                    | Thames Rugby & Sports Club         |
| Mercury Bay Badminton Club                               | Thames Steady as You Go            |
| Mercury Bay Club Inc.                                    | Thames Valley Badminton            |
| Mercury Bay Junior Basketball                            | Tuesday Walkers                    |
| Mercury Bay Raceway                                      | Whangamata Amateur Athletics Club  |
| MumzFit  | Whangamata Junior Touch            |
| Pauanui Sports & Recreation Club Inc.                    | Whangapoua Tennis Club             |
| Steady As You Go - Thames                                | Whitianga Bike Club                |
| Strong & Stable - Whangamata                             | Whitianga Mountain Bike Club       |
| Tairua Boardriders Club                                  |                                    |

### *RSO survey*

Nineteen of the RSO's that operate in the Thames-Coromandel District were surveyed to gain an understanding of their clubs and associated facility capabilities, sustainability and ambitions.

Twelve RSOs completed the survey:

| Table 12: Respondents by sporting organisations |                   |          |
|---|-------------------|----------|
| Organisation name                               | Primary contact   | Response |
| Thames Valley Badminton Association             | Lynda Thompson    | No       |
| Thames Valley Basketball                        | Robin Ruka        | Yes      |
| Thames Valley Bowls                             | Murray Galloway   | No       |
| Waikato Valley Cricket                          | Ramesh Subasinghe | No       |
| Thames Valley Hockey Association                | Alison Ratcliffe  | Yes      |
| Thames Valley Rugby                             | Dianne Garmonsway | Yes      |
| Hauraki Rugby League                            | Nickie Tane       | No       |
| Special Olympics Thames Valley                  | Anna Walters      | Yes      |
| Thames Valley Swim Academy                      | Peter Tai         | No       |
| Tennis Waikato Thames Valley                    | Andrea McCartney  | Yes      |
| Thames Valley Touch                             | Susan Barriball   | Yes      |
| Athletics Waikato Bay of Plenty                 | Steve Rees-Jones  | Yes      |
| WaiBOP Football                                 | Karyn Walters     | No       |
| Waikato Golf                                    | Terry Booth       | Yes      |
| Gymnastics NZ                                   | Haidee Farmilo    | Yes      |
| Netball Waikato Bay of Plenty                   | Ali Wieringa      | Yes      |

|                    |                 |     |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----|
| Squash Waikato     | Bruce Morgan    | Yes |
| Swimming Waikato   | Cherie McCleery | Yes |
| Volleyball Waikato | Alex Mariano    | No  |

### ***Secondary school survey***

The Waikato Secondary School Sport Facility Survey was sent to 48 high schools within the Waikato Region, including two from the Thames-Coromandel District. The survey had a response from 35 schools, giving it a response rate of 73%. Information received will help to inform regional and district level sport facility planning.

## Community consultation

### Whangamata Community Consultation (Thursday 13 June from 5-7pm)

13 individuals from 10 clubs/organisations attended, with a range of facility and support needs. The table below details the attendance of the community consultation.

| Table 13: Whangamata Community Consultation |               |                     |  |   |
|---|---------------|---------------------|--|---|
| Organisation                                | Facility Name | Club Representative | Facility needs / aspirations and other comments  | Other feedback/comments   |
| Whangamata Swimming and Community Board     |               | Kay Baker           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wants the pool covered for year-round use.</li> <li>• Whangamata often misses out e.g. workshops.</li> <li>• Wants council to run the pool but wants the trust to dictate how it is run.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact with Sport Waikato re possibility of hosting a sustainable funding workshop in Whangamata.</li> <li>• Community should look at shared travel to other venues (e.g. Rugby club / school van).</li> <li>• Whangamata has an aging population and lots of retirees so there needs to opportunities for older people.</li> <li>• Seasonal fluctuations in population must also be considered.</li> </ul> |
| Whangamata Golf Club                        |               | Brett Wilson        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding questions.</li> <li>• Costly maintenance – large space, equipment, clubrooms etc.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of juniors coming through.</li> <li>• New connection with school – hopes to increase junior base.</li> </ul>  |
| Whangamata Board Riders                     |               | Lance Pitcher       |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good numbers for membership and support from parents.</li> <li>• Lack of qualified volunteers to assist with their programmes.</li> </ul>  |
|   |               | Ben Kennings        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase from approx. 15 – 100 members in last 5-6 years.</li> <li>• Limited in length of season due to drop off in volunteers near end of season.</li> </ul>                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community can be quite transient.</li> </ul>   |

| Table 13: Whangamata Community Consultation |  |                     |   |  |
|---|--|---------------------|---|--|
| Organisation                                | Facility Name                                | Club Representative | Facility needs / aspirations and other comments   | Other feedback/comments  |
| Whangamata MTB Club                         | Mountain Bike track                          | Richard White       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More funding to develop the 50km of track further.</li> <li>• Had a proposal for Provincial Growth Fund rejected from central government</li> <li>• Eventually there could be a safer link for the riders between town and the track as most of it is on Tairua Road (close to 5km's).</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would like Sport Waikato to look at proposal sent to central government and perhaps offer some advice re next steps</li> </ul>  |
| Whangamata Croquet Club                     | On site at Whangamata tennis and squash club | Anne Harris         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current membership is 42</li> <li>• Would like more members but number of courts do not allow for further increase (2 full sized).</li> <li>• Open to possible solutions for space in town.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would like to reconnect with the school to obtain more junior members.</li> <li>• Had connect in 2018 with the school - 5 students joined (only 2 remain). Lack of interest from the school.</li> </ul> |
| Whangamata Tennis and Squash club           | As above                                     | Mike Frogby         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The club has built up numbers from next to nothing, paid coach, squash and tennis work closely together.</li> <li>• Clubrooms are run down with old furnishings.</li> <li>• The club would love: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An extra court (current limitations to amount of courts)</li> <li>• Resurfacing within the next 5 years of the current 3 courts</li> <li>• Better lighting to allow for longer use of play.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great collaboration with squash to generate numbers through clubrooms and squash programme.</li> </ul>  |

| Table 13: Whangamata Community Consultation |                                      |                     |   |   |
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| Organisation                                | Facility Name                        | Club Representative | Facility needs / aspirations and other comments   | Other feedback/comments   |
| Whangamata Rugby and Sports Club            | Aicken Road reserve                  | Kevin Brookes       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recently replaced lights at facility.</li> <li>Lacking playing field space (only 2) as the club membership and usage from other sports is growing.</li> <li>Only the domain and school fields available in Whangamata (needing assistance with coordination).</li> <li>Lacking referee volunteers.</li> <li>Recently invested in a van that is shared with the school – would like to look at shared transport for other clubs/teams too.</li> <li>Open to sharing and combining with other clubs to increase membership and access more funding.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Large geographical spread of the District increases volunteer's personal costs.</li> <li>Would like to create a community sport and rec trust approach to do bulk funding applications to make sure that Whangamata does not miss out.</li> <li>Wants sustainability in sport and recreation.</li> </ul> |
| Councillor TCDC                             |                                      | Jan Bartley         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wants opportunities for young people.</li> <li>Ensuring that coaching development opportunities – like Good Sports – are available to help promote quality experiences for young people.</li> </ul>  |   |
| SurfNStay and Mini Football                 | Private Residence and School Grounds | Katrina Miller      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basketball and higher grades of school soccer have to travel to the BOP league as there is not a Thames-Coromandel League.</li> <li>Growing interest in recreation activities in district through tourism.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sense of community has improved through surfing competitions and events.</li> </ul>  |



***Coromandel/Colville Community Consultation (Tuesday 18th June from 5-7pm)***

12 individuals attended representing 11 organisations with a range of support and facility needs discussed. The table below details the attendance of the community consultation.

| Table 14: Coromandel/Colville Community Consultation     |   |   |  |   |
|--|---|---|--|---|
| Organisation   | Facility Name                           | Club Representative   | Facility needs / aspirations and other comments  | Other feedback/comments   |
| Coromandel Rugby Club – rugby, touch, league             | Coromandel Rugby club and ground        | Kath Makiri, Josie Fraser, Sonia Wirihana, Tukumana Renata. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More fields – the current capacity of 1 field does not cater for the current usage and growing participation.</li> <li>4 junior teams plus the senior team use it for training and games for rugby, as well league and touch.</li> <li>Understanding of possible land on Pound St designated for sports use?</li> <li>Possibility of this land to be developed for another field, training purposes and fields for Touch rugby in the summer.</li> <li>Upgrade of lights would enable evening trainings/possible night games</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms are currently being used more for other events. E.g. coaching courses, seminars, workshops.</li> <li>Facilities had been upgraded over the past 2 years, but fields need work.</li> <li>Current issue on main field is rabbits digging and work required on general maintenance.</li> </ul>            |
| Coromandel Independent Living Trust (CILT)               | Tiki House                              | Mike Noonan   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would like “letter of support” from Sport Waikato in the quest for the development of their ‘Community Hub’.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sport Waikato no longer does ‘letters of support’ - social services venture as opposed to fitting under Sport and Rec banner.</li> </ul>   |
| Adventure Racing Coromandel & Coromandel Community Board |   | Keith Stephenson  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Was mainly interested from a community board perspective who turned up to voice their feedback.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would like to see Sport Waikato more visible regarding the trends around sport and rec participation and what’s new. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sport Waikato staff member will be attending community board workshops on a regular basis to convey this type of information.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| Coromandel Croquet Club                                  | Coromandel Bowling Club (Now called the | Kaye Anderson   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Coromandel Croquet club’s courts are situated next to and are part of the Coromandel Bowling club grounds.</li> <li>The Bowling club have combined with the local RSA</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Croquet club has 13 members and are not able to put any financial resource into purchase of land.</li> <li>Concerns of Croquet to ‘die’ in the town due to combined clubs expansion plans.</li> </ul>  |

|   | Combined Club)        |                             | to form the "combined club".  |  |
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| Mercury Bay Football Club                               | Whitianga Sports Park | Dean Allen - president      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Looking to refurbish clubroom facilities to accommodate their increasing membership.</li> <li>The formulation of a 'working group' with all codes represented in the redevelopment of the Sports Park.</li> <li>Has a goal to host a 'festival' tournament towards the end of the year. Wants assistance with this.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SW staff member, with the agreement from the combined club, to attend any meeting between the parties as an independent.</li> <li>Good membership numbers and their programme is extending to include a ladies only futsal night.</li> <li>Wanting templates around season planning, operational procedures and football disciplinary procedures.</li> <li>Sport Waikato to make connection with sport capability and WAIBOP football.</li> </ul> |
| Coromandel Netball                                      | School Grounds        | Sonia Wirihana              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No clubroom to operate out of on game nights.</li> <li>Possibility of a container with half for storage and half as an 'office' on the night as a control area.</li> <li>Development of the courts - an allocation of \$325k budgeted in the LTP for 2020/21.</li> </ul>   |  |
| Coromandel swim club<br>Coromandel Recreational Society | School grounds        | Debra Attwood<br>Gemma -Lee | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Struggling for coaching volunteers – suggestion that TCDC paid coach could go to Coromandel and deliver some clinics.</li> <li>Lease agreement with the school is due – Use Thames High School agreement as example.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strong learn to swim program</li> <li>Pool is well utilized by club school and community.</li> </ul>  |
| Thames valley basketball                                | School grounds        | David Hopoi                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Struggle for numbers at high school level due to other sports and skills have not being taught at primary school ages.</li> <li>¾ size court at Coromandel Area School gym limits the programme. A full-sized outdoor court would help in the future.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small number of players in Coromandel but numbers are building.</li> <li>Vision of growth in players years 5-8 through his new role.</li> </ul>   |

**Mercury Bay Community Consultation (Wednesday 19th June from 4-7pm)**

14 individuals attended representing 11 organisations, with a range of facility and support needs. The table below details the attendance of the community consultation.

| Table 15: Mercury Bay Community Consultation |                          |   |  |  |
|--|--------------------------|---|--|--|
| Organisation                                 | Facility Name            | Club Representative                             | Facility needs / aspirations and other comments  | Other feedback/comments  |
| Mercury Bay Equestrian Academy               | Don't have one           | Ron Cooke (Founder) & Paula Fawcett (secretary) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-profit organisation run by volunteers with loyal followers, sponsors and many unpaid assistants.</li> <li>Communication with TCDC for access to land on Moewai Road.</li> <li>Exclusive reliance on the generosity of landowners in Whitianga to run Event Days monthly in Summer.</li> <li>Interested in land known as Sheriff block. This would allow us to build permanent facilities like stables; a training arena etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential to offer short term grazing for holiday makers.</li> <li>We could teach dressage and develop a Cross Country trek.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why don't the MB Equestrian academy and the pony club share the facilities? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial resistance from Ron. However, the 2 could co-exist and the responsibility for maintenance and upkeep of the ground spread across the 2 organisations. There was some openness to this idea.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| Mercury Bay Speedway                         | Currently don't have one | Rob Davis                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Due to the airfield's expansion (hangers etc) operation has ceased. Very interested in operating out of Sheriff block, similar to MB Equestrian Academy.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussions around a motor sport park in the Sheriff block area with space for speedway, go karts, moto X. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This needs to be investigated.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |
| Mercury Bay Tennis Club                      | Lyon Park                | Peter Grant                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good facilities</li> <li>Courts need resurfacing – in current maintenance plan.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Issue with NSO's charging affiliation fees to RSO's and clubs but not getting anything back – particularly in tennis. Not a lot we can do about this.</li> </ul>  |
| Mercury Bay Area School                      | MBAS                     | Leisa McCleery                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We need another indoor centre for gymnastics, dance as the school gym/hall is at capacity.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A fire at the school resulted in no available space.</li> <li>Conversations around the possibility of using the town hall as a temporary home still under way.</li> </ul>   |

