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Sport New Zealand aims to get more young people and adults into sport and active recreation and produce more winners on the worlds sporting stage. It does this through its strategic approach for Community Sport and High Performance Sport outcomes. Spaces, places, and facilities for sport is one of five strategic priorities in the Community Sport Strategy with a goal to develop and sustain a world leading community sport system where the need of the participant and athlete is the focus.

With leadership from the network of Regional Sports Trusts, Sport NZ is actively supporting better decision making and investment for future sporting spaces and places through a collaborative regional approach with local and regional government, education, Iwi, funders, national and regional sports organisations.

The drivers for taking a regional approach to facility planning can be one or more of the following:

- *The desire of funders to invest wisely in identified priority projects that will make the most impact*
- *An ageing network of facilities needing refurbishment, re-purposing, replacement or removal*
- *Changing demographics within a community, such as an increase in the population.*
- *Changing participation trends nationally and within a region requiring new types of facilities, or a new use of an existing facility*
- *Increasing expectations of users and user groups*
- *A growing acknowledgement that there is a hierarchy of facilities – regional, sub-regional and local – and that regional collaboration is the only fair and reasonable way to build and manage regional and sub-regional facilities.*
- *The risks inherent in focusing on and responding to the wants rather than the priority needs within a region.*

Sport Manawatu and its local government and funding partners are to be commended for collaborating and developing a strategic region-wide view and identifying the priorities for future spaces, places and facility needs.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Strategy Purpose

The purpose of the Manawatu-Whanganui Regional Sports Facility Plan is to provide a high level strategic framework for sport and recreation facility planning across the region (Map 1). It is designed to provide direction on what should be done and crucially, what should not be done. The strategy is designed to focus thinking at a network wide sport facilities level with emphasis on national, regional and sub-regional assets, while also capturing local level facility data.



The Strategy provides a stocktake of current assets and the analysis of existing national and regional strategies and issues to help determine regional priorities. It is intended that the Strategy will be used by a broad range of stakeholders (including territorial authorities, community funders, Sport Manawatu, Sport Whanganui, Sport New Zealand, Regional and National Sports Organisations, Education providers and sports and recreation clubs). The Strategy will provide a consistent approach to strategic decision making and ensure greater collaboration regarding sport and recreation facility planning and provision in the region.

It is not possible to meet all of the communities' sport and recreation facility desires. We operate with limited resources and in a time of rapidly changing demographics and sport and recreation participation trends. Therefore, it is crucial that an integrated approach and needs based planning is applied across the region. This Strategy is designed to ensure this occurs. The strategy identifies some specific priorities for the region. It is important to align the limited funding available in the region with these priorities.

Using this Strategy

Like all high level strategies, especially those as ambitious in scope, both geographically and in terms of content as this Strategy, additional detailed planning will be required (at both the regional and local level). The Strategy should not be seen as a replacement for this detailed focused research and analysis. As additional sports codes undertake, or update their existing national and regional facility planning documents, it is envisaged that this Strategy will require updating.

This Strategy does not set a standard level of service for sport and recreation facilities across the Region. Individual Council's determine their own, specific levels of service through strategies, policies and long term plan processes. However, it is intended that this Strategy provides a framework to help guide regional provision and individual Council's levels of service for sport and recreation facilities. The decision criteria and facility investment decision making process outlined in Section 6 of this Strategy are important mechanisms by which all potential facility projects in the region should be assessed. This includes facility projects identified in the Strategy and new facility opportunities which may arise in the future.

Given the Strategy is trying to examine issues based on available evidence at a network wide level, some specific code aspirations may not align. The Strategy is envisaged to be used as a tool to assist the coordination of sport and recreation facility provision and optimisation.

Methodology

The information summarised in this Strategy was collected using a mix of survey, engagement, and secondary data sources. This triangulated approach provided the best means to get the most comprehensive data coverage possible with the available resources. The specific approaches used are briefly summarised below¹:

Primary Facility Survey

A general inventory survey was developed with Sport Manawatu, Sport Whanganui and the Councils in the Manawatu-Whanganui Region for distribution to sport facility owners and/or managers to identify what facilities were available, what their regional roles were, and what their associated needs or issues were. These surveys were distributed to local contacts by staff coordinators at each of the Region's Territorial authorities. To maximise the survey response a range of follow-up processes were implemented. Council staff also provided survey entries for facilities associated with council or council lands. This was supplemented by an extensive post-survey working group review process with local authorities which generated further entries of relevant additional facility information. With available Whanganui Information incorporated (see footnote), this process generated over 350 individual survey responses during the specific survey period, which in turn represented over 500 individual facility responses.

School Facility Survey

A supporting survey was developed to identify the complementary facility resources available in the primary and secondary education sector, and to identify issues affecting community sport use of school facilities. This was coordinated through Sport Manawatu and circulated to schools in the Manawatu-Whanganui Region (excluding areas covered by Sport Whanganui as they had already completed an earlier inventory). This process generated 61 survey returns (37% of all 158 schools), and 13 from the 19 secondary schools (70%), which is important as secondary schools tend to have larger and higher level sport facilities. Gaps in survey responses was addressed in part through the use of Ministry of Education data on all school pools and gymnasiums (where it was available, including in Whanganui).

