



WAIRARAPA SPORTS ARTIFICIAL SURFACE TRUST

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South Wairarapa District Council
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SWDC LTP Submission

On behalf of the Wairarapa Sports Artificial Surface Trust (WSAST) I would like to make a Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council.

Firstly, I apology for the late submission.

The WSAST was set up in 1992 for the purpose of; “to supply and lay an artificial playing surface for public sport at Clareville, Wairarapa”

The Trust House Hockey Wairarapa Complex at Clareville, now consists of two turfs that caters for all 11-aside hockey that is played in the Wairarapa. As some of the Wairarapa teams play in the Wellington Premier Hockey Competition, a number of those games are also played at Clareville. Hockey Wairarapa catered for 1448 weekly players using the turfs in 2017.

The turf covers have a life of 12 to 14 years with a replacement cost of approximately \$280,000 each, at today’s dollar value. We have programmed to replace one turf cover every 6 to 7 years so to spread the financial burden. The Southern Turf cover is scheduled to be replaced in 2020 at the end of the winter hockey season.

The WSAST does depend on some support from all the Councils within the Wairarapa Constituency to help fund the replacement costs of the turf covers.

WSAST is running a financial model to fund the replacement covers on the basis of; WSAST providing a 1/3, the Councils 1/3 and sourcing grants for the remaining 1/3. This has been an accepted model in the past by grant funders and Councils.

Sport is vital to a healthy community and the two turfs have an important role to play in this respect. In addition the turfs bring about a positive economic impact to the Wairarapa Region by Hockey Wairarapa hosting regular tournaments, including two Black Stick International tests series in recent years.

WSAST is happy to continue administering and help fund the turfs and ensure they are kept up to an acceptable standard, but we do require Council support when necessary. For this reason, WSAST ask that the SWDC help share the cost of replacing the turf covers and ensure funding is set aside in their LTP for a replacement turf cover in 2020.

We are fully aware of the current demands on ratepayers, however we believe the replacement of the turf cover in 2020 at Clareville is vital for the ongoing success of sport and a healthy community in the Wairarapa Region.

Yours Sincerely



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