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| Connected to football, netball club, area school and preschool | Jess Corkill   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would like a multi-use room for gymnastics, preschool classes and classes for older people.</li> <li>• Gymnastics is closed this year due to facility challenges (fire at the school).</li> <li>• Needing a pool that is covered and heated for learn to swim lessons.</li> <li>• Lovers Rock – is it possible to get a toilet and shelter to provide outdoor education options for early childhood education</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports park currently not fit for purpose</li> <li>• Would be great to get a hockey turf as currently have to travel an hour and half for hockey in Ngatea and this is a growing sport.</li> <li>• An indoor facility that is multiuse</li> </ul> |
| Mercury Bay Netball Club                                       | Zanna Crighton                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel time disadvantages when using the college hall for trainings as it is far away from the sports park.</li> <li>• Netball is cold there is no access to a pavilion for shelter.</li> </ul>  |  |
| Learn to Swim Whitianga  | Emily O'Donnell and Alana Baker on behalf of Candace | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn to swim is currently run in a hotel pool as there is no other facilities available.</li> <li>• Currently only providing services to 100 under 5's.</li> <li>• Hope of a pool added to new gym facility but there were too many barriers.</li> </ul>  |  |
| Mercury Bay Athletics  | Emily O'Donnell and Alana Baker                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New club starting up</li> <li>• Wanting to work with ages 3-8 years to begin with. Approx. 50 families have expressed interest.</li> <li>• Have no pit – will discuss with Sue from council whether a pit could be put in at the Sports Park</li> <li>• Working with Soccer and Cricket to figure out which night and what space is available at the Sports park.</li> </ul>   |  |
| Mercury Bay Rippa, Athletics and Netball                       | Nicola Mahoney                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports the need for a covered and heated pool <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• two-week block courses available – swimmers losing confidence and skill swimming.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Supports a hockey turf</li> </ul>  |  |

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|                      |   |                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supports a multiuse indoor facility.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requested access to the walkways by the water ways in Whitianga – extension of coastal walkway</li> <li>Improvement of cycle ways – improve active transport options for children in particular</li> </ul> |  |
| Dive Zone            | Private building but uses Otama beach Robinson Road Boat ramp | Linda Bird      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requested toilet facilities for the Western end of Otama Beach and Robinson road boat ramp - often the largest recreation activity in Whitianga.</li> <li>Boat club has increase in youth sailing – current location has coastal erosion, rough conditions and needs improvements to the boat ramp.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requested access to the walkways by the water ways in Whitianga – extension of coastal walkway</li> <li>Improvement of cycle ways – improve active transport options for children in particular</li> </ul> |  |
| Swimming and Dancing | School pool<br>Dance studio in town centre                    | Tracey Lamason  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New covered and heated pool – current school pool only has approx. 3 years left and is restricted by parking/school usage.</li> <li>Concerns that the sub regional pool discussions will slow community pool discussions.</li> <li>Sport Park not fit for purpose.</li> <li>Dancing has approx. 150 members – facility is at capacity but continuing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Town hall does not allow for dance competitions to be held there as it only has a stage wing on one side.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sport opportunities are important for young people as it keeps them productive and out of trouble</li> </ul>   |  |
| Skate park           | New site in reserve in town centre                            | Chris Devenoges | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently trying to raise funds for a new skate park. Council have allowed space for this and will be providing 70% of funding for this - community group are also currently trying to find funding.</li> <li>Will include parkour, skatepark and basketball court.</li> <li>Just reached charitable status to be able to access wider range of funds.</li> </ul>   |   |  |

**Thames Community Consultation (Thursday 20th June from 5-7pm)**

12 individuals attended representing 11 different providers, with a range of facility and support needs. The table below details the attendance of the community consultation.

| Table 16: Thames Community Consultation |                       |                                |   |                         |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Organisation                            | Facility Name         | Club Representative            | Facility needs / aspirations and other comments   | Other feedback/comments |
| Thames Croquet Club                     | Part of Victoria Park | Nola Leonard / Joanna Johnston | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Footprint of their current location is leased but own the building.</li> <li>5 greens available however only 2 are currently operational after the storm of Jan 2018. A 3<sup>rd</sup> green is being renovated however they would like council to investigate and fix the sea wall as well as looking into repairing the other 2 greens.</li> </ul> |                         |
| Kauaeranga Tramping Club                |                       | Carol Fielding                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Just came in to have a look and see what was going on. No real discussion around tracks or the club itself.</li> </ul>   |                         |
| Local road Cycling groups               |                       | John Rich                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Came in to see what the evening was about. Took away a survey to complete so that their voice can be heard.</li> </ul>   |                         |
| Thames tennis club                      |                       | Shannon Paki                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frustrated by Tennis NZ restrictions and procedures targeted for city's not rural clubs.</li> <li>Good numbers in the youth program/45+ but very little in the 20-30 year age bracket.</li> <li>The back court surface has gone due to flooding and the remaining court surfaces are a couple years away from failing.</li> </ul>                    |                         |

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| TCA Gym                                  |  | Arna Rohrlach and Kyle Rohrlach | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business growing with great numbers since the upgrade/move to the new site.</li> <li>• Concerns around possible tack on Gym to the proposed sub regional aquatic facility.</li> </ul>  |  |
| Thames mountain bike club                |  | Rick and Jen Hawkswood          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frustrated with TCDC lack of enthusiasm and support in regards to building tracks.</li> <li>• Wants TCDC to treat mountain bike tracks like a project where they supply contractor and budget work through the process and build the tracks.</li> <li>• TMC through volunteers have built a small amount of track but it's taken 10 years as work is only able to be done when volunteers are free.</li> <li>• Wants to create linkages between tracks to link up with Crosbies hut to create a 2-day trail, huge untapped tourism potential that council are not recognizing or acting on.</li> </ul> |  |
| Thames handgliding and para gliding club |  | Rick Hawkswood                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have 12 local guys that fly.</li> <li>• Large number of other clubs use the unique geographic set up that the coast offers including international flyers.</li> <li>• Frustrated at council putting gardens on some beach front reserves giving limited landing pads to use.</li> <li>• Has put submissions into the annual plan in the past but nothing has happened.</li> </ul>  |  |

*Tairua/Pauanui Community Consultation (Tuesday 25th June from 5-7pm)*

8 individual clubs attended, with a range of facility and support needs. The table below details the attendance of the community consultation.

| Table 17: Tairua/Pauanui Community Consultation |               |  |   |   |
|---|---------------|--|---|---|
| Organisation                                    | Facility Name | Club Representative                    | Facility needs / aspirations and other comments   | Other feedback/comments   |
| Pauanui Club                                    | Pauanui Club  | Peter Roscoe – club member / community |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Huge advocate for hubbing and using shared facilities. Makes some simple issues such as parking and toilets minimal.</li> <li>• Has a lot of insight into the clubs workings, been in town for 30 years.</li> <li>• Loves the way that all the other clubs and groups develop through friendships formed as a result of the overriding club's existence</li> </ul> |
| Pauanui Bowling Club                            | Pauanui Club  | John McConnell                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loves the idea of the Pauanui Club and the hubbing concept.</li> <li>• Some jealousy at other bowling clubs – who are an individual identity/own incorporated society and the funding grants they can receive as a result.</li> <li>• Whilst their hub is a fantastic concept, there are challenges of receiving grants via funding trusts due to Pauanui club being a private organization.</li> <li>• Would like 1 green of artificial turf, this would lower operational costs and risk in regard to social bowlers.</li> <li>• Open to giving the other green to croquet.</li> </ul> |   |
| Pauanui Sport and Recreation Club               | Pauanui Club  | Bev Douglas                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The recreation centre is currently underutilized and could be used by any clubs needing indoor space</li> <li>• Open for Tairua community to using this space.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Works as the president for PSRC, works as overarching club for sports in Pauanui.</li> <li>• Believes that Pauanui is well equipped with facilities and opportunities.</li> <li>• During the winter the town holds 'winter games' to</li> </ul>  |



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| Pauanui Golf Club           | Pauanui Club  | Doug Crisp                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During summer months courses are used to capacity by seasonal visitors – with locals avoiding the courses at this time.</li> </ul>   | <p>promote physical activity and social opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would like to promote the club as believes that it is seen as a second-rate club by Waikato Golf.</li> <li>Limitations with volunteers as the population is older and most of the club members are non-residents.</li> </ul> |
| Resident and TCDC staff     |               | Georgina Bond              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would like access to suitable indoor facilities for yoga.</li> <li>Would like fitness station in Kennedy Park.</li> <li>Would like bathrooms at beginning of Pauanui trails to allow out of towners to use this resource.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Large group of 30/40 year olds who run their own bootcamp on Monday evenings.</li> </ul>  |
| Tairua Rugby and Sport Club | Tairua domain | Brett Collins / Derek Rope | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently midway through replacing lighting on the Rugby Field, this has been a costly and drawn out process, additional \$15,000 spent on consents.</li> <li>Future projects include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrades to tennis/netball pavilion</li> <li>Redo of tennis/netball court surface</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vision of being the main 'club' provider for all things sports in their ward for both winter and summer code. Therefore, future projects are requested.</li> </ul>  |

*Thames-Coromandel District – Facility requests with self-funding recommendation*

| Table 18: Thames-Coromandel District - recommended self/club-funded projects                                |                                     |  |
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| Project   | Facility Name as mapped             | Clubs Accessing Facility                 |
| Field light replacement. Changing rooms. Renovations of the clubrooms. New carpet. Bar leaners.             | Lyon Park                           | Mercury Bay Rugby & Sports Club Inc      |
| Replacement of grass green with another artificial green.   | Mercury Bay Bowling And Sports Club | Mercury Bay Bowling And Sports Club Inc. |
| Construction of an all-weather riding arena. Repair cross country jumping course                            | Mercury Bay Pony Club               | Mercury Bay Pony Club                    |
| Replacement of equipment  | Purangi Golf & Country Club Course  | Purangi Golf & Country Club              |
| New Irrigation System   | Pauanui Golf Club Course            | Pauanui Golf Club                        |
| Further renovations to the building to expand floor area  | TCA Gymnasium                       | TCA Fitness Club                         |
| Improvements on course.   | Thames Golf Club Course             | Thames Golf Club                         |
| Currently in the process of arena extension, re-fencing and levelling of ground                             | Mayfair Community Grounds           | Whangamata Equestrian & Social Group     |
| Re-clad facility  | Whangamata Coastguard Reserve       | Whangamata Ocean Sports Club             |
| Resurfacing 3 courts in next 5 years. Improve lighting. Add extra court                                     | Whangamata Tennis and Squash Club   | Whangamata Tennis and Squash Club        |
| Realignment of the 9-hole golf course. River erosion protection with regional council. Clubhouse renovation | Whangamata Golf Club Course         | Whangamata Golf Club                     |

## Appendix B: Participation by Ward

### Sport participation in the Thames-Coromandel District

Please note that these membership numbers rely on third party sources and may contain data emissions. In future work should be done to set up a process that allows Council and Sport Waikato to reliably record sport club and community participation going forward.

| Table 19: Sport membership 2014-2018  |                 |                                |                              |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Activity                              | 2018 Membership | Change in Membership 2014-2018 | Rank by Change in Membership |
| Fishing                               | 9407            | 1511                           | 1                            |
| Golf                                  | 1816            | -183                           | 23                           |
| Combined Sports Club                  | 1618            | 479                            | 2                            |
| Surf Life saving                      | 924             | 35                             | 10                           |
| Exercise class                        | 627             | 294                            | 3                            |
| Bowls (Indoor or Outdoor)             | 571             | -5                             | 20                           |
| Racquet Sports (Tennis and/or Squash) | 503             | 2                              | 17                           |
| Swimming                              | 225             | -32                            | 22                           |
| Gymnastics                            | 203             | 38                             | 9                            |
| Touch Rugby                           | 200             | 100                            | 4                            |
| Football                              | 160             | 8                              | 14                           |
| Surfing                               | 150             | 70                             | 6                            |
| Rugby Union                           | 130             | -3                             | 18                           |
| Basketball                            | 116             | 86                             | 5                            |
| Cycling (road and MTB)                | 100             | Limited data                   | Limited data                 |
| Equestrian                            | 157             | 46                             | 12                           |
| Waka Ama                              | 92              | 52                             | 7                            |
| Netball                               | 295             | 248                            | 11                           |
| Flying                                | 70              | -5                             | 21                           |
| Rugby League                          | 64              | 44                             | 8                            |
| Croquet                               | 51              | 5                              | 16                           |
| Walking / Tramping                    | 51              | -4                             | 19                           |
| Athletics                             | 45              | 7                              | 15                           |
| Cricket                               | 40              | Limited data                   | Limited data                 |
| Aquarobics                            | 40              | 10                             | 13                           |
| Shooting (Clay target)                | 30              | Limited data                   | Limited data                 |
| Table Tennis                          | 23              | Limited data                   | Limited data                 |
| Motorsport                            | 20              | Limited data                   | Limited data                 |
| Sailing                               | 18              | Limited data                   | Limited data                 |
| Tai Chi                               | 8               | Limited data                   | Limited data                 |
| Badminton                             | 0               | Limited data                   | Limited data                 |
| Dance                                 | No data         | No data                        | No data                      |
| Darts                                 | No data         | No data                        | No data                      |
| Martial Arts                          | No data         | No data                        | No data                      |
| Other                                 | No data         | No data                        | No data                      |
| Skateboarding/Wheeled Sports          | No data         | No data                        | No data                      |
| Yachting                              | No data         | No data                        | No data                      |
| Yoga                                  | No data         | No data                        | No data                      |

## Sport participation by ward

Membership of sports club providers (by respondents) saw a total increase of 6067 members (as reported by respondents) between 2014 and 2018.