¹ Data collection in Whanganui District was not included in primary methodologies due to a separate local Sport Facility project having recently been completed for Sport Whanganui. Its information was included in the respective relevant sections where required, with some additions or clarifications made in places where consistency gaps were noted.

Regional Sports Organisations' Input

Sport Manawatu engaged with Regional Sports Organisations (RSO) to gain their insight on code participation trends and facility issues. These perspectives (including 23 specific RSO survey responses) were considered during the development of the strategy. RSO input was also sought through the consultation process.

Engagement

Ongoing engagement was conducted with the Project Steering Group and personnel working on information collection processes. This was undertaken to define the investigation scope, to review responses and identify gaps and priorities for follow up. In some cases specific approaches were made to selected groups to provide additional post-survey information.

Secondary data

A secondary data review was undertaken within the scope of the project brief to identify available strategic documents. This included reviewing current National Sport Facilities Strategies (for codes or facility types that have completed these). Current Council strategies, plans and long term plan documents were reviewed for relevant data as part of this process. Secondary data were also sourced where gaps in the inventory database were identified. The main example of this was the Ministry of Education pools and gymnasiums data. In some cases specific approaches were made to sports groups for facility information; internet and document sources were also searched.

Database

All of this information is being compiled into a data base resource. The survey results provide the primary database, which is being refined and added to for follow up uses by Sport Manawatu, Sport Whanganui and Territorial Authorities as required. Additional or updated information is being incorporated when provided.

Limitations

The Strategy is based on available data at the time of writing. Given the reliance on secondary data and primary data from third parties it is likely that some data omissions do exist (especially given the project's significant scope). However, the Strategy represents the most comprehensive regional facility data source currently available.

This Strategy does not replace the need for additional focused planning and analysis at a code and specific facility level. As additional sports codes and recreation groups undertake, or update, their existing national and regional facility plans it is envisaged that this Strategy will require updating. However, given the Strategy is trying to examine issues based on available evidence at a network wide level for a diversity of sports some individual code aspirations may not align with the strategy.

Facility Hierarchy Definitions

The following general facility hierarchy definitions have been used within the Manawatu Whanganui Regional Sport Facility Plan:

International: A facility with the ability to host international competitions / events (i.e. between nations)

National: A facility with the ability to host regional representative competitions (including professional and semi-professional franchise competitions involving teams from outside New Zealand) and / or to serve as a national high-performance training hub for one or more sports codes.

Regional: A facility with the ability to host inter-regional and internal regional competitions and /or serves as a regional high-performance training hub for one or more sports codes.

Sub Regional: A facility with the ability to draw significant numbers of participants/teams/competitors from across adjacent territorial authority boundaries for either competition or training purposes.

District: A facility with the size and ability to cater for and serve an entire district. This type of venue would often be the central hub for a specific activity type.

Local: A facility which often facilitates people's introduction to sports and recreation and primarily serves a town or suburb (or potentially two suburbs) only.

Note: It is important to understand that a facility at a higher hierarchy level may also meet the needs all the way down to a local level.

Acceptable Drive Times

Acceptable drive times for each facility hierarchy level are:

- International: No drive time limit
- National: No drive time limit
- Regional: 90 mins
- Sub Regional: 60 mins
- District: 35 mins
- Local: 20 mins

2.0 OUR CHALLENGES

The Manawatu-Whanganui sports and recreation facility network faces a number of challenges. These challenges include:

Population Distribution and Changing Demographics:²

The Manawatu-Whanganui Region is a large area with an unevenly distributed population of around 220,000 (2013 estimate, Statistics NZ). Most are residents of Palmerston North City (~80,000) and Whanganui District (~42,000), with others more spread out in Horowhenua (~30,000); Manawatu (~27,000); Tararua (~17,000); Rangitikei (~14,000) and Ruapehu (~12,000).

Some Districts are very geographically extensive and have relatively low population densities spread over multiple small towns (i.e. Tararua, Rangitikei, Ruapehu). Others have much larger concentrated urban populations (i.e. Palmerston North, Whanganui), and the remaining have moderate populations largely in main District towns (i.e. Horowhenua, Manawatu). The population capacity to support different facility types is highly varied in different parts of the Region.

Potential facility needs associated with substantial population growth only appear likely at a significant level in parts of Palmerston North City, areas of Manawatu District close to Palmerston North, and any 'new development' area of Horowhenua District targeted to receive a population influx associated with new roading developments (i.e. Levin, Foxton). Careful attention will be required on any planning provisions for new growth areas, along with monitoring of any evolving population growth patterns associated with wider developments to confirm assumptions (i.e. Horowhenua growth).

Irrespective of overall growth, projections indicate population will also be aging in all districts, with only relative age-group growth being among those aged over 65 years. All other age-groups show a relative decline. The location and types of sport and recreation facilities and services offered will therefore need to adapt over time so they are not mismatched with community needs.

