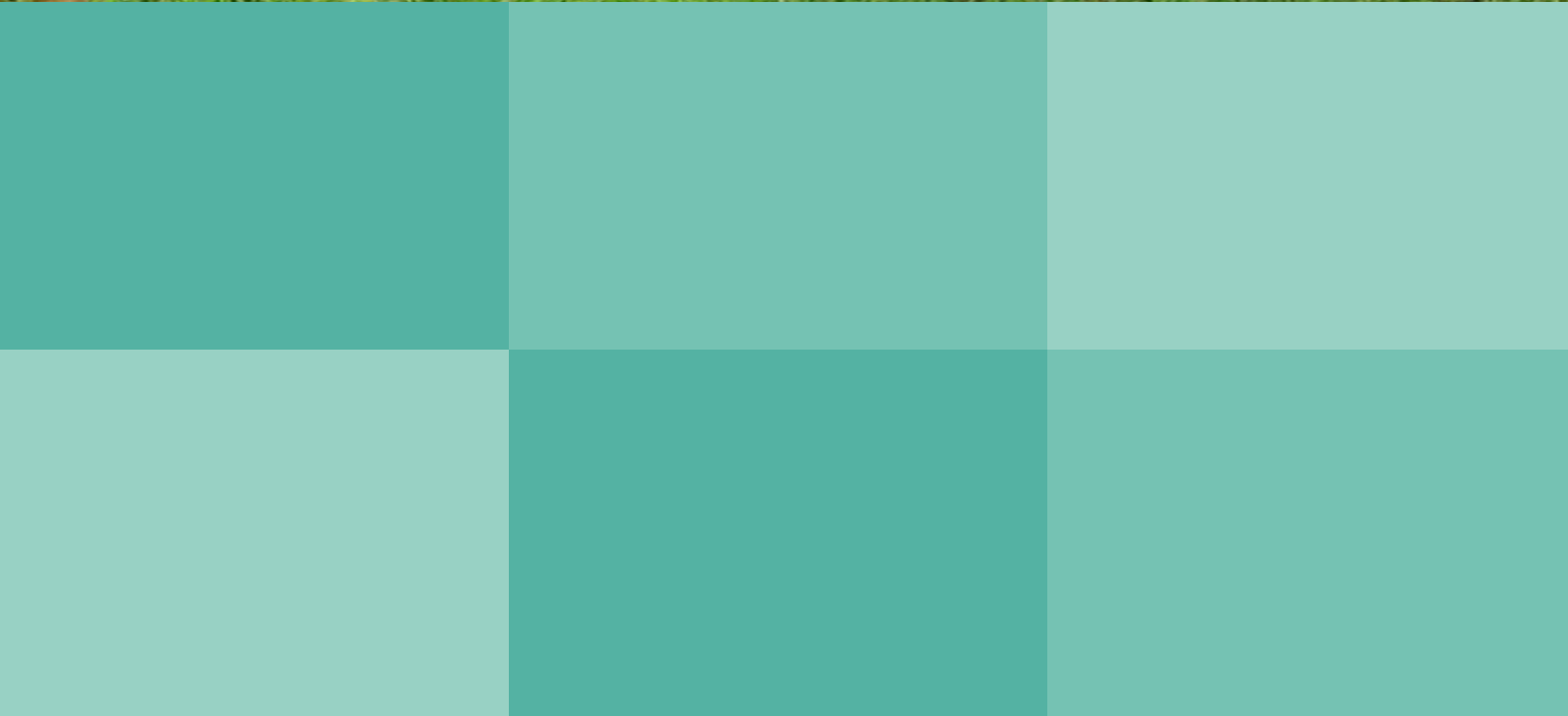


November 2019

# Auckland Regional Rugby League Facilities Network Plan



# INFORMATION

<b>Document Reference</b>	Auckland Regional Rugby League Facilities Network Plan
<b>Authors</b>	Danny O'Donnell, Andy Adams and Gordon Cessford,
<b>Sign off</b>	Craig Jones
<b>Version</b>	FINAL REPORT
<b>Date</b>	November, 2019

## Acknowledgements:

Thank you to the following agencies and groups for their contribution to the development of the network plan.



## Disclaimer:

Information, data and general assumptions used in the compilation of this report have been obtained from sources believed to be reliable. Visitor Solutions Ltd has used this information in good faith and makes no warranties or representations, express or implied, concerning the accuracy or completeness of this information. Interested parties should perform their own investigations, analysis and projections on all issues prior to acting in any way regarding this project.

© Visitor Solutions 2019.



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

---

Visitor Solutions was commissioned by a collective of rugby league organisations to develop the Auckland Regional Rugby League Facilities Network Plan. The sport's physical and playing infrastructure is encountering pressures (to remain fit-for-purpose). The plan has been developed to address two key outcomes:

- Identify the future club priorities in terms of field and clubroom requirements;
- Provide direction and recommendations to progress a 'home of rugby league' for the Akarana and Counties Manukau Zones and Auckland Rugby League respectively.

Recent Rugby League membership figures indicate an overall decline, both nationally and in Auckland, with the highest rate of decline evident in the Akarana Zone (comprising of the North Shore, Central, East and West Auckland).

Meanwhile, there are pockets of growth, most notably among junior players in Counties Manukau (which has the largest membership base when segmented by age-group and Zone).

The ethnicity profile of the playing membership primarily consists of players of Maori or Pacific Island descent, and as this trend is expected to continue. It is therefore important to recognise where growth in these ethnicities is expected to be concentrated (primarily south of the city, with moderate levels evident in certain pockets of the community).

Localised positive membership trends, coupled with high levels of projected growth in the Maori and Pacific Island population in South Auckland (and specifically the 'youthful' population in this area), suggests that rugby league is well positioned to grow its membership (assuming the current capture rates and traditional membership composition remain).

The growth in the Maori and Pacific Island population in West Auckland, and to a more moderate level in Central Auckland, presents an opportunity for rugby league to increase the membership based on existing capture rates (assuming if all else remains equal). This would impact on field supply and clubroom capacity.

These factors provide impetus for ensuring fields and facilities are fit-for-purpose and of sufficient capacity (to service current and future membership), and interventions and initiatives are in place to overturn localised membership declines.

The following findings and recommendations have been made pertaining to fields and clubrooms:

## **FIELDS - FINDINGS**

- Thirteen of the 31 clubs have fields assessed as being in 'average' condition, while a further four are considered as being in 'poor' condition;
- Field demand appears to be predominately met during the weekend/matches;
- The projected shortfall identified in 2014 (151 weekday winter hours) has been reassessed downwards to 101.5 hours – reflecting decreasing membership;
- The revised shortfall is to be predominately experienced in Counties Manukau. Highest levels of shortfall are to be experienced in Mangere-Otahuhu, Manurewa, Maungakiekie-Tamaki and Waitemata.
- When coupling growing membership with projected shortfall levels and Maori/Pacific Island population projections, the greatest need of field supply is in Manukau, Otahuhu and Manurewa;
- Aside to the actions outlined in Auckland Council's 3-year sports fields programme, Kohuora, Walter Massey, Bert Henham and Birkenhead War Memorial Parks are highly prioritised for requiring interventions (to meet existing and projected demand and to ensure fit-for-purpose fields are provided);

- Advocate to Auckland Council and the Local Board for the upgrade of the following fields which are mentioned in the 3-year sports fields programme, however, are encompassed in area investigations with no guarantee of specific investment. These include Mountfort and Ngati Otara Parks.

## CLUBROOMS – FINDINGS

- There are 9 club facilities prioritised at a high level, while a further 5 are at a medium level;
- The high-level priorities are based on varying needs including building code compliance for fire upgrades, clubrooms being condemned, no existing facilities, general building dilapidation and potential roading infrastructure changes.
- The clubs encountering these issues are Bay Roskill, East Coast Bays, Ellerslie, Glenfield, Marist Saints, Mt Wellington, Pakuranga, Pt Chevalier and Pukekohe.
- A range of funding mixes will be required across the network to address differing ownership models and the funding sources associated with each entity.

## ‘HOME OF RUGBY LEAGUE’ – FINDINGS

Establishing a home of rugby league for each zone (Akarana and Counties Manukau) and Auckland Rugby League was an outcome established in the New Zealand Rugby League Facility Strategy (2015). Each home is to accommodate the on and off field requirements of their representative programmes and a vehicle to project the sport’s aspirations. Using agreed site evaluation criteria, the 10 sites nominated by the respective organisations were assessed.

The following conclusions can be derived from the site assessment conducted:

- Ten proposed sites were identified for assessment across wider Auckland:  
**Akarana** – Fowlds Park, Ranui Domain and Henderson South Park;  
**Counties Manukau** – Norana Park, Norana Park West, Ngati Otara Park and Opaheke Sports Park;  
**Auckland Rugby League** – Mt Smart, Cornwall Park and Liston Park.
- Of the ten sites identified by the two Zones and Auckland Rugby League, there are only three locations which are currently home to an existing rugby league club.
- A preferred site was identified in all three areas, each containing certain potential constraints (pertaining to access levels, unknown levels of interest to accommodate the home of rugby league and possible hire rates) which will require further investigation and negotiation.
- In the Akarana Zone, Mt Albert Rugby League Club (Fowlds Park) presents as the strongest site for the ‘home of rugby league’. Significant recent investment from Auckland Council into the playing fields and lighting, and the readily accessible geographic location are key strengths. Although turf and light development timeframes are pending, this site has the potential to accommodate Akarana representative requirements.
- The remaining two identified preferred sites are Opaheke Sports Park and Mt Smart Stadium. They are not currently able to accommodate the on and off-field requirements to accommodate rugby league homes of football. However, proposed developments and multi-sport opportunities presented reinforce that they are both compelling opportunities (and can be upgraded to meet requirements).

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on available data, analysis and prioritisation, the report makes the following key recommendations:

- Each organisation (Akarana Zone, Counties Manukau Zone and Auckland Rugby League) endorses the site recommendations based on the agreed evaluation criteria.





# CONTENTS

---

<b>Executive Summary .....</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Contents .....</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>1.0 BACKGROUND .....</b>	<b>7</b>
1.1 Introduction .....	7
1.2 Methodology.....	7
<b>2.0 CLUB OVERVIEW .....</b>	<b>8</b>
2.1 Clubs .....	8
2.2 Club Membership.....	10
2.3 Structure of competitions.....	10
<b>3.0 MEMBERSHIP ANALYSIS .....</b>	<b>11</b>
3.1 Overall Auckland Membership .....	11
3.2 Auckland Age-Group Membership.....	12
3.3 Area-Specific Memberships and Trends.....	13
3.4 Club-Specific Membership and Trends.....	14
3.5 Ethnic Diversity .....	16
<b>4.0 DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS.....</b>	<b>17</b>
4.1 Recent Auckland Population Change.....	17
4.2 Projected Future Population Change .....	18
4.3 Projected Population Change – Ethnicity .....	18
<b>5.0 STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT .....</b>	<b>22</b>
5.1 New Zealand Rugby League Facility Strategy.....	22
5.2 Auckland Sport and Recreation Strategic Action Plan – Refreshed 2017.....	22
5.3 Auckland Sport Sector Facility Priorities Plan.....	23
<b>6.0 CURRENT STATE OF PLAY .....</b>	<b>24</b>
6.1 Investment to Date .....	24
6.2 Ownership and Investment Models .....	25
<b>7.0 RUGBY LEAGUE PLAYING FIELDS .....</b>	<b>32</b>
7.1 Rugby League Field Dashboard .....	32
7.2 Projected Field Supply .....	33
7.3 Auckland Council's 3-Year Sportsfield Programme .....	37
7.4 Field Supply & Demand – Investment Decisions .....	38

<b>8.0 PRELIMINARY CLUB PRIORITY PLAN .....</b>	<b>42</b>
8.1 Funding Landscape for Club Priority Plan .....	42
8.2 Club Priorities.....	43
<b>9.0 ‘HOME OF LEAGUE’ OVERVIEW.....</b>	<b>49</b>
9.1 Current Situation .....	49
9.2 Home of League Evaluation Criteria .....	50
9.3 ‘Home of Rugby League’ Requirements.....	51
9.4 Akarana Zone Requirements.....	51
9.5 Counties Manukau Requirements .....	52
9.6 Auckland Rugby League Requirements.....	53
<b>10.0 ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED SITES .....</b>	<b>54</b>
10.1 Introduction .....	54
10.2 Proposed Home of League Sites .....	54
10.3 Additional Key Considerations.....	55
10.4 Akarana Rugby League – Site Assessment.....	56
10.5 Counties Manukau – Site Assessment .....	58
10.6 Auckland Rugby League – Site Assessment .....	60
<b>11.0 ROAD MAP.....</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>12.0 RECOMMENDATIONS .....</b>	<b>64</b>
12.1 Club Priorities.....	64
12.2 Home of Rugby League.....	66
12.3 General .....	67
12.4 High Priorities Summarised by Local Board .....	68
<b>APPENDIX 1 - CLUB MEMBERSHIP.....</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>APPENDIX 2 - SPATIALLY SUMMARISED.....</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>APPENDIX 3 – FACILITY REQUIREMENTS.....</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>APPENDIX 4 – VARIABLES FOR FIELD INVESTMENT .....</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>APPENDIX 5 - MANGERE-OTAHUHU .....</b>	<b>85</b>
13.1 Club Membership.....	85
13.2 Population Profile.....	87
13.3 State of Play.....	88
13.4 Field Supply.....	88
13.5 Clubroom Priorities .....	90
13.6 Proposed Site for the Home of League .....	91
<b>APPENDIX 6 – FIELD SUPPLY .....</b>	<b>93</b>





# BACKGROUND

---

## 1.1 INTRODUCTION

Visitor Solutions has been commissioned by a collective of rugby league organisations to develop the Auckland Regional Rugby League Facilities Network Plan. The organisations responsible for the project are:

- New Zealand Rugby League;
- Auckland Rugby League;
- Akarana Rugby League;
- Counties Manukau Rugby League.

New Zealand Rugby League is comprised of 7 Zones across the country, with Auckland being represented by the Akarana and Counties Manukau Rugby League zones. Akarana encompasses North Harbour, Central, West and East Auckland, while Counties Manukau covers South Auckland. Supporting zonal delivery, Auckland Rugby League run weekly interclub competitions and develop coaching and player capability.

Rugby league in the Auckland region is steeped in history, celebrating its centenary in 2009. The current membership across Auckland is the vicinity of 10,000+ across a broad demographic range. The sport has many challenges, not least the pressures being placed on resources, including access to sports fields, clubroom upgrades (and the capital funding associated with this).

The Auckland Regional Rugby League Facilities Network Plan has two key outcomes:

- Identifying the future club priorities in terms of field and clubroom requirements;
- Providing direction and recommendations to progress a home of rugby league for the Akarana and Counties Manukau zones and Auckland Rugby League respectively.

A specific focused outcome in the report was for the completion of a facility plan prioritising future provision in the Manukau Ward. To assist with this, the Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board invested \$10,000 from its 2017/18 work programme.

To achieve a more holistic outcome for rugby league across Auckland, the project was supplemented by additional funding from Auckland Council, Sport New Zealand, and the Rugby League Facilities Working Group (via funding from the Carlaw Heritage Trust).

## 1.2 METHODOLOGY

The development of the study included the following methodology stages:

- Pre-start meeting,
- Secondary data analysis,
- Project team meetings,
- Stakeholder consultation,
- Clubs' needs analysis – grounds/facilities,
- Home of Rugby League analysis,
- Site visits,
- Draft report,
- Client review,
- Final report.



## 2.0 CLUB OVERVIEW

Rugby League has a wide geographic spread across the Auckland region with clubs located from Rodney in the north to Tuakau in the south (located within the Waikato District boundary), with the remaining clubs spread throughout the west, east and central areas.

### 2.1 CLUBS

There are 31 rugby league clubs in the Auckland region. Most clubs are based within the central, west and south of the region. There are 19 clubs based within the Akarana Zone and 12 clubs positioned in the Counties Manukau Zone. A full list of clubs and their geographic location are illustrated in Table 2.1 and Map 2.1 correspondingly. Auckland Rugby League (ARL) are responsible for the delivery of the club competitions within the Auckland region, from age group through to seniors for both the men's and women's components of the game.

Map 2.1: Geographic location of the Auckland Rugby League Affiliated Clubs

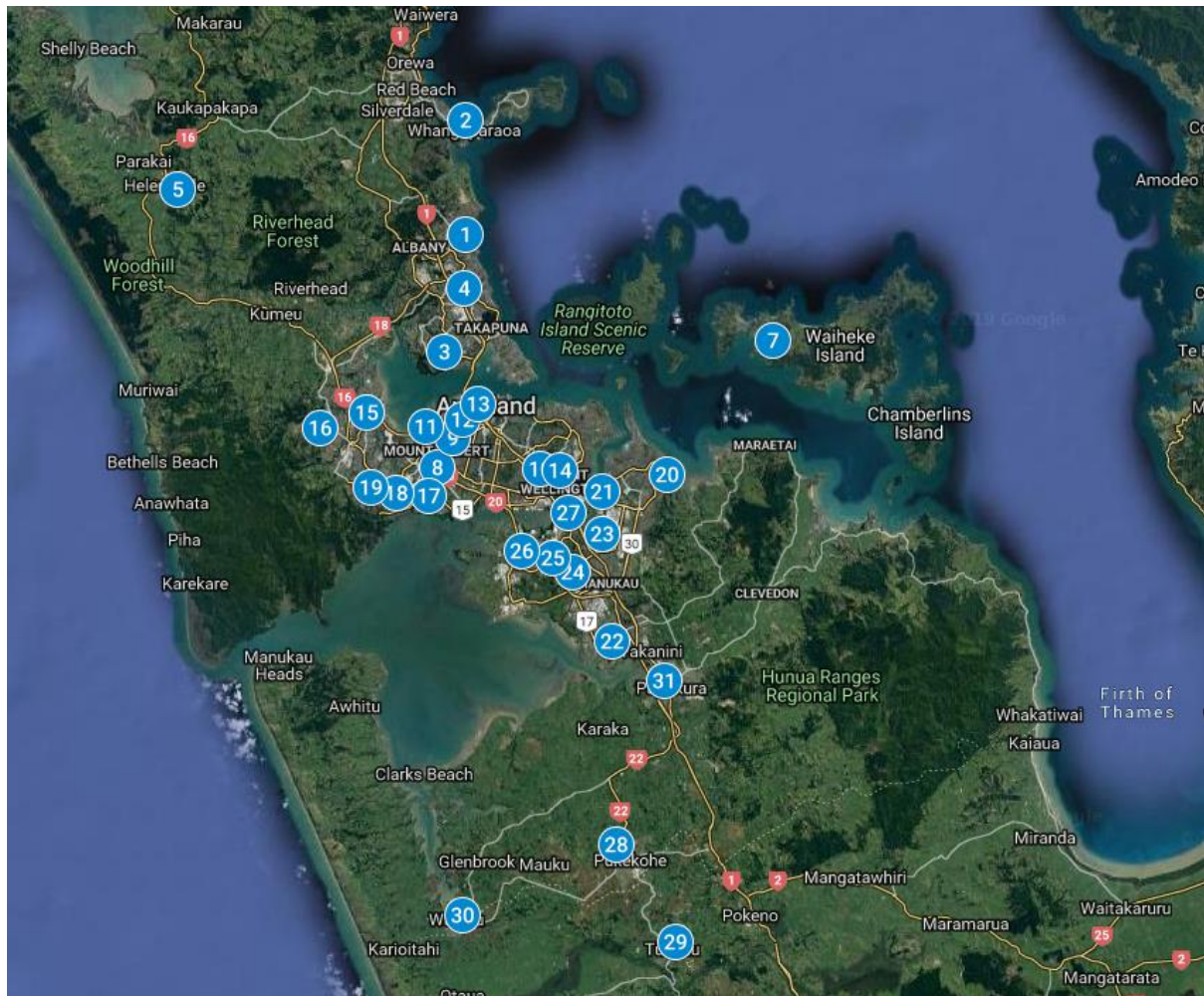


Table 2.1: Affiliated Auckland Rugby League Clubs

Club	Home Field	Map Locator	Membership
<b>North Shore</b>			
<b>East Coast Bays</b>	Freyberg Park	1	233
<b>Hibiscus Coast</b>	Stanmore Bay Reserve	2	328
<b>Northcote</b>	Birkenhead War Memorial Park	3	340
<b>Glenfield</b>	Sunnynook Park	4	277
<b>Kaipara</b>	Rautawhiri Park	5	1
<b>Rodney</b>	Whangateau Domain	6	2
<b>Waiheke</b>	Ostend Domain	7	68
<b>Central Auckland</b>			
<b>Marist Saints</b>	Murray Halberg Park	8	463
<b>Mt Albert</b>	Fowlds Park	9	362
<b>Ellerslie</b>	Ellerslie Domain	10	368
<b>Point Chevalier</b>	Walker Park	11	398
<b>Richmond</b>	Grey Lynn Park	12	441
<b>Ponsonby</b>	Victoria Park	13	242
<b>Mt Wellington</b>	Thompson Park	14	268
<b>West Auckland</b>			
<b>Te Atatu</b>	Jack Colvin/Te Atatu Peninsula Park	15	471
<b>Waitemata</b>	Ranui Domain	16	288
<b>Bay Roskill</b>	Blockhouse Bay Reserve	17	374
<b>New Lynn</b>	Lawson Park	18	271
<b>Glenora</b>	Harold Moody Reserve	19	510
<b>South Auckland</b>			
<b>Howick</b>	Paparoa Park/Howick Domain	20	347
<b>Pakuranga</b>	Ti Rakau Park	21	344
<b>Manurewa</b>	Mountfort Park	22	1,184
<b>Otara</b>	Ngati Otara Park	23	634
<b>Papatoetoe</b>	Kohuora Park	24	449
<b>Mangere East</b>	Walter Massey Park	25	1,088
<b>Manukau</b>	Moyle Park	26	392
<b>Otahuhu</b>	Bert Henham Park	27	783
<b>Pukekohe</b>	Nga Hau E Wha O Marae	28	194
<b>Tuakau</b>	Dr John Lightbody Reserve (Escotts Road)	29	62
<b>Waiuku</b>	Hamilton Estate Park	30	93
<b>Papakura</b>	Prince Edward Park	31	406

## 2.2 CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Club membership is analysed in the following section (Section 3.0) which highlights the participation rates of the clubs over the previous five years.

Overall there has been a slight decrease in playing membership in the Auckland region. However, it is identified that there has been a slight membership increase in the Counties Manukau Zone over the last three-year period. Of note is that four or the five largest membership bases are in the Counties Manukau Zone (all exceeding 500 members), encompassing the two largest clubs which exceed 1,000 members. There is a clear membership disparity between these two clubs and the remaining clubs in the top-5 bracket.

## 2.3 STRUCTURE OF COMPETITIONS

The structure of rugby league in the Auckland region is outlined below.

### REPRESENTATIVE

- Akarana, Counties Manukau and Auckland Rugby League.
- Senior men and women.
- Age group men and women.