As populations change, potential sport participants changes accordingly.

It is noted not all sport providers that are active in the communities are detailed as they did not participate in the survey. For a full list of respondents and non-respondents please refer to Appendix A: Methodology.

Further information on each Ward's participation is available to the club level on request to Sport Waikato.

| <b>Table 20: Sport participation by Ward 2014-2018</b> |                        |                                       |                                     |
|--|------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Ward</b>  | <b>2018 Membership</b> | <b>Change in Membership 2014-2018</b> | <b>Rank by Change in Membership</b> |
| Whangamata (South Eastern Ward)                        | 8543                   | 1845                                  | <b>2</b>                            |
| Mercury Bay Ward                                       | 4787                   | 1874                                  | <b>1</b>                            |
| Thames Ward  | 2091                   | 1011                                  | 4                                   |
| Tairua – Pauanui (South Eastern Ward)                  | 1063                   | 1063                                  | <b>3</b>                            |
| Coromandel-Colville Ward                               | 406                    | 274                                   | 5                                   |

## Appendix C: Facility provision by ward

### Coromandel – Colville Ward

#### *Existing facilities<sup>4</sup>*

Existing facilities within the Coromandel - Colville Ward are mapped below.

| Table 21: Existing facility provision in the Coromandel – Colville Ward. |                                    |   |   |   |              |
|--|------------------------------------|---|---|---|--------------|
| Census Area Unit   | Facility name (as mapped)          | Clubs accessing facility  | Facility type                                       | Facility description  | WRSFP status |
| Coromandel   | Coromandel Airfield                | Coromandel Flying Club  | Club rooms, Airfield                                | 1 x Runway NW / SW orientation. 1 x hanger / building   | Local*       |
| Coromandel   | Coromandel Area School             | Netball, Coromandel Gymnastics Club   | Outdoor Hard Courts, Indoor Sport Facilities        | Hard courts x 2 on MOE land, School gym used by Coromandel Gymnastics Club  | Local        |
| Coromandel   | Coromandel Community Swimming Pool | Coromandel Swimming Club  | Aquatic Facilities                                  | Outdoor seasonal pool, 6 x lanes + toddlers pool, changing facilities and clubroom upstairs. Adjacent to the netball courts. All on MOE land                    | Local*       |
| Coromandel   | Coromandel Domain                  | Coromandel Croquet Club, Coromandel Bowling Club, (Combined Clubs of Coromandel Inc), Coromandel Rugby Football Club & Sports | Club rooms, Bowling, Croquet, Rugby Club            | Bowling greens x 2 (1 x artificial), Croquet x 1 green, 1 x rugby field, 1 x Club room with bar / kitchen. 1 x changing rooms facility. All on Crown (DOC) land | Local        |
| Coromandel   | Coromandel Golf Course             | Coromandel Golf Club  | Club rooms, Playing Fields                          | 9-hole course, clubhouse and bar  | Local        |
| Coromandel   | No facility required               | Monday Walkers, Coromandel Town Walking Group   | Public facilities only, public footpaths and tracks | Group meets and walk the streets & paths and tracks around town.  | Local*       |

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## Needs and future plans

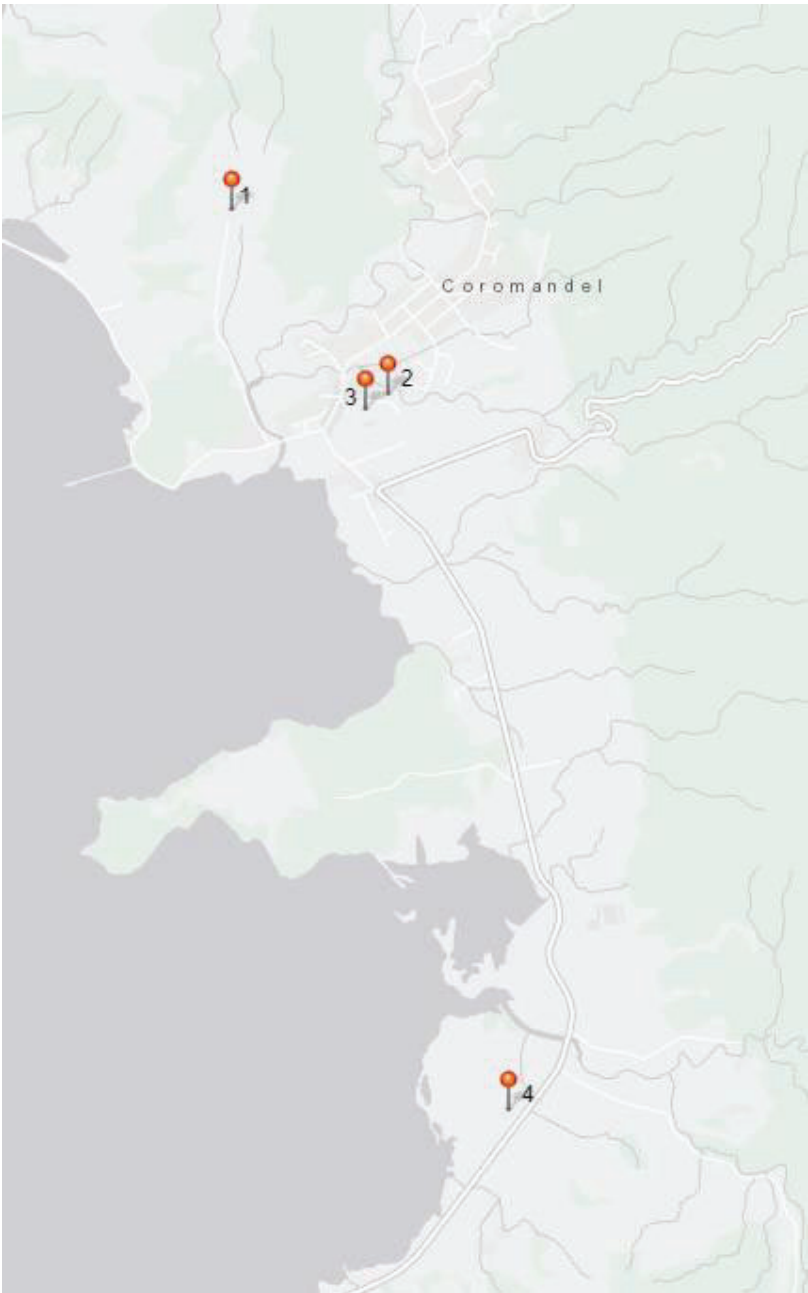
Table 22: Need and future plans identified by sport providers in the Coromandel-Colville Ward

| Facility Name               | Club Name               | Facility comments  | Planned Projects   | Summarised detail  | Plan stage                            | Open to sharing | Open to moving |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Coromandel Area School      | Coromandel Netball      | We are needing a 3rd court (in plans) so we can host tournaments. Redevelopment of the courts has an allocation of \$325k budgeted in the LTP for 2020 / 21. Also need storage and lights. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3rd court - MOU with all parties involved</li> <li>• Storage and lights</li> <li>• Having 'club rooms'</li> </ul> | Build additional to current facility                     | Planning (feasibility, business case) | Yes             | Yes            |
| Coromandel Domain           | Coromandel Croquet Club | Lawns are below standard, partly due to rabbits digging holes in the lawns. Renovations needed of clubrooms.<br><br>Croquet club courts may be sold for housing.                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgrading the lawns</li> <li>• Installing a rabbit-proof fence</li> <li>• Building sheltered seating</li> </ul>   | Build additional to current facility                     | Concept (idea)                        | No              | No             |
| Coromandel Domain           | Coromandel Bowling Club | More facilities needed e.g. a year-round pool. In winter we need a hall and warmer facilities. Upgrade toilets, kitchen and entrance.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgrading kitchen, toilets and entrance</li> </ul>  | Upgrade of facilities<br><br>Aspire to have new facility | Concept (idea)                        | No              | No             |
| Coromandel Golf Club Course | Coromandel Golf Club    | General update   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General update</li> </ul>   | Upgrade of facilities                                    | Concept (idea)                        | Yes             | Yes            |
| No location required        | Coromandel Town Walking | Places to walk safely - we would like to see walking tracks and  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More walking tracks and footpaths</li> </ul>  | Aspire to have new facility                              | Concept (idea)                        | No data         | No data        |

**Table 22: Need and future plans identified by sport providers in the Coromandel-Colville Ward**

| Facility Name                    | Club Name             | Facility comments   | Planned Projects   | Summarised detail   | Plan stage     | Open to sharing | Open to moving |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---|--|---|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
|                                  | Group                 | more footpaths  |  |   |                |                 |                |
| Coromandel Rugby club and ground | Coromandel Rugby Club | More field space needed (only 1 field). Current field requires work – rabbits and general maintenance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional field</li> <li>• Upgrade of current field</li> </ul> | Build additional to current facility<br><br>Upgrade of facilities | Concept (idea) |                 |                |

*Coromandel-Colville facilities mapped*



| Key | Facility Name   |
|-----|---|
| 1   | Coromandel Golf Club Course                                   |
| 2   | Coromandel Domain   |
| 3   | Coromandel Area School and Coromandel Community Swimming Pool |
| 4   | Coromandel Airfield   |



## Mercury Bay Ward

### Existing facilities<sup>5</sup>

Existing facilities within the Mercury Bay Ward are mapped below.

| Census Area Unit | Facility name (as mapped)          | Clubs accessing facility                                      | Facility type  | Facility description   | WRSFP status  |
|------------------|------------------------------------|---|--|--|---------------|
| Whitianga        | Coroglen Tavern                    | Coroglen Darts Club   | Local Hotel / Bar                                    | Operates out of the local public bar.  | Local*        |
| Te Rerenga       | Hot Water Beach Lifeguard Service. | Hot Water Beach Lifeguard Service Inc                         | Small Shed   | Storage / viewing post. Like a double garage but there are no changing rooms or other facilities as part of this complex. Pretty limited.          | Local*        |
| Te Rerenga       | The Dunes Golf Resort Course       | The Dunes Golf Resort   | Club rooms, Playing Fields                           | 18-hole course, restaurant, clubhouse, banquet facilities  | International |
| Whitianga        | Lyon Park                          | Mercury Bay Squash Club, Mercury Bay Rugby & Sports Club Inc, | Club rooms, Playing Fields, Indoor Sport Facilities, | 2 x squash courts, 1 x playing field, 1 x gym (fitness), Clubrooms (2 storey) for Junior and senior Rugby. Bar and kitchen, changing rooms.        | Local*        |
| Whitianga        | Lyon Park                          | Mercury Bay Tennis Club                                       | Artificial Turf Facilities                           | 2 x artificial courts, clubrooms and 1 x concrete practice pad + wall  | Local*        |
| Te Rerenga       | Matarangi Tennis Club              | Community   | Outdoor Hard Courts                                  | Total courts in town 10 – casual use.<br>2 x 2 court artificial surface<br>3 x 2 court asphalt surface<br>Some are council owned and some are not. | Local*        |
| Te Rerenga       | Whangapoua Tennis                  | Whangapoua Residents Tennis (not a formal club)               | Outdoor Hard Courts                                  | 2 x courts   | Local*        |

<sup>5</sup> Proposed status has been provided by Thames-Coromandel District Council and Sport Waikato staff on all facilities listed is noted by an asterisk.