The demographics figures outlined in this report are generally based on Statistics NZ data as this is available for the whole region based on a consistent, national methodology. It is expected that when significant new structural change is planned in an area or where specific, more detailed planning tasks such as needs, options and feasibility analyses are undertaken for specific projects, that the most up to date, renewed local data will be used³. Sport NZ has an online insights tool⁴ which provides sport, recreation, health, population and schools data. A more detailed version for sector professionals provides further information including participation trends and other metrics at a regional level.

Maintaining Assets, Facility Sustainability and Service Levels:

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

In some instances, complying with building code requirements, meeting earthquake standards and avoiding functional obsolescence will also be very real challenges. Duplication and underutilisation of sports and recreational facilities will become increasingly unaffordable over time; and so some

² See Appendix 1 for demographics main point summary

³ This may include any new, up-to-date reports and/or customized population projection data that becomes available reflecting significant local changes and monitoring directions. See Appendix 1 for further details on customized projections.

⁴ Available to view at www.sportnz.org.nz/insights

rationalisation will be required. New or non-traditional sources of facility provision will need to be considered, such as those available in retirement villages for example.

The ability to secure appropriate funding levels (from various sources) for ongoing maintenance and operations is a challenge. Often funding for upgrades and new capital developments is easier to obtain than funding for ongoing operations. This contributes to overall sustainability issues for many sport and recreation facilities.

Changing Sport Participation Preferences:

Sports participation preferences are constantly changing (as illustrated by the rise of 'pay for play' sport). As community needs change future sport and recreation facilities will need to be more adaptable and resilient to allow for new and changing demands, and have less of a reliance on single-activities. This is especially the case for facilities at the more local, district and sub-regional levels. The facility network will need to adapt to change and be more flexible. This may see a greater mix in private provision and partnerships between different stakeholders to compliment traditional Council delivery approaches.

Improving Collaborative Approaches:

Historical decision making in respect of new or replacement facilities has often been undertaken on an ad-hoc basis. Population growth in certain areas and the desire to replace or refurbish existing aging facilities (particularly in areas with an aging and/or decreasing population) will place demands on capital funding budgets. It will become increasingly important for all stakeholders to work collaboratively in order to improve delivery and sustainability of sport and recreational facilities.

The education network is an important part of the solution to providing sustainable sport and recreation facilities in local communities. School partnerships are becoming increasingly important and are supported by the Ministry of Education's Community and Shared Use Principles Policy.

Legislative Challenges:

The sports and recreation sector faces a number of legislative challenges many with potentially significant impacts. For example, the Reserves Act 1977 has largely failed to keep pace with a changing sporting and social environment. Many aspects of the Act inhibit the sustainability of sport and recreation facilities.

Liquor licensing changes and the lowering of the breath alcohol level have also had dramatic impacts of sports club revenue. Recent changes to health and safety legislation are impacting sport and recreation organisations with additional compliance and liability requirements.

The impact of the legislative environment needs to be taken into consideration when examining the future sustainability of the facility network.

3.0 OUR CHOICES FOR THE NETWORK

With regards to the Manawatu-Whanganui sport facility network our future approaches / choices for the facility network can be generally summarised as:

Retaining the Status Quo – Maintaining the assets we have and maintaining existing service levels

Retaining the status quo will likely require either increasing territorial rates, increasing costs to participate through user fee increases and diverting funding from other budget areas (or a combination of the three) in order to maintain existing facilities and service levels. This could be achieved by developing both new facilities and by maintaining existing ones. This would also mean a continuation of the current ad-hoc approach to facility provision with the potential that new facilities do not actually address strategic gaps and issues.

Halting New Facility Development

This would involve stopping any new development and investing only in the maintenance and refurbishment of existing assets. As a result of this approach service levels would likely decline in some population growth areas and increase in other more established areas. Over time the facility network would be less likely to meet the needs of the changing population and will experience ongoing capacity issues.

Undertaking Strong Asset Rationalisation

Under this approach all assets, which did not meet certain viability or community need criteria, would be rationalised over a period of time. Funding would then be prioritised to facilities that fulfilled an identified community need and promoted a best practice approach (in terms of design, materials, governance, management and sustainability).

Implementing a Mixed Rationalisation and Development Model

Under this approach a mix of coordinated facility rationalisation, optimisation (refurbishment), and new development would be required. This would likely involve capital development and operational partnerships between multiple stakeholders (such as territorial authorities, community funders, Sport Manawatu, Sport New Zealand, Regional and National Sports Organisations, sports clubs, and any other relevant potential facility/service providers such as the Ministry of Education, Tertiary sector, government agencies and health providers).

Our Regional Approach

This strategy has adopted a mixed rationalisation and development approach. It is believed that this will deliver the best outcomes for the Region given factors such as its population and demographic projections, existing sports facility stock and geography.

4.0 OUR KEY PRINCIPLES

The key principles underpinning this plan are summarised as:

Sustainability

Our network of facilities and the individual facilities themselves need to be sustainable in order to maximise benefits for residents⁵.