### CLUB SENIOR COMPETITIONS (MEN'S AND WOMEN'S)

- Fox Memorial Championship & Premiership.
- Women's Premiership.
- Sharman Cup Premiership.
- Sharman Cup Championship.
- Age group competition.

### SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS AND PROGRAMMES

- Total of 22 schools will take part across four grades.
- [Click here for 1st XIII Premiership.](#)
- U15 9s.
- Girls' 9's competition.

### KIWI TAG<sup>1</sup>

- Primary, intermediate and secondary school competitions (boys and girls).

---

<sup>1</sup> The report concentrates primarily on rugby league. It is acknowledged that 10 clubs engage in kiwi tag delivery across the summer months (October to March). It is noted that the popularity of the hybrid rugby league game is increasing due to the non-contact nature of the sport. It can be expected to grow further as the programme is promoted and delivered more widely. Additionally, some clubs deliver netball as part of their club activity.

## 3.0 MEMBERSHIP ANALYSIS

This section summarises key membership information associated with rugby league in the Auckland region through Auckland Rugby League and the Akarana and Counties Manukau Zones. This section summarises key membership information including overall and age-group membership numbers. Reference to specific geographical areas is outlined in Section 4.0.

### KEY POINTS:

- Recent trends indicate an overall membership decline (New Zealand and Auckland);
- Overall decline was more evident and significant in the Akarana Zone, with the North Shore and West Auckland having the highest decline;
- Among broad age groups (senior, youth, junior) the decline was greatest among juniors in the Akarana Zone;
- The only notable increase was among juniors in Counties Manukau (which is the largest membership base when segmented by age-group and Zone);
- Most of the membership is junior based (42%), followed by seniors (33%) and youth (25%);
- Ethnicity primarily consists of players of Maori or Pacific Island descent.

### 3.1 OVERALL AUCKLAND MEMBERSHIP<sup>2</sup>

Table 3.1 outlines the overall Rugby League Club membership numbers and the trends over the last 5 years. These overall figures indicate a general trend of membership decline in Auckland and New Zealand. Total Auckland membership is declining at a similar rate to the national trend. However, there is a notable difference between the two Zones within the Auckland Region. The significant decline in the Akarana Zone (-23%) comprises most of the Auckland decline (-13%). By contrast the Counties Manukau Zone experienced a very slight increase (1%). As a result, the predominance of membership between the Zones has reversed - whereby Akarana was notably higher in 2013 and Counties Manukau is now larger in 2018.

Table 3.1: Total membership numbers and recent trends (2013-2018)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	change last 5 yrs	% change last 5 yrs
<b>Akarana Zone</b>	6,323	6,757	6,634	5,935	5,030	4,850	-1,473	-23
<b>Counties Manukau Zone</b>	5,128	5,158	5,108	5,242	5,086	5,165	37	-1
<b>Auckland Region</b>	<b>11,451</b>	<b>11,915</b>	<b>11,742</b>	<b>11,177</b>	<b>10,116</b>	<b>10,015</b>	<b>-1,436</b>	<b>-13</b>
<b>New Zealand</b>	25,978	27,051	24,773	24,367	23,216	21,832	-4,146	-16

<sup>2</sup> Note that these figures are sourced from the NZRL and differ from the aggregated Auckland club data received.

## 3.2 AUCKLAND AGE-GROUP MEMBERSHIP

The membership trends varied in some respects between the Zones at different playing age-group levels. Tables 3.2 to 3.4 present corresponding Zone-level membership and trend data for Juniors, Youth and Seniors. The distinction between the Akarana and Counties Manukau Zones was most marked among Junior members. At this zone level:

- Both youth and adult membership declined over the last 5 years in both Zones, but at a greater rate in Akarana;
- With both Zones the greatest rate of membership decline was evident in the youth grades (and most notably in Akarana 47%). Across the Akarana Zone, this was most apparent in the North Shore and Central Auckland areas - at varying levels across the Local Boards (see Appendix 2) and between individual clubs (see Appendix 1);
- Modest levels of decline were also evident in Senior membership figures within the Akarana Zone (-10%) - notably in the Waitemata and Rodney Local Board areas; and a further 7% in Counties Manukau.
- The only notable increase in membership was among Juniors in the Counties Manukau Zone (17%). This was most apparent in Franklin (see Appendix 2).
- While experiencing a significant drop in Youth members, the Akarana Zone has shown an increase in Junior and Senior members from 2017 to 2018.

Table 3.2: Junior Membership numbers and recent trends (ages < 13 years)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	change last 5 yrs	% change last 5 yrs
<b>Akarana Zone</b>	2,448	2,267	2,393	2,280	1,795	1,946	-502	-21
<b>Counties Manukau Zone</b>	2,257	2,148	2,142	2,586	2,423	2,648	391	17
<b>Auckland Region</b>	4,705	4,415	4,535	4,866	4,218	4,594	-111	-2
<b>New Zealand</b>	10,090	10,204	8,841	9,594	9,118	10,007	-83	-1

Table 3.3: Youth Membership numbers and recent trends (ages 13-17 years)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	change last 5 yrs	% change last 5 yrs
<b>Akarana Zone</b>	1,584	1,836	1,535	1,305	1,398	841	-743	-47
<b>Counties Manukau Zone</b>	1,259	1,226	1,241	1,271	1,172	1,025	-234	-19
<b>Auckland Region</b>	2,843	3,062	2,776	2,576	2,570	1,866	-977	-34
<b>New Zealand</b>	6,789	7,178	6,243	5,954	5,754	4,282	-2,507	-37

Table 3.4: Senior Membership numbers and recent trends (ages >18+ years)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	change last 5 yrs	% change last 5 yrs
<b>Akarana Zone</b>	2,291	2,654	2,706	2,350	1,837	2,063	-228	-10
<b>Counties Manukau Zone</b>	1,612	1,784	1,725	1,385	1,491	1,492	-120	-7
<b>Auckland Region</b>	3,903	4,438	4,431	3,735	3,328	3,555	-348	-9
<b>New Zealand</b>	9,099	9,669	9,689	8,819	8,344	7,542	-1,557	-17

### 3.3 AREA-SPECIFIC MEMBERSHIPS AND TRENDS

Using modified baseline membership data<sup>3</sup> at club-specific spatial levels<sup>4</sup>, Sections 3.3 and 3.4 provide a refined indication of club membership and trends across Auckland. Table 3.5 summarises the data with reference to broad Population Catchment Areas, Local Board Areas and the respective clubs located in each.

Table 3.5: Membership in Population Catchment and Local Board Areas (2016-18)<sup>5</sup>

Population Catchment Area (and Local Boards) <sup>6</sup>	2016	2017	2018	Change 2016-18	% Change	Zone and Clubs <sup>7</sup>
<b>North Shore</b>	<b>1,269</b>	<b>1,221</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>-88</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>Akarana</b>
<b>Hibiscus and Bays</b>	663	630	561	-102	-15	East Coast Bays, Hibiscus Coast
<b>Kaipatiki</b>	272	331	340	68	25	Northcote
<b>Devonport-Takapuna</b>	285	244	277	-8	-3	Glenfield
<b>Rodney</b>	49	16	3	-46	-94	Kaipara, Rodney
<b>Central Auckland</b>	<b>2,681</b>	<b>2,665</b>	<b>2,610</b>	<b>-71</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>Akarana</b>
<b>Albert-Eden</b>	970	1,010	825	-145	-15	Marist, Mt Albert
<b>Orakei</b>	412	423	368	-44	-11	Ellerslie
<b>Waitemata</b>	1,092	1,037	1,081	-11	-1	Point-Chevalier, Ponsonby, Richmond
<b>Maungakiekie-Tamaki*</b>	173	169	268	95	55	Mt Wellington
<b>Waiheke</b>	34	26	68	34	100	Waiheke
<b>West Auckland</b>	<b>2,309</b>	<b>2,339</b>	<b>1,914</b>	<b>-395</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>Akarana</b>
<b>Henderson-Massey</b>	883	951	759	-124	-14	Te Atatu, Waitemata
<b>Whau</b>	722	814	645	-77	-11	Bay Roskill, New Lynn
<b>Waitakere Ranges</b>	704	574	510	-194	-28	Glenora
<b>South Auckland</b>	<b>5,894</b>	<b>5,797</b>	<b>5,976</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Counties Manukau</b>
<b>Howick</b>	709	793	691	-18	-3	Howick, Pakuranga
<b>Manurewa</b>	1,087	1,067	1,184	97	9	Manurewa
<b>Otara-Papatoetoe</b>	1,150	1,057	1,083	-67	-6	Otara, Papatoetoe
<b>Mangere-Otahuhu</b>	1,564	1,636	1,480	-84	-5	Mangere East, Manukau
<b>Maungakiekie-Tamaki*</b>	710	646	783	73	10	Otahuhu
<b>Franklin</b>	167	111	349	182	109	Pukekohe, Tuakau, Waiuku
<b>Papakura</b>	507	487	406	-101	-20	Papakura

\* Club locations placed one in Akarana (Central Auckland) and one in Counties Manukau (South Auckland).

Source: Auckland League Demographic Report, July 2018

These data best illustrate the spread of membership across Auckland and the areas (at Local Board level) where membership is concentrated and trends over the last 3 years. While some caution in reading and interpreting these data is prudent, the high-level summary indicates the following:

<sup>3</sup> Club-specific membership data (2016-2018) as reported by clubs - provided from the Auckland League Demographic Report, July 2018. Data is summarised in Appendix 1.

<sup>4</sup> Refer to the end of Appendix 2 for description of these summary spatial 'Population Catchment Areas', their relationships with Local Boards; and the clubs associated with both.

<sup>5</sup> Figures are subject to data reporting. More club-specific data is presented in this format in Appendix 1 for senior, youth and junior memberships which indicates some inconsistencies. Caution and validation in any significant interpretations and conclusions made in association with these figures is recommended.

<sup>6</sup> No clubs are located in the Upper Harbour (although three clubs are located in close proximity), Great Barrier and Puketapapa Local Board areas.

<sup>7</sup> Specific club membership figures are outlined in Section 3.3. and in Appendix 1.



- For the Akarana Zone, there has been a general decline in membership in three indicative Population Catchment Areas (North Shore, Central & West Auckland). Between these areas the decline was most marked for the North Shore and West Auckland areas. Central Auckland memberships showed little decline overall, with some growth apparent outside of the numerically dominant, but declining, memberships in the Waitemata and Albert-Eden Local Board areas.
- For the Counties Manukau Zone (South Auckland) there has been a slight overall increase in membership, driven mainly by significant local gains in the Franklin Local Board Area, and slight gains in the Manurewa and Maungakiekie-Tamaki Local Board areas.
- Overall Akarana is declining while Counties Manukau is static apart from growth in junior levels.

### 3.4 CLUB-SPECIFIC MEMBERSHIP AND TRENDS

Looking more specifically at individual club membership and trends using the same base data (refer Appendix 1), Table 3.6 lists the Top-10 clubs by total membership across the Auckland Rugby League district. Six of the top-10 are located within South Auckland, with 2 each from West and Central Auckland making up the balance. The Top-5 clubs all exceeded 500 members, with four coming from South Auckland - including the two largest which exceed 1,000.

Also highlighted are their recent membership trends (2016-2018) where **green** represents percentage gain and **red** indicating percentage decline. Only 3 of the top-10 largest clubs have experienced recent growth, with two clubs reporting significant decline (>20%). The variations indicate some volatility in participation, but with an overall Auckland regional trend of slight decline.

Table: 3.6: Top-10 Clubs by total membership 2018

	Members	2018	change 2016-18	%	Catchment Area	RL Zone	Local Board Area
1	Manurewa	1,184	97	9	S Auckland	Counties Manukau	Manurewa
2	Mangere East	1,088	-128	-11	S Auckland	Counties Manukau	Mangere-Otahuhu
3	Otahuhu	783	73	10	S Auckland	Counties Manukau	Maungakiekie-Tamaki
4	Otara	634	-46	-7	S Auckland	Counties Manukau	Otara-Papatoetoe
5	Glenora	510	-194	-28	C Auckland	Akarana	Waitakere Ranges
6	Te Atatu	471	-57	-11	W Auckland	Akarana	Henderson-Massey
7	Marist Saints	463	17	4	C Auckland	Akarana	Albert-Eden
8	Papatoetoe	449	-21	-4	S Auckland	Counties Manukau	Otara-Papatoetoe
9	Richmond	441	-31	-7	C Auckland	Akarana	Waitemata
10	Papakura	406	-101	-20	S Auckland	Counties Manukau	Papakura
	<b>Auckland Region</b>	<b>11,683</b>	<b>-496</b>	<b>-4</b>			

In terms of absolute growth in membership numbers, Table 3.7 shows a transformed top-10 club list based on recent membership gains. Manurewa remains No.1 in new member 'gains', as it was with total members (Table 3.6), with almost 100 gained. Overall, 7 of the top-10 growth clubs were from South Auckland, with 2 in Central Auckland and 1 in the North Shore.



Table: 3.7: Top-10 Clubs by total membership gains (2016-2018)

	Members	2018	change 2016-18	%	Catchment Area	RL Zone	Local Board Area
1	Manurewa	1,184	97	9	S Auckland	Counties Manukau	Manurewa
23	Mt Wellington	268	95	55	C Auckland	Akarana	Maungakiekie-Tamaki
26	Pukekohe	194	87	81	S Auckland	Counties Manukau	Franklin
3	Otahuhu	783	73	10	S Auckland	Counties Manukau	Maungakiekie-Tamaki
18	Northcote	340	68	25	North Shore	Akarana	Kaipatiki
27	Waiuku Toa	93	58	166	S Auckland	Counties Manukau	Franklin
24	Ponsonby	242	57	31	C Auckland	Akarana	Waitemata
12	Manukau	392	44	13	S Auckland	Counties Manukau	Mangere-Otahuhu
17	Pakuranga	344	44	15	S Auckland	Counties-Manukau	Howick
29	Tuakau <sup>8</sup>	62	37	148	S Auckland	Counties-Manukau	Franklin
	<b>Auckland Region</b>	<b>11,683</b>	<b>-496</b>	<b>-4</b>			

In terms of relative percentage membership declines, Table 3.8 shows the bottom-10 clubs. This represents the clubs who have been recently experiencing the most significant relative membership declines. All clubs listed have had membership declines of over 10% from 2016-2018, with 6 of the 10 having had declines of 20% or more. These clubs are Auckland wide (including South Auckland), indicating no particular area appears to be significantly affected more than others, other than there being a predominance of clubs related to Akarana (which covers a greater expanse of Auckland).

Table: 3.8: Bottom-10 Clubs by total % membership declines (2016-2018)

	Members	2018	change 2016-18	%	Catchment Area	RL Zone	Local Board Area
6	Te Atatu	471	-57	-11	W Auckland	Akarana	Henderson-Massey
16	Howick	347	-62	-15	S Auckland	Counties Manukau	Howick
22	New Lynn	271	-53	-16	W Auckland	Akarana	Whau
20	Waitemata	288	-67	-19	C Auckland	Akarana	Henderson-Massey
10	Papakura	406	-101	-20	S Auckland	Counties Manukau	Papakura
5	Glenora	510	-194	-28	W Auckland	Akarana	Waitakere Ranges
19	Hibiscus Coast	328	-125	-28	North Shore	Akarana	Hibiscus and Coast
15	Mt Albert	362	-162	-31	C Auckland	Akarana	Albert-Eden
30	Rodney	2	-26	-93	North Shore	Akarana	Rodney
31	Kaipara	1	-20	-95	North Shore	Akarana	Rodney
	<b>Auckland Region</b>	<b>11,683</b>	<b>-496</b>	<b>-4</b>			

<sup>8</sup> Whilst Tuakau is considered a rural town, it is experiencing significant growth with housing development on the same road as the rugby league club - 100 new homes. Also, with the growth in Pokeno this has seen some families travel to play rugby league in Tuakau.

### 3.5 ETHNIC DIVERSITY

While no data-set on member ethnicity was available at the time that this report was undertaken, as is apparent in the New Zealand Rugby League National Facility Strategy (and numerous other documents that have been produced), the sport has traditionally attracted higher levels of participation within the Maori and Pacific Island communities. Auckland Rugby League have indicated that 95% of their membership are of Maori or Pacific Island descent, which is supported by individual club reports that have been conducted and as represented in recent initiatives such as League Wise.

#### ACTIVE NEW ZEALAND SURVEY 2017

Results from the Active New Zealand survey also highlight that a vast majority of respondents who participated in rugby league activity in the last 12-months identified as being of Maori or Pacific Island decent (for both adult and young people subsets). These results were significantly higher than the average across all activities. Conversely, the level of participation of Europeans in rugby league was significantly below the average across all activities.

#### TARGETED APPROACH

A notable initiative across Auckland has been the targeting of other ethnic groups (e.g. Indians) to stimulate participation. This strategic approach has seen 199 players in the Counties Manukau Zone alone engaging in designated teams – while some integration into other teams is evident. With a high Asian population base and sustained growth projections in Auckland, such initiatives possess the ability to attract new participants to the sport. The uptake in a short period provides positive reinforcement for pursuing the targeted approach. This trend should be monitored over an extended period to accurately gauge potential penetration levels for forecasting future membership projections.

## 4.0 DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

---

This section looks at the population and ethnicity characteristics of various catchment areas for the 31 Auckland Rugby League Clubs. Table 4.1 summarises the raw data by initially focusing on the comparative differences across the Auckland Region and the two Rugby League Zones within the Auckland Rugby League District (Akarana – 19 clubs and Counties Manukau – 12 clubs). Consideration is then given to examining the more localised features across the four broad ‘Auckland Catchment Areas’ and the 21 Local Board Areas comprised within<sup>9</sup>.

In addition to the demographic breakdown and associated commentary which is surmised below, further analysis on club provision against population catchments is detailed in Appendix Three.

### 4.1 RECENT AUCKLAND POPULATION CHANGE

- The growth experienced in Auckland over the last 10-15 years (22%) has been distributed across the two Auckland Rugby League Zones.
  - a. There was little difference in the overall growth rates between the Zones;
  - b. Numeric growth is substantially higher in the Akarana Zone.
- Recent population growth levels were relatively well distributed across the four geographic areas, however, there is greater variation between the individual constituent Local Boards.
  - a. North Shore – The main outlier is clearly the Upper Harbour Local Board which experienced 67% growth (substantially higher than any other area) – although no rugby league clubs are currently located in this catchment. The Kaipatiki and Devonport-Takapuna Local Boards incurred comparatively moderate levels of growth – 11% (encompassing one rugby league club in each catchment area respectively).
  - b. Central Auckland – The region is supported by significant growth sustained in Waitemata (55%) and moderate levels across the remainder of the region (11-15%). Where the primary concentration of growth has occurred, there are two local clubs placed for rugby league delivery. It should be noted that the Waitemata Rugby League Club, based out of the Ranui Domain, is located within the Henderson-Massey Local Board area.
  - c. West Auckland – Of the three local boards consisting of the West Auckland area, Henderson-Massey illustrated the highest level of growth (24%), followed by Whau and Waitakere Ranges with 16% and 14% respectively. The largest growth areas comprise two rugby league clubs in their individual catchments.
  - d. South Auckland – The largest growth area, both numerically and percentage wise, was evident in South Auckland. While this growth was spread across the entire composition of Local Board boundaries, the highest level of growth was in Howick (37%) and in Franklin (27%). Between these territories, they contain five rugby league clubs – although it should be noted that two rural town clubs are located within the Franklin Local Board catchment (where lower growth and rugby league membership was evident). Other high growth areas in South Auckland were Manurewa (containing the largest rugby league club in Auckland) and Papakura – 25% and 22% respectively.

---

<sup>9</sup> These four distinct population catchment areas are defined in Appendix 2, and are North Shore, Central Auckland, West Auckland and South Auckland.

## 4.2 PROJECTED FUTURE POPULATION CHANGE

- Auckland's population is projected to increase by almost 500,000 (29%) over the next twenty years, with sustained growth projected across the two Auckland Rugby League Zones.
  - a. The growth rate remains higher in the Akarana Zone (31%);
  - b. A similar growth rate is expected in the Counties Manukau Zone between 2018-38 as was experienced between 2001-2013 (25%).
- Projected population growth levels are expected to surpass previous rates, which vary across the broad geographic areas of Auckland and at an individual Local Board level:
  - a. North Shore – the highest rate of growth forecasted across Auckland is to occur on the North Shore. Growth levels are predominately concentrated in the Rodney (82%) and Upper Harbour (73%) Local Board areas – where there is very limited rugby league club provision.
  - b. Central Auckland – is expected to experience the second highest rate of population growth across Auckland (31%). While projected growth is to be spread across the region, Maungakiekie-Tamaki and the Waitemata Local Board areas display the highest projected population (both numerically and by percentage increase). There are currently two clubs within each Local Board area. Of note is the growth to be experienced in the Puketapapa Local Board whereby there is currently no rugby league club provision.
  - c. West Auckland – Most of the growth projected for West Auckland is to occur in Henderson-Massey (38%) followed by Whau (22%). Both areas currently contain two rugby league clubs in their catchment areas.
  - d. South Auckland – while 25% growth is forecasted for the South Auckland region, this is primarily concentrated on the Franklin (77%) and Papakura (43%) Local Board areas. As noted above, the existing rugby league provision in Franklin comprises of two rural town clubs where the heightened growth is not expected to occur. The remainder of the area indicates moderate levels of growth.

## 4.3 PROJECTED POPULATION CHANGE – ETHNICITY

As a high concentration of the rugby league membership profile are of Maori or Pacific Island descent, it is important to understand the demographic projections in order to comprehend potential opportunities and impacts for the sport.

As specified in the Auckland Plan 2050 Evidence Report, it is projected that there will be significant growth experienced by the Pacific Island population, while there will be more muted Maori growth across the region. Of note from the 2013 census data, growth of the Pacific Island population in Auckland was through natural increase rather than migration from the Pacific. It is anticipated that the Maori and Pacific Island population base will remain youthful in the period from 2013-2038 which matches the traditional playing-age of rugby league players.

Table 4.1 illustrates the projected growth from 2018-2038 of both the Maori and Pacific population bases across the Local Board areas. As is evident within the table, from a broad reaching perspective, there is a high level of growth forecasted across the region. There is, however, variability across Local Boards and between the ethnicity groups themselves. The table outlines the percentage growth projected to be experienced within each Local Board boundary, while highlighting (red or orange) where a large numeric value (population/residents) is expected.

**The key findings include:**

- There are three Local Board Areas which are projected to sustain significant growth across both Maori and Pacific ethnic populations: Henderson-Massey (where two rugby league clubs are currently located), Manurewa (with one large club servicing the entire area) and similarly in Papakura.
- The Maori population is expected to increase at similar numeric levels in Franklin and Howick, and comparatively a lower rate of the Pacific Island population;
- There is a significant disparity between the proportion of growth expected for Pacific Islanders than Maori in the Mangere-Otahuhu and Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board areas (where two clubs are currently located in the respective areas);
- There are comparatively moderate but notable levels of Maori growth in the Hibiscus and Bays, Rodney, Albert-Eden, Orakei and Waitakere Ranges Local Board;
- The Puketapapa and Whau Local Boards illustrate moderate levels of Pacific Island growth.