| Table 23: Existing facility provision in the Mercury Bay Ward. |   |   |   |   |                      |
|--|---|---|---|---|----------------------|
| Census Area Unit   | Facility name (as mapped)                                 | Clubs accessing facility  | Facility type   | Facility description  | WRSFP status         |
| Te Reenga  | Matarangi Fire Station<br>(Matarangi Boat & Fishing Club) | Matarangi Boat & Fishing Club   | Fire Station  | Clubrooms / Bar – shared facility with the volunteer fire brigade.  | Local*               |
| Whitianga  | Mercury Bay Area School                                   | Mercury Bay Boars Basketball, Mercury Bay Gymnastics, Mercury Bay Swimming Club, Whitianga Pickleball Club  | Indoor Sports Facilities, Aquatic Facilities  | Outdoor seasonal pool based on area school campus. New school gym in addition to existing facility. Available for community use. (facilities as per school audit information) | Local                |
| Whitianga  | Mercury Bay Boat Club                                     | Mercury Bay Boat Club   | Clubrooms / Storage   | Club rooms and storage with a watch tower located on beach front. Clubrooms have a deck out the front. On TCDC Land   | Local*               |
| Whitianga  | Mercury Bay Bowling and Sports Club                       | Mercury Bay Bowling and Sports Club Inc.  | Club rooms, Artificial Turf Facilities  | 2 x greens (1 artificial)   | Regional             |
| Whitianga  | Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club                             | Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club   | Club rooms  | Club rooms, bar, pool tables, function area, car parking, outdoor deck, large storage shed  | Local*               |
| Whitianga  | Mercury Bay Golf & Country Club Course                    | Mercury Bay Golf & Country Club   | Club rooms, playing Fields  | 18-hole course, practice facilities, clubhouse  | Sub Regional         |
| Whitianga  | Mercury Bay Multi Sports Park                             | Whitianga Touch Club, Mercury Bay Football Club, Mercury Bay Netball Centre, Mercury Bay Boars Rugby League, Mercury Bay Cricket Club, Mercury Bay Junior Rugby, Whitianga Pickleball Club. | Playing Fields, Outdoor Hard Courts, Equipment room for storing gear, changing rooms            | 5 x courts with temporary lighting, 5 x sports fields in development with lighting planned, 3 asphalt courts with temporary lighting  | Sub Regional / Local |
| Whitianga  | Mercury Bay Pony Club                                     | Mercury Bay Pony Club   | Club rooms, Playing Fields, grazing for member's horses   | Basic shed style clubrooms. Separate storage shed for jumps etc. Riding fields  | Local                |
| Whitianga  | Mercury Bay Skate Park                                    | Mercury Bay Skate Park Trust  | Outdoor Hard Courts   | Outdoor hard surface – New park to be constructed as part of LTP.   | Local*               |
| Whitianga  | No facility - looking                                     | Mercury Bay Equestrian Academy  | Equestrian equipment and each event is dependent on the local farmers for use of their paddocks | Doesn't have one  | Local*               |
| Whitianga  | Purangi Golf & Country Club Course                        | Purangi Golf & Country Club   | Club rooms, Playing Fields  | 9-hole course, bar, snack bar, clubhouse  | Local                |

| Table 23: Existing facility provision in the Mercury Bay Ward. |   |   |  |   |              |
|--|---|---|--|---|--------------|
| Census Area Unit   | Facility name (as mapped)                             | Clubs accessing facility                                  | Facility type                                      | Facility description  | WRSFP status |
| Whitianga  | Unknown   | Bike Mercury Bay  | Council owned land used for mountain biking tracks | Limited tracks due to access to DOC land  | Local*       |
| Whitianga  | Whitianga Airfield                                    | Mercury Bay Speedway Club Inc                             | Racetrack  | Speedway track (oval) on Mercury Bay Aero Club land   | Local*       |
| Whitianga  | Whitianga Community Services Trust and Brophy's Beach | Whitianga Community Waka Ama                              | Beach Front  | No physical facility or clubrooms. Operate from Buffalo Beach and hold meetings at Whitianga Social Services. | Local*       |
| Whitianga  | Whitianga Gun Club                                    | Whitianga Gun Club  | Club rooms, Club grounds                           | Club rooms / changing rooms / toilets. 2 x traps with 5 stations each. Limited parking. Storage.              | Local*       |
| Whitianga  | Whitianga Town Hall                                   | Mercury Bay Table Tennis, Mercury Bay Indoor Bowling Club | Community Hall                                     | Kitchen, Storage rooms, main hall and supper room. Toilets, stage.  | Local*       |

### Needs and future plans

| Table 24: Needs and future plans identified by sport providers in the Mercury Bay Ward |                                       |   |   |                                      |                |                 |                |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Facility Name  | Club Name                             | Facility comments   | Planned Projects  | Summarised detail                    | Plan stage     | Open to sharing | Open to moving |
| Hot Water Beach Lifeguard Service Club   | Hot Water Beach Lifeguard Service Inc | We would like some facilities so we could change them if required | To build a club house and storage facilities  | Build additional to current facility | Concept (idea) | No data         | No data        |
| Lyon Park  | Mercury Bay Rugby & Sports Club Inc   | We own our building; we need more room for changing rooms         | Field light replacement<br>Changing rooms<br>Renovations of the clubrooms<br>New carpet<br>Bar leaners. | Upgrade of facilities                | Concept (idea) | Yes             | No             |

**Table 24: Needs and future plans identified by sport providers in the Mercury Bay Ward**

| Facility Name                       | Club Name                                | Facility comments   | Planned Projects  | Summarised detail                          | Plan stage     | Open to sharing | Open to moving |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|---|--|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Lyon Park                           | Mercury Bay Tennis Club                  |   | Resurface Astro Courts                                    | Included in existing development - rebuild | Concept (idea) | No              | No             |
| Mercury Bay Area School             | Mercury Bay Boars Basketball             | Have a community gym & Aquatic centre   | Community gym & Aquatic centre                            | Aspire to have new facility                | Concept (idea) | No              | Yes            |
| Mercury Bay Area School             | Mercury Bay Gymnastics                   | Facility is too small growing population and increase in school roll and cannot be used in 2019 due to school using for alternative woodwork room.  | Move to bigger premises                                   | Aspire to Move                             | Concept (idea) | No              | Yes            |
| Mercury Bay Area School             | Mercury Bay Area School                  | We need another indoor centre that can house gymnastics, dance and other activities as the school gym / hall is full to capacity. Facilities (toilet and shelter) to provide outdoor education options for early childhood education. | Build indoor centre                                       | Aspire to have new facility                | Concept (idea) | Yes             | No             |
| Mercury Bay Bowling and Sports Club | Mercury Bay Bowling and Sports Club Inc. | Major concern re drainage, with next door subdivision raising their land by at least a metre in height. Replacement of grass  | Replacement of grass green with another artificial green. | Upgrade of facilities                      | Concept (idea) | Yes             | No             |

**Table 24: Needs and future plans identified by sport providers in the Mercury Bay Ward**

| Facility Name                         | Club Name                 | Facility comments  | Planned Projects  | Summarised detail                    | Plan stage     | Open to sharing | Open to moving |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Mercury Bay Community Pool            | Mercury Bay Swimming Club | green with another artificial green which would save extensive maintenance costs.<br>A roof over the pool to facilitate a longer period of availability (preferably year-round). Access to a covered heated pool would allow year-round swimming/teaching. We fully support the Mercury Bay community pool in their initiatives to cover the pool. | Cover the pool. Make accessible to the public 7 days a week. We need a covered pool facility on dedicated land, with adequate parking which is accessible to the public at all times. | Upgrade of facilities                | Concept (idea) | Yes             | Yes            |
| Hotel pool                            | Learn to Swim Whitianga   | Learn to swim is currently run in a hotel pool as there is no other facilities available. There are 100 kids registered and they are currently only providing services for under 5-year olds.  | As above.   | Aspire to have new facility          | Concept (idea) | Yes             | Yes            |
| Currently in discussions to find home | Mercury Bay Athletics     | Newly establishing club. Looking to be based at the Sport Park. Will need long jump pit  | Long jump pit construction  | Build additional to current facility | Concept (idea) | Yes             | Yes            |

**Table 24: Needs and future plans identified by sport providers in the Mercury Bay Ward**

| Facility Name                          | Club Name                       | Facility comments   | Planned Projects   | Summarised detail                          | Plan stage                            | Open to sharing | Open to moving |
|--|---------------------------------|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club          | Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club   | More/ easier boat trailer parking   | Boat trailer parking   | Build additional to current facility       | Concept (idea)                        | No              | No             |
| Mercury Bay Golf & Country Club Course | Mercury Bay Golf & Country Club | Modernising facilities  | Modernising facilities   | Upgrade of facilities                      | Concept (idea)                        | No              | No             |
| Mercury Bay Multi Sports Park          | Whitianga Touch Club            | We have an unfinished sports complex. No club rooms currently. Build club rooms and storage space.  | Build club rooms   | Build additional to current facility       | Concept (idea)                        | Yes             | Yes            |
| Mercury Bay Pony Club                  | Mercury Bay Pony Club           | Insufficient space for riding activities and for vehicle parking; cross country jumping course in disrepair. Cannot ride on the grounds if there has been heavy rainfall completion of construction of outdoor riding arena with all-weather surface. | Construction of an all-weather riding arena<br>Repair cross country jumping course | Included in existing development - rebuild | Build (construction)                  | Yes             | Yes            |
| Mercury Bay Skate Park                 | Mercury Bay Skate Park Trust    | Fundraising and planning underway to construct a new Skatepark on Taylor's Mistake based on modern design principles. Constructed to international standard.  | New Skatepark on Taylor's Mistake.   | Aspire to have new facility                | Planning (feasibility, business case) | Yes             | Yes            |

**Table 24: Needs and future plans identified by sport providers in the Mercury Bay Ward**

| Facility Name                      | Club Name                      | Facility comments   | Planned Projects                              | Summarised detail                    | Plan stage     | Open to sharing | Open to moving |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Mercury Bay Multi Sports Park      | Mercury Bay Netball Centre     | No clubrooms, court surface cracked and needs repair. No electricity/lights in equipment room.  | Build club rooms<br>Upgrade of court surfaces | Build additional to current facility | Concept (idea) | Yes             | Yes            |
| Mercury Bay Multi Sports Park      | Mercury Bay Football Club      | We don't have any clubroom to host away teams. Would like to see working group formed to work on the redevelopment of the Sports Park | Build club rooms                              | Build additional to current facility | Concept (idea) | Yes             | Yes            |
| Mercury Bay Multi Sports Park      | Mercury Bay Boars Rugby League | Moewai sports park has no room to host or hold clinics and courses and no proper storage.   | Add storage and clubrooms                     | Build additional to current facility | Concept (idea) | No              | No             |
| Mercury Bay Multi Sports Park      | Mercury Bay Cricket Club       | We require cricket nets to advance the opportunities.   | Install cricket nets                          | Build additional to current facility | Concept (idea) | Yes             | Yes            |
| No facility - looking              | Mercury Bay Equestrian Academy | No permanent facility   | A permanent home                              | Aspire to Move                       | Concept (idea) | No data         | No data        |
| Purangi Golf & Country Club Course | Purangi Golf & Country Club    | Replacement of equipment both on the course and in the clubrooms.   | Replacement of equipment                      |                                      |                | Yes             | No             |
| Unknown                            | Bike Mercury Bay               | Underdeveloped. Build more trails   | More trails                                   | Aspire to have new facility          | Concept (idea) | Yes             | Yes            |
| Whitianga Airfield                 | Mercury Bay Speedway Club Inc  | Aeroclub has removed power supply, toilet block and water supply due  | Acquire a new location<br>Build an updated,   | Aspire to have new facility          | Concept (idea) | Yes             | Yes            |