Multi Use

Where appropriate facilities should be designed to enable multiple uses.

Accessibility

Our facilities should be accessible to all residents regardless of income, ages and physical ability.

Partnerships / Collaboration

Working together with partners to plan, develop and operate sport and recreation facilities will become increasingly important in order to optimise our network and maintain its sustainability.

Adaptability / Functionality

It is important that our facilities be as adaptable and functional as possible as sport and recreation demands will likely change in the future.

Community Return on Investment

It is important that any capital investment delivers a justifiable community return (measured both socially and economically) to residents.

Avoid Overprovision / Duplication

Over provision or unnecessary duplication of facilities should be avoided.

Appropriate Maintenance

Our existing and planned sport and recreation facilities need to be appropriately maintained throughout their projected lifespan to ensure they deliver benefit to the community.

⁵ For us sustainability means well utilised sport and recreation facilities with strong governance and management that are able to meet their operational costs (able to meet their operational costs while having robust asset management planning including covering depreciation, renewals and maintenance).

5.0 DECISION CRITERIA, FACILITY EVALUATION, FUNDING

Decision Criteria

The Manawatu-Whanganui Regional Sports Facility Plan has adopted a series of criteria to ensure a robust, transparent and fair process in determining the type of facility which is likely to be required, and/or the development priority given to different facilities. The purpose of these criteria is to ensure all projects are evaluated in a structured way. These criteria are aligned to those used in neighbouring regions so that cross boundary facility discussions can be more easily facilitated.

These criteria should be considered in conjunction with the proposed facility investment decision making process (see facility investment decision making process framework). The criteria outlined below should be considered at all levels of this evaluation and decision-making process. However, at the initial evaluation stage/s level one criteria should assume prominence, while other levels of criteria would be considered in more detail should a proposal progress.

The Sport New Zealand National Facilities Framework and Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Development Guide are useful documents that can help inform this evaluation and decision-making process.

Our evaluation criteria are as follows.

Level One/Gateway Criteria:

- The degree of alignment a facility or proposed facility has with national, regional and local plans and strategies, such as code specific national facility plans and those concerned with urban planning, infrastructure development, tourism / economic development, and transport networks.
- The degree to which any existing or proposed facility matches the projected needs of the community within its core catchment area. In the case of facilities with wide utilisation (such as aquatics facilities) this involves consideration of all potential and existing users from general recreational users through to organised sports codes (memberships).
- The track record and ability of the proponent organisation. This can be assessed through an independent review of an organisation's governance, management, operations (including financial viability), and membership levels.⁶

Level Two Criteria:

- The potential for operational and/or capital partnerships between multiple stakeholders.
- The degree to which a facility or proposed facility compliments (avoids duplication) / optimises the existing or proposed facility network, and builds on the Manawatu-Whanganui region's strengths.
- The degree to which demand exceeds supply (once all existing facilities are being run at an optimal operational level) and the facility or proposed facility is capable of meeting the identified gap.

⁶ Sport Manawatu and Sport Whanganui are able to undertake these types of assessments for clubs and regional sports organisations.

- The degree to which the existing or proposed facility is operationally sustainable (taking a whole of lifecycle approach which looks at operational and maintenance costs throughout the facility's life).
- The return on investment (measured in terms of community benefit) that the facility, or proposed facility, can generate.
- The ability of the facility, or proposed facility, to reflect international and national best practice in its location, design and subsequent operation.
- The ability of the facility, or proposed facility, to progress the competitive sporting objectives of the Manawatu-Whanganui region and wider New Zealand society.

Given the Strategy is a high level strategic document it is acknowledged that all proposed facility approaches identified in the Strategy will need to be tested in more detail. This will involve the presentation of verified facts and evidence-based decision making (as outlined in the proposed facility investment decision making process below).

Facility Investment Decision Making Process

A proposed facility investment decision making process framework has been developed to assist collaboration (Figure 5.1). The process is envisaged to involve community funders, territorial authorities, education providers, regional sports organisations, clubs, and Sport Manawatu and Sport Whanganui acting in a collaborative manner to ensure facilities reflect the needs of their communities, while also fitting within a regional network of facilities.

This process is not intended to replace the legislative requirements and decision-making processes of individual stakeholders. Rather it is an overall framework that can be used either alongside, or be integrated into stakeholder decision making processes related to sport and recreation facilities.

All proposed facilities, whether new build or redevelopments, should go through this process. However, the scale of the proposed project and its likely ongoing operational costs will dictate how detailed the analysis in each stage of the process will need to be. For some smaller projects, the process can likely be truncated. For example, a small, local level facility development proposal may require less detailed analysis than a District, Regional or National level facility development proposal. Sport Manawatu and Sport Whanganui, as the process facilitators, will be able to provide guidance on this.

The process has six key work stages which are punctuated by phases for stakeholder review. At each of these review stages stakeholders may choose to suggest ways the facility concept could be optimised, suggest proceeding to the next work stage (if the facility concept is considered feasible), or even decide to decline or withdraw their support. The decline or withdrawal of support by certain stakeholders may not necessarily terminate a project. However, it may require the project to be reconceptualised.