When considering the traditional membership profile of rugby league players in Auckland, it is assumed that a portion of this growth will contribute positively to rugby league membership – **if an attractive service and value proposition is provided**. Achieving this requires fields and facilities to be fit-for-purpose (to service current and future membership). Interventions and initiatives will also be required to overturn declining membership or enable areas with growing membership to accommodate growth.

Table 4.1: Population Statistics by Auckland Rugby League Zones, Auckland Catchments and Local Board Areas

Zone/Region/Local Board <sup>10</sup>	Current State <sup>11</sup>			Projections <sup>12</sup>				Ethnicity - Projected % Change from 2018-38 <sup>13</sup>	
	Clubs	2013	% change (01-13)	2018	2038	change 2018-38	% change	Maori	Pacific Island
<b>Auckland Region</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1,414,605</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1,665,809</b>	<b>2,152,282</b>	<b>486,474</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>Akarana Zone</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>947,664</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1,111,497</b>	<b>1,459,800</b>	<b>348,303</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Counties Manukau Zone<sup>14</sup></b>	<b>12</b>	<b>466,941</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>554,311</b>	<b>692,483</b>	<b>138,171</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>North Shore</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>336,342</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>394,969</b>	<b>535,798</b>	<b>141,102</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>98</b>
Hibiscus and Bays	2	89,829	24	105,504	124,259	18,755	18	92	130
Kaipatiki	1	82,494	11	93,011	99,290	6,279	7	24	63
Devonport-Takapuna	1	55,470	11	62,663	75,115	12,452	20	23	116
Rodney	2	54,879	28	66,370	121,084	54,714	82	82	138
Upper Harbour	0	53,670	67	67,148	116,050	48,902	73	73	121
<b>Central Auckland</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>382,647</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>455,564</b>	<b>594,796</b>	<b>139,232</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>39</b>
Albert-Eden	3	94,695	11	106,004	135,356	29,352	28	53	17
Orakei	1	79,536	14	89,811	111,504	21,693	24	98	58
Waitemata	2	77,136	55	98,315	134,141	35,826	36	38	9
Maungakiekie-Tamaki	2	70,005	12	87,362	122,223	34,861	40	28	44
Puketapapa	0	52,938	13	63,774	79,712	15,939	25	86	58
Waiheke	1	8,337	15	10,298	11,860	1,561	15	87	107

<sup>10</sup> Not including Great Barrier Local Board

<sup>11</sup> Source: Statistics New Zealand – 2013 Census

<sup>12</sup> All population projections have been sourced from Auckland Regional Transport (ART)

<sup>13</sup> Projected change in ethnicity – Source: Statistics New Zealand

<sup>14</sup> Otahuhu Rugby League Club, based in the Maungakiekie-Tamaki Local Board, is recognised as being in the Counties Manukau Zone.

Table 4.1: Population Statistics by Auckland Rugby League Zones, Auckland Catchments and Local Board Areas

Zone/Region/Local Board <sup>10</sup>	Current State <sup>11</sup>			Projections <sup>12</sup>				Ethnicity - Projected % Change from 2018-38 <sup>13</sup>	
	Clubs	2013	% change (01-13)	2018	2038	change 2018-38	% change	Maori	Pacific Island
<b>West Auckland</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>228,675</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>261,238</b>	<b>329,206</b>	<b>67,968</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>62</b>
Henderson-Massey	2	107,685	24	119,960	165,122	45,162	38	50	73
Whau	2	72,594	16	89,342	109,382	20,040	22	36	45
Waitakere Ranges	1	48,396	14	51,936	54,702	2,766	5	69	63
<b>South Auckland</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>466,941</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>554,311</b>	<b>692,483</b>	<b>138,171</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>66</b>
Howick	2	127,125	37	151,268	172,822	21,554	14	81	99
Manurewa	1	82,239	25	91,960	98,103	6,144	7	61	98
Otara-Papatoetoe	2	75,663	14	86,135	96,083	9,948	12	5	40
Mangere-Otahuhu	2	70,959	17	81,177	90,196	9,019	11	13	48
Franklin	3	65,319	27	88,831	156,909	68,078	77	68	103
Papakura	1	45,636	22	54,941	78,370	23,429	43	75	132





## 5.0 STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

The New Zealand Rugby League Facility Strategy (2015) is the main strategic document pertaining to rugby league provision. The document provides the strategic framework for regional rugby league planning in the Auckland region.

### 5.1 NEW ZEALAND RUGBY LEAGUE FACILITY STRATEGY

The inserts below are taken from the New Zealand Rugby League Facility Strategy (2015) and highlight the key outcomes which relate to the development of the Auckland Regional Rugby League Facilities Network Plan.

#### OUTCOMES RELATING TO THE AUCKLAND REGIONAL FACILITIES NETWORK PLAN

Strategy 3	Establish a Home of Rugby League for each Zone and District
3.1	That New Zealand Rugby League work with the Zones, TA's and other potential partners to review the potential options and identify the preferred option to develop a Home of Rugby League to meet the needs as a Tier 3 training venue.
3.2	That once a preferred venue is identified a feasibility study is undertaken and an action plan developed to ensure it meets the minimum facility standards.

Strategy 4	Provide a minimum standard of provision for community league facilities
4.4	<p>That each Zone develop a Community Facility Action Plan that identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Premier and Community Clubs</li><li>• Details of the audit against minimum standards</li><li>• Prioritised action plan for improvement</li></ul> <p>Facility Actions Plans should focus on short and long-term developments with the initial priority of projects that can provide the greatest increase impact while minimising the investment required.</p>

For reference, the facility requirements for training and competition (across the tiers/hierarchy) are further outlined in Appendix 3 – as outlined in the New Zealand Rugby League Facility Strategy.

### 5.2 AUCKLAND SPORT AND RECREATION STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN – REFRESHED 2017

Auckland Sport and Recreation Strategic Action Plan sets out a 10-year strategic direction for sport and recreation, with actions to guide the future planning and delivery of recreation and sport in Auckland. The shared vision is Aucklanders: more active, more often with four priority areas around participation, infrastructure, sector development and excellence in sport.

Of relevance to this plan are the priorities of participation, infrastructure and excellence in recreation and sport. And more specifically, the following strategic directives and key actions:

- **Auckland's diverse range of communities being more active** – encourage recreation and sport opportunities that appeal to a diverse range of communities and bring communities together, particularly new migrants, older adults and people with disabilities;
- **Fit-for-purpose network of facilities** – provide quality fit-for-purpose facilities at the regional, sub-regional and local levels for informal recreation and sport;
- **Facility partnerships** – facilitate partnerships to make the most of local facilities and resources;
- **High-performance pathways** – support high-performance training hubs which co-locate with community sport venues or tertiary institutes.

### 5.3 AUCKLAND SPORT SECTOR FACILITY PRIORITIES PLAN

The Auckland Sport Sector Facility Priorities Plan (ASSFPP) is a sector-based plan to inform sport code planning and future sport facilities investment. The plan provides strategic principles and priorities for facility investment, a process to evaluate and prioritise significant sport facility proposals and provides guidance for the planning and development of sport facilities.

The agreed principles underpinning the approach to network priorities are:

- Collaborative approach within, and between, sports codes;
- Regional provision that is complementary and avoids duplication;
- Catering to changing patterns of participation;
- Moving Auckland forward to respond to its growth and development;
- Sustainability;
- Evidence-based approach.

#### The key outcomes sought from investment are:

- Increased participation in sport, particularly community sport, across a range of codes important to Aucklanders;
- Greater facility utilisation now and in the future;
- A hierarchy and network of accessible facilities that meet competition and training needs at a local, sub-regional and regional level (and in some cases national and international);
- Sustainable development and operation of Auckland's sports infrastructure.

The priorities outlined for rugby league within the Auckland Sport Sector Facility Priorities Plan (as determined in 2017) will be superseded by the priorities assessed within this document.



## CURRENT STATE OF PLAY

The existing provision and condition of fields and clubrooms associated with affiliated Auckland Rugby League clubs were ascertained during the club needs analysis stage of consultation - with the findings summarised in Table 6.5. The condition assessment and 'current state of play' for the respective club sites were supplied and assessed by Auckland Rugby League. Significant gaps were found in 'fit-for-purpose' fields, clubrooms, changing rooms and toilets that service the sport (Table 6.5). Where adequate service levels exist today, they may still require future intervention to maintain suitability.

### The key findings include:

#### FIELDS

- Thirteen (13) of the 31 clubs in the region have their fields assessed as being in 'average' condition, while a further four (4) fields are considered as being in 'poor' condition.
- A range of field types are being utilised across the region – soil, sand and hybrid.
- Pukekohe Rugby League is currently split across two sites for juniors and seniors respectively, with no home base.

#### LIGHTING

- Lighting standards in general appear adequate and meet current need, however, the number of fields with lighting may need further reviewing when considering the findings from Section 7.1 (forecasted field shortfalls).

#### CLUBROOMS

- East Coast Bays Rugby League clubrooms have been condemned.
- A further four (4) are either deemed in 'poor' condition and/or require a substantive level of upgrade and repair.
- Two clubrooms require fire system upgrades to meet building code compliance.
- The potential NZTA roading realignment could have significant impact on field and infrastructure in Pakuranga.
- Pukekohe Rugby League is currently split across two sites, one for juniors and another for seniors; there is no home base.

## 6.1 INVESTMENT TO DATE

Investment from Auckland Council over an extended period has enhanced the current standard of fields, lights and supporting infrastructure in many areas. This includes capital investment into significant multisport clubroom developments where rugby league is or will be a core user and/or tenant of the facility (Otara - \$3.6 million and Manurewa – \$4.2 million). New changing rooms and toilet facilities have been recently completed at Richmond (\$2.2 million). Field upgrades (including a hybrid turf at Fowlds Park) and training light upgrades/installation have been undertaken (or are in progress) at the grounds of Glenfield (\$1.8 million) and Mt Albert (\$4 million, including \$233,000 for a toilet block).

Additionally, rugby league in Auckland has the benefit of leveraging off the Rugby League Facilities Fund. This is a culmination of legacy funds from the NRL Nines and a matching contribution from the Carlaw Heritage Trust. Since 2018, the fund has approved \$624,730 worth of investment into the repairs and maintenance of existing rugby league owned infrastructure.

The investment has leveraged in excess of \$100,000 of additional grant funding which equates to 20% of the total spend. Table 6.1 outlines the investment to date from the Rugby League Facilities Fund.

Table 6.1 - Rugby League Facilities Fund Investment

Club	Purpose	Investment (\$)
Bay Roskill	Re-roof	47,357
Ellerslie	Re-roofing and re-clad	244,580
Mangere East	Donation towards renovations	70,657
Manukau	Re-roofing and partial re-clad	88,174
Otahuhu	Re-roofing	87,277
Waitemata	Re-roofing	86,685
	<b>Total</b>	<b>624,730 (GST Excl.)</b>

A further \$43,114 has been invested from an 'emergency fund' to support immediate works. This funding is outlined in Table 6.2.

Table 6.2 - Emergency Fund Investment

Club	Purpose	Investment (\$)
Glenora	Floor and wall damage	12,000
Howick	Roofing	850
Manukau	Drainage and stairs	17,937
Mt Albert	Flooring	8,277
Te Atatu	Gas fittings	4,050
	<b>Total</b>	<b>43,114 (GST Excl.)</b>

This funding must be acknowledged as playing a significant part in supporting the delivery of rugby league in Auckland.

As funding is becoming even more difficult to secure across a multitude of sectors (not just isolated to sport and recreation), a structured and prioritised approach for the sport is paramount. This structure should identify needs and how they are to be best addressed (the what, when and how). The following sections will identify and prioritise the existing and future needs across the network of club fields and facilities. This will enable a project road map and subsequent funding approach to be established for best servicing the rugby league community.

## 6.2 OWNERSHIP AND INVESTMENT MODELS

### OWNERSHIP MODELS

The traditional rugby league land and asset ownership model largely comprises of council land/field provision (owned and maintained) and club ownership and management of clubroom/changing room assets. Table 6.3 illustrates this predominance, but also highlights other models/structures that are evident. All these structures should be considered when making investment decisions (and when developing future ownership models).

The growing trend for multi-sport clubrooms has seen some new developments establishing new legal entities or being owned by Auckland Council outright. In addition to clubrooms, Auckland Council owns and maintains a further 10 changing rooms/toilets (on the 31 home field sites) which help service rugby league delivery. The playing fields, aside from the Nga Hau E

Wha O Marae and Dr John Lightbody Reserve, are owned by Auckland Council. The Nga Hau E Wha O Marae fields are however included in Auckland Council's Sports Park maintenance plan, while the Dr John Light Lightbody Reserve is owned and maintained by the Waikato District Council.

Table 6.3 - Clubroom, changing room/toilet and land ownership

Ownership	Clubrooms (%)	Separate Changing Rooms (#)	Land (%)
Club	77	-	0
Council	8	10	97
Other	15	-	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>100</b>

## INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS

The recently adopted 'Increasing Aucklanders' Participation in Sport: Investment Plan 2019-2039' developed by Auckland Council clearly sets out Council's future investment strategy. The following excerpt from the plan illustrates the intended direction for future infrastructure investment:

*"We will not prioritise investment in sport facilities that are already funded or incidental infrastructure that delivers private benefits to small groups of users. Exceptions will be made if applicants can demonstrate increased sport participation or increased use of a core facility."*

'Incidental infrastructure' refers to infrastructure that is not required for sport participation but exists for social or management purposes (i.e. clubrooms or administration facilities). Although some exceptions may be considered for investment, the traditional funding model has evolved with added focus placed on core and ancillary facilities (i.e. fields, lighting, toilets and changing rooms).

To meet the change in approach, clubs and other entities may need to adapt and establish new funding mixes to raise capital. In line with the investment plan outcomes and priorities, it appears less likely that Auckland Council will grant clubroom capital funds, so investment from rugby league specific sources (i.e. Nines Legacy Fund and the Carlaw Heritage Trust) and other grant funders becomes increasingly critical. While prudent club asset management will assist in maintaining fit-for-purpose facilities. Where practical, this may take the form of budgeting for minor renewals, depreciation contributions, or use of reserves as a contribution to the funding mix for raising the required capital.

Furthermore, the Rugby League Facilities Fund (contributions from the NRL Nines – Legacy Fund and the Carlaw Heritage Trust) is highly unlikely to fund non-club owned assets.

Consideration should be given to ensuring that changing rooms/toilets are owned and maintained by Auckland Council to avoid the ongoing upkeep and expense associated with them.

Table 6.4 - Indicative funding mix approaches for the respective ownership models

Ownership	Indicative Funding Mix
Club	<p>Clubrooms – Rugby League Facilities Fund (Nines Legacy Fund &amp; Carlaw Heritage Trust), club funds (via reserves, minor renewals and/or depreciation contributions), Local Board and other grant funders.</p> <p>Toilets and Changing rooms – Auckland Council/Local Board, Rugby League Facilities Fund, club funds (via reserves, minor renewals and/or depreciation contributions) and other grant funders.</p>
Council	Clubrooms - Auckland Council
	Fields - Auckland Council (maintenance and renewal plans)
	Toilets and Changing Rooms - Auckland Council (maintenance and renewal plans)
Other	<p>Clubrooms – Trusts/consortiums, Local Board and other grant funders</p> <p>Toilets and Changing rooms - Trusts/consortiums, Auckland Council, Local Board and other grant funders</p>

Table 6.5 - State of Play of the Fields, Club and Changing Rooms of Auckland Rugby League Clubs

Orange highlights average condition, while red represents poor condition and/or an area of high need.

Club	Fields	Clubrooms/Changing Facilities	Lighting	Plans
Bay Roskill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 playing fields in good condition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms refit of downstairs and roof completed</li> <li>Council have refurbished changing facilities to a high standard</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 small training field in average condition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires fire system upgrade</li> </ul>		
East Coast Bays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 sand playing fields</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No clubrooms (prior clubrooms have been condemned)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New council toilets and two changing rooms are being developed by Auckland Council on Freyberg Park</li> <li>Feasibility study on new clubroom space being undertaken</li> </ul>
Ellerslie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 good quality sand fields</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms have had recent re-roof and re clad</li> <li>Council owned changing facilities in good condition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires fire system upgrade</li> </ul>		
Glenfield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 playing fields</li> <li>Field upgrades being undertaken currently</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms will require roof assessment</li> <li>New council owned changing facilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New training lights to match standards</li> </ul>	
Glenora	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 playing field only, in average condition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms have completed floor replacement recently</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	
Hibiscus Coast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 good quality sand playing fields</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms have completed flooring defects.</li> <li>Clubrooms in average to good condition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	
Howick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 good quality sand playing fields</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms have completed roof repairs recently</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council to review need for community changing and toilet facilities</li> </ul>



Club	Fields	Clubrooms/Changing Facilities	Lighting	Plans
Kaipara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 soil playing field in good condition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council owned changing facilities in good condition</li> <li>No clubrooms</li> <li>Ability for partnership for use of netball clubrooms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	
Mangere East	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 playing fields in average conditions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms have completed major renovations</li> <li>Council owned changing facilities in good condition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	
Manukau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 playing fields in average condition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms have completed major renovations including re-roof and partial re cladding</li> <li>Council owned changing facilities in good condition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	
Manurewa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 playing fields in average condition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms are part of a council owned new multisport facility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	
Marist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 field in great condition (recent field upgraded)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms are in a poor condition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council approval of building upgrade obtained</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 small training field in poor quality</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council owned changing facilities in good condition</li> </ul>		
Mt Albert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 fields soon to be excellent quality</li> <li>1 new hybrid field completed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms flooring and fire escape have been recently completed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 new training lights to match standards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional changing rooms are being considered by the club</li> <li>Double pan autolocking toilets to be developed by Auckland Council to meet field demand.</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>External cladding replacement is required</li> </ul>		
Mt Wellington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 playing fields in average condition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms in poor condition</li> <li>Future of lease requires a resolution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council owned changing rooms in good condition</li> </ul>		
New Lynn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 playing field in average condition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms have undergone major renovations recently</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	

Club	Fields	Clubrooms/Changing Facilities	Lighting	Plans
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 mini fields in poor condition</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council to review need for community changing and toilet facilities</li> </ul>
Northcote	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poor quality fields</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good condition of shared clubroom space</li> <li>Utilising portacoms for changing and toilet facilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New community facility proposed to be built with changing and toilet facilities.</li> </ul>
Otahuhu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 playing fields</li> <li>1 good condition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms have completed a re-roof</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 in average condition</li> </ul>			
Otara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 fields</li> <li>2 good quality fields</li> <li>Upgrades are required to accommodate additional users</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New multi-million-dollar multisport clubhouse under construction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training standard lights</li> <li>Upgrades are required to accommodate additional users</li> </ul>	
Pakuranga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 fields in good condition</li> <li>Mini field</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential NZTA roading realignment through portion of the park</li> <li>Potential impact on the park's infrastructure</li> </ul>
Papakura	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 sand fields in good condition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms in good condition</li> <li>Council changing facilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 new training lights upgraded</li> </ul>	
Papatoetoe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 good soil fields</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>External work is required, and the changing rooms need to be reviewed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training light stands for one field only</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 poor soil fields</li> </ul>			
Pt Chevalier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 playing fields in average condition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms not at home grounds</li> <li>Roof requires replacing in the future</li> <li>Asbestos as a potential issue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Costings on the clubrooms are being undertaken currently</li> </ul>
Ponsonby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 playing fields in average condition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trust owned shared clubrooms</li> <li>Good condition</li> </ul>		

Club	Fields	Clubrooms/Changing Facilities	Lighting	Plans
<b>Pukekohe</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seniors playing and training at Karaka</li> <li>Juniors training and playing at Marae</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Require long term home base for all senior and junior teams to be based together</li> <li>Basic toilet facilities</li> </ul>		
<b>Richmond</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 sports fields in average condition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Looking to renovate internal aspects of clubhouse</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New council changing rooms and toilets soon to be started</li> </ul>
<b>Rodney</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New clubhouse opened recently after fire destroyed the old one</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	
<b>Te Atatu</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 soil field and 1 training in average conditions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms in average to good condition</li> <li>Small changing rooms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	
<b>Tuakau</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 rugby league field (with 3 football and 1 rugby field in the adjacent area).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms owned by Doctor Lightbody Trust and in poor condition.</li> <li>The fields and multisport complex are located within the Waikato District Council boundary.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lights need upgrading</li> </ul>	
<b>Waiheke</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 undersized soil field</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms owned by Ostend sports clubs – average condition</li> </ul>		
<b>Waiuku</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 field in average condition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms is owned by a separate trust.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	
<b>Waitemata</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 sand field in good condition</li> <li>1 soil field in average condition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recently replaced new roof</li> <li>New carpet</li> <li>Large clubhouse in good condition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	

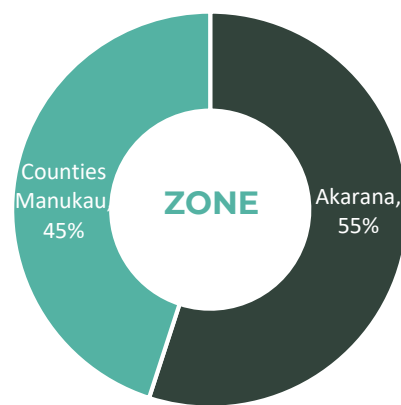
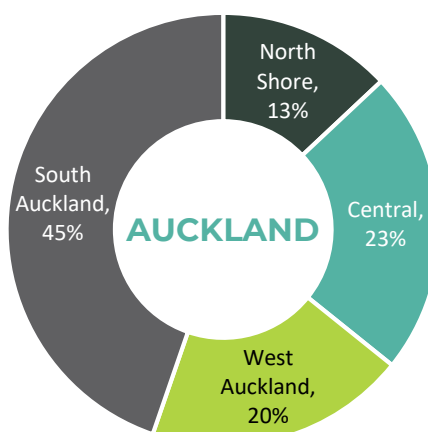
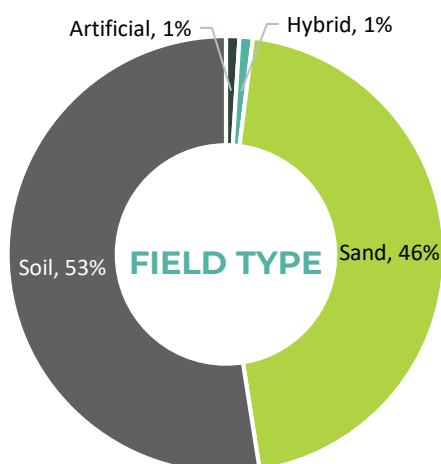
# 7.0 RUGBY LEAGUE PLAYING FIELDS

## 7.1 RUGBY LEAGUE FIELD DASHBOARD<sup>15</sup>

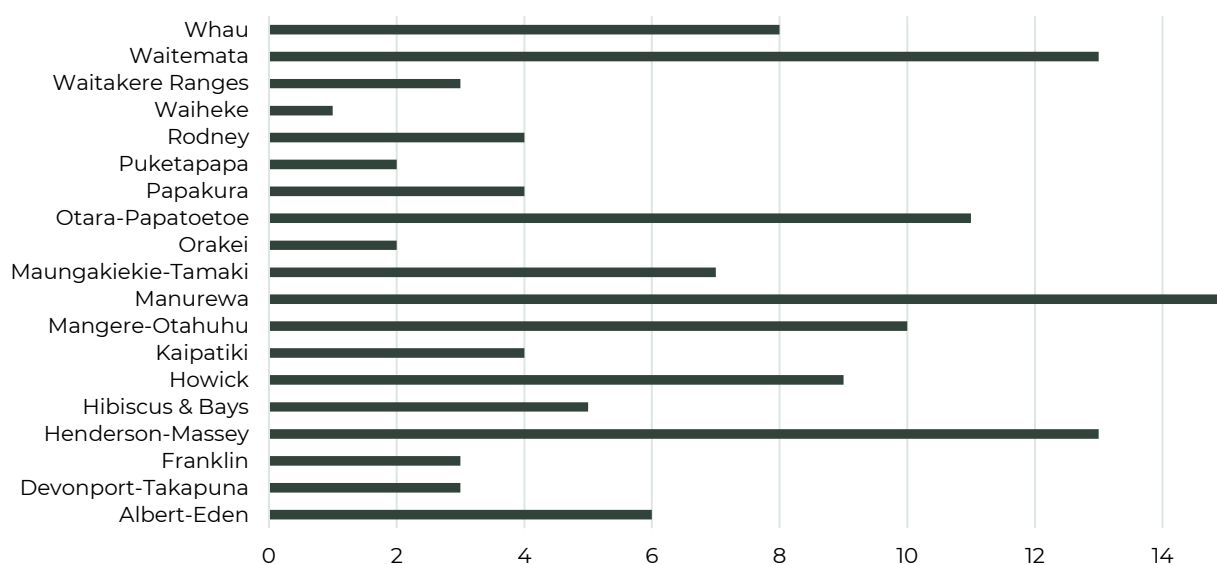
The following graphics provide a visual dashboard of Rugby League playing fields in Auckland.