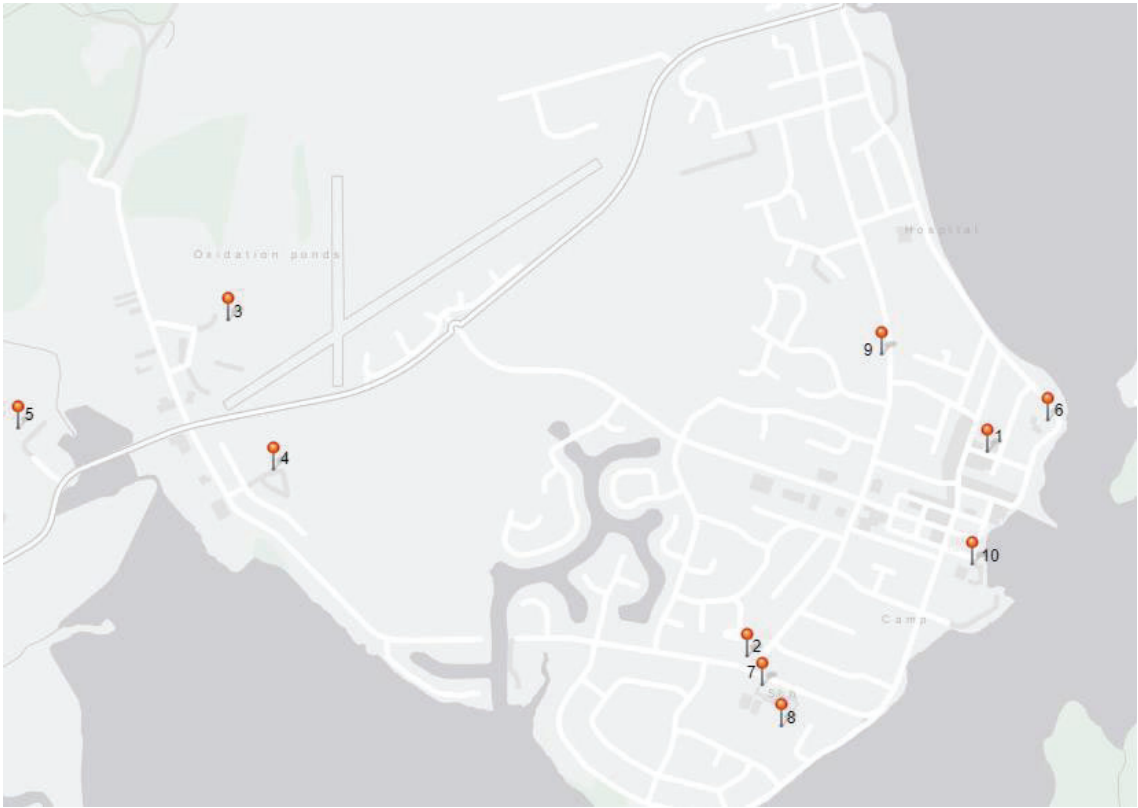
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| Facility Name   | Club Name | Facility comments  | Planned Projects  | Summarised detail           | Plan stage     | Open to sharing | Open to moving |
|---|-----------|--|---|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
|   |           | to their expansion. Current facilities are outdated.                                       | multipurpose motorsport park that will cater to all for the next 25+ years. |                             |                |                 |                |
| Private building but uses Otama beach and Robinson Road Boat ramp | Dive Zone | Requested toilet facilities for the Western end of Otama Beach and Robinson road boat ramp | Toilet facilities   | Aspire to have new facility | Concept (idea) | Yes             | No             |



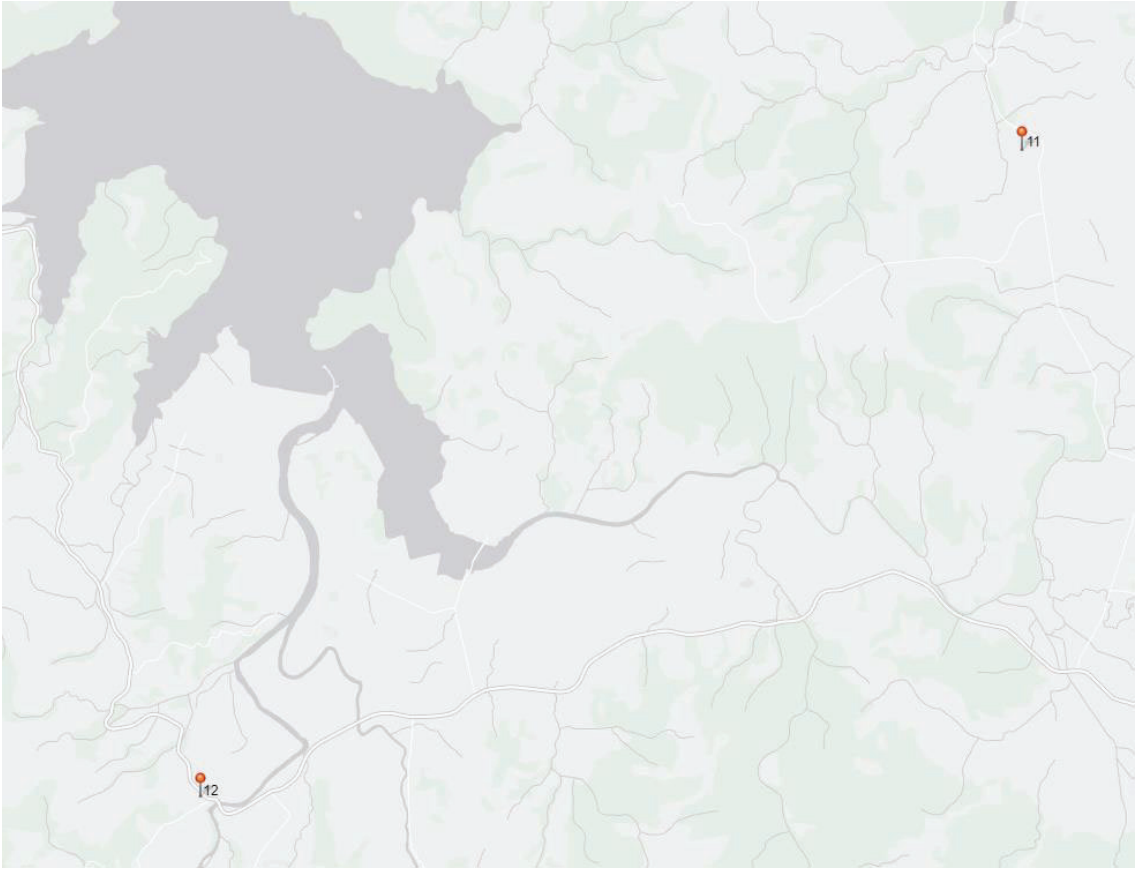
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*2.1.1.1 Whitianga*



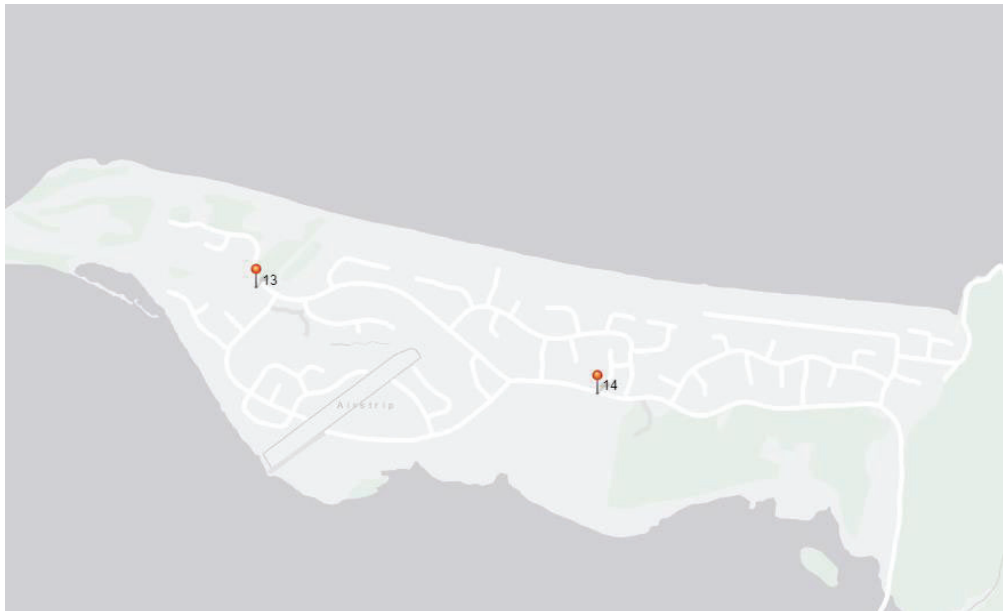
| Key | Facility Name   |
|-----|---|
| 1   | Whitianga Town Hall                                   |
| 2   | Whitianga Community Services Trust and Brophy's Beach |
| 3   | Whitianga Airfield                                    |
| 4   | Mercury Bay Multi Sports Park                         |
| 5   | Mercury Bay Golf and Country Club Course              |
| 6   | Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club                         |
| 7   | Mercury Bay Area School                               |
| 8   | Mercury Bay Community Pool                            |
| 9   | Mercury Bay Bowling and Sports Club                   |
| 10  | Lyon Park   |

2.1.1.2 South/South East of Whitianga



| Key | Facility Name                      |
|-----|------------------------------------|
| 11  | Purangi Golf & Country Club Course |
| 12  | Coroglen Tavern                    |

### 2.1.1.3 Matarangi



| Key | Facility Name  |
|-----|--|
| 13  | The Dunes Golf Resort                                    |
| 14  | Matarangi Fire Station / Matarangi Boat and Fishing Club |

### 2.1.1.4 Whangapoua



| Key | Facility Name               |
|-----|-----------------------------|
| 15  | Whangapoua Community Tennis |

## South Eastern Ward – Tairua Pauanui

### Existing facilities<sup>6</sup>

Existing facilities within the South Eastern Ward are mapped below.

| Table 25. Existing facility provision in the South Eastern Ward - Tairua Pauanui. |                                     |  |  |   |  |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| Census Area Unit  | Facility name (as mapped)           | Clubs accessing facility                           | Facility type  | Facility description  | WRSFP status   |
| Tairua  | Cory Park                           | Tairua Rugby And Sports Club                       | Club rooms, Playing Fields   | Single code clubroom, bar, kitchen, toilets. 1 x rugby field, training lights only, 2 x asphalt courts shared for netball and tennis, street ball concrete pad and hoop.  | Local  |
| Pauanui Beach   | Pauanui Golf Club Course            | Pauanui Golf Club                                  | Club rooms, Playing Fields   | 9-hole golf course, clubhouse, mini golf, conference facilities, meeting facilities, bowling greens, bar, restaurant  | Lakes Course -<br>International /<br>Pines Course -<br>Local |
| Pauanui Beach   | Pauanui Sports & Recreation Club    | Pauanui Bowling Club,<br>Pauanui Indoor Bowls Club | Club rooms, Playing fields, artificial turf facilities, indoor bowls | Shared single clubrooms on site – golf and bowls clubroom, bar, kitchen, Small indoor court space about 2x badminton courts in size, basketball hoops (private club), 2 x greens, small clubrooms with bar and kitchen, with golf club, 4 x astro turf courts | Local  |
| Pauanui Beach   | Pauanui Surf Life Saving Club       | Pauanui Surf Life Saving Club                      | Surf club  | Dormitories with toilets, showers, kitchen + storage shed next door (this is separate from main club)<br>Beach front club: lifeguard tower, clubrooms, 2 storied on beach, Storage underneath with deck out the front.  | Local*   |
| Tairua  | Tairua Golf and Country Club Course | Tairua Golf & Country Club                         | Golf club – playing course + clubrooms + maintenance sheds           | 18-hole course, club room, bar, bowling green, croquet green, showers, changing rooms   | Local  |

<sup>6</sup> Proposed status has been provided by Thames-Coromandel District Council and Sport Waikato staff on all facilities listed is noted by an asterisk.

| Table 25. Existing facility provision in the South Eastern Ward - Tairua Pauanui. |                              |                              |  |  |              |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|--------------|
| Census Area Unit  | Facility name (as mapped)    | Clubs accessing facility     | Facility type  | Facility description   | WRSFP status |
| Tairua  | Tairua Surf Life Saving Club | Tairua Surf Life Saving Club | Club rooms, used for patrolling the beach, training lifeguards | Single story Clubrooms with a good-sized viewing deck off the front. Separate storage shed out the back. | Local*       |

## Needs and future plans

**Table 26: Needs and future plans by sport providers in the South Eastern Ward - Tairua Pauanui**

| Facility Name                    | Club Name                    | Facility comments  | Planned Projects   | Summarised detail                       | Plan stage                                    | Open to sharing | Open to moving |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|---|---|-----------------|----------------|
| Cory Park                        | Tairua Rugby And Sports Club | Lighting upgrade needed - in progress. Upgrades needed for pavilion and netball court surfaces.  | Lighting upgrade project. Upgrading our pavilion and netball court surfaces. | Upgrade of facilities                   | Build (construction) Lighting upgrade project | Yes             | No             |
| Pauanui Golf Club Course         | Pauanui Golf Club            | A new Irrigation System  | New Irrigation System  | Upgrade of facilities                   | Concept (idea)                                | No              | No             |
| Pauanui Sports & Recreation Club | Pauanui Bowling Club         |  | Upgrade bowling green  | Upgrade of facilities                   | Concept (idea)                                | No              | No             |
| Tairua Surf Life Saving Club     | Tairua Surf Life Saving Club | Clubroom at the end of its usable/ economic life. It has no specific first aid room for emergencies. No hot water, facility storage or meeting area. A grant application is submitted for a feasibility study looking into the rebuild of the clubrooms. | Rebuild of the clubrooms.  | Included existing development - rebuild | Planning (feasibility, business case)         | Yes             | Yes            |
| No identified venue as yet       | Tairua Skate Facility        | There is budget in the LTP for the Tairua Skate Path - \$21k in 2019/20 and \$163k for 20/21 financial year.   | Construction of skatepark  | Aspire to have new facility             | Concept (idea)                                | Yes             | Yes            |