The process is designed to reduce time and cost for both the project proponents and potential stakeholders by only requiring the minimum amount of work to be undertaken at each stage in order to inform the next stakeholder review stage.

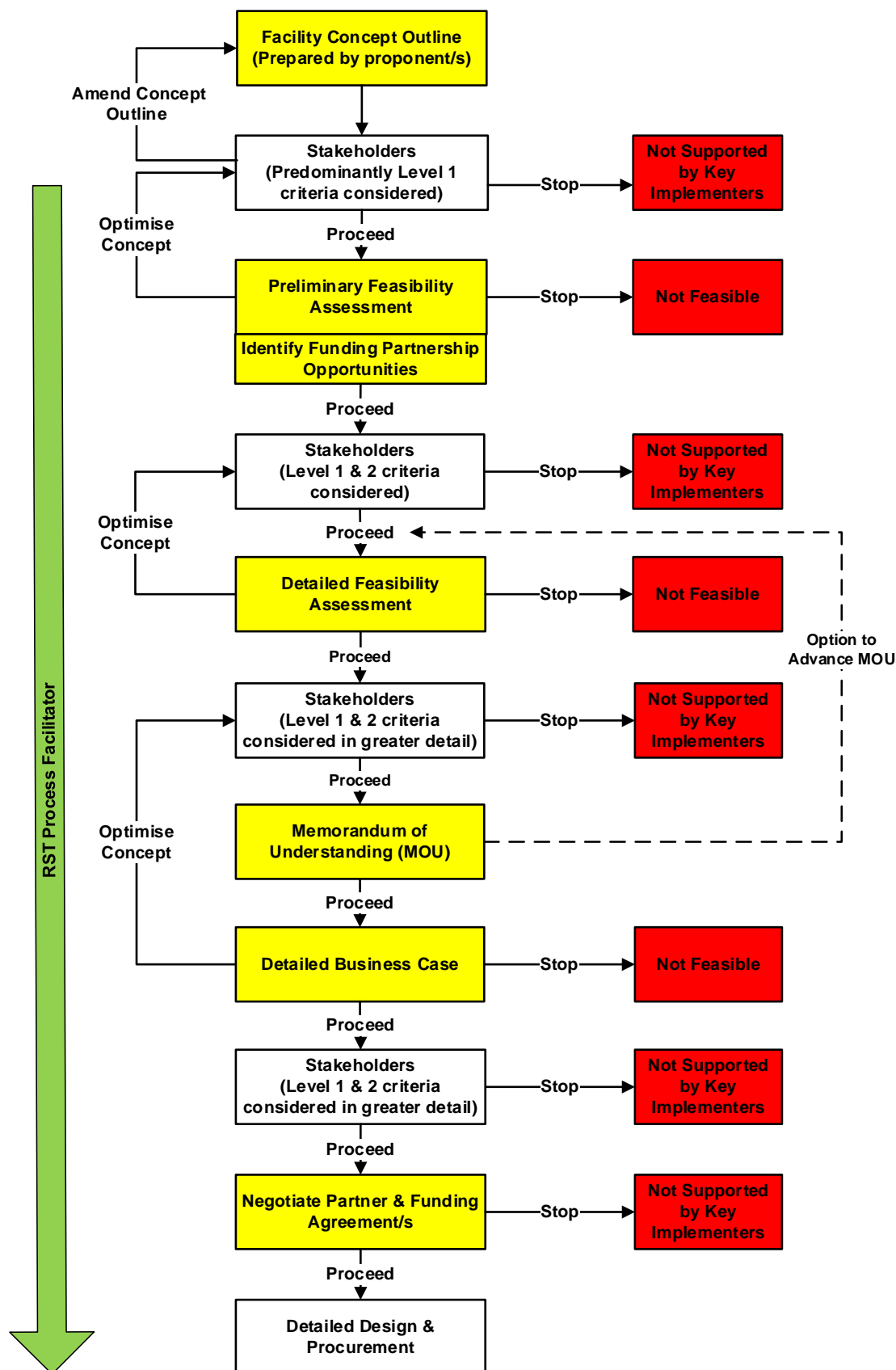
The key work stages are:

1. **Facility Concept Outline:** A short outline (under 4 pages) which summarises the proposed project and key facts. This should include a brief facility description, an indicative cost (based on a GFA rate), a proposed location, a potential governance and management structure, an outline of the perceived need for the facility, and its degree of alignment with strategic documents. No architectural plans are required at this stage.
2. **Preliminary Feasibility Assessment:** A high level assessment which tests the viability of the facility concept. This work should confirm any immediate challenges and opportunities; and on balance whether progressing further is warranted. Part of the assessment will involve identifying funding partnership opportunities (for example between territorial authorities). No architectural plans are required at this stage beyond simple bulk and location analysis.
3. **Detailed Feasibility Assessment:** A detailed assessment which examines holistically all areas of the potential facility development. This will require professional input from a range of consultants and involve such things as sports planning, demographics, business planning, preliminary concept design (including addressing accessibility issues), governance, and management.
4. **Memorandum of Understanding:** A MoU will set out what different partners expectations are, provided they have decided to progress examining the project further (and particularly if they are contributing seed funding to assist with undertaking further analysis). If stakeholders are contributing funding towards a detailed feasibility assessment this MoU stage can be brought forward.
5. **Detailed Business Case:** This analysis examines the financial implications of the proposed development in greater detail and builds on earlier work undertaken in the detailed feasibility assessment. Particular emphasis will be placed on operational and capital issues.
6. **Negotiate Partner and Funding Agreements:** Should the project be supported following the earlier analysis stages, partnership and funding agreements will need to be negotiated between the parties. Only once these have been successfully agreed should the project be initiated and detailed design and procurement be commenced.