### Fields by Area



### Spatial Distribution by Local Board



<sup>15</sup> Field allocation as provided by Auckland Council's winter field allocation. Full list of field provision is provided in Appendix 5. Field upgrades to Sunnynook Park and Fowlds Park (addition of 1 hybrid field to date) have been made.

## 7.2 PROJECTED FIELD SUPPLY

### INTRODUCTION

As is evident in the New Zealand Rugby League Facility Strategy\* (2015), there is an identified capacity shortfall in both the Akarana and Counties Manukau Zones<sup>16</sup>.

- Auckland – shortfall of 151 hours per week (15 competition and 136 training);
- Akarana – shortfall of 131 hours per week (2 competition and 129 training);
- Counties Manukau – shortfall of 20 hours per week (13 competition and 7 training).

*\*The Sports Field Demand Model was utilised for calculating field capacity levels.*

The 2017 Longdill Supply and Needs Study into capacity and utilisation of the Sports Fields network has since been commissioned. The report focuses on the capacity of winter sports fields, including rugby league, across 65 geographic areas of Auckland. Table 7.2 applies the findings of the study in respect to the location of the affiliated Auckland Rugby League clubs (geographic location has been matched). Projected demand for sports fields has been extrapolated to 2028, identifying supply requirements during the weekend and weekdays (split by daylight hours and evenings/flood-lit). The figures relate to over or under supply by hours per week.

To gain more insight into future supply requirements, the membership trends (2016-2018) for Auckland rugby league clubs have been transposed over the Longdill data. Given the dominance of people of Maori or Pacific Island descent in Rugby Leagues membership, changes in these ethnicities are likely to impact on membership (especially at the local level). In Table 7.1 population projections for these ethnicities (high/medium changes) have been identified for each Local Board area (together with other variables). Red shading against multiple variables in Table 7.1 may indicate high demand.

#### The key findings include:

- Field demand appears to be predominately met during the weekend/matches – with a minor shortfall highlighted for the Hibiscus Coast, Henderson-Massey, Whau and Mangere-Otahuhu areas.
- In stark contrast to the current capacity levels reflected in the New Zealand Rugby League Facility Strategy, the shortfall in weekday use projected in 2028 is to primarily occur in the Counties Manukau Zone (65.5 hours per week, with 27.5 hours in Akarana).
- A majority of weekday evening/flood lit activity is projected to be met in Akarana (36 hours). However, in comparison there is projected to be a shortfall of 170 hours of field supply in Counties Manukau by 2028.
- The highest level of shortfall at a Local Board level will be experienced in Mangere-Otahuhu, Manurewa, Maungakiekie-Tamaki and Waitemata.
- The greatest level of field supply is forecasted to be in Papakura and Waiheke.
- When coupling growing club membership trends (2016-2018) against projected field supply, the clubs highlighting the greatest need for supply (severe shortfall of field supply with increasing membership) are Manukau, Otahuhu and Manurewa.
- The projected shortfall identified in 2014 (151 weekday winter hours) has been reassessed to 101.5, reflecting the decreasing membership.
- With the roll-out of Kiwi Tag as the summer version of rugby league, constant monitoring of field supply and condition will be required.

<sup>16</sup> Field supply projections have only been determined for rugby league related activity in the winter – the primary scope of this report. It is noted that other activities such as Kiwi-Tag will impact on the supply and ongoing maintenance of fields.

Table 7.1 - Projected field supply levels in 2028 – cross-referenced with Local Board boundaries, club membership trends and Maori/Pacific projections

LOCAL BOARD	PROJECTED SUPPLY OF FIELDS IN 2028 <sup>17</sup>			MEMBER-SHIP TREND*	MAORI/PACIFIC ISLAND PROJECTIONS (HIGH/MEDIUM)	CLUB	HOME FIELD/(OTHER)
	Weekend	Weekday	Weekday Lit				
North Shore							
Hibiscus and Bays	3	0	1	↑	Medium	East Coast Bays	Freyberg Park
	-4	-3.5	-8	↓	Medium	Hibiscus Coast	Stanmore Bay Reserve
Kaipatiki	0	4	0	↑		Northcote	Birkenhead War Memorial Park
Devonport-Takapuna	0	0	0	↓		Glenfield	Sunnynook Park
Rodney	7	0	0	↓	Medium	Kaipara	Rautawhiri Park
				↓	Medium	Rodney	Whangateau Domain
Upper Harbour	-	-	-	-			
Central Auckland							
Albert-Eden	0	-5	0	↑	Medium	Marist	Murray Halberg Park
				↓	Medium	Mt Albert	Fowlds Park
Orakei	0	0	0	↓	Medium	Ellerslie	Ellerslie Domain
Waitemata	0	0	0	↓		Point Chevalier	Walker Park
	5	-10	-7	↓		Richmond	Grey Lynn Park
	20	-5	-4	↑		Ponsonby	Victoria Park
Maungakiekie-Tamaki*	3	0	0	↑	High	Mt Wellington	Thompson Park
Waiheke	4	6	2	↑		Waiheke	Ostend Domain
Puketapapa	-	-	-	-	Medium		

<sup>17</sup> Source: 2017 Longdill Supply and Needs Study into the Capacity and Utilisation of the Sports Fields Network

Table 7.1 - Projected field supply levels in 2028 – cross-referenced with Local Board boundaries, club membership trends and Maori/Pacific projections

LOCAL BOARD	PROJECTED SUPPLY OF FIELDS IN 2028 <sup>17</sup>			MEMBER-SHIP TREND*	MAORI/PACIFIC ISLAND PROJECTIONS (HIGH/MEDIUM)	CLUB	HOME FIELD/(OTHER)
	Weekend	Weekday	Weekday Lit				
West Auckland							
Henderson-Massey	0	0	-5	↓	High	Te Atatu	Jack Colvin/Te Atatu Peninsula Park
	-3	0	-1	↓	High	Waitemata	Ranui Domain
Whau	0	0	0	↓	Medium	Bay Roskill	Blockhouse Bay Reserve
	-1	0	-8	↓	Medium	New Lynn	Lawson Park
Waitakere Ranges	0	-4	-3	↓	Medium	Glenora	Harold Moody Reserve
South Auckland							
Howick	9	0	0	↓	High	Howick	Paparoa Park/Howick Domain
	4	-3	-10	↑	High	Pakuranga	Ti Rakau Park
Manurewa	-4	-25	-39	↑	High	Manurewa	Mountfort Park
Otara-Papatoetoe	4	11	-16	↓	High	Otara	Ngati Otara Park
	0	0	0	↓	High	Papatoetoe	Kohuora Park
Mangere-Otahuhu	-6	-19	-75	↓	High	Mangere East	Walter Massey Park
				↑	High	Manukau	Moyle Park
Maungakiekie-Tamaki*	0	-14.5	-27	↑	High	Otahuhu	Bert Henham Park
Franklin	5	2	-1	↑	High	Pukekohe	Nga Hau E Wha O Marae <sup>18</sup>
	-	-	-	↑	High	Tuakau	Dr John Lightbody Reserve (Escotts Road)
	2	-3	-2	↑	High	Waiuku	Hamilton Estate Park
Papakura	9	16	18	↓	High	Papakura	Prince Edward Park

<sup>18</sup> The Nga Hau E Wha O Marae is unable to be used while there is a tangi or cultural event.



## CONSIDERATIONS

While a clear shortfall of fields is evident in certain locations, it is worth noting that the level of shortfall has reduced significantly since the previous published report in 2014. The reassessment has seen nearly 50 hours of forecasted field shortfall removed from the updated projections. This primarily reflects the declining rugby league membership in Auckland (as illustrated in Section 3.0).

To meet and maximise rugby league's desired outcomes of increased participation and community engagement, targeted / prioritised investment into areas with the largest existing field shortfalls is required (areas with upward trending membership and a high population catchment that are in line with the playing profiles).

The shortfall can be alleviated by several interventions which include field upgrades (see Sections 6.2 and 6.3) which enhancing field conditions to increase usage hours and working in collaboration with other codes to best access and utilise existing fields.

In addition to the fields that have been directly cross-referenced by Local Board area and the Auckland Rugby League clubs home ground location (Table 7.1), the following table outlines other field supply projections for rugby league (for the analysis areas that did not correspond directly with home grounds).

Table 7.2: Projected supplementary field supply for rugby league in 2028 (additional data to Table 7.2)

Analysis Area	Projected Supply of Fields in 2028 <sup>19</sup>		
	Weekend	Weekday	Weekday Lit
Warkworth	4	10	7
Kumeu Huapai	0	18	9
Castor Bay	7	11.5	0
Albany Paremoremo	0	-0.5	0
Onehunga	2	0	-2
Mt Roskill	0	-9	-20.5
Massey	-4	-8	-7
Henderson	-4	-1	-8
Avondale	0	0	-5
Ormiston	0	-4	-7

Source: Longdill Supply and Needs Study, 2017.

The 'supplementary' field supply analysis indicates that there is a limited shortfall of fields for games in the weekend, while there is a distinct trend of the shortfall increasing the further south or west you travel. This follows membership trend analysis and the field supply projections in Table 7.1. The demand for training during weekdays (day and evening) is projected to strain existing fields, with moderate levels of shortfall expected from Mt Roskill, through to the west and down south. The greatest level of shortfall is expected in Mt Roskill – particularly during evening training times.

Where membership growth is evident or stable, the traditional Rugby League play-age and ethnic background profile is expected to increase (within local catchments), and the projected field supply illustrates a shortfall, the Rugby League Facility Implementation Group are encouraged to start entering discussions with the Local Boards and Auckland Council. The nature of discussion is to identify opportunities for overcoming the potential shortfalls and catering for future demand.

<sup>19</sup> Source: 2017 Longdill Supply and Needs Study into the Capacity and Utilisation of the Sports Fields Network

## 7.3 AUCKLAND COUNCIL'S 3-YEAR SPORTSFIELD PROGRAMME

In response to current field conditions and the updated insight gained through the analysis of forecasted field utilisation, Auckland Council has approved the latest 3-year sports field development programme through to 2021/22. The following activities relating to rugby league fields have been outlined (Table 7.3):

Table 7.3 – Planned investment, as part of Auckland Council's 3-year sports field programme, for fields associated with rugby league

Site	Local Board	Activity	Strategic Alignment	Investment
<b>Fowlds Park</b>	Albert-Eden	Install hybrid sports surfaces on the existing 3 rugby league fields and lighting.	Open Space Provision Policy Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2017 Sports field capacity development plan	\$4,034,662
<b>Sunnynook Park</b>	Devonport-Takapuna	Installation of sand slits drainage with irrigation and lights.	Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Plan 2017 Sports field capacity development plan Sunnynook Plan	\$1,784,278
<b>Henderson-Massey*</b>	Henderson-Massey	Investigate options for sports lighting and sport field upgrades (including <b>Te Atatu Peninsula Park</b> <sup>20</sup> and Henderson Park).  Increase capacity by 30 hours.	Parks and Open Spaces Strategic Plan Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2017 Sports field capacity development plan	\$1,030,000
<b>Hibiscus and Bays*</b>	Hibiscus and Bays	Investigate options for sports lighting and sport field upgrades.  Increase capacity by 45 hours.	Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan 2017 Hibiscus and Bays Area Plan Sports field capacity development plan	\$50,000
<b>Freyberg Park</b>	Hibiscus and Bays	Installation of lighting on field 3 to extend playing capacity.	Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan 2017 Hibiscus and Bays Area Plan Sports field capacity development plan	\$350,000
<b>Moyle Park</b>	Mangere-Otahuhu	Development of sand carpet, installation of irrigation and lighting.	Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board Plan 2017 Mangere-Otahuhu Area Plan Sports field capacity development plan	\$950,000
<b>Manurewa*</b>	Manurewa	Investigate options for sports lighting and sport field upgrades (including <b>Mountfort Park</b> , Jellicoe Park, Clendon Park and the	Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board Plan 2017 Mangere-Otahuhu Area Plan	\$50,000

<sup>20</sup> Auckland Council are currently investigating the sand carpet upgrades of Fields 3,4 and 6 at Te Atatu Peninsula Park.

Site	Local Board	Activity	Strategic Alignment	Investment
		Manurewa War Memorial Park).  Increase capacity by 120 hours.	Sports field capacity development plan	
<b>Otara-Papatoetoe*</b>	Otara-Papatoetoe	Investigate options for sports lighting and sport field upgrades (including Papatoetoe Recreation Grounds, Rongomai Park, East Tamaki Reserve and <b>Ngati Otara Park</b> ).  Increase capacity by 48 hours.	Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board Plan 2017  Sports field capacity development plan	\$650,000
<b>Total Investment</b>				<b>\$8,898,940</b>

## 7.4 FIELD SUPPLY & DEMAND – INVESTMENT DECISIONS

Table 7.4 illustrates rugby league fields that have a projected shortfall by 2028 and/or 'use fields' that are in average to poor condition. These fields have been subsequently narrowed down after the overlay of the following growth indicators<sup>21</sup>:

1. Positive membership trend (last 3-years); and/or
2. The primary target population is forecasted to grow substantially within the Local Board area.

All factors need to be evaluated to enable informed advocacy on future investment decisions.

A number of the field priorities have planned investment set aside as part of the 3-year sports field programme (this does not include developments which have already commenced or finished i.e. Fowlds Park and Sunnynook Park; or where funding is planned for sites that do not meet the identified variable thresholds for rugby league i.e. Freyberg Park).

Of the remaining sites, only Moyle Park (home of Manukau Rugby League) has investment allocated directly against the fields they use. Other planned investments that relate to rugby league are encompassed in the investigation of options within certain Local Board areas to increase field capacity levels (five rugby league sites identified).

Whilst parks used for rugby league are also mentioned, there is no guarantee or commitment that this will result in investment. Two of the five Local Board areas appear to have only investment for planning with no significant capex levels (for undertaking field works or light installation).

Based on the analysis of Table 7.4, the following recommendations are made\*:

1. Advocate to Auckland Council and the Local Boards for the upgrade of fields at:
  - Te Atatu Peninsula Park (currently investigating sand carpet upgrades of Fields 3, 4 and 6)
  - Mountfort Park
  - Ngati Otara Park

\*Note: based on investment and the investigation options outlined in the 3-year sports field programme.

<sup>21</sup> The full list of analysis is outlined in Appendix 4.

2. Advocate to Auckland Council and the Local Boards for the upgrade of fields at\*:

**HIGH PRIORITY**

- Kohuora Park
- Walter Massey Park
- Bert Henham Park
- Birkenhead War Memorial Park

**MEDIUM PRIORITY**

- Murray Halberg Park
- Grey Lynn Park
- Victoria Park
- Thompson Park
- Ranui Domain
- Lawson Park
- Harold Moody Reserve

\* Note: based on projected shortfall, level of use and membership trends, projected population catchment and condition of fields.

Table 7.4 – Variables for determining rugby league field investment

Local Board	Club	Home Field	Projected Supply of Fields in 2028 <sup>22</sup>			Membership Trend*	Maori/Pacific Island Projections  (High/Medium)	Condition	Planned Investment
			Weekend	Weekday	Weekday Lit				
North Shore									
Hibiscus and Bays	Hibiscus Coast	Stanmore Bay Reserve	-4	-3.5	-8	↓	Medium		\$50,000*
Kaipatiki	Northcote	Birkenhead War Memorial Park	0	4	0	↑		Poor	
Central Auckland									
Albert-Eden	Marist	Murray Halberg Park	0	-5	0	↑	Medium	Poor (1x training field)	
Waitemata	Richmond	Grey Lynn Park	5	-10	-7	↓		Average (3x fields)	
	Ponsonby	Victoria Park	20	-5	-4	↑		Average (4x fields)	
Maungakiekie-Tamaki*	Mt Wellington	Thompson Park	3	0	0	↑	High	Average (2x fields)	
West Auckland									
Henderson-Massey	Te Atatu	Jack Colvin/Te Atatu Peninsula Park	0	0	-5	↓	High	Average (1x field and 1x training field)	\$1,030,000*
	Waitemata	Ranui Domain	-3	0	-1	↓	High	Average (1x field)	
Whau	New Lynn	Lawson Park	-1	0	-8	↓	Medium	Poor (2 mini fields) & Average (1x field)	
Waitakere Ranges	Glenora	Harold Moody Reserve	0	-4	-3	↓	Medium	Average (1x field)	
South Auckland									
Howick	Pakuranga	Ti Rakau Park	4	-3	-10	↑	High		
Manurewa	Manurewa	Mountfort Park	-4	-25	-39	↑	High	Average (3x fields)	\$50,000*
Otara-Papatoetoe	Otara	Ngati Otara Park	4	11	-16	↓	High	Average (3x fields)	\$650,000*
	Papatoetoe	Kohuora Park	0	0	0	↓	High	Poor (2x fields)	

<sup>22</sup> Source: 2017 Longdill Supply and Needs Study into the Capacity and Utilisation of the Sports Fields Network

Table 7.4 – Variables for determining rugby league field investment

Local Board	Club	Home Field	Projected Supply of Fields in 2028 <sup>22</sup>			Membership Trend*	Maori/Pacific Island Projections (High/Medium)	Condition	Planned Investment
			Weekend	Weekday	Weekday Lit				
Mangere-Otahuhu	Mangere East	Walter Massey Park	-6	-19	-75	↓	High	Average (3x fields)	
	Manukau	Moyle Park				↑	High	Average (3x fields)	\$950,000
Maungakiekie-Tamaki*	Otahuhu	Bert Henham Park	0	-14.5	-27	↑	High	Average (2x fields)	
Franklin	Pukekohe	Nga Hau E Wha O Marae	5	2	-1	↑	High		\$1,000,000*
	Waiuku	Hamilton Estate Park	2	-3	-2	↑	High		



## PRELIMINARY CLUB PRIORITY PLAN

A key outcome of the project was to identify the future club priorities in terms of field (see Section 7.0) and clubroom requirements. Consultation and ongoing meetings were undertaken with Auckland Rugby League and Auckland Council staff to assist with understanding the club facility needs. The utilisation of the ARL club assessment reports also formed the basis of the club priorities.

In addition to the findings on club needs from earlier sections, a high-level criterion was adopted to determine the priorities for actioning. The criteria utilised were:

- Ability to function as a club;
- Severity of work/development required;
- Other works previously undertaken (fields and lights upgraded);
- Strength of the club (membership and level of competition).

### 8.1 FUNDING LANDSCAPE FOR CLUB PRIORITY PLAN

As noted in Section 7.0, the large investment Auckland Council has made over the past ten years in upgrades to sports fields and lighting, as well as into multisport projects and changing facilities should be recognised. As was outlined in Section 6.0, the change in funding focus in the recently adopted Investment Plan deprioritises 'incidental infrastructure' (clubrooms). While exceptions may exist, in most cases other funding sources will be required to support capital works associated with clubrooms (see Section 6.2).

#### RUGBY LEAGUE FACILITIES FUND

This fund has been developed to support the growth of grassroots rugby league facilities in Auckland. The establishment of the fund has been achieved through the donation of \$1 million from the Australian Rugby League Commission which is identified as the Nines Legacy Fund - NRL Auckland Nines rugby league tournament. The \$1 million invested was matched by the Carlaw Heritage Trust to form the overall Rugby League Facilities Fund.

- The fund has been created to assist in improving the quality, availability and standard of facilities;
- Funds are spent on existing building stock based on the level of need (and urgency);
- The focus of investment is on club-owned assets.

Based on the principles and funding guidelines of the respective sources, multiple funding mixes are required to complete projects (Table 8.1).

In addition to the funding outlined in Section 6.0, a further \$200,000 (approximately) has been allocated for prioritised projects across Pt Chevalier, New Lynn and Glenfield.

Table 8.1 - Indicative funding mix approaches for the respective ownership models

Ownership	Indicative Funding Mix (by asset type)
Club	<b>Clubrooms</b> – Rugby League Facilities Fund (Nines Legacy Fund & Carlaw Heritage Trust), club funds (via reserves, minor renewals and/or depreciation contributions), Local Board and other grant funders. <b>Toilets and Changing rooms</b> – Auckland Council/Local Board, Rugby League Facilities Fund, club funds (via reserves, minor renewals and/or depreciation contributions) and other grant funders.
Council	<b>Clubrooms</b> - Auckland Council <b>Fields</b> - Auckland Council (maintenance and renewal plans) <b>Toilets and Changing Rooms</b> - Auckland Council (maintenance and renewal plans)
Other	<b>Clubrooms</b> – Trusts/consortiums, Local Board and other grant funders <b>Toilets and Changing rooms</b> - Trusts/consortiums, Auckland Council, Local Board and other grant funders

## 8.2 CLUB PRIORITIES

The following sub-section outlines the proposed club actions and priorities (based on the findings from this section). The priority timeframes are based on high (1–3 years), medium (4–7 years) and low (8–10 years) categories. The intention of the actions is to give extended life to the existing building stock (network) where it meets the sports current and future needs.