South Eastern Ward - Tairua Pauanui facilities mapped



| Key | Facility Name   |
|-----|---|
| 1   | Tairua Surf Life Saving Club                                    |
| 2   | Tairua Golf & Country Club Course                               |
| 3   | Pauanui Surf Life Saving Club                                   |
| 4   | Pauanui Sports and Recreation Club and Pauanui Golf Club Course |
| 5   | Cory Park   |
| 6   | Kennedy Park  |



## South Eastern Ward – Whangamata

### Existing facilities<sup>7</sup>

Existing facilities within the South Eastern Ward - Whangamata are mapped below.

| Table 29. Existing facility provision in the South Eastern Ward – Whangamata |                                       |   |  |  |              |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|--------------|
| Census Area Unit   | Facility name (as mapped)             | Clubs accessing facility                                  | Facility type  | Facility description   | WRSFP status |
| Whangamata   | Whangamata Sports Centre              | Whangamata Tennis & Squash Club, Whangamata Croquet Club  | Club rooms, Playing Fields   | 3 x astro courts with lights, 2 x courts, shared single clubroom on site – tennis and squash, bar, kitchen, veranda, lounge  | Local        |
| Whangamata   | Williamson Park                       | Whangamata Surf Life Saving Club                          | Surf Club Club rooms   | 2 storey clubrooms on beach front with viewing platform and bar. separate storage shed beside.   | Local*       |
| Whangamata   | Aickin Road Sportsground              | Whangamata Netball Club, Whangamata Rugby and Sports Club | Outdoor Hard Courts, Club rooms, Artificial Turf Facilities, Training lights | Shared single clubrooms on site - rugby and cricket, bar, kitchen, viewing deck, toilets, 2 x rugby fields, 4 training lights, 1x cricket pitch, 2 x courts with no lighting | Local        |
| Whangamata   | Beach Road Reserve                    | Whangamata Sailing Club Inc                               | Beach front  | No Physical facility identified  | Local*       |
| Whangamata   | Private home                          | Te Whanau Waka Ama O Whangamata                           | My home as we do not have a clubroom or storage space for our gear           | Same as left   | Local*       |
| Whangamata   | Whangamata Memorial Hall              | Whangamata Senior Walkers                                 | Meeting point at hall  | Hall only used as a meeting point.   | Local*       |
| Whangamata   | Mayfair Community Grounds             | Whangamata Equestrian & Social Group                      | Green field space / council Reserve (Mayfair Reserve)                        | Clubrooms with pens attached, dressage arena, equestrian space for show jumping and instruction.   | Local*       |
| Whangamata   | Whangamata, Beach Access <sup>8</sup> | Whangamata Boardriders                                    | Beach reserves and the Ocean   | No known facility They meet at a beach access # 8  | Local*       |
| Whangamata   | Whangamata Coastguard Reserve         | Whangamata Ocean Sports Club                              | Club rooms, Storage Sheds  | Modern Clubrooms, Restaurant and bar, that is also used for functions (hired).   | Local*       |

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| Table 29. Existing facility provision in the South Eastern Ward – Whangamata |                           |   |  |   |              |  |
|--|---------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|--|
| Census Area Unit   | Facility name (as mapped) | Clubs accessing facility  | Facility type  | Facility description  | WRSFP status |  |
| Whangamata   | Take a Breath Studio      | Take a Breath   | Shop Building on Main road   | Storage.<br>Ground floor studio as part of the plaza shopping complex.            | Local*       |  |
| Whangamata   | Whangamata Golf Course    | Whangamata Golf Club  | Club rooms, owns an 18-hole golf course, leases a 9-hole golf course             | 18-hole course, 9-hole course, clubhouse, banquet facilities, practice facilities | Local        |  |
| Whangamata   | Whangamata Club           | Keep Fit  | Part of the Incorporated clubs network similar to RSA's and Workingmen's Clubs   | Bar, dining areas, snooker / pool tables.   | Local*       |  |
| Whangamata   | Whangamata area school    | Whangamata Senior Football Club, Whangamata Amateur Swimming Club | Playing Fields, Outdoor Hard Courts, Indoor Sport Facilities, Aquatic Facilities | Outdoor seasonal pool based on area school campus, school gymnasium               | Local        |  |

## Needs and future plans

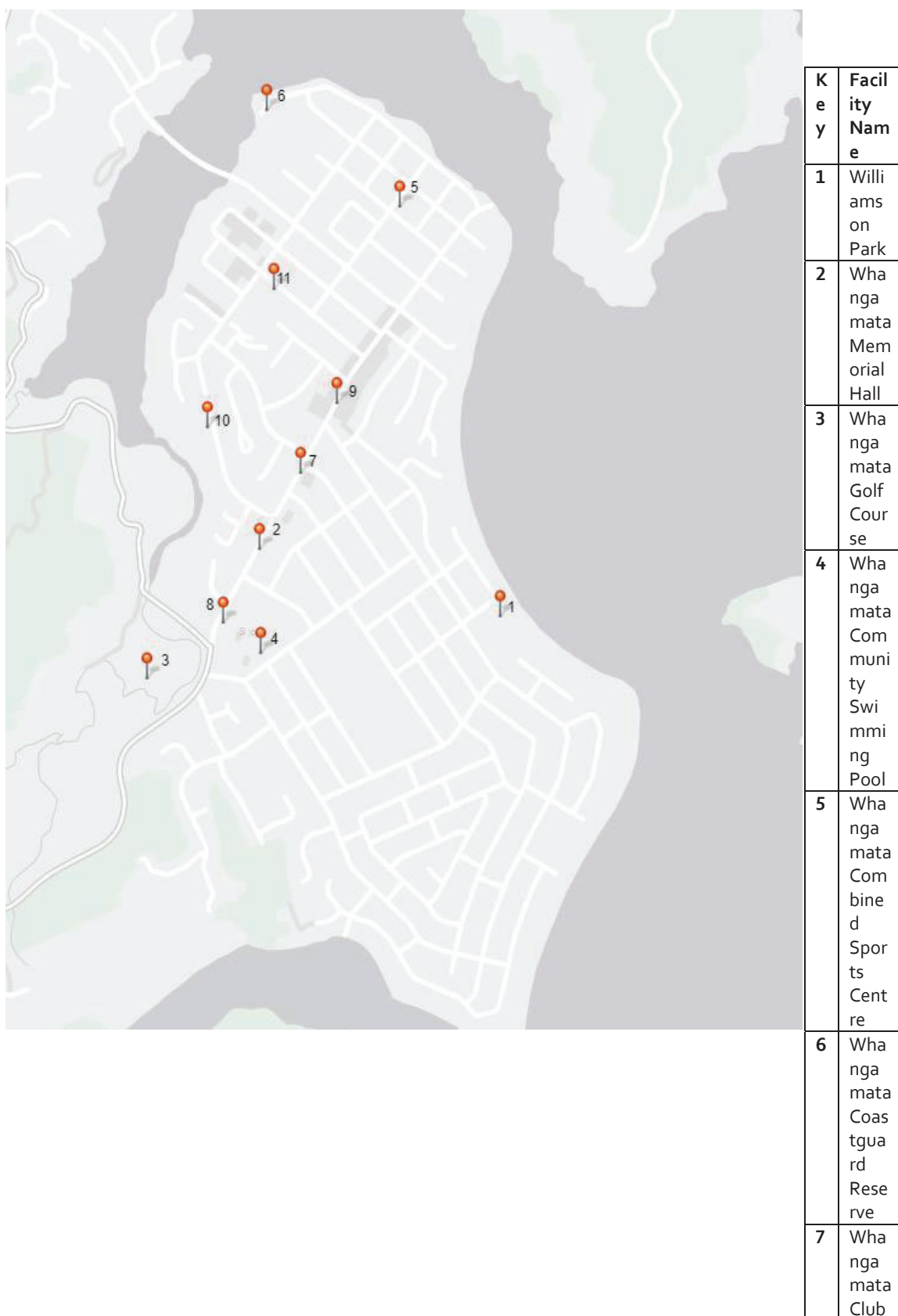
**Table 30: Needs and future plans identified by sport providers in the South Eastern Ward – Whangamata**

| Facility Name            | Club Name                            | Facility comments   | Planned Projects   | Summarised detail  | Plan stage                            | Open to sharing | Open to moving |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Aickin Road Sportsground | Whangamata Netball Club              | Need more lights on courts. Would like an events centre that caters for multiple sports. Utilising part of the school grounds by the swimming pool and having Thames valley standard netball and basketball courts.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More lights on courts.</li> <li>• New events centre</li> </ul>  | Upgrade of facilities<br><br>Aspire to have new facility | Concept (idea)                        | Yes             | Yes            |
| Mayfair Grounds          | Whangamata Equestrian & Social Group | We have just extended our arena but would like to harrow and level the surface to avoid injuries.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently in the process of arena extension, re-fencing and levelling of ground</li> </ul>  | Included in existing development - rebuild               | Build (construction)                  | No              | No             |
| Whangamata area school   | Whangamata Senior Football Club      | Need an adult size soccer field and posts currently using junior size pitch and goals.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extend field size</li> </ul>  | Included in existing development - rebuild               | Concept (idea)                        | Yes             | Yes            |
| Whangamata Reserve       | Whangamata Ocean Sports Club         | Not big enough. Extend rooms. Cover garden bar  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-clad facility</li> </ul>   | Upgrade of facilities                                    | Concept (idea)                        | No              | No             |
| Whangamata Sports Centre | Whangamata & Tennis Squash Club      | Four club days a week & are overflowing each of those days. We have to restrict the amount of business house teams as we do not have enough courts. It is also hard to have competitions with only three courts.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Painting the interior</li> <li>• Upgrade of bathroom facilities.</li> <li>• Plans to: paint outside of building,</li> <li>• Plans to: install new lighting &amp; fencing for the courts.</li> </ul> | Upgrade of facilities                                    | Build (construction)                  | Yes             | Yes            |
| Whangamata Sports Centre | Whangamata Croquet Club              | We only have 2 large lawns to play on. This limits our ability to host tournaments. limits our members ability to practice on full sized lawns as we have to play on half sized lawns with follow on players. Both club rooms and lawns too small for growing club members. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engaged in a feasibility study to move to bigger grounds</li> </ul>   | Aspire to move   | Planning (feasibility, business case) | Yes             | Yes            |

**Table 30: Needs and future plans identified by sport providers in the South Eastern Ward – Whangamata**

| Facility Name                      | Club Name                         | Facility comments   | Planned Projects  | Summarised detail   | Plan stage           | Open to sharing | Open to moving |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Whangamata Community Swimming Pool | Whangamata Amateur Swimming Club  | Pool temperature - can be too cold for younger swimmers at start of season. Pool is only open seasonally. Would love a covered pool to use all year round to create a warmer pool temp at the beginning and end of season.        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covered pool</li> </ul>  | Upgrade of facilities   | Concept (idea)       | Yes             | No             |
| Whangamata Golf Course             | Whangamata Golf Club              | On-going sustainability is a concern. Club is mindful that diversification could be required to incorporate other organisations or activities. At this time only cosmetic to retain their attraction to users and potential users | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Realignment of the 9-hole golf course</li> <li>River erosion protection with regional council</li> <li>Clubhouse renovation</li> </ul> | Included in existing development - rebuild                    | Concept (idea)       | Yes             | Yes            |
| Williamson Park                    | Whangamata Surf Life Saving Club  | The clubrooms are tracking towards the end of their life and a compete rebuild will be needed in the next 7 or so years. More storage needed.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms compete rebuild (7 years).</li> </ul>  | Build additional to current facility                          | Concept (idea)       | Yes             | No             |
| Whangamata tennis and squash club  | Whangamata tennis and squash club | Would like to add an extra court. Current 3 courts will need resurfacing within the next 5 years and possible better lighting.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resurfacing 3 courts in next 5 years</li> <li>Improve lighting</li> <li>Add extra court</li> </ul>                                     | Upgrade of facilities<br>Build additional to current facility | Concept (idea)       | Yes             | Yes            |
| Aickin Road reserve                | Whangamata Rugby and Sports Club  | Lacking field space (only 2 at reserve and school fields in Whangamata).  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional field</li> </ul>  | Build additional to current facility                          | Concept (idea)       | Yes             | Yes            |
| Mountain bike track                | Whangamata MTB Club               | Put a major proposal to the central governments Provincial Growth Fund unfortunately that was rejected.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extension/completion of mountain biking track</li> <li>Safer link for the riders between town and the track on Tairua Road</li> </ul>  | Build additional to current facility                          | Build (construction) | Yes             | No             |

### South Eastern Ward – Whangamata facilities mapped



|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| <b>8</b>       | Wha<br>nga<br>mata<br>Area<br>Scho<br>ol        |
| <b>9</b>       | Take<br>a<br>Brea<br>th<br>Stud<br>io           |
| <b>1<br/>0</b> | Mayf<br>air<br>Com<br>muni<br>ty<br>Grou<br>nds |
| <b>1<br/>1</b> | Aick<br>en<br>Road<br>Spor<br>tsgro<br>und      |