Note: Sport Manawatu and Sport Whanganui will be able to guide proponents through the facility investment decision making framework and direct them towards useful resources (such as business case templates). The time taken to implement this framework will vary depending on the nature of the project.

Proponents and stakeholders alike should consider at each stage how a project aligns with the principles, criteria and recommendations of the Manawatu-Whanganui regional sport facilities plan. The principles and criteria should be used to structure stakeholder decision making.

Figure 5.1: Full Facility Investment Decision Making Process



Note:

Stakeholders may include the likes of Local Authorities, Sport Manawatu, Sport Wanganui, Department of Conservation, Community Funders, SNZ, RSO, NSO, Schools, and MOE.

Preliminary Funding Approach

To assist with implementing the Sports Facility Strategy a preliminary funding approach has been prepared for discussion. The approach outlines each facility level (from international to local facilities) and the potential funders which align with each level (Figure 5.2). Certain potential funders, such as the Ministry of Education, are likely to be more active at the regional, sub regional and district/local facility category levels (via facility partnerships on Ministry land) while others, such as central government, are more likely to be focused on international and national facilities. The remaining funders have the potential to operate over all facility category levels.

Figure 5.2: Preliminary Funding Approach

Facility Category	Potential Funders				
International Facilities	Local Authorities	Central Government		Community Funders	Other Funders
National Facilities					
Regional Facilities			Ministry of Education	Community Funders	Other Funders
Sub Regional Facilities					
District / Local Facilities					

The approach outlined in Figure 5.2 would enable cross boundary facility partnerships between territorial authorities (and other partners). This approach will likely require both capital and operational funding being transferred between territorial authorities. Determining how this is done would need to be negotiated between the parties involved on a case by case basis (most likely aligned with catchment population and anticipated or demonstrated utilisation levels).

Determining the level of interest in such partnerships would initially begin to be assessed no later than at the preliminary feasibility stage in the decision-making process and would then continue throughout the process.

Coordinating the funding approach would be assisted by both:

- A regional facility partnership funding policy which has the support of territorial authorities, community funders, and Sport New Zealand.
- A coordinated funding MOU / accord between territorial authorities, Sport Manawatu, Sport Whanganui, community funders, and Sport New Zealand, which sets out funding priorities for a set period (and which should be regularly reviewed).

The Ministry of Education, School Boards, community and other funders would also be able to allocate funding as they desired across all facility levels. Ideally this funding would be guided by the proposed funding MOU / accord between all potential funders (which in turn would be based on the principles, criteria and recommendations of the Manawatu-Whanganui Regional sport facilities plan).

6.0 INDOOR SPORTS COURT FACILITIES

6.1 Introduction

This section summarises the stocktake and review undertaken for Indoor Court facilities. It provides high-level strategic directions/recommendations. Focus is placed on those facilities which are set up for indoor court sport and recreation activities. More specialised indoor facilities designed and operated for specific activities or training needs rather than indoor court sports are dealt with in Section 19.1.

6.2 Strategic Context

A strategic context for this type of asset is provided from a range of regional and national documents. A summary of key points is outlined below. Specific references to Council intentions are noted below and in Section 6.6 (Proposed Facility Approach).

National Indoor Sports Facility Strategy (2014)

The National Indoor Sports Facility Strategy is the overarching strategic document for Indoor Court facilities. The Strategy Revised Edition One (May 2014) provides direction at the Manawatu-Wanganui Regional level rather than at specific council levels. It determined that for the Region:

- Population growth will slow and the proportion of older people was increasing.
- The Manawatu-Wanganui region overall is likely to experience decrease in indoor sports demand by around 10% by 2031 (although specific areas within the region will experience some growth).
- The Manawatu-Wanganui region has 1 council court per 21,000 people. This which was slightly below the average level of council court provision in New Zealand overall (all NZ is 1:23,000).
- This was complemented by having 1 school court per 15,000 people, which was slightly above the average level of school court provision in New Zealand overall (all NZ is 1:14,000).
- Around 50% of school gyms in Manawatu-Wanganui region are over 35 years old, was higher proportion than for most other regions on average (all NZ is 42%).
- These school courts represent 59% of the indoor courts available in Manawatu-Wanganui region (all NZ is 66%).
- The strategy adapts the Sport England facility provision calculator to estimate that on a 'population-to-facility' basis Manawatu-Wanganui region is currently relatively 'oversupplied' with indoor courts overall (by 1 court).
- Allowing for change in future demand, the facility provision calculator estimates that the Manawatu-Wanganui region will not require any new courts by 2031.
- For major events and tournaments, the Manawatu-Wanganui region has Arena Manawatu, Horowhenua Events Centre, and Whanganui Sports Centre (Springvale Park) venues.