Club	Current Facilities	Key Facilities Considerations	Proposed Actions	Priority	Year
High Priority Projects					
East Coast Bays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms condemned</li> <li>2 sand playing fields</li> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No clubrooms</li> <li>New council toilets and two changing rooms being developed</li> <li>Feasibility study on new clubroom space being undertaken</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress findings of feasibility study regarding new clubrooms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1-3</li> </ul>
Glenfield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms</li> <li>New council owned changing facilities</li> <li>2 playing fields</li> <li>Fields under reconstruction</li> <li>New training lights to match standards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms will require roof assessment</li> <li>Field upgrades being undertaken currently</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake roof assessment</li> <li>Investment committed from the Rugby League Facilities Fund.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2</li> </ul>
Marist Saints	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms</li> <li>Council owned changing facilities in good condition</li> <li>1 quality field</li> <li>1 small training field in poor condition</li> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms are in a poor condition</li> <li>Recent field upgraded</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future of building requires a decision</li> <li>Council approval of building upgrade obtained</li> <li>Require appropriate consents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1-3</li> </ul>
Mt Wellington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms</li> <li>Council owned changing rooms in good condition</li> <li>2 sports fields in average condition</li> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms in poor condition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future of building requires a decision</li> <li>Future of lease requires a resolution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1-3</li> </ul>
Pakuranga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms</li> <li>2 fields in good condition</li> <li>Mini field</li> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential NZTA roading realignment through portion of the park</li> <li>Potential impact on the park's infrastructure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to monitor NZTA realignment and potential impact of clubrooms and changing rooms.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1-3</li> </ul>
Pt Chevalier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms not at home grounds</li> <li>2 sports fields in average condition</li> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roof requires replacing in the future</li> <li>Asbestos as a potential issue</li> <li>Costings being undertaken currently</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Obtain roofing replacement cost</li> <li>Determine appropriate timeframe for roof replacement</li> <li>Address asbestos issue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1</li> </ul>

Club	Current Facilities	Key Facilities Considerations	Proposed Actions	Priority	Year
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investment committed from the Rugby League Facilities Fund.</li> </ul>		
Pukekohe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No home-base</li> <li>Seniors playing and training at Karaka</li> <li>Juniors training and playing at Marae</li> <li>Portable toilet unit that is unable to accommodate the volume of spectators on game day.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Require long term home base for all senior and junior teams to be based together</li> <li>Pukekohe and wider areas are critical catchment areas for membership</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with council to identify appropriate sports fields that could accommodate all of Pukekohe Rugby Leagues needs</li> <li>A shared facility E.g. Belmont Park is a desired outcome</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 – 3</li> </ul>
Bay Roskill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms</li> <li>Council owned changing facilities</li> <li>2 playing fields in good condition</li> <li>1 small training field in average condition</li> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms refit of downstairs and roof completed</li> <li>Council have refurbished changing facilities to a high standard</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Require fire system upgrade</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1</li> </ul>
Ellerslie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms</li> <li>Council owned changing facilities in good condition</li> <li>2 good quality sand fields</li> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms have had recent re-roof and re clad</li> <li>Changing facilities in good condition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Require fire system upgrade</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1</li> </ul>
Medium Priority Projects					
Northcote	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shared clubroom space</li> <li>Utilising Portacom for changing and toilet facilities</li> <li>Poor quality fields</li> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good condition of shared clubroom space</li> <li>New community facility proposed to be built with changing and toilet facilities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure proposed changing facilities are fit for purpose for rugby league</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medium</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 -6</li> </ul>
Mt Albert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms</li> <li>3 playing fields</li> <li>3 fields soon to be excellent quality</li> <li>2 new training lights to match standards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 new hybrid field completed</li> <li>Clubrooms flooring and fire escape have been recently completed</li> <li>External cladding replacement is required</li> <li>Additional changing rooms are being considered by the club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress cladding replacement of clubrooms</li> <li>Promote the development of additional changing rooms to complement upgraded fields and lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medium</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 -6</li> </ul>
Richmond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Looking to renovate internal aspects of clubhouse</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internal refit and renovate of clubhouse.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medium</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4- 7</li> </ul>

Club	Current Facilities	Key Facilities Considerations	Proposed Actions	Priority	Year
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 sports fields in average condition</li> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New council changing rooms and toilets soon to be started</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Field upgrade in line with the multisport clubrooms to accommodate the increase in use.</li> </ul>		
Te Atatu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms</li> <li>1 soil field and 1 training field in average condition</li> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms in average to good condition</li> <li>Small changing rooms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internal refit and renovate of changing rooms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medium</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 - 7</li> </ul>
Otara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms</li> <li>5 fields</li> <li>2 good quality fields</li> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New multi-million-dollar multisport clubhouse under construction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote the need to upgrade of fields and training lights to accommodate additional users of new development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medium</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 - 7</li> </ul>
Howick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms</li> <li>2 good quality sand playing fields</li> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms have completed roof repairs recently</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council to review need for community changing and toilet facilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medium</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 - 7</li> </ul>
Low Priority Projects					
Papatoetoe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms</li> <li>1 good soil fields</li> <li>2 poor soil fields</li> <li>Training light stands for one field only</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms require external upgrade such as painting and chemical wash</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>External painting and chemical wash undertaken</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7 - 10</li> </ul>
New Lynn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms</li> <li>1 playing field in average condition</li> <li>2 mini fields in poor condition</li> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms have undergone major renovations recently</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council to review need for community changing and toilet facilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7 - 10</li> </ul>
Glenora	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms</li> <li>1 playing field only in average condition</li> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms have completed floor replacement recently</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No immediate actions required</li> <li>Continue to monitor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>
Hibiscus Coast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms</li> <li>2 good quality sand playing fields</li> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms have completed flooring defects.</li> <li>Clubrooms in average to good condition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No immediate actions required</li> <li>Continue to monitor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>
Kaipara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council owned changing facilities in good condition</li> <li>1 soil sports field in good condition</li> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Club in recess</li> <li>No clubrooms</li> <li>Ability for partnership for use of netball clubrooms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No immediate actions required</li> <li>Continue to monitor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>

Club	Current Facilities	Key Facilities Considerations	Proposed Actions	Priority	Year
Manukau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No clubrooms</li> <li>Clubrooms</li> <li>Council owned changing facilities in good condition</li> <li>3 playing fields in average condition</li> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms have completed major renovations including re-roof and partial re cladding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No immediate actions required</li> <li>Continue to monitor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>
Mangere East	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms</li> <li>Council owned changing facilities in good condition</li> <li>3 playing fields in average condition</li> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms have completed major renovations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No immediate actions required</li> <li>Continue to monitor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>
Manurewa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms</li> <li>3 playing fields in average condition</li> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms are part of a council owned new multisport facility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No immediate actions required</li> <li>Continue to monitor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>
Otahuhu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubhouse</li> <li>3 playing fields</li> <li>1 good condition</li> <li>2 in average condition</li> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms have completed a re-roof</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No other immediate actions required</li> <li>Continue to monitor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>
Ponsonby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shared clubroom space – good condition</li> <li>4 sports fields in average condition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trust owned shared clubrooms</li> <li>Good conditions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No immediate actions required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>
Rodney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New clubrooms</li> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New clubhouse opened recently after fire destroyed the old one</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No immediate actions required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>
Tuakau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms owned by Doctor Light Body Trust</li> <li>Use adjacent rugby fields</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No other immediate actions required</li> <li>Continue to monitor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>
Waiheke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms owned by Ostend sports clubs</li> <li>1 undersized soil field</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms in average condition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No other immediate actions required</li> <li>Continue to monitor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>
Waitemata	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms</li> <li>1 sand field in good condition</li> <li>1 soil field in average condition</li> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recently replaced new roof</li> <li>New carpet</li> <li>Large clubhouse in good condition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No other immediate actions required</li> <li>Continue to monitor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>

Club	Current Facilities	Key Facilities Considerations	Proposed Actions	Priority	Year
Papakura	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clubrooms</li> <li>• Council changing facilities</li> <li>• 2 sand fields in good condition</li> <li>• 2 new training lights upgraded</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clubrooms in good condition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No other immediate actions required</li> <li>• Continue to monitor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing</li> </ul>



## 9.0 'HOME OF LEAGUE' OVERVIEW

A key outcome of the project is to provide direction and recommendations to progress a 'home of rugby league' for the Akarana and Counties Manukau Zones and Auckland Rugby League respectively.

The development of a 'home of rugby league' for each zone and district association is a priority in the New Zealand Rugby League Facilities Strategy (2015).

*"The home of rugby league should ensure that the zones and districts have secured access to the facilities throughout the training and competition period to meet the tier 3 minimum training specification."*

### 9.1 CURRENT SITUATION

Currently there is no 'home of rugby league' within the Auckland region for Akarana, Counties Manukau and Auckland Rugby League.

There is no one-stop-shop where each organisation can accommodate their training, coaching and administration requirements as outlined within the New Zealand Rugby League Facilities Strategy. Furthermore, there is no consistency or certainty of sports field bookings for training requirements.

The rugby league representative season is delivered within the club competition months which impacts on other user groups who require access to fields. The start of the representative season places pressure on club training requirements, and the end of the representative season coincides with the start of the summer sports season.

Should field access continue to be constrained post field interventions being instigated, a coordinated approach from rugby league into how its club and representative seasons are structured and delivered may need to be examined.

Currently Akarana, Counties Manukau and Auckland Rugby League utilise a wide range of rugby league and non-rugby league home grounds and clubrooms to deliver their representative programmes. It is an ad hoc undertaking, which in most instances, is at the mercy of the clubs in determining if training can occur at the home club fields. In some instances, there has been insufficient levels of available sports fields to meet training requirements. As an example, in 2019 the Counties Manukau Rugby League had no training grounds confirmed for their representative teams prior to the immediate start of the representative season. The representative season also has the impediment of not aligning with Auckland Council's two sports field booking windows (summer and winter).

As societal trends to sport and sports participation are changing, rugby league has introduced 9-a-side and tag initiatives which are delivered in summer. This activity is designed to sit outside of the traditional club and representative seasons and to encourage participants to engage in the sport in different ways.

## 9.2 HOME OF LEAGUE EVALUATION CRITERIA

Table 9.1 below outlines both the essential and desirable facility attributes for a zonal and district 'home of rugby league' - as identified within the New Zealand Rugby League Facilities Strategy.

Table 9.1 Home of Rugby League - Essential and Desirable Facility Attributes

Tier	Level of Facility	Facility Requirements - Training	
		Essential	Desirable
Tier 3	National Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2x training fields</li> <li>Suitable lighting for night trainings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3x training fields</li> <li>Suitable lighting for night trainings.</li> </ul>
	NPC/District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2x change rooms with separate hot and cold water and showers and toilets for each team.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4x change rooms with separate hot and cold water and showers and toilets for each team.</li> </ul>
	NZ Residents (16/18 Yrs, Premiers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suitable storage area for training equipment – lockable.</li> <li>Suitable vehicle access for emergency services (ambulance etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Club rooms with cooking/catering facilities suitable and seating/tables for 150 people.</li> <li>Access to artificial turf training area.</li> </ul>

As a progression to identifying a preferred 'home of rugby league', Akarana, Counties Manukau and Auckland Rugby League have broadened the attributes and approved the following criteria (Table 9.2). These criteria will be utilised as part of the evaluation process when assessing identified sites as a potential 'home of rugby league'.

Table 9.2: Site Evaluation Criteria

Criteria	Description
<b>2 full sized sand fields/lighting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ability to maximise field use.</li> <li>Sand fields with lights provides for more use than soil-based fields.</li> </ul>
<b>Access to clubrooms for meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms on site.</li> <li>Direct access from fields to clubrooms.</li> </ul>
<b>Field capacity to host trainings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sufficient capacity to cater for existing field use and potential home of rugby league requirements.</li> </ul>
<b>Club's commitment to purpose of 'HOL'</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Home club's approval of use of clubrooms.</li> <li>General positive attitude to having the HOL training base on site.</li> </ul>
<b>2 x changing rooms and toilets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre and post training sessions.</li> </ul>
<b>Access to storage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited requirements for storage.</li> </ul>
<b>Land ownership</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council owned provides for security of community use of park site.</li> </ul>
<b>Transport links</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ability for organisation's membership to access and utilise major motorways and transport hubs.</li> </ul>
<b>Multi-sport potential</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ability for multiple sporting organisations to be based at the park.</li> </ul>
<b>Secure of tenure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ability to secure long term use of the park for HOL requirements.</li> </ul>

## 9.3 'HOME OF RUGBY LEAGUE' REQUIREMENTS

Each individual organisation (Akarana, Counties Manukau and Auckland Rugby League) will require their own specific on and off field training requirements for their representative teams.

The number of training, programme and education requirements will vary as will the number of teams (based on demographic breakdown and playing grades) each organisation will have. Both on-field and off-field requirements will need to be considered for players, coaches, official and administrator needs.

The following sections outline the individual requirements that a potential home of rugby league will need to consider.

## 9.4 AKARANA ZONE REQUIREMENTS

The tables below outline both the on-field training requirements and the off-field meeting room requirements for the Akarana representative programme.

Overall, in order to meet the needs of their representative programme, Akarana requires access to the fields 12 hours a week (training purposes) and 14 hours a week to meet off-field requirements.

**TABLE 9.3 REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS**

Team	Players	Training Sessions per week (1.5 hours per training session)	Weeks Per Year
Premier Men	35	2	8
Premier Women	22	2	16
Youth 17s (boys)	22	2	16
Youth 15s (boys)	22	2	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>8 (12 hours per week)</b>	

**TABLE 9.4 MEETING ROOMS**

Type	Duration	Sessions Per year
Wellbeing	4 hours	4
Drug Education	2 hours	4
Employment / Education	3 hours	4
Nutritionist	2 hours	4
Workshops	3 hours	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>14 Hours</b>	<b>24 sessions</b>



## 9.5 COUNTIES MANUKAU REQUIREMENTS

The tables below outline both the on-field training requirements and the off-field meeting room requirements for the Counties Manukau representative programme. Overall, in order to meet the needs of their representative programme, Counties Manukau require access to the fields 48 hours a week (training purposes) and 22 hours a week to meet off-field requirements.

**TABLE 9.5 REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS**

Team	Players	Training Sessions p/w (1.5 hours)	Weeks Per Year
Premier Men	35	3	8
Premier Women	30	3	16
Youth 17s (boys)	25	3	16
Youth 15s (boys)	25	3	16
CMRL Men 9s	20	2	6
CMRL Women 9s	20	2	6
Ethnic Dragons	22	2	12
Ethnic Tigers	22	2	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>20 (30 hours per week)</b>	

**TABLE 9.6 DEVELOPMENT TEAMS**

Team	Players	Training Sessions p/w (1.5hours)	Weeks Per Year
Intermediate Girls	50	1	5
Secondary Girls	30	1	5
Club Boys 14s	40	2	8
Club Girls 14s	30	2	8
Club Women	30	2	8
Ethnic Youth	30	1	5
Ethnic Men	125	3	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>12 (18 per week)</b>	

**TABLE 9.7 MEETING ROOM**

Type	Duration (hours)	No of Attendees
Wellbeing	3	30
Drug Education	2	30
Employment / Education training	3	30
Nutritionist	2	30
Coach Workshops	2	15
Volunteer courses (coach, manager, trainer, referee)	3	15
Team meeting	1	30
Parent meeting	1	50
Board meeting	2	8
Annual General Meeting	1	50
Zone Convention	2	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>338</b>

Counties Manukau Rugby League have identified additional programmes and activities which are run under its jurisdiction. The school festivals and tournaments that are held equate to approximately 37 events and 5,000 participants annually. It would be advantageous for the HOL to have the capacity to accommodate this delivery across the course of the season. Furthermore, it is CMRL's desire for their HOL to meet Tier 3 competition requirements (refer to Appendix 3) and accommodate their administration requirements through a dedicated office space (50+ hours a week).

## 9.6 AUCKLAND RUGBY LEAGUE REQUIREMENTS

The table below outlines both the on-field training requirements and the off-field meeting room requirements for the Auckland Rugby League representative programme.

Overall, in order to meet the needs of their representative programme, Auckland Rugby League require access to fields 78 hours a week (training purposes) 40 hours a week to meet off-field requirements.

**TABLE 9.8 ARL REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS**

Team	# of Players	Training Sessions per week (1.5 hours per training session)	Weeks Per Year
Premier Men	25	1	6
Auckland Women	25	1	6
Sharman Men	25	2	6
Boys U17s	22	2	8
Boys U15s	22	2	8
Boys U18s	19	2	3
Boys U 16s	19	2	3
Girls U13s	22	2	4
Girls U15s	22	2	4
Girls U17s	22	2	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>18 (27 hours per week)</b>	

**TABLE 9.9 ARL DEVELOPMENT TEAMS**

Team	# of Players	Training Sessions per week (1.5 hours per training session)	Weeks per year
Vulcan Women	25	6	6
12/13 R	44	4	3
14/15 R	44	4	3
U13 Open	44	4	3
U14 Open	44	4	4
U15 Open	44	4	4
U16 Open	44	4	4
U18 Open	44	4	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>34 (51 hours per week)</b>	

# 10.0 ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED SITES

---

## 10.1 INTRODUCTION

As part of the process to determine a 'home of league' for Akarana, Counties Manukau and Auckland Rugby League, a site assessment exercise was undertaken. Each of the organisations nominated a series of potential sites for assessment. The sites proposed were each assessed against the criteria outlined in Section 9.0, while addressing the on-field and off-field needs of each representative entity.

Site visits were undertaken with a representative from the Zone or District organisation. Discussions with Auckland Council staff regarding sports fields/lighting upgrades and capacity issues were also held. Additionally, consultation was undertaken with Regional Facilities Auckland specifically pertaining to Mt Smart Stadium.

## 10.2 PROPOSED HOME OF LEAGUE SITES

The following sites for Akarana, Counties Manukau and Auckland Rugby League were assessed as the potential home of rugby league.

### AKARANA HOME OF LEAGUE POTENTIAL SITES

- Fowlds Park (Mt Albert Rugby League home grounds),
- Ranui Domain (Waitemata Rugby League home grounds),
- Henderson South Park (training grounds for multiple sports).

### COUNTIES MANUKAU HOME OF LEAGUE POTENTIAL SITES

- Norana Park (open space park),
- Norana Park West (American football home base),
- Ngati Otara Park (Otara Rugby League home grounds),
- Opaheke Sports Park (No formal home base for any sports as of this report).

### AUCKLAND RUGBY LEAGUE HOME OF LEAGUE SITES

- Mt Smart (outer fields),
- Cornwall Park (Auckland Rugby fields),
- Liston Park (No formal home base for any sports clubs as of this report).

The site evaluation criteria (as outlined in Section 9.0) were utilised as part of the evaluation process when assessing potential home of rugby league sites.

## 10.3 ADDITIONAL KEY CONSIDERATIONS

As well as the assessment criteria, the following considerations have also been used. The considerations are based on 'bigger picture' factors which best serves rugby league in the long-term.

Table 10.2: Additional Site Considerations

<b>Face of Rugby League</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A 'home' facility of any sport is seen as the 'shop window' for the sport which projects the sport's aspirations.</li><li>• The 'home facility' should be of high quality.</li></ul>
<b>Ability of site to accommodate growth</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A 'Home of League' facility should have the ability to accommodate the future needs over a long-term period.</li><li>• This will require adequate facilities and space to accommodate increased numbers on the site (expansion).</li></ul>
<b>Strategic Site</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The 'Home of League' should also have good strategic qualities which benefits rugby league in the wider Auckland Region in the long-term.</li></ul>

The following sub-section outlines the site assessment analysis undertaken.

## 10.4 AKARANA RUGBY LEAGUE – SITE ASSESSMENT

Akarana has identified the following sports parks for assessment to determine their ability to function as the 'home of rugby league'.



**Fowlds Park**  
(Mt Albert Rugby League home grounds)



**Ranui Domain**  
(Waitemata Rugby League home grounds)



**Henderson South Park**  
(training grounds for multiple sports)

The table below (Table 10.3) utilises the site evaluation criteria to assess each attribute. The 'high', 'medium' and 'low' ratings are based on the ability for Akarana to achieve the desired outcome for that attribute from a site.

## AKARANA RUGBY LEAGUE SITE ASSESSMENT TABLE

Table 10.3 Evaluation table (unweighted)

Criteria	Fowlds Park	Ranui Domain	Henderson South Park
2 full sized sand fields/Lighting	Yes	No (1 sand/1soil)	Yes
Access to clubhouse for meetings (24 sessions per year)	Yes	Yes	No (no building)
Facility's capacity to host trainings (12 hours of field use per week)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Club's commitment to purpose of 'HOL'	TBD	TBD	N/A
2 x changing rooms and toilets	Yes	Yes	Yes
Access to storage			No
Land ownership	Council	Council	Council
Transport links	High	Medium	Medium
Multi-sport potential	Medium	Medium	High
Secure of tenure	High	High	Medium

## KEY FINDINGS

The findings from the assessment identified that the most suitable site for the 'Home of League' for the Akarana zone is **Fowlds Park**.

## BENEFITS OF FOWLDS PARK

The key benefits of selecting Fowlds Park are as follows:

- The sport park has the best ability to host training requirements.
- Fowlds Park #2 and #3 are being upgraded to hybrid sports fields and new floodlights are to commence (with initial stages of the development already undertaken).
- The park will have the best field surfaces in Auckland.
- The upgraded fields will increase the capacity in training hours to sufficiently accommodate Akarana's on-field training needs.
- The existing club house has the ability to accommodate 'Home of League' meeting needs with a large sized club facility which is in good condition.
- The site has the best transport links being adjacent to major motorway connections (Northern, North Western, South Western).
- Fowlds Park is the base of the Mt Albert Rugby League club which is traditionally a strong club.
- Discussions with the Mt Albert Rugby League club will be required to understand their commitment to the purpose and intent of the 'Home of League'.



## KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- Discussions and negotiations will be required with the Mt Albert Rugby League Club to secure long-term usage of clubroom space for Akarana's off-field requirements.
- Discussions and negotiations will be required with Auckland Council to secure long-term use rights of the sports fields to meet Akarana's on-field training requirements.
- **Note:** the timing of completing the hybrid fields will be critical in providing the required capacity for training hours.

## 10.5 COUNTIES MANUKAU – SITE ASSESSMENT

Counties Manukau has identified the following sports parks for assessment to determine their ability to function as the 'home of rugby league' (HOL) for the zone. A funding grant was approved by the Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board (2017/18 Work Programme) to investigate the future location of the HOL within the Manukau Ward - with the specific inclusion of Norana Park. As shown below, two separate sites on Norana Park were investigated.



**Norana Park West**  
(American football home base)



**Norana Park**  
(open space park)



**Ngati Otara Park**  
(Otara Rugby League home grounds)



**Opaheke Sports Park**  
(No formal home base for any sports as of time of this report)

The table below (Table 10.4) utilises the site evaluation criteria to assess each attribute. The 'high', 'medium' and 'low' ratings are based on the ability for Counties Manukau to achieve the desired outcome for that attribute from a site.