## Thames Ward

### Existing facilities<sup>8</sup>

Existing facilities within the Thames Ward are mapped below.

| Table 27. Existing facility provision in the Thames Ward. |                            |  |  |   |                      |  |
|---|----------------------------|--|--|---|----------------------|--|
| Census Area Unit  | Facility name (as mapped)  | Clubs accessing facility                                   | Facility type                                | Facility description  | WRSFP status         |  |
| Thames Combined (Parawai and Moanataiari)                 | Thames Gymsports Gymnasium | Thames Gymsports   | Club rooms, Indoor Sport Facilities          | Leasing commercial building – new facility for Thames GymSports. Previously was Thames High School.   | Local*               |  |
| Te Puru-Thornton Bay                                      | Te Puru Boat Ramp          | Te Aputa Tira Hoe  | Awa moana. Te Puru school hall               | Small club shed, all tidal.   | Local*               |  |
| Thames Combined (Parawai and Moanataiari)                 | Thames Bowling Club        | Thames Bowling Club  | Club rooms, Playing Fields                   | 3 x greens (2 x grass, 1 x carpet)  | Regional             |  |
| Thames Combined (Parawai and Moanataiari)                 | TCA Gymnasium              | TCA Fitness Club   | Indoor Sport Facilities                      | Old Laundromat, 2 story building with an area designated for group classes.   | Local*               |  |
| Thames Combined (Parawai and Moanataiari)                 | Thames Pony Club           | Thames Pony Club   | Club rooms, Playing Fields, Sand horse arena | Equestrian Area and field   | Local                |  |
| Thames Combined (Parawai and Moanataiari)                 | Thames Centennial pool     | Thames Aquarobics, Thames Amateur Swim Club. learn to swim | Aquatic Facilities                           | Outdoor 25m pool, toddler pool connected. Open all year (Dome placed over 25m pool during winter), Single code clubrooms on site - meeting room with kitchen, exercise room and recorder's office, changing rooms. Disability changing shed | Sub Regional / Local |  |

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| Table 27. Existing facility provision in the Thames Ward. |  |  |   |   |              |
|---|--|--|---|---|--------------|
| Census Area Unit  | Facility name (as mapped)                                  | Clubs accessing facility                                       | Facility type   | Facility description  | WRSFP status |
| Thames Combined (Parawai and Moanataiari)                 | Te Puru Reserve, Coast Bowling Club<br>Te Puru Tennis Club | Thames Coast Bowling Club Inc<br>Tennis Club                   | Club rooms, Playing Fields, Artificial Turf Facilities<br>Tennis Courts | Small hall, occasional sport/recreation only, usually indoor bowls and badminton. Single code clubrooms on site – bowling clubrooms. 2 x greens and one basketball hoop. Grass field – including cricket pitch. | Local        |
|   |  |  |   | 3 tennis courts – 2 newly resurfaced – available for public use. Pump track.  |              |
| Thames Combined (Parawai and Moanataiari)                 | Thames Aerodrome   | Hauraki Aero Club  | Club rooms, Hangers   | 2 x runways, Clubrooms, maintenance sheds, 8 hanger buildings commercial helicopter operator.   | Local*       |
| Thames Combined (Parawai and Moanataiari)                 | Victoria Park  | Thames Tennis Club,<br>Squash Club,<br>Thames Croquet Club Inc | Club rooms, Indoor Sport Facilities, Playing Fields                     | Clubrooms, 5 x astro courts with lights, 3 x courts, 5 x croquet greens, 2 x petanque courts, Small indoor court space about 2x badminton courts in size, basketball hoops (private club).                      | Local*       |
|   |  |  |   | Local park and the Thames Buddhist hall   |              |
| Thames Combined (Parawai and Moanataiari)                 | Thames High School   | Thames Athletics Club  | Playing Fields, Sports shed for equipment at the edge of the field      | Track marked on the outside of the football field. School gym used by community.  | Local        |
| Thames Combined (Parawai and Moanataiari)                 | Thames Sailing Club  | Thames Sailing Club  | Clubrooms and Storage   | Adjacent to boat ramp (tidal). Clubrooms with open space and Bar. Storage sheds.  | Local*       |
| Thames Combined (Parawai and Moanataiari)                 | Health Groove  | Health Groove Ltd  | Indoor Sport Facilities   | Upstairs open space with no disability access. Business owner endeavouring to improve the environment   | Local*       |
| Thames Combined (Parawai and Moanataiari)                 | Age Concern Thames   | Age Concern Thames   | Club rooms  | Operate out of shared building with Citizens advice.  | Local*       |
| Thames Combined (Parawai and Moanataiari)                 | Contact Care Thames  | Contact Care Thames  | Hall  | Thames Civic Centre supplementary room. Carpets,  | Local*       |



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|---|---|--|--|--|----------------------|--|
| Census Area Unit  | Facility name (as mapped)               | Clubs accessing facility   | Facility type  | Facility description   | WRSFP status         |  |
| Thames Combined (Parawai and Moanataiari)                 | Thames Golf Club Course                 | Thames Golf Club   | Club rooms, Playing Fields   | curtains, heat pump.<br>18-hole course, clubhouse, practice facilities, bar, catering facilities   | Sub Regional         |  |
| Thames Combined (Parawai and Moanataiari)                 | Rhodes Park                             | Thames Rugby And Sports Club Inc.,<br>Thames Junior Rugby Club,<br>Hoteirini Rugby Club,<br>League Club,<br>Thames Junior Football Club, The Fitness Co-Op,<br>Thames Netball Centre,<br>Thames Valley Motorcycle Club | Playing Fields, Sports shed for equipment at the edge of the field, Grandstand & Changing Facility, Club rooms, Playing Fields, Personal training Studio<br>Moto x track | Single clubrooms at multi clubrooms site (2) - separate Rugby and Netball clubrooms, 7 x winter fields (4 x Rugby, 2 x Soccer) 1 x Rugby floodlit, 2 x training fields lit. Summer (2 x Cricket, 8 x Touch), Private gymnasium, 6 x asphalt courts with lights.<br>Small separate clubrooms on site for junior football. | Sub Regional / Local |  |
| Thames Combined (Parawai and Moanataiari)                 | Jack McLean Community Recreation Centre | Thames Badminton Club, Kiaido Ryu Martial Arts   |  | 2 x full sized basketball courts, both have mezzanine floors.<br>Dual School / Community use.<br>Multi purpose meeting room attached to court 1  | Local*               |  |
| Thames Combined (Parawai and Moanataiari)                 | St James Hall, Thames                   | Hauraki Scottish Dancing Club  | Indoor Sport Facilities<br>Church Hall   | Open hall with kitchen   | Local*               |  |

## Needs and future plans

Table 28: Needs and future plans identified by sport providers in the Thames Ward

| Facility Name          | Club Name                         | Facility comments  | Planned Projects   | Summarised detail                    | Plan stage     | Open to sharing | Open to moving |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Rhodes Park            | The Fitness Co-Op                 | Cracked walls, potential flooding, old and needs repairs. I would like to increase my membership and gear  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A new venue where all clubs have to work together</li> </ul>  | Aspire to have new facility          | Concept (idea) | Yes             | Yes            |
| Rhodes Park            | Thames Junior Rugby Club          | Fields are a bit substandard. Small and organised under a head lease agreement from Senior Rugby Club More storage areas for tackle bags etc.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More storage for tackle bags</li> </ul>   | Upgrade of facilities                | Concept (idea) | Yes             | Yes            |
| Rhodes Park            | Hoterini Rugby League Club        | Would like to have our own club rooms.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Club rooms</li> </ul>   |                                      |                | Yes             | Yes            |
| Rhodes Park            | Thames Rugby And Sports Club Inc. | Facilities are dated and in need of replacement. Prone to flooding. Grandstand and changing facility were meant to be replaced in 2008.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thames Aquatic &amp; Outdoor Sports Hub</li> <li>Totara Centralised facilities &amp; grounds with fair user pays management</li> </ul>  | Aspire to have new facility          | Concept (idea) | Yes             | Yes            |
| Rhodes Park            | Thames Junior Football Club       | Improve field quality - grounds are unsuitable and prone to flooding. Add fit for purpose clubrooms. Club room currently is just a storage facility with no running water, toilets or changing facility. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multi-purpose sporting facility catering for all major sports and including artificial turf.</li> </ul>                                 | Aspire to have new facility          | Concept (idea) | Yes             | Yes            |
| TCA Gymnasium          | TCA Fitness Club                  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further renovations to the building to expand floor area</li> </ul>   | Upgrade of facilities                | Unknown        | No              | No             |
| Thames Aerodrome       | Hauraki Aero Club                 | Maintenance, mainly roofing  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More hangers on airfield</li> </ul>   | Build additional to current facility | Concept (idea) | Yes             | No             |
| Thames Centennial pool | Thames Aquarobics                 | Aging plant pool and building, deal with continuous breakdowns therefore irregular water temperatures etc. Separate learn to swim pool. Varying depths in  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed sub-regional aquatic facility (hub, replace/upgrade old plant and buildings) so shared services can be implemented.</li> </ul> | Aspire to have new facility          | Concept (idea) | Yes             | Yes            |

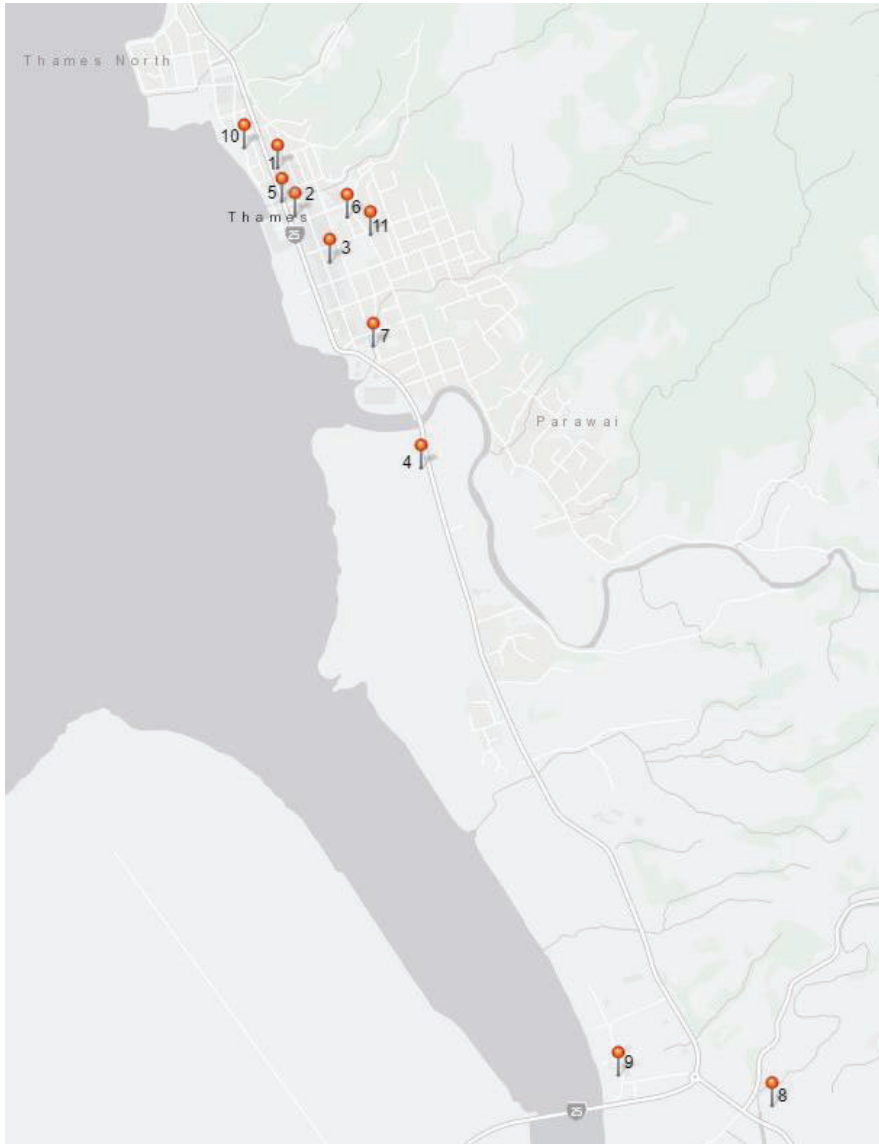
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| Facility Name           | Club Name               | Facility comments  | Planned Projects   | Summarised detail                       | Plan stage                            | Open to sharing | Open to moving |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Thames Golf Club Course | Thames Golf Club        | water.<br>Improvements on course.  | Improvements on course.  | Upgrade facilities                      | Concept (idea)                        | Yes             | No             |
| Thames High School      | Thames Athletics Club   | Bigger and better storage shed for gear and newer gear. Frequent and consistent mowing and line marking of the athletics field - School field which is free, however we do not have full control over line markings and maintenance.<br>Parking can be an issue if we hold a regional event. Upgrades needed for club rooms and add lighting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional quality sporting complex that includes regional quality swimming pool, rugby/soccer/hockey and netball fields, quality club rooms and changing facilities as well as informal recreational activities such as slides and a gym.</li> <li>Upgrades club rooms and add lighting</li> </ul> | Aspire to have new facility             | Concept (idea)                        | Yes             | Yes            |
| Thames Pony Club        | Thames Pony Club        |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrading of courts (new turf) in the near future</li> <li>Potential club move</li> </ul>   | Upgrade facilities                      | Concept (idea)                        | Yes             | Yes            |
| Victoria Park           | Thames Tennis Club      | Ongoing need for up to date facilities i.e. upgrade to courts, new clubrooms. Due to rising sea levels our Club is in a vulnerable position being located by the sea. The back court surface has been damaged due to flooding. A relocation with Council help may be inevitable for our Club   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are always looking to improve our Club.</li> <li>If there was an opportunity to be part of a multisport complex, then we would seriously look at that.</li> </ul>  | Aspire to have new facility             | Concept (idea)                        | Yes             | Yes            |
| Victoria Park           | Thames Squash Club      | We sometimes think about adding a 4th court but, realistically, there is no need at the present time. We have just refurbished our changing rooms, lounge area and deck (cost of around \$50k).  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resurfacing of playing areas.</li> </ul>  | Included existing development - rebuild | Planning (feasibility, business case) | Yes             | Yes            |
| Victoria Park           | Thames Croquet Club Inc | Playing surfaces require resurfacing after sea water flooding from a storm event. The club has been unable to acquire  |  |   |                                       |                 |                |