Other national sports strategies also have relevance to indoor court provision. These are focused at the Region level, rather than providing specific direction regarding Districts. The main documents available are:

The National Netball Facility Strategy (2011) which identifies that:

- Growth in the 'active population' (aged 5-50) was not projected to increase in the Western region outside of Palmerston North.
- Indoor Court spaces are usually 'multisport' and while premier netball is often a core activity it is usually not the primary user of those facilities,
- Each region should have access to at least one indoor multi-court venue (of at least 2 courts). Netball Manawatu can most closely achieve this through use of Arena Manawatu and the Horowhenua Events Centre.

It is also a well-recognised national trend in the programming of premier and other high-level netball to move play indoors onto sprung wooden floors, wherever possible. This is for the health and safety of players and better audience facilities.

The Basketball New Zealand Indoor Facilities Guide (2014) identifies that:

- The recent trend for Territorial Authorities (TAs) to develop event centres and entertainment venues has resulted in a surplus of centres for national and regional competitions and a shortage of indoor court space for community basketball,
- Arena Manawatu is identified as the only facility in the Manawatu-Whanganui Region that is of National status (e.g. size, quality) for events and tournaments, with Whanganui Sports Centre (Springvale Park) also identified at Regional tournament level.
- All Basketball associations within the Central Zone need to work collaboratively with Sport Hawkes Bay (the Central Zone lead) and the TAs in this area to influence development of a Zone facilities plan, based around a hierarchy of facilities for community basketball, aligned with the NFS for Indoor Sports and BBNZ criteria standards.
- Strategies for increasing general court access for Basketball include: Increasing access to school courts for community use; Modifying and increasing access to outdoor courts such as netball courts, tennis courts and recreation spaces; being flexible with court sizes and game times; Adapting and redeveloping existing facilities; Developing new facilities (including facilities with both indoor and outdoor court provision).

Council Plans and Strategies (facility-specific summary)

- **Palmerston North City Council** – the LTP (2015-2035) highlights Arena Manawatu as a priority indoor sports hub with future intentions being to continue optimising use in current indoor facilities at Arena Manawatu and elsewhere in the City. Current court number provision was considered adequate, but that ongoing improvements in quality, accessibility and partnerships associated with indoor facilities (e.g. Massey, Linton, Schools) could enhance the current network's effectiveness further. Supported by the Recreation and Community Facilities Asset Management Plan (2014) and Palmerston North Active Recreation Strategy (2013).
- **Horowhenua District Council** – the LTP (2015-2035) did not feature any specific new indoor sport/recreation facility developments or needs, other than a general facility direction to make facilities multi-use and flexible enough to cater for demand changes related to low growth and an aging population. The Districts 'Infrastructure Strategy' did not include any Recreation assets. However, it is now anticipated that in its next 2018 LTP, council will adopt much higher long-term population growth projections for the district after work conducted by NZIER related to the RONS Wellington Corridor Project.
- **Tararua District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any new indoor sport/ recreation facility developments or needs, other than a general direction for facilities to enhance lifestyle outcomes through fit-for-purpose facilities (in a rural/small/minimal growth population context) supported by enhanced facility planning, processes, partnerships, and collaborations. Important non-council indoor

facility providers were noted in Dannevirke and Pahiatua in particular. Supported by a Recreation and Reserves Strategy (2014-2023).

- **Rangitikei District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) noted that council itself had no indoor sport court capacity beyond limited uses in community buildings (e.g. Marton Community Hall) and rural halls, but that these facilities would be managed to be increasingly multi-use and with greater community management (especially of rural halls). No new indoor sport/ recreation facility council developments or needs were signalled beyond the implications of a minimally growing and aging population. Supported by its Asset Management Plan: Community and Leisure Assets (2014), which emphasised a long-term process to actively reduce its asset base around strategically meeting priority needs (e.g. researching a 'Smart Decline approach).
- **Manawatu District Council** - the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any new indoor sport/ recreation facility developments or needs associated with its three current 'recreation complexes, other than generally enhancing facility flexibility; multi-functionality; suitability for a wider range of users (especially aged); partnerships and collaborations; and programmes to deliver activities. The Districts 'Infrastructure Strategy' did not include any Recreation assets. However, while a proposed Feilding High School Indoor Sports Centre isn't in the LTP, council staff report that it is being seriously considered.
- **Ruapehu District Council** - the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any new indoor sport/ recreation facility developments or needs other than earthquake strengthening for Taumarunui Memorial Hall. It was focused on maintaining the quality of what was already provided (the status quo) rather than significantly enhancing any facility capacity, particular related to population decline in some areas. It was supported by a Recreation and Community Facilities Asset Management Plan (2015-2025).
- **Whanganui District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) indicated sufficient indoor court capacity and did not feature any new indoor sport/ recreation facility developments or needs (apart from possible roofing of Cooks Gardens velodrome), although its derived Sport and Recreation Strategy (2016) recommended facility rationalisations and realignments across the City to focus development of the emergent sports facility hub at Springvale Park (with implications for many other facility types in Whanganui)