Table 10.4: Evaluation table (unweighted)

Criteria	Norana Park	Norana Park West	Ngati Otara	Opaheke <sup>23</sup>
<b>2 full sized sand fields/Lighting</b>	No	No (2 soil)	Yes	Yes
<b>Access to clubhouse for meetings (24 sessions per year)</b>	No	No	Yes	No
<b>Facility's capacity to host trainings (48 hours of field use per week)</b>	No	No	No	Yes
<b>Club's commitment to purpose of 'HOL'</b>	N/A	N/A	TBD	TBD
<b>2 x changing rooms and toilets</b>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (new changing block being built)
<b>Access to storage</b>	No	No	TBD	No
<b>Land ownership</b>	Council	Council	Council	Council
<b>Transport links</b>	Low	Low	High	Medium
<b>Multi-sport potential</b>	Low	Medium	High	High
<b>Secure of tenure</b>	High	Medium	TBD	High

Counties Manukau Rugby League have highlighted that the needs surrounding the HOL are also based on the behaviours of the community – therefore it needs to deliver the best possible outcomes for sport, social and society engagement.

## KEY FINDINGS

The findings from the assessment identified that the most suitable site for the 'Home of League' in the Counties Manukau Zone is the **Opaheke Sports Park**.

## BENEFITS OF OPAHEKE SPORTS PARK

The key benefits of selecting the **Opaheke Sports Park** are as follows:

- The Papakura and Franklin areas are projected to accommodate most of the future growth in the south of the region with an additional 90,000 people by 2038.
- There are 8 fields, two sand fields with high quality training lights to accommodate a variety of training, programme and competition opportunities.
- The ability to become a core tenant of a developing sports precinct.<sup>24</sup>
- Significant council investment within the park for on-field and off-field infrastructure.
- Will have the ability to accommodate the large volume of training hours Counties Manukau Rugby League require.

<sup>23</sup> The Papakura Local Board has put \$1.7 million towards a multi-sport clubroom project. Cricket are understood to be a willing partner. A feasibility study to understand who the partners for this project may be is due to be completed in 2020.

<sup>24</sup> Further sport and social benefits that could potentially be derived from the Opaheke Sports Park site will be outlined in the feasibility study currently being undertaken.



- The ability to provide a home base for administration of Counties Manukau Rugby League (proposed multisport clubrooms identified for the site).
- Proximity to Massey Park Stadium (potential home ground for representative games).
- The potential exists for Opaheke Sport Park to become a Tier 3 competition facility.

## KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- Discussions and negotiations will be required with Auckland Council to secure long-term use rights of the sports fields to meet on-field training and programme requirements.
- Discussions and negotiations will be required with Auckland Council and the Papakura Local Board to secure long-term requirements to meet off-field office and meeting space requirements.
- Consider appropriate times for training and meeting requirements to combat Auckland's traffic congestion.

## 10.6 AUCKLAND RUGBY LEAGUE – SITE ASSESSMENT

Auckland Rugby League have identified the following sports parks for assessment to determine their ability to function as the 'home of rugby league'.



**Mt Smart**  
(outer fields)



**Liston Park**  
(No formal home base for any sports clubs as time of report)



**Cornwall Park**  
(Auckland Rugby fields)

The table below (Table 10.5) utilises the site evaluation criteria to assess each attribute. The 'high', 'medium' and 'low' ratings are based on the ability for Auckland Rugby League to achieve the desired outcome for that attribute from a site.

Table 10.5: Evaluation table (unweighted)

Criteria	Cornwall Park	Mt Smart	Liston Park
<b>2 full sized sand fields/Lighting</b>	No (soil and no lights)	Yes (hire)	No
<b>Access to clubhouse for meetings (24 sessions per year)</b>	Yes	Yes (hire)	No
<b>Facility's capacity to host trainings (78 hours of field use per week)</b>	No	Yes (overtime)	No
<b>Club's commitment to purpose of 'HOL'</b>	Yes	Yes	No
<b>2 x changing rooms and toilets</b>	Yes	Yes	No
<b>Access to storage</b>	Yes	Yes	No
<b>Land ownership</b>	Yes	Yes	No
<b>Transport links</b>	High	Medium	Low
<b>Multi-sport potential</b>	Low	High	Low
<b>Secure of tenure</b>	High	High	Low

## KEY FINDINGS

The findings from the assessment identified that the most suitable site for the 'Home of League' for Auckland Rugby League is at **Mt Smart Stadium**.

## BENEFITS OF MT SMART STADIUM

The key benefits of selecting **Mt Smart Stadium** are as follows:

- Has the ability to host most training requirements on two sand sports fields, plus an additional high-quality sand training field.
- The site has good quality existing facilities for meeting and education requirements with the ability to accommodate 'Home of League' meeting needs.
- Regional Facilities Auckland has stated its commitment to a 'Home of League' for Auckland Rugby League.
- Long-term vision of Mt Smart is to be a base for performance training from the community to the elite level.
- The site is close to transport links - motorway connections (Northern and Southern) and is also close to rail links.

## KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- The use of Mt Smart Stadium for on and off-field facilities will require some form of hire cost. Initial discussion with RFA are based on community rates, but detailed negotiations will be required to finalise exact costs.
- Currently there is insufficient capacity to host all on-field training requirements. However, within the next three years there is strong potential that an additional high-quality training field will be developed on the site, which – when used alongside the other fields within Mt Smart – will enable all on-field requirements to be met.
- It is recommended that a staged approach be considered by utilising both Mt Smart and Cornwall Park during the next two years.
- Once Mt Smart increases the training capacity, with additional field development, then relocate all Auckland Rugby League requirements to Mt Smart.

# 11.0 ROAD MAP

## NOTES

Endorsed **by December 2019**

The group is to consist of rugby league representatives, Auckland Council, Active and an independent.

### Purpose:

- Drive the implementation of the plan from a regional perspective;
- Provide guidance, direction and advice for clubs;
- Assess proposals in alignment with the level of priority;
- Assess and determine the need of new or progressed proposals;
- Advocate for clubs to submit through the Auckland Sport Sector Facility Priorities Plan;
- Advocate to key stakeholders and funders on projects which are highly prioritised;
- Annually review priorities and facility need;
- Connect and communicate with the rugby league community on the plan and its progress.

### Next Steps:

- It is highly recommended that Terms of Reference for the group are drawn up to outline its purpose and to set clear direction of its mandate and processes –

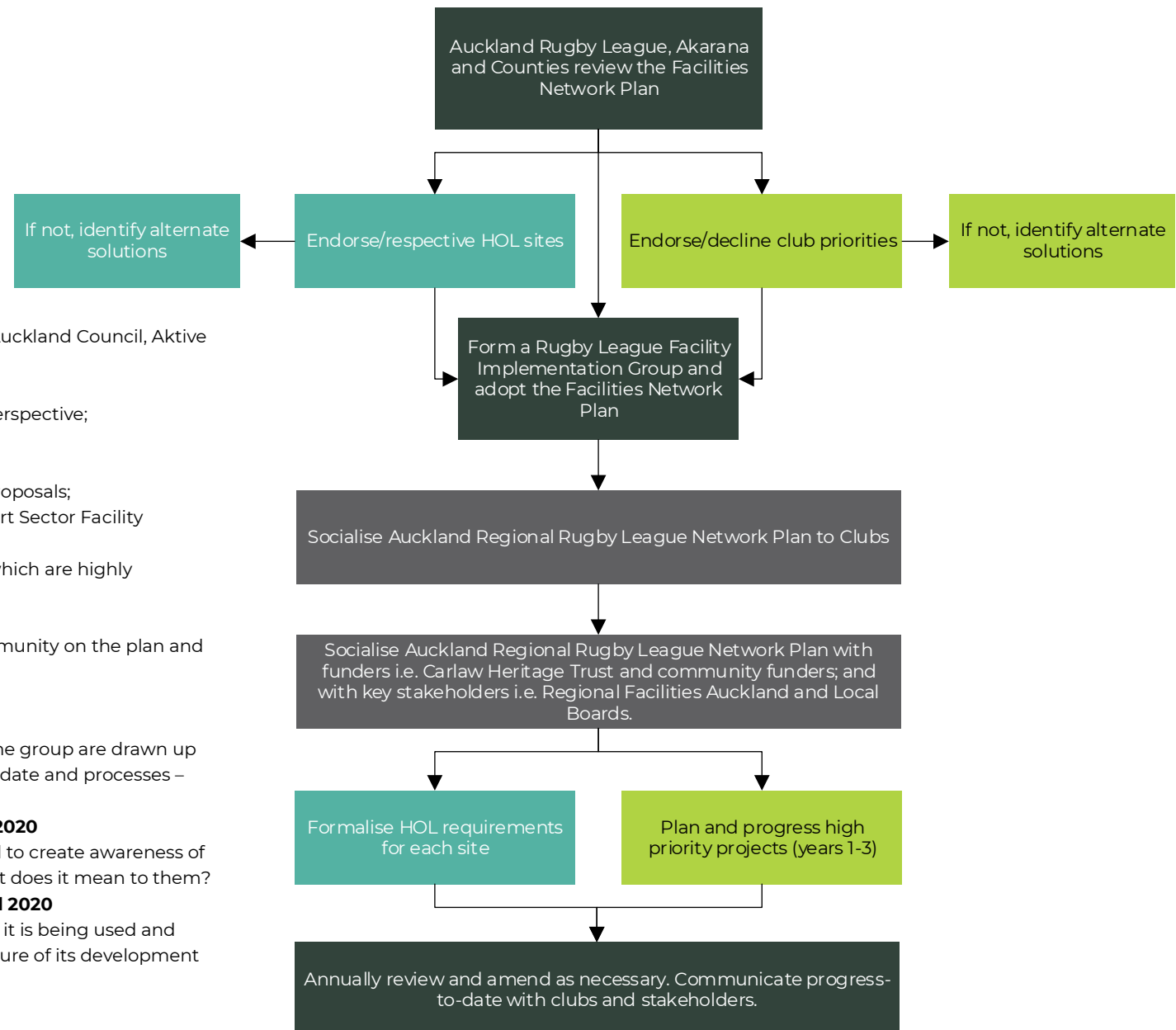
**By February 2020.**

**- Confirm representatives and form group – By March 2020**

- Socialise the network plan with clubs to gain buy-in and to create awareness of both the plan itself and how it will be implemented. What does it mean to them? What can they do? How are we going about it? – **By April 2020**

- Socialise the network plan with funders illustrating how it is being used and reviewed. Emphasis to be placed on the collaborative nature of its development with club awareness and buy-in – **By May 2020.**

- Develop an annual implementation plan.



## 12.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

---

The Auckland Regional Rugby League Facilities Network Plan has been undertaken to provide two key outcomes:

- Identifying the future club priorities relating to field and clubroom requirements;
- Providing direction and recommendations to progress a 'home of rugby league' for the Akarana and Counties Manukau Zones and Auckland Rugby League respectively.

### 12.1 CLUB PRIORITIES

In order to maintain and enhance rugby league service levels, address improving delapidated and aging facilities, and meet projected demand and field shortfalls; the sport needs to be strategic in its funding and implementation approach.

The following conclusions on club membership composition, and field and clubroom provision have been identified:

- Although there is an overall decline in rugby league membership, there is growth within junior grades across the Counties Manukau Zone.
- Localised membership growth, coupled with high levels of projected growth in the Maori and Pacific Island population in South Auckland (and specifically the 'youthful' population), suggests that rugby league is well positioned to grow membership (assuming current capture rates and traditional membership compositions continue).
- The growth in the Maori and Pacific Island population in West Auckland, and to a more moderate level in Central Auckland, presents as an opportunity for rugby league to increase their membership (assuming current capture rates and traditional membership compositions continue). This will impact on field supply and clubroom provision and access.
- Based on the aforementioned factors, membership levels could increase if an attractive service and value proposition is provided. This provides impetus for ensuring fields and facilities are fit-for-purpose and of sufficient capacity (to service the current and future membership) and interventions and initiatives are in place to overturn localised membership declines.
- Seven clubs identified a wide range of clubroom issues which included existing clubrooms being condemned, fire systems needing upgrading, roof replacements and general external refurbishments.
- The current standard of lighting for training purposes appears adequate across all fields, however, when considering the shortfall of field provision expected by 2028 under flood-lit conditions, more fields with lighting will likely be required.
- By 2028 there is a forecast field shortfall with 15 areas expected to be at or over capacity for training purposes. Additionally, another 9 fields across Auckland are projected to have a shortfall of training hours to accommodate future use.
- When coupling growing club membership trends (2016-2018) against projected field supply, the clubs highlighting the greatest supply need (severe shortfall of field supply with increasing membership) are Manukau, Otahuhu and Manurewa.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the evaluation and prioritisation detailed in Sections 6.0, 7.0 and 8.0 the report makes the following key recommendations:

1. Each organisation (Akarana Zone, Counties Manukau Zone and Auckland Rugby League) endorse the priority plan so that identified projects can commence and/or continue planning, while funds are sourced from key stakeholders. Furthermore, this will enable the Rugby League Facilities Fund Panel to gauge potential capital expenditure requirements and determine potential allocation strategies over an extended period.
2. Where projects are identified as having a high priority, the Facility Implementation Group are encouraged to start entering discussions with the respective Local Boards and Auckland Council (to identify opportunities for overcoming the potential shortfalls and catering for current and future demand).

## FIELDS

Where investment has not already been allocated to fields as part of Auckland Council's 3-year sports field programme:

3. Advocate to Auckland Council and the respective Local Boards for the upgrade of fields at:
  - Bert Henham Park;
  - Birkenhead War Memorial Park;
  - Kohuora Park;
  - Walter Massey Park.Advocacy should be based on projected shortfall, level of use and membership trends, projected population catchment and the condition of fields.
4. Advocate to Auckland Council and the respective Local Boards for the upgrade of the following fields (as they relate to earmarked investment in the 3-year sports field programme - area examination with specific mention of these fields):
  - Te Atatu Peninsula Park<sup>25</sup>;
  - Mountfort Park;
  - Ngati Otara Park.

## CLUBROOMS

- The following club projects have been assessed as being a high priority for supporting rugby league delivery:

Club	Issue	Proposed Action
Bay Roskill	Requires fire system upgrade.	Complete fire system upgrade.
East Coast Bays	Clubrooms have been condemned.	Progress findings of the feasibility study.
Ellerslie	Requires fire system upgrade	Complete fire system upgrade.
Glenfield	Clubrooms require a roof assessment.	Undertake roof assessment.
Marist Saints	Clubrooms in poor condition.	Determine the future of the existing building. Acquire the appropriate consents.

<sup>25</sup> Auckland Council are currently investigating the sand carpet upgrades of fields 3,4 and 6 at Te Atatu Peninsula Park.

Club	Issue	Proposed Action
Mt Wellington	Clubrooms in poor condition.	Determine the future of the existing building. Resolution required on the lease.
Pakuranga	Potential NZTA roading realignment through portion of the park.	Continue to monitor NZTA realignment plans.
Pt Chevalier	Roof requires replacing and asbestos identified as a potential issue.	Obtain roofing replacement costs and determine timeframe for completion. Address asbestos issue.
Pukekohe	No home base for both juniors and seniors.	Identify appropriate sports fields for accommodating needs in the future, while identifying interim measures for current delivery.

## 12.2 HOME OF RUGBY LEAGUE

The following conclusions were established:

- Ten proposed sites were identified for assessment across wider Auckland:
  - Akarana** – Fowlds Park, Ranui Domain and Henderson South Park;
  - Counties Manukau** – Norana Park, Norana Park West, Ngati Otara Park and Opaheke Sports Park;
  - Auckland Rugby League** – Mt Smart, Cornwall Park and Liston Park.
- Of the ten sites identified by the two Zones and Auckland Rugby League, there are only three locations which are currently home to an existing rugby league club.
- A preferred site was identified in all three areas, each containing certain potential constraints (pertaining to access levels, unknown levels of interest to accommodate the 'house of rugby league', and possible hire rates) which will require further investigation and negotiation.
- In the Akarana Zone, Mt Albert Rugby League Club (Fowlds Park), present as the strongest site for the home of rugby league. Significant recent investment from Auckland Council into the playing fields and lighting, and the readily accessible geographic location are key strengths. Although turf and light development timeframes are pending, this site has the potential to accommodate Akarana representative requirements.
- The remaining two identified preferred sites are Opaheke Sports Park and Mt Smart Stadium. They are not currently able to accommodate the on and off-field requirements to accommodate rugby league homes of football. However, proposed developments and multi-sport opportunities presented reinforce that they are both compelling opportunities.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on available data and analysis the following key recommendations are made:

- Each organisation (Akarana Zone, Counties Manukau Zone and Auckland Rugby League) endorse the site recommendations based on the agreed evaluation criteria.
- Once endorsed, formalise interest levels from each of the associated entities (i.e. Mt Albert Rugby League Club, Auckland Council and Regional Facilities Auckland).

7. Enter negotiations to secure long-term use of facilities with potential partner / host entities (i.e. Mt Albert Rugby League Club, Auckland Council and Regional Facilities Auckland).
8. Establish with partners how staging could be accommodated in the event a single site cannot accommodate all the home of rugby league requirements initially (this may require multiple sites and facilities being used as developments take place).

## 12.3 GENERAL

Based on available data and analysis the following general recommendations are made:

9. Adopt and implement the Auckland Regional Rugby League Facilities Network Plan road map.
  - Review and adopt the Auckland Regional Rugby League Network Plan;
  - Form a Rugby League Facility Implementation Group to provide oversight and direction for executing the plan (note that sub-groups may be created by the Implementation Group to drive individual projects where required);
  - Socialise the plan to clubs;
  - Socialise the plan to funders and key stakeholders;
  - Formalise the Home of League requirements for each site;
  - Plan and progress high priority projects;
  - Develop an annual implementation plan and review/amend as necessary.
10. Continue to monitor the uptake and engagement in junior activity (particularly new and expanded programme initiatives such as tag) and the targeting of ethnic groups. These initiatives may impact on existing infrastructure and their ability to meet future demand. Interventions such as programme calendar scheduling, field/reserve upgrades (new and existing) and partnering with other sports may be required to meet demand.



## 12.4 HIGH PRIORITIES SUMMARISED BY LOCAL BOARD

Local Board	Club/Home Field	Clubroom Issue	Proposed Action	Field Constraints	Proposed Action	Committed Investment
<b>Albert-Eden</b>	Marist Saints <b>Murray Halberg Park</b>	Clubrooms in poor condition.	Determine the future of the existing building. Acquire the appropriate consents.			
<b>Devonport-Takapuna</b>	Glenfield <b>Sunnynook Park</b>	Clubrooms require a roof assessment.	Undertake roof assessment.			
<b>Franklin</b>	Pukekohe <b>No Home Field</b>	No home base for both juniors and seniors.	Identify appropriate sports fields for accommodating needs in the future, while identifying interim measures for current delivery.	No home base for both juniors and seniors.	Investigate interim measures for a home field/base and continue to explore long-term options i.e. Belmont Park.	
<b>Henderson-Massey</b>	Te Atatu <b>Te Atatu Peninsula Park</b>			1 soil field and 1 training field in average condition.  Some field shortfall anticipated and high population growth of traditional playing profile.	Advocate for field and lighting upgrades at Te Atatu Peninsula Park, as an identified site in the 3-year sports field development plan. Auckland Council are currently investigating the sand carpet upgrades of fields 3,4 and 6 at Te Atatu Peninsula Park.	Auckland Council \$1,030,000
<b>Hibiscus and Bays</b>	East Coast Bays <b>Freyberg Park</b>	Clubrooms have been condemned.	Progress findings of the feasibility study.			
<b>Howick</b>	Pakuranga <b>Ti Rikau Park</b>	Potential NZTA roading realignment through portion of the park.	Continue to monitor NZTA realignment plans.			
<b>Kaipatiki</b>	Northcote <b>Birkenhead War Memorial Park</b>			Playing fields in poor condition	Development of sand carpet and irrigation at Birkenhead War Memorial Park.	

Local Board	Club/Home Field	Clubroom Issue	Proposed Action	Field Constraints	Proposed Action	Committed Investment
<b>Mangere-Otahuhu</b>	Manukau <b>Moyle Park</b>			3 playing fields in average condition & significant field shortfall forecasted.	Development of sand carpet, installation of irrigation and lighting at Moyle Park.	Auckland Council \$950,000
<b>Mangere-Otahuhu</b>	Mangere East <b>Walter Massey Park</b>			3 playing fields in average condition at Walter Massey Park & significant field shortfall forecasted.  Large membership with high usage.	Investigate options to increase field usage and explore potential satellite fields to accommodate membership.	
<b>Manurewa</b>	Manurewa <b>Mountfort Park</b>			High field shortfall anticipated, growing membership and high population growth of traditional playing profile.	Advocate for field and lighting upgrades at Mountfort Park, as an identified site in the 3-year sports field development plan.	Auckland Council \$50,000
<b>Maungakiekie-Tamaki</b>	Mt Wellington <b>Thompson Park</b>	Clubrooms in poor condition.	Determine the future of the existing building. Resolution required on the lease.			
<b>Maungakiekie-Tamaki</b>	Otahuhu <b>Bert Henham Park</b>			2 playing fields in average condition & significant field shortfall forecasted.	Investigate options to increase field usage.	
<b>Orakei</b>	Ellerslie <b>Ellerslie Domain</b>	Requires fires system upgrade	Complete fire system upgrade.			
<b>Otara-Papatoetoe</b>	Papatoetoe <b>Kohuora Park</b>			2 playing fields in poor condition	Investigate sand carpeting the fields and irrigation at Kohuora Park.	
<b>Otara-Papatoetoe</b>	Otara <b>Ngati Otara Park</b>			Upgrades are required to accommodate additional users.	Advocate for field and lighting upgrades to increase capacity at Ngati Otara Park, as an identified site in the 3-year sports field development plan.	Auckland Council \$650,000

Local Board	Club/Home Field	Clubroom Issue	Proposed Action	Field Constraints	Proposed Action	Committed Investment
<b>Waitemata</b>	Pt Chevalier <b>Ranui Domain</b>	Roof requires replacing and asbestos identified as a potential issue.	Obtain roofing replacement costs and determine timeframe for completion. Address asbestos issue.			
<b>Whau</b>	Bay Roskill <b>Blockhouse Reserve</b> <b>Bay</b>	Requires fire system upgrade.	Complete fire system upgrade.			