| Table 28: Needs and future plans identified by sport providers in the Thames Ward |           |   |                  |                   |            |                 |                |
|---|-----------|---|------------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Facility Name   | Club Name | Facility comments   | Planned Projects | Summarised detail | Plan stage | Open to sharing | Open to moving |
|   |           | additional financial assistance via grant funding to resurface. This has led to a significant drop in income from tournaments. They would like council to investigate and fix the sea wall. |                  |                   |            |                 |                |

## Thames facilities mapped

### 2.1.1.5 Thames



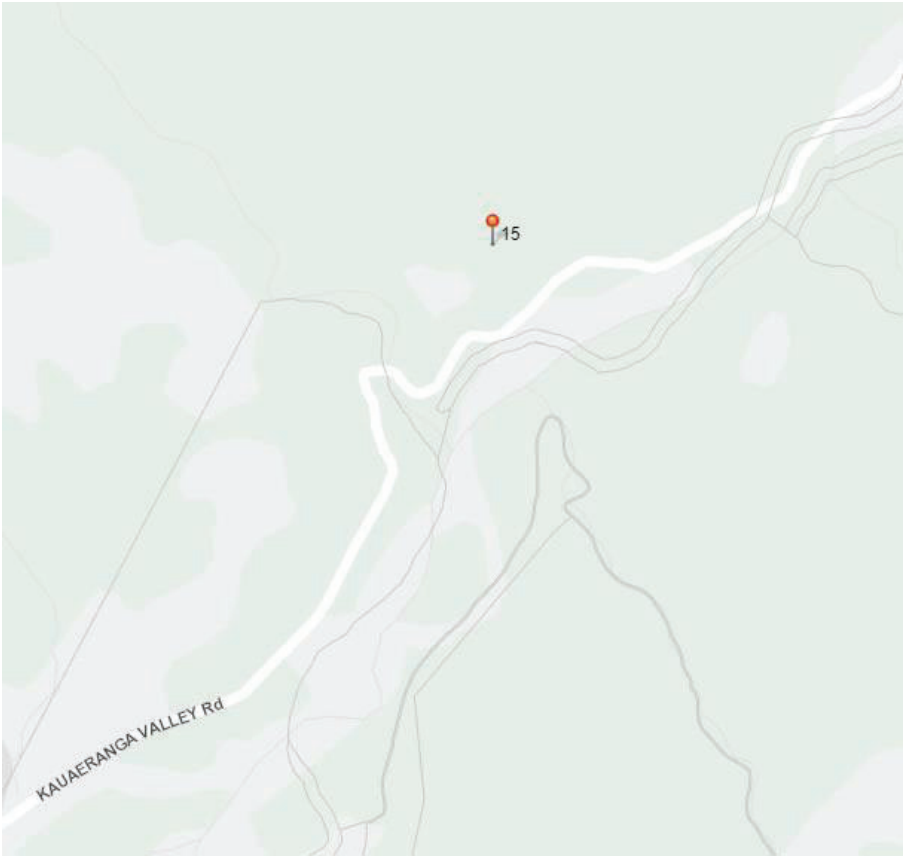
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| 1   | Age Concern Thames   |
| 2   | Contact Care   |
| 3   | Health Groove  |
| 4   | Rhodes Park  |
| 5   | TCA Gymnasium  |
| 6   | Thames Bowling Club  |
| 7   | Thames Centennial Pool                                       |
| 8   | Thames Golf Course   |
| 9   | Gymsports Gymnasium  |
| 10  | Victoria Park  |
| 11  | Thames High School & Jack McLean Recreation Community Centre |

2.1.1.6 North of Thames



| Key | Facility Name       |
|-----|---------------------|
| 12  | Thames Sailing Club |
| 13  | Te Puru Reserve     |
| 14  | Te Puru Boat Ramp   |

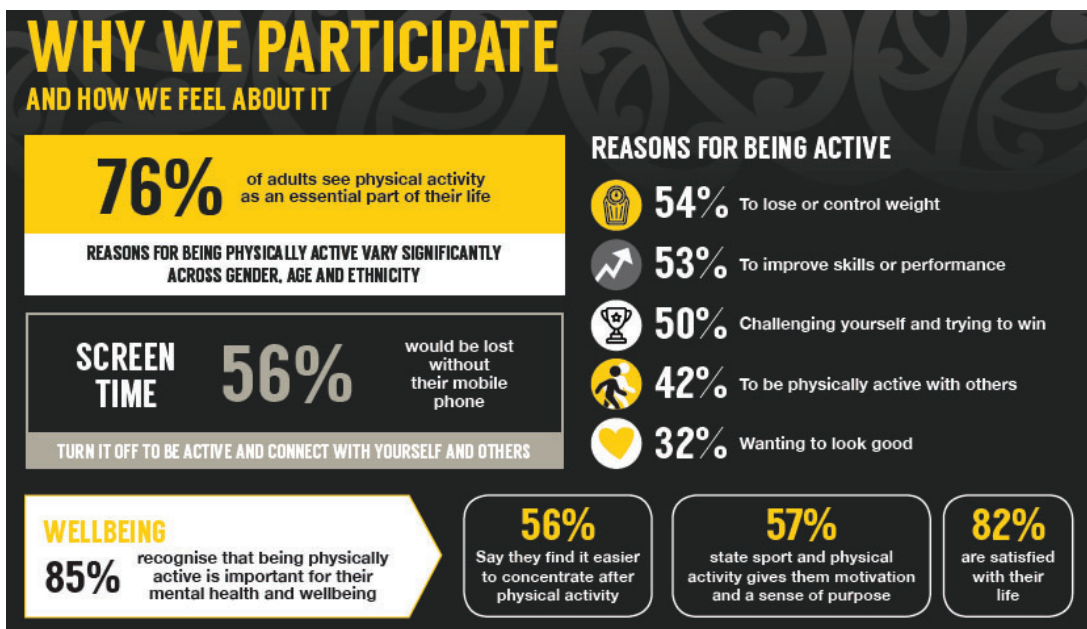
2.1.1.7 Kauaeranga Valley



| Key | Facility Name                    |
|-----|----------------------------------|
| 15  | Kauaeranga Valley Christian Camp |

## Appendix D: Participation in the Waikato Region

### Adult (18+) Participation





## WHAT WE DO

**58%** do more than 420 minutes of physical activity<sup>2</sup> a week – enough to positively impact their health

**96%** of young people have been physically active over the last 7 days (specifically for sport, physical education (PE) exercise and fun)

**↑ EUROPEAN** Europeans are more likely to want to do more physical activity

**11.7** Waikato young people average 11.7 hours over 7 days being physically active

**↓ MAAORI** Maaori are less likely to want to do more physical activity when compared to all young people

## TOP 5 PLACES

WHERE AND HOW YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ACTIVE<sup>3</sup>



**75%**

School or in the school grounds



**72%**

Home



**60%**

Playground, park, field, astroturf or outdoor pool



**47%**

Gym, community hall, church, marae or indoor pool



**46%**

Beach, lake, bush, footpath

## WHY WE PARTICIPATE

AND HOW WE FEEL ABOUT IT

As young people age, participation becomes more about fitness and health than fun.

**88%** of young people understand why taking part in physical activity is good for them

**83%** of young people like being physically active (vs 87% NATIONALLY)

**77%** of young people like or liked PE fitness classes at school

**SCREEN TIME 20%** of young people would be lost without their mobile phone

TURN IT OFF TO BE ACTIVE AND CONNECT WITH YOURSELF AND OTHERS

### REASONS FOR BEING ACTIVE (12-17 YEARS)



of young people see physical activity as an important part of their regular routine

70% participate for fun

45% participate to hang out with family and friends

32% participate for fitness or health

31% participate to learn or practice a new skill

29% participate to physically challenge myself or to win

27% participate because I have to (my parents/caregiver/school make me)

11% participate because I am good at it

4% participate to lose or maintain weight

2% participate to look good

### WELLBEING

**88%** say people in my life encourage me to take part in activities

**48%** say they find it easier to concentrate after physical activity

**92%** of all young people are satisfied with their life

participation

## Appendix E: Assessment criteria

Table 26: Facility assessment criteria.

| Criteria                             | Key guiding considerations  | Score out of 100 | Weighting (%) | Comments |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------------|---------------|----------|
| Sharing / multiuse facility?         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Level of willingness to operate under a shared facility/multiuse arrangement.</li> <li>Is the club seeking genuine partnership with other codes and clubs for the development of this facility?</li> <li>Opportunity for shared use arrangement.</li> </ul> <p>Note: Some clubs may not be able to operate under this model for reasons such as Health and Safety (i.e. Gymsports). Such codes will not be unduly disadvantaged by this criterion.</p> |                  | 10            |          |
| Current participation / membership   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total active membership - For maximum score total playing membership greater than 200.</li> <li>Total junior membership (relative to the demographic profile of the code) - For maximum score greater than 100 juniors. If less than 100 juniors calculate score as ratio of the total membership.</li> <li>Growth in membership in the past 3 years (in actual numbers).</li> </ul>   |                  | 15            |          |
| Projected participation / membership | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does the facility have a catchment which will extend into a known Council growth area?</li> <li>Do the projected demographics of the growth area support the growth of the code/activity?</li> <li>Degree to which external factors are likely to affect membership in the future.</li> </ul>  |                  | 15            |          |
| Level of strategic alignment         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Level of alignment to regional and national facility strategies, code development strategies.</li> <li>Level of alignment to local sport and recreation facilities strategies.</li> <li>Level of alignment to Council's strategic objectives.</li> </ul>   |                  | 10            |          |
| Appropriate scale                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposal is appropriate to needs of the community (pre-feasibility, feasibility, business case, development, re-development).</li> <li>When development (or redevelopment) is considered functionality and size is critical.</li> <li>The opportunity is core to / and in balance with the delivery for the community.</li> </ul>  |                  | 10            |          |

Table 26: Facility assessment criteria.

| Criteria                   | Key guiding considerations  | Score out of 100 | Weighting (%) | Comments |
|----------------------------|---|------------------|---------------|----------|
| Operational sustainability | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How financially sustainable is the facility likely to be (considering partnerships, funding opportunities, and broader sport and recreation trends etc.)?</li> <li>The ability of the community to support operating costs and ongoing maintenance.</li> <li>What ability do proponents have to assist with capital funding themselves (i.e. not including public funding)?</li> <li>Will the facility enhance the future delivery and operation of the sport and recreation opportunities?</li> </ul> |                  | 20            |          |
| Capital funding            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are the required funding splits realistic within the projects development timeframes?</li> <li>If the proponents can fund one third or more of the capital cost from 'own resources' (i.e. not including public funding), maximum score.</li> <li>The capital cost is realistic within the current funding environment.</li> </ul>   |                  | 20            |          |

## Appendix F: Glossary

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| <b>Monitoring</b>             | In the context of this plan, monitoring is used to describe Sport Waikato and Council staff connecting with and providing expert advice and practical support to organisations on an as needed basis.   |
| <b>Investigation</b>          | In the context of this plan, where further investigation is discussed it is proposed that sound planning and pre-feasibility should be applied to determine actual needs of facilities before any budget for construction is conceived by Thames-Coromandel District Council. |
| <b>Facilitate discussions</b> | In the context of this plan, to connect people/community groups with each other to enable potential progress on identified projects.  |