# APPENDIX 1 - CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Club	Seniors					Youth					Juniors				
	2016	2017	2018	change 2016-18	% change	2016	2017	2018	change 2016-18	% change	2016	2017	2018	change 2016-18	% change
Bay Roskill	170	171	120	-50	-29	64	137	112	48	75	164	145	142	-22	-13
East Coast Bays	105	114	148	43	41	26	24	36	10	38	79	73	49	-30	-38
Ellerslie	118	166	112	-6	-5	113	96	105	-8	-7	181	161	151	-30	-17
Glenfield	124	87	130	6	5	31	42	42	11	35	130	115	105	-25	-19
Glenora	215	176	142	-73	-34	161	155	114	-47	-29	328	243	254	-74	-23
Hibiscus Coast	188	227	164	-24	-13	108	78	52	-56	-52	157	114	112	-45	-29
Howick	163	204	141	-22	-13	87	91	54	-33	-38	159	149	152	-7	-4
Kaipara	0	16	0	0	n/a	6	0	1	-5	-83	15	0	0	-15	-100
Mangere East	296	347	294	-2	-1	269	210	211	-58	-22	137	86	146	9	7
Manukau	148	263	225	77	52	63	68	21	-42	-67	651	662	583	-68	-10
Manurewa	272	277	340	68	25	284	282	304	20	7	531	508	540	9	2
Marist Saints	188	200	157	-31	-16	86	104	134	48	56	172	196	172	0	0
Mt Albert	191	190	178	-13	-7	183	209	84	-99	-54	150	111	100	-50	-33
Mt Wellington	112	139	190	78	70	19	2	1	-18	-95	42	28	77	35	83
New Lynn	154	227	131	-23	-15	43	21	4	-39	-91	127	113	136	9	7
Northcote	100	126	190	90	90	29	68	33	4	14	143	137	117	-26	-18
Otahuhu	261	240	301	40	15	195	218	209	14	7	254	188	273	19	7
Otara	189	245	188	-1	-1	174	102	114	-60	-34	317	321	332	15	5
Pakuranga	99	147	127	28	28	27	41	45	18	67	174	161	172	-2	-1
Papakura	208	190	131	-77	-37	26	52	49	23	88	273	245	226	-47	-17
Papatoetoe	107	107	120	13	12	118	71	82	-36	-31	245	211	247	2	1
Point Chevalier	202	197	190	-12	-6	76	51	67	-9	-12	157	127	141	-16	-10

Club	Seniors					Youth					Juniors				
	2016	2017	2018	change 2016-18	% change	2016	2017	2018	change 2016-18	% change	2016	2017	2018	change 2016-18	% change
Ponsonby	82	81	134	52	63	6	28	0	-6	-100	97	87	108	11	11
Pukekohe	0	1	89	89	n/a	37	0	23	-14	-38	70	49	82	12	17
Richmond	254	242	206	-48	-19	94	102	101	7	7	124	122	134	10	8
Rodney	28	0	2	-26	-93	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0	0	0	n/a
Te Atatu	189	173	158	-31	-16	90	81	68	-22	-24	249	240	245	-4	-2
Tuakau	0	0	11	11	n/a	22	0	28	6	27	3	12	23	20	667
Waiheke	20	0	38	18	90	0	0	0	0	n/a	14	26	30	16	114
Waitemata	138	173	111	-27	-20	76	130	64	-12	-16	141	154	113	-28	-20
Waiuku	12	21	32	20	167	3	0	4	1	33	20	28	57	37	185
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,359</b>	<b>4,757</b>	<b>4,502</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2,516</b>	<b>2,463</b>	<b>2,162</b>	<b>-354</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>5,304</b>	<b>4,812</b>	<b>5,019</b>	<b>-285</b>	<b>-5</b>

Club	Total					Local Board Area	Rugby League Zone
	2016	2017	2018	change 2016-18	% change		
Bay Roskill	398	453	374	-24	-6	Whau	Akarana
East Coast Bays	210	211	233	23	11	Hibiscus and Bays	Akarana
Ellerslie	412	423	368	-44	-11	Orakei	Akarana
Glenfield	285	244	277	-8	-3	Devonport-Takapuna	Akarana
Glenora	704	574	510	-194	-28	Waitakere Ranges	Akarana
Hibiscus Coast	453	419	328	-125	-28	Hibiscus and Bays	Akarana
Howick	409	444	347	-62	-15	Howick	Counties Manukau
Kaipara	21	16	1	-20	-95	Rodney	Akarana
Mangere East	1,216	1,219	1,088	-128	-11	Mangere-Otahuhu	Counties Manukau
Manukau	348	417	392	44	13	Mangere-Otahuhu	Counties Manukau
Manurewa	1,087	1,067	1,184	97	9	Manurewa	Counties Manukau
Marist Saints	446	500	463	17	4	Albert-Eden	Akarana
Mt Albert	524	510	362	-162	-31	Albert-Eden	Akarana
Mt Wellington	173	169	268	95	55	Maungakiekie-Tamaki	Akarana
New Lynn	324	361	271	-53	-16	Whau	Akarana
Northcote	272	331	340	68	25	Kaipatiki	Akarana
Otahuhu	710	646	783	73	10	Maungakiekie-Tamaki	Counties Manukau
Otara	680	668	634	-46	-7	Otara-Papatoetoe	Counties Manukau
Pakuranga	300	349	344	44	15	Howick	Counties Manukau
Papakura	507	487	406	-101	-20	Papakura	Counties Manukau
Papatoetoe	470	389	449	-21	-4	Otara-Papatoetoe	Counties Manukau
Point Chevalier	435	375	398	-37	-9	Waitemata	Akarana
Ponsonby	185	196	242	57	31	Waitemata	Akarana
Pukekohe	107	50	194	87	81	Franklin	Counties Manukau
Richmond	472	466	441	-31	-7	Waitemata	Akarana

Club	Total					Local Board Area	Rugby League Zone
	2016	2017	2018	change 2016-18	% change		
Rodney	28	0	2	-26	-93	Rodney	Akarana
Te Atatu	528	494	471	-57	-11	Henderson-Massey	Akarana
Tuakau	25	12	62	37	148	Franklin	Counties Manukau
Waiheke	34	26	68	34	100	Waiheke	Akarana
Waitemata	355	457	288	-67	-19	Henderson-Massey	Akarana
Waiuku	35	49	93	58	166	Franklin	Counties Manukau
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,179</b>	<b>12,032</b>	<b>11,683</b>	<b>-496</b>	<b>-4</b>		

## APPENDIX 2 - SPATIALLY SUMMARISED

These Tables spatially cluster the individual Club Membership data for registered senior, youth and junior members over 2016-2018 (Appendix X1) across different Population catchment Areas and Local Board Areas. These are defined more fully at the end of this Appendix.

The tables here provide an age-group breakdown of the Total Memberships-by-Areas table (**Table 2.5**) presented in Section 2.3 and can add some interpretation context subject to the following qualification:

- Some figures indicate possible data reporting inconsistencies, gaps or particularly notable changes.
- Caution and validation as required is recommended in making any significant conclusions related to these data.

### SENIOR MEMBERSHIP IN POPULATION CATCHMENT AND LOCAL BOARD AREAS

Population Catchment Area (and Local Boards)	2016	2017	2018	Change 2016-2018	% Change	Zone and Clubs
<b>North Shore</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Akarana</b>
Hibiscus and Bays	293	341	312	19	6	East Coast Bays, Hibiscus Coast
Kaipatiki	100	126	190	90	90	Northcote
Devonport-Takapuna	124	87	130	6	5	Glenfield
Rodney	28	16	2	-26	-93	Kaipara, Rodney
<b>Central Auckland</b>	<b>1,167</b>	<b>1,215</b>	<b>1,205</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Akarana</b>
Albert-Eden	379	390	335	-44	-12	Marist, Mt Albert
Orakei	118	166	112	-6	-5	Ellerslie
Waitemata	538	520	530	-8	-1	Point Chevalier, Ponsonby, Richmond
Maungakiekie-Tamaki*	112	139	190	78	70	Mt Wellington
Waiheke	20	0	38	18	90	Waiheke
<b>West Auckland</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>-204</b>	<b>-24</b>	<b>Akarana</b>
Henderson-Massey	327	346	269	-58	-18	Te Atatu, Waitemata
Whau	324	398	251	-73	-23	Bay Roskill, New Lynn
Waitakere Ranges	215	176	142	-73	-34	Glenora
<b>South Auckland</b>	<b>1,755</b>	<b>2,042</b>	<b>1,999</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Counties Manukau</b>
Howick	262	351	268	6	2	Howick, Pakuranga
Manurewa	272	277	340	68	25	Manurewa
Otara-Papatoetoe	296	352	308	12	4	Otara, Papatoetoe
Mangere-Otahuhu	444	610	519	75	17	Mangere East, Manukau
Maungakiekie-Tamaki*	261	240	301	40	15	Otahuhu
Franklin	12	22	132	120	1,000	Pukekohe, Tuakau, Waiuku
Papakura	208	190	131	-77	-37	Papakura



## YOUTH MEMBERSHIP IN POPULATION CATCHMENT AND LOCAL BOARD AREAS

Population Catchment Area (and Local Boards)	2016	2017	2018	Change 2016-2018	% Change	Zone and Clubs
<b>North Shore</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>-36</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>Akarana</b>
Hibiscus and Bays	134	102	88	-46	-34	East Coast Bays, Hibiscus Coast
Kaipatiki	29	68	33	4	14	Northcote
Devonport-Takapuna	31	42	42	11	35	Glenfield
Rodney	6	0	1	-5	-83	Kaipara, Rodney
<b>Central Auckland</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>-85</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>Akarana</b>
Albert-Eden	269	313	218	-51	-19	Marist, Mt Albert
Orakei	113	96	105	-8	-7	Ellerslie
Waitemata	176	181	168	-8	-5	Point-Chevalier, Ponsonby, Richmond
Maungakiekie-Tamaki*	19	2	1	-18	-95	Mt Wellington
Waiheke	0	0	0	0	-	Waiheke
<b>West Auckland</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>-72</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>Akarana</b>
Henderson-Massey	166	211	132	-34	-20	Te Atatu, Waitemata
Whau	107	158	116	9	8	Bay Roskill, New Lynn
Waitakere Ranges	161	155	114	-47	-29	Glenora
<b>South Auckland</b>	<b>1,305</b>	<b>1,135</b>	<b>1,144</b>	<b>-161</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>Counties Manukau</b>
Howick	114	132	99	-15	-13	Howick, Pakuranga
Manurewa	284	282	304	20	7	Manurewa
Otara-Papatoetoe	292	173	196	-96	-33	Otara, Papatoetoe
Mangere-Otahuhu	332	278	232	-100	-30	Mangere East, Manukau
Maungakiekie-Tamaki*	195	218	209	14	7	Otahuhu
Franklin	62	0	55	-7	-11	Pukekohe, Tuakau, Waiuku
Papakura	26	52	49	23	88	Papakura

## JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP IN POPULATION CATCHMENT AND LOCAL BOARD AREAS

Population Catchment Area (and Local Boards)	2016	2017	2018	Change 2016-2018	% Change	Zone and Clubs
<b>North Shore</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>-141</b>	<b>-27</b>	<b>Akarana</b>
Hibiscus and Bays	236	187	161	-75	-32	East Coast Bays, Hibiscus Coast
Kaipatiki	143	137	117	-26	-18	Northcote
Devonport-Takapuna	130	115	105	-25	-19	Glenfield
Rodney	15	0	0	-15	-100	Kaipara, Rodney
<b>Central Auckland</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>-24</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>Akarana</b>
Albert-Eden	322	307	272	-50	-16	Marist, Mt Albert
Orakei	181	161	151	-30	-17	Ellerslie
Waitemata	378	336	383	5	1	Point-Chevalier, Ponsonby, Richmond
Maungakiekie-Tamaki*	42	28	77	35	83	Mt Wellington
Waiheke	14	26	30	16	114	Waiheke
<b>West Auckland</b>	<b>1,009</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>-119</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>Akarana</b>
Henderson-Massey	390	394	358	-32	-8	Te Atatu, Waitemata
Whau	291	258	278	-13	-4	Bay Roskill, New Lynn
Waitakere Ranges	328	243	254	-74	-23	Glenora
<b>South Auckland</b>	<b>2,834</b>	<b>2,620</b>	<b>2,833</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Counties Manukau</b>
Howick	333	310	324	-9	-3	Howick, Pakuranga
Manurewa	531	508	540	9	2	Manurewa
Otara-Papatoetoe	562	532	579	17	3	Otara, Papatoetoe
Mangere-Otahuhu	788	748	729	-59	-7	Mangere East, Manukau
Maungakiekie-Tamaki*	254	188	273	19	7	Otahuhu
Franklin	93	89	162	69	74	Pukekohe, Tuakau, Waiuku
Papakura	273	245	226	-47	-17	Papakura

These four distinct Population Catchment Areas (and included respective Local Board areas) are:

### 1. 'North Shore'

- part of the Akarana Zone of Auckland Rugby League
- including the Devonport-Takapuna, Hibiscus and Bays, Kaipatiki and Rodney
- this catchment area is the home of 6 Rugby League Clubs (*Glenfield; East Coast Bays; Hibiscus Coast; Northcote; Kaipara; Rodney*)

### 2. 'Central Auckland' (Akarana RL Zone)

- part of the Akarana Zone of Auckland Rugby League
- including the Albert-Eden, Orakei; Waitemata and (part of) Maungakiekie-Tamaki<sup>26</sup>, Waiheke<sup>27</sup> Local Board Areas (there are currently no clubs in Puketepapa)
- this catchment area is the home of 8 Rugby League Clubs (*Marist; Mt Albert; Point Chevalier; Mt Wellington; Ellerslie; Ponsonby; Richmond; Waiheke*)

<sup>26</sup> Mt Wellington from northern Maungakiekie-Tamaki are located in the Akarana Zone.

<sup>27</sup> Waiheke is currently in the northern 'Akarana' Rugby League Zone. Great Barrier is not included.

3. **'West Auckland'**

- part of the Akarana Zone of Auckland Rugby League
- including the Henderson-Massey; Waitakere Ranges; and Whau Local Board Areas
- this catchment area is the home of 5 Rugby League Clubs (*Te Atatu; Waitemata; Glenora; Bay Roskill; New Lynn*)

4. **'South Auckland'**

- comprising the whole Counties Manukau Zone of Auckland Rugby League
- including the Howick; Mangere-Otahuhu; Manurewa; Otara-Papatoetoe, Papakura; (part of) Maungakiekie-Tamaki<sup>28</sup> and Franklin Local Board areas
- this catchment area is the home of 12 Rugby League Clubs (*Pukekohe; Tuakau; Waiuku; Howick; Pakuranga; Mangere East; Manukau; Manurewa; Otahuhu; Otara; Papatoetoe; Papakura*)

---

<sup>28</sup> Otahuhu from southern Maungakieikie-Tamaki are located in the Counties Manukau Zone.

# APPENDIX 3 – FACILITY REQUIREMENTS<sup>29</sup>

## TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Tier	Level of Facility	Essential	Desirable
<b>Tier 1</b>	<b>Rugby League Centre</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administration base including office, meeting rooms, lecture theatre / video analysis, museum area, storage and car parking.</li> <li>Training field.</li> <li>High performance gym.</li> <li>Changing facilities with showers and toilets.</li> <li>Area for temporary hot and cold recovery pools.</li> <li>Sports medicine, physiotherapy, nutrition services.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indoor training area</li> <li>Artificial turf training field</li> <li>25m swimming pool</li> <li>Permanent hot and cold recovery pools</li> <li>Hydrotherapy pool</li> <li>Accommodation with kitchen, dining room</li> <li>Café / catering facilities.</li> </ul>
<b>Tier 2</b>	<p>Home for New Zealand Rugby League.</p> <p>Base for Kiwis, Kiwi (Pacific Island), Junior Kiwi, Kiwi Ferns NZ XIII</p>		
<b>Tier 3</b>	<p>National Competition</p> <p>NPC / District</p> <p>NZ Residents</p> <p>(16/18 Yrs, Premiers)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 x training fields</li> <li>Suitable lighting for night trainings.</li> <li>3 x change rooms with separate hot and cold water and showers and toilets for each team.</li> <li>Suitable storage area for training equipment – lockable.</li> <li>Suitable vehicle access for emergency services (ambulance etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 x training fields</li> <li>Suitable lighting for night trainings.</li> <li>4 x change rooms with separate hot and cold water and showers and toilets for each team.</li> <li>Club rooms with cooking/catering facilities suitable and seating/tables for 150 people.</li> <li>Access to artificial turf training area.</li> </ul>
<b>Tier 4</b>	Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 x training fields</li> <li>Suitable lighting for night trainings.</li> <li>3 x change rooms with separate hot and cold water and showers and toilets for each team.</li> <li>Suitable storage area for event equipment – lockable.</li> <li>Suitable vehicle access for emergency services (ambulance etc.).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 x training fields</li> <li>Suitable lighting for night trainings.</li> <li>4 x change rooms with separate hot and cold water and showers and toilets for each team.</li> <li>Club rooms with cooking/catering facilities suitable and seating/tables for 150 people.</li> </ul>

<sup>29</sup> As outlined in the New Zealand Rugby League Facility Plan (2015)

## COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS

Tier	Level of Facility	Essential	Desirable
<b>Tier 1</b>	Kiwi (Aus, Eng)	Current facilities meet requirement	Current facilities meet requirement
<b>Tier 2</b>	Kiwi (Pacific Island) Junior Kiwi Kiwi Ferns NZ XIII	Current facilities meet requirement	Stadium with seated capacity of 5,000 - 10,000
<b>Tier 3</b>	National Competition NPC NZ Residents (16/18 Yrs, Premiers) District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 x international size fields (safe for play, well maintained and groomed for best presentation), fully marked to international Rugby League standard with goal posts, post pads and flags including spectator barriers at 2 metre minimum distance from the sideline. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alternatively, ability to play 3 games on 1 field.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Warm up areas for two teams at a time.</li> <li>5 x change rooms with separate hot and cold water and showers and toilets for each team and the Match Officials.</li> <li>An area must be available for hosting special guests/VIPs.</li> <li>Seated stands for 500 spectators.</li> <li>Sufficient tables, chairs for teams and match official staff on sideline Suitable sin bin area (chairs at either end of match manager's table on halfway mark of sideline).</li> <li>An audible sound system to play music and ground announcements.</li> <li>A scoreboard.</li> <li>An area for after match function that can seat 100 people.</li> <li>Catering capabilities (MUST be affordable, not corporate prices).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 x international size fields with spectator barriers at 2 metre minimum distance from the sideline.</li> <li>1 x First Aid/Medical room.</li> <li>1 x Match Judiciary Room complete with DVD player plus TV.</li> <li>Covered seating where available for reserve players, football staff and first aid/medics (i.e. Dugouts) that do not obstruct sight of video cameras.</li> <li>Coach's boxes for match viewing (situated on halfway line with full field view).</li> <li>Spectator parking for minimum 500 vehicles.</li> <li>Total seating 2,500 with 500 permanent.</li> <li>7 x change rooms with separate hot and cold water and showers and toilets for each team and the Match Officials.</li> <li>An electronic score board (preferably with a clock).</li> <li>Ability and means to erect sponsorship signage.</li> <li>Suitable storage area for event equipment – lockable.</li> <li>Lighting suitable for televised games.</li> </ul>

Tier	Level of Facility	Essential	Desirable
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuck shop for public purchase of snack foods and beverages (preferably non-alcoholic with healthy food options).</li> <li>• Suitable vehicle access for emergency services (ambulance etc.).</li> <li>• Adequate parking space for team bus/vehicles etc. inside stadium boundaries.</li> <li>• Elevated stand/stage (covered) to film matches with unobstructed views of full field. Power points for electronic camera equipment.</li> <li>• Fenced arena with paid gate facilities (cash and eftpos sales).</li> <li>• Sufficient waste and recycling bins.</li> </ul>	
<b>Tier 4</b>	Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 x international size field (level, well drained and safe for play), fully marked to international Rugby League standard with goal posts, post pads and flags including.</li> <li>• Warm up areas for two teams at a time.</li> <li>• 3 x change rooms with separate hot and cold water and showers and toilets for each team and the Match Officials.</li> <li>• Sufficient tables, chairs for teams and match official staff on sideline Suitable sin bin area (chairs at either end of match manager's table on halfway mark of sideline).</li> <li>• Ability and means to erect sponsorship signage.</li> <li>• Suitable vehicle access for emergency services (ambulance etc.).</li> <li>• Adequate parking space for team bus/vehicles etc.</li> <li>• Sufficient waste and recycling bins.</li> <li>• Club rooms with cooking/catering facilities suitable and seating/tables for 100 people.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 x international size fields.</li> <li>• 5 x change rooms with separate hot and cold water and showers and toilets for each team and the Match Officials.</li> <li>• Suitable storage area for event equipment – lockable.</li> <li>• A scoreboard.</li> <li>• Tuck shop for public purchase of snack foods and beverages (preferably non-alcoholic with healthy food options).</li> </ul>

## APPENDIX 4 – VARIABLES FOR FIELD INVESTMENT

The following variables were used to guide the field prioritisation assessment for rugby league activity. **Orange** highlights average condition and/or medium population growth projections, while **red** represents poor condition, increasing membership trends, field shortfalls and/or high population growth projections.

Local Board	Club	Home Field	Projected Supply of Fields in 2028 <sup>30</sup>			Membership Trend*	Maori/Pacific Island Projections (High/Medium)	Condition	Planned Investment
			Weekend	Weekday	Weekday Lit				
North Shore									
Hibiscus and Bays	East Coast Bays	Freyberg Park	3	0	1	↑	Medium		\$350,000
	Hibiscus Coast	Stanmore Bay Reserve	-4	-3.5	-8	↓	Medium		\$50,000*
Kaipatiki	Northcote	Birkenhead War Memorial Park	0	0	2	↑		Poor	
Devonport-Takapuna	Glenfield	Sunnynook Park	0	0	0	↓		Upgraded	\$1,784,278
Rodney	Kaipara	Rautawhiri Park	7	0	0	↓	Medium		
	Rodney	Whangateau Domain				↓	Medium		
Upper Harbour			-	-	-	-			
Central Auckland									
Albert-Eden	Marist	Murray Halberg Park	0	-5	0	↑	Medium	Poor (1x training field)	
	Mt Albert	Fowlds Park				↓	Medium		\$4,034,662
Orakei	Ellerslie	Ellerslie Domain	0	0	0	↓	Medium		
Waitemata	Point Chevalier	Walker Park	0	0	0	↓		Average (2x fields)	
	Richmond	Grey Lynn Park	5	-10	-7	↓		Average (3x fields)	
	Ponsonby	Victoria Park	20	-5	-4	↑		Average (4x fields)	
Maungakiekie-Tamaki*	Mt Wellington	Thompson Park	3	0	0	↑	High	Average (2x fields)	

<sup>30</sup> Source: 2017 Longdill Supply and Needs Study into the Capacity and Utilisation of the Sports Fields Network

Local Board	Club	Home Field	Projected Supply of Fields in 2028 <sup>30</sup>			Membership Trend*	Maori/Pacific Island Projections  (High/Medium)	Condition	Planned Investment
			Weekend	Weekday	Weekday Lit				
Waiheke	Waiheke	Ostend Domain	4	6	2	↑		Average (1x field)	
Puketapapa			-	-	-	-	Medium		
West Auckland									
Henderson-Massey	Te Atatu	Jack Colvin/Te Atatu Peninsula Park	0	0	-5	↓	High	Average (1x field and 1x training field)	\$1,030,000
	Waitemata	Ranui Domain	-3	0	-1	↓	High	Average (1x field)	
Whau	Bay Roskill	Blockhouse Bay Reserve	0	0	0	↓	Medium	Average (1x training field)	
	New Lynn	Lawson Park	-1	0	-8	↓	Medium	Poor (2 mini fields) & Average (1x field)	
Waitakere Ranges	Glenora	Harold Moody Reserve	0	-4	-3	↓	Medium	Average (1x field)	
South Auckland									
Howick	Howick	Paparua Park/Howick Domain	9	0	0	↓	High		
	Pakuranga	Ti Rakau Park	4	-3	-10	↑	High		
Manurewa	Manurewa	Mountfort Park	-4	-25	-39	↑	High	Average (3x fields)	\$50,000*
Otarā-Papatoetoe	Otara	Ngati Otara Park	4	11	-16	↓	High	Average (3x fields)	\$650,000*
	Papatoetoe	Kohuora Park	0	0	0	↓	High	Poor (2x fields)	
Mangere-Otahuhu	Mangere East	Walter Massey Park	-6	-19	-75	↓	High	Average (3x fields)	
	Manukau	Moyle Park				↑	High		\$950,000
Maungakiekie-Tamaki*	Otahuhu	Bert Henham Park	0	-14.5	-27	↑	High	Average (2x fields)	
Franklin	Pukekohe	Nga Hau E Wha O Marae	5	2	-1	↑	High		\$1,000,000*



Local Board	Club	Home Field	Projected Supply of Fields in 2028 <sup>30</sup>			Membership Trend*	Maori/Pacific Island Projections  (High/Medium)	Condition	Planned Investment
			Weekend	Weekday	Weekday Lit				
	Tuakau	Dr John Lightbody Reserve (Escotts Road)	-	-	-	↑	High		
	Waiuku	Hamilton Estate Park	2	-3	-2	↑	High		
Papakura	Papakura	Prince Edward Park	9	16	18	↓	High		

# APPENDIX 5 - MANGERE-OTAHUHU

## MANGERE-OTAHUHU LOCAL BOARD SNAPSHOT

This section has been created specifically for the Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board to address the outcomes sought from their investment into the development of this document. The Mangere-Otahuhu area plays, and will continue to play, a pivotal role in the delivery of rugby league in Auckland.

### 13.1 CLUB MEMBERSHIP

#### MEMBERSHIP

- A membership decline within the Local Board area is evident. This contrasts with the slight increase across the wider Counties Manukau Zone;
- The decline is primarily concentrated in the Mangere East club (although a high numeric level of members still exists)<sup>31</sup>;
- Manukau Rugby League bucks the general club trend with moderate levels of growth;
- Although technically located in the Maungakiekie-Tamaki Local Board area, Otahuhu still draws from the local population catchment. The club has experienced growth of 10% since 2016;
- When factored into the Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board, membership levels are relatively stable (<1% change).

Membership in Population Catchment and Local Board Areas (2016-18)

Population Catchment Area (and Local Boards) & Clubs	2016	2017	2018	Change 2016-18	% Change	Zone and Clubs
Akarana Zone	6,259	6,225	5,705	-554	-8	Akarana
South Auckland/Counties Manukau Zone	5,894	5,797	5,976	82	1	Counties Manukau
<b>Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board</b>	1,564	1,636	1,480	-84	-5	Mangere East, Manukau
Mangere East	1,216	1,219	1,088	-128	-11	Counties Manukau
Manukau	348	417	392	44	13	Counties Manukau
Otahuhu	710	646	783	73	10	Counties Manukau

#### TOP-10 CLUBS BY TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 2018

- Mangere East has the second highest membership base in Auckland, while Manukau is positioned twelfth;
- Although located in the Maungakiekie-Tamaki Local Board, Otahuhu still draws from the local population catchment. Otahuhu is the third largest club in Auckland;
- Across all Local Board areas, Mangere-Otahuhu comprises the largest membership base, which is further heightened when Otahuhu's membership is applied (13% of total membership and 17% when including Otahuhu).

<sup>31</sup> The main contributing factors outlined revolve around coaching resources and a lack of training space.

	Members	2018	change 2016-18	%	Catchment Area	RL Zone	Local Board rea
1	Manurewa	1,184	97	9	S Auckland	Counties Manukau	Manurewa
2	<b>Mangere East</b>	<b>1,088</b>	<b>-128</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>S Auckland</b>	<b>Counties Manukau</b>	<b>Mangere-Otahuhu</b>
3	Otahuhu	783	73	10	S Auckland	Counties Manukau	Maungakiekie-Tamaki
4	Otara	634	-46	-7	S Auckland	Counties Manukau	Otara-Papatoetoe
5	Glenora	510	-194	-28	C Auckland	Akarana	Waitakere Ranges
6	Te Atatu	471	-57	-11	W Auckland	Akarana	Henderson-Massey
7	Marist Saints	463	17	4	C Auckland	Akarana	Albert-Eden
8	Papatoetoe	449	-21	-4	S Auckland	Counties Manukau	Otara-Papatoetoe
9	Richmond	441	-31	-7	C Auckland	Akarana	Waitemata
10	Papakura	406	-101	-20	S Auckland	Counties Manukau	Papakura
	<b>Auckland Region</b>	<b>11,683</b>	<b>-496</b>	<b>-4</b>			

## TOP-10 CLUBS BY TOTAL MEMBERSHIP GAINS

- Manukau has experienced the 8<sup>th</sup> highest rate of growth over the last 3-years.
- Otahuhu has experienced the 9<sup>th</sup> highest rate of growth over the last 3-years.

	Members	2018	change 2016-18	%	Catchment Area	RL Zone	Local Board rea
1	Manurewa	1,184	97	9	S Auckland	Counties Manukau	Manurewa
23	Mt Wellington	268	95	55	C Auckland	Akarana	Maungakiekie-Tamaki
26	Pukekohe	194	87	81	S Auckland	Counties Manukau	Franklin
3	Otahuhu	783	73	10	S Auckland	Counties Manukau	Maungakiekie-Tamaki
18	Northcote	340	68	25	North Shore	Akarana	Kaipatiki
27	Waiuku Toa	93	58	166	S Auckland	Counties Manukau	Franklin
24	Ponsonby	242	57	31	C Auckland	Akarana	Waitemata
12	<b>Manukau</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>S Auckland</b>	<b>Counties Manukau</b>	<b>Mangere-Otahuhu</b>
17	Pakuranga	344	44	15	S Auckland	Counties-Manukau	Howick
29	Tuakau	62	37	148	S Auckland	Counties-Manukau	Franklin
	<b>Auckland Region</b>	<b>11,683</b>	<b>-496</b>	<b>-4</b>			

## 13.2 POPULATION PROFILE

- Moderate growth is expected relative to South Auckland levels.
- High numeric growth of the Pacific Island population expected by 2038.
- Low rate of Maori population growth forecasted in relation to South Auckland.

Region/Local Board	Current State				Projections			Ethnicity - Projected % Change from 2018-38	
	Clubs	2013	% change (01-13)	2018	2038	change 2018-38	% change	Maori	Pacific Island
Mangere-Otahuhu	2	70,959	17	81,177	90,196	9,019	11	13	48
South Auckland	11	466,941	25	554,311	692,483	138,171	25	49	66

### 13.3 STATE OF PLAY

- All six playing fields in the Local Board area are regarded in average condition (while the Otahuhu Club has a further two fields that were assessed as being in average, while the third was considered to be 'good').
- Both clubrooms have undergone major renovations;
- Reroofing of the clubrooms at Otahuhu has been undertaken;
- \$950,000 has been committed to Moyle Park.

Club	Fields	Clubrooms/Changing Facilities	Lighting	Investment	Plans
<b>Mangere East</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 playing fields in average conditions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clubrooms have completed major renovations</li> <li>• Council owned changing facilities in good condition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training standard lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>Manukau</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 playing fields in average condition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clubrooms have completed major renovations including re-roof and partial re cladding</li> <li>• Council owned changing facilities in good condition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training standard lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$950,000 has been committed to Moyle Park.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of sand carpet, installation of irrigation and lighting.</li> </ul>
<b>Otahuhu</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 playing fields</li> <li>• 1 good condition</li> <li>• 2 average condition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clubrooms have completed a re-roof</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training standard lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

### 13.4 FIELD SUPPLY<sup>32</sup>

- There are 5 parks/reserves used in the Local Board areas for rugby league delivery (in addition to Bert Henham and McManus Parks);
- This equates to 12 full-sized fields and 2 x ½ sized fields (this is the 5<sup>th</sup> largest provision of rugby league fields in Auckland);
- There is only one field with floodlighting in the immediate Mangere-Otahuhu area, with a further 3 located between Bert Henham and McManus Parks;
- In the Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board (as well as for the adjoining areas) there is a significant identified shortfall of fields.

<sup>32</sup> As outlined in Auckland Council's 2018 field allocation system.

Local Board	Projected Supply of Fields in 2028 <sup>33</sup>			Membership Trend*	Maori/Pacific Island Projections	Club	Field Name
Mangere-Otahuhu	-6	-19	-75	↓	High	Mangere East	Walter Massey Park (3 fields)
							Aorere Park (2 fields)
							House Park (2 fields)
				↑	High	Manukau	Moyle Park (3 fields)
	0	-14.5	-27				Murphy Park (2x 0.5 fields)
Maungakiekie-Tamaki	0	-14.5	-27	↑	High	Otahuhu	Bert Henham Park (2 fields)

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based on projected shortfall, level of use and membership trends, projected population catchment and condition of fields it is recommended that:

Rugby League advocate to Auckland Council and the Local Board for the upgrade of fields at:

### HIGH PRIORITY

- Walter Massey Park (Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board)
- Bert Henham Park (Maungakiekie-Tamaki Local Board)

To assist with addressing the identified existing and projected field shortfall in the area, Norana Park could potentially be used as a satellite training venue (with lights). As part of the project, Counties Manukau Rugby League have identified potential partners to share access of Norana Park. Included in this investigation were D65 who are a community group delivering a free fitness programme (Fit Life). D65 own an indoor training facility which could be erected and made available to rugby league and the wider community.

<sup>33</sup> Source: 2017 Longdill Supply and Needs Study into the Capacity and Utilisation of the Sports Fields Network

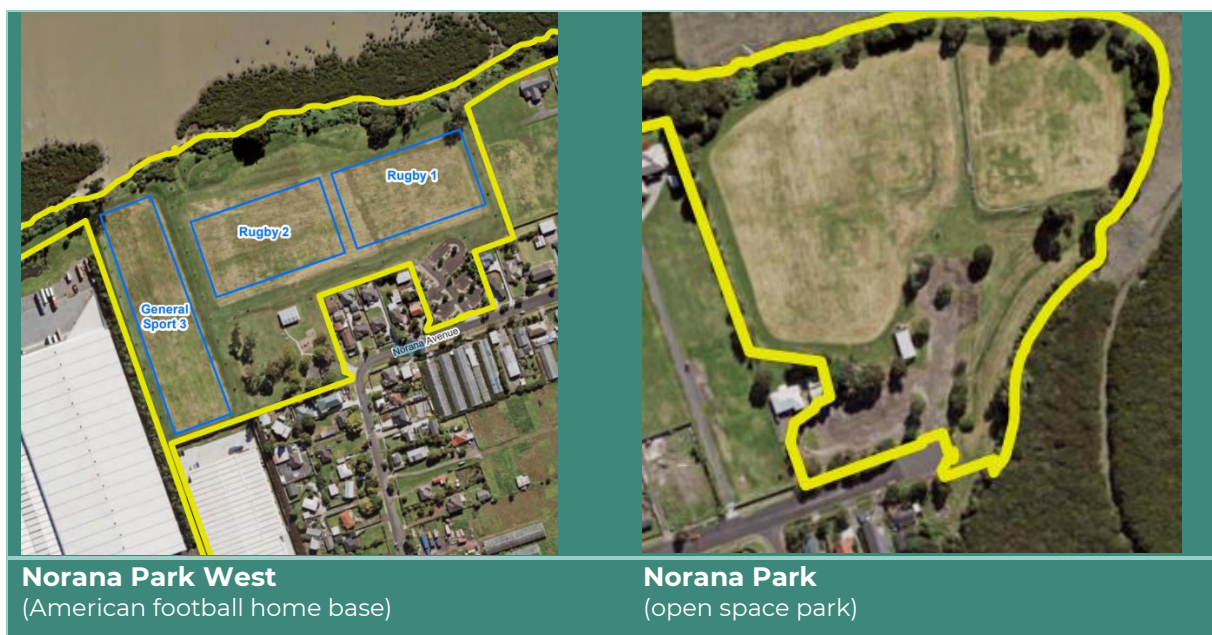
## 13.5 CLUBROOM PRIORITIES

- Following recent development of the clubrooms no immediate facility plans are in place – continue to monitor.

Club	Current Facilities	Key Facilities Considerations	Proposed Actions	Priority	Year
Low Priority Projects					
Manukau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms</li> <li>Council owned changing facilities in good condition</li> <li>3 playing fields in average condition</li> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms have completed major renovations including re-roof and partial re cladding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No immediate actions required</li> <li>Continue to monitor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>
Mangere East	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms</li> <li>Council owned changing facilities in good condition</li> <li>3 playing fields in average condition</li> <li>Training standard lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms have completed major renovations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No immediate actions required</li> <li>Continue to monitor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>

## 13.6 PROPOSED SITE FOR THE HOME OF LEAGUE

### COUNTIES MANUKAU HOME OF LEAGUE POTENTIAL SITES – MANGERE-OTAHUHU SITES



The table below utilises the site evaluation criteria to assess each attribute. The 'high', 'medium' and 'low' ratings are based on the ability for Counties Manukau to achieve the desired outcome for that attribute from a site.

#### EVALUATION TABLE (UNWEIGHTED)

Criteria	Norana Park	Norana Park West	Ngati Otara	Opaheke
<b>2 full sized sand fields/Lighting</b>	No	No (2 soil)	Yes	Yes
<b>Access to clubhouse for meetings (24 sessions per year)</b>	No	No	Yes	No
<b>Facility's capacity to host trainings (48 hours of field use per week)</b>	No	No	No	Yes
<b>Club's commitment to purpose of 'HOL'</b>	N/A	N/A	TBD	TBD
<b>2 x changing rooms and toilets</b>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (new changing block being built)
<b>Access to storage</b>	No	No	TBD	No
<b>Land ownership</b>	Council	Council	Council	Council
<b>Transport links</b>	Low	Low	High	Medium
<b>Multi-sport potential</b>	Low	Medium	High	High
<b>Secure of tenure</b>	High	Medium	TBD	High



## KEY FINDINGS

The findings from the assessment identified that the most suitable site for the 'Home of League' in the Counties Manukau Zone is the **Opaheke Sports Park**.

## BENEFITS OF OPAHEKE SPORTS PARK

The key benefits of selecting the **Opaheke Sports Park** are as follows:

- The Papakura and Franklin areas are projected to accommodate most of the future growth in the south of the region with an additional 90,000 people by 2038.
- There are 8 fields, two sand fields with high quality training lights to accommodate a variety of training, programme and competition opportunities.
- The ability to become a core tenant of a developing sports precinct.
- Significant council investment within the park for on-field and off-field infrastructure.
- Will have the ability to accommodate the large volume of training hours Counties Manukau Rugby League require.
- The long-term ability to provide a home base for administration of Counties Manukau Rugby League (proposed multisport clubrooms identified for the site).
- Proximity to Massey Park Stadium (potential home ground for representative games).
- The potential exists for Opaheke Sports Park to become a Tier 3 competition facility.

## APPENDIX 6 – FIELD SUPPLY

Local Board	Projected Supply of Fields in 2028 <sup>34</sup>			Analysis Area	Membership Trend*	Club	Field Name	Fields (# and Type)
	Weekend	Weekday	Weekday Lit					
North Shore								
Hibiscus and Bays	3	0	1	East Coast Bays	↑	East Coast Bays	Freyberg Park	3 (Sand) + 3 Floodlit
	-4	-3.5	-8	Red Beach Silverdale Dairy Flat South	↓	Hibiscus Coast	Stanmore Bay Reserve	2 (Sand) + 2 Floodlit
Kaipatiki	0	4	0	Birkenhead	↑	Northcote	Birkenhead War Memorial Park	2.5 (Sand) + 2 Floodlit
	0	0	2	Northcote			Greenslade Reserve	1 (Soil) + 1 Floodlit
Devonport-Takapuna	0	0	0	Unsworth Heights	↓	Glenfield	Sunnynook Park	1 (Sand) & 1 (Soil)
	7	11.5	0	Castor Bay			Greville Reserve	1 (Artificial) + 1 Floodlit
Rodney	7	0	0	Helensville	↓	Kaipara	Rautawhiri Park	2 (Sand) + 1 Floodlit
				Wellsford	↓	Rodney	Whangateau Domain	2 (Soil) + 1 Floodlit
Upper Harbour	-	-	-	-				
Central Auckland								
Albert-Eden	0	-5	0	Mt Albert	↑	Marist	Murray Halberg Park	1.5 (Sand) + 1.5 Floodlit
					↓	Mt Albert	Fowlds Park	3.5 (2x Sand, 1.5 Soil) + 3 Floodlit
Orakei	0	0	0	Ellerslie	↓	Ellerslie	Ellerslie Domain	1.5 (Sand) + 1.5 Floodlit
Waitemata	0	0	0	Pt Chevalier	↓	Point Chevalier	Walker Park	2 (Sand) + 2 Floodlit 2x 0.5 (Soil) + 2x 0.5 Floodlit

<sup>34</sup> Source: 2017 Longdill Supply and Needs Study into the Capacity and Utilisation of the Sports Fields Network

Local Board	Projected Supply of Fields in 2028 <sup>34</sup>			Analysis Area	Membership Trend*	Club	Field Name	Fields (# and Type)
	Weekend	Weekday	Weekday Lit					
	5	-10	-7	Herne Bay	↓	Richmond	Grey Lynn Park	3 (Sand) + 3 Floodlit
	20	-5	-4	CBD Grafton	↑	Ponsonby	Victoria Park	4 (Sand) + 2 Floodlit
							Auckland Domain Premier	2 (Soil)
Maungakiekie-Tamaki*	3	0	0	Mt Wellington	↑	Mt Wellington	Thompson Park	1.75 (Soil) + 1.75 Floodlit
	0	0	0	Epsom			Cornwall Park	
Waiheke	4	6	2	Waiheke	↑	Waiheke	Ostend Domain	1 (Sand) + 1 Floodlit
Puketapapa	10	0	0	Lynfield			Margaret Griffen Park	2 (Sand) + 2 Floodlit
West Auckland								
Henderson-Massey	0	0	-5	Te Atatu Peninsula	↓	Te Atatu	Jack Colvin	1 (Sand) & 2x 0.5 (Soil) + 2x 0.5 Floodlit
							Te Atatu Peninsula Park	1 (Sand) & 0.75 (Soil)
							Te Atatu South Park	1 (Sand) + 1 Floodlit
							Gloria Park	2x 0.75 (Soil)
	-3	0	-1	Ranui	↓	Waitemata	Ranui Domain	2 (Sand) + 1 Floodlit
	-4	-1	-8	Henderson			Henderson Park	1.75 (Soil) + 1 Floodlit
Whau	-4	-8	-7	Massey			Zita Maria Park	0.5 (Soil)
	0	0	0	Blockhouse Bay	↓	Bay Roskill	Blockhouse Bay Reserve	2 (Sand) + 2 Floodlit
	-1	0	-8	Kelston New Lynn	↓	New Lynn	Lawson Park	1 (Sand) & 0.5 (Soil) + 1.5 Floodlit
							Northall Reserve	1 (Soil) + 1 Floodlit
	0	0	-5	Avondale			Avondale Racecourse	3 (Soil)
Waitakere Ranges	0	-4	-3	Glen Eden	↓	Glenora	Harold Moody Reserve	1.25 (Sand) + 1.25 Floodlit
							Duck Park	1 (Sand) + 1 Floodlit

Local Board	Projected Supply of Fields in 2028 <sup>34</sup>			Analysis Area	Membership Trend*	Club	Field Name	Fields (# and Type)
	Weekend	Weekday	Weekday Lit					
South Auckland								
Howick	9	0	0	Howick	↓	Howick	Paparoa Park Howick Domain	2 (Sand) + 1 Floodlit 1x 0.75 + 1x 0.5 (Sand) + 0.75 & 0.5 Floodlit
	4	-3	-10	Pakuranga	↑	Pakuranga	Ti Rakau Park	2 (Soil) & 0.75 (Sand) + Floodlit & 2x 0.5 (Sand)
	0	0	0	Eastern Bays			Point England Reserve	1 (Soil)
Manurewa	-4	-25	-39	Manurewa	↑	Manurewa	Mountfort Park	1 (Sand) & 4 (Soil) & 2x 0.75 (Soil) & 2x 0.5 (Soil)
							Finlayson Avenue Reserve	2 (Soil)
							Leabank Park	2 (Soil) + 1 Floodlit
							Randwick Park	2 (Soil)
Otara-Papatoetoe	4	11	-16	Otara	↓	Otara	Ngati Otara Park	2 (Sand) + 2 Floodlit & 2 (Soil) & 2x 0.75 (Soil)
	0	0	0	Papatoetoe	↓	Papatoetoe	Kohuora Park	3 (Soil)
Mangere-Otahuhu	-6	-19	-75	Mangere	↓	Mangere East	Walter Massey Park	1 (Sand) & 2 (Soil)
							Aorere Park	2 (Soil)
							House Park	2 (Soil)
					↑	Manukau	Moyle Park	3 (Soil) + 1 Floodlit
	0	-14.5	-27	Otahuhu			Murphy Park	2x 0.5 (Soil) + 2x 0.5 Floodlit
Maungakiekie-Tamaki*	0	-14.5	-27	Otahuhu	↑	Otahuhu	Bert Henham Park	2 (Sand) + 2 Floodlit
							McManus Park	1 (Sand) + 1 Floodlit & 0.25 (Soil)

Local Board	Projected Supply of Fields in 2028 <sup>34</sup>			Analysis Area	Membership Trend*	Club	Field Name	Fields (# and Type)
	Weekend	Weekday	Weekday Lit					
Franklin	5	2	-1	Pukekohe	↑	Pukekohe	Nga Hau E Wha O Marae <sup>35</sup>	2 (Soil) + 1 Floodlit
	-	-	-		↑	Tuakau	Dr John Lightbody Reserve (Escotts Road) <sup>36</sup>	1 (Soil) + 1 Floodlit
	2	-3	-2	Waiuku	↑	Waiuku	Hamilton Estate Park	1 (Soil) + 1 Floodlit
Papakura	9	16	18	Papakura	↓	Papakura	Prince Edward Park	2 (Sand) + 2 Floodlit
							Ray Small Park	2 (Soil) + 2 Floodlit

<sup>35</sup> The Nga Hau E Wha O Marae is unable to be used while there is a tangi or cultural event.

<sup>36</sup> Located in the Waikato District Council boundary.