6.3 Facility Inventory

The facility inventory undertaken for this plan identified a variety of Indoor Sport venues across the region. These included public Indoor Courts provided by Council; some public or public-accessible facilities available through schools or NZ Defence (by arrangement); and private commercial venues. A distinction was made between the **Indoor Sports Courts** reported here (based on Basketball/Netball/Multiple Badminton/Volleyball Court sized and focussed facilities) and other more **Specialised Indoor Facilities** which are reported in the 'Other Facilities' Section⁷. In total, there were 31 Indoor Sports Court facilities identified.

Details of Indoor Sports Courts are summarised in Table 6.1.

Overall, there are a wide variety of indoor sport spaces available in the Region, with a common feature being that there does not appear to be a major lack of capacity overall. There are some sites at which specific constraints in facilities constrain a particularity (e.g. GymSports in Ohakune). But in terms of indoor court sports there appear to be few issues overall.

There also appears to be court capacity available in many secondary school facilities if programming and partnership arrangements can be optimised. Where located, these could be (or become) the prime indoor court facilities for many District towns.

Planned upgrades beyond basic maintenance were only indicated for a few facilities. Any work was largely focussed on improving some issue of facility quality, with only two larger new-facility developments being referred to. These were very much preliminary indications of ideas for new facilities at Feilding High School (Manawatu) and Freyberg High School (Palmerston North), subject to need/demand assessment.

⁷ These include indoor facilities dedicated to Gymsports, Tennis, and training for Rugby and Cricket

Table 6.1: Public⁸ Indoor Sports - Court Facilities (from survey unless noted)

Council	Indoor Stadium/Court facilities	Description (summarised)	Draft Status	Land Owner	Facility Owner	Facility Manager
Horowhenua	Horowhenua College	Two School gym facilities (newer and older) both sized for 1x basketball court and marked for 3-4x badminton courts; and also including between them climbing walls, gym & weights facilities. Viewing areas. Used externally by a few community activities after school hours. No specific issues noted.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Horowhenua College
Horowhenua	Horowhenua Events Centre	Large indoor sports and events complex with stadium marked for 3x Basketball courts, 1x international sized indoor hockey rink; a large auditorium and large conference room. Used for multiple indoor sports, activities and events. No specific issues noted.	District	Levin AP&I Society	Horowhenua Events Centre Trust	Horowhenua Events Centre Trust
Horowhenua	Manawatu College	School gym facility sized for 1x basketball court and marked for badminton courts. No specific issues noted.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Manawatu College
Horowhenua	Waiopahu College	School gym facility sized for 1x basketball court and marked for badminton courts. No specific issues noted although some general facility wear/maintenance concerns were identified.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Waiopahu College
Manawatu	Feilding Civic Centre	Indoor sports and events complex with stadium marked for 1x Basketball courts, 3x Badminton courts, good lighting and electronic scoreboard; a large auditorium and conference room. Used for multiple indoor sports, activities and events. While not at capacity, there has been expressed concern in the community about the provision of indoor facilities. It is not clear what this demand is. Limitations on some indoor sports are apparent but appears demand is limited.	Local	Manawatu District	Manawatu District	Manawatu District
Manawatu	Feilding High School	School gym facility sized for 1x basketball court and marked for badminton courts. No specific issues noted. Predominantly only school use - little external. There is a strong desire from the school to see the development of a major indoor facility/multisport complex at the school. Initial explorations/discussions have been started by the school for major facility development concept - gym, pool, gymsport permanent setup. The School have sought Council support on needs analysis.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Feilding High School

⁸ These include public, school and private facilities available for public use. Note some school facilities not included in the table are noted in Section 7.4 following.

Manawatu	Te Kawau Recreation Centre	Indoor sports and events complex with stadium marked for 1x Basketball court, 3x Badminton courts, volleyball and netball. Also, a small conference room and events space with kitchen and bar facilities. Used for multiple indoor sports, activities and events. Appears demand is limited with most by local school. Sited in hub in with pool, rugby fields, netball and tennis courts, BMX track and bowling greens.	Local	Ministry of Education	Manawatu District Council	Te Kawau Sports Club
Manawatu	Sanson Hall	Community Hall on Sanson School grounds comprising a one court sports hall (basketball size), supper room, kitchen, storage room, foyer area and toilets.	Local	Ministry of Education	Manawatu District	Manawatu District
Palmerston North	Ashhurst Village Valley Centre	Community centre complex with gym/stadium, kitchen, conference rooms. Used for basketball, netball, indoor bowls, community groups and adjacent squash courts. Well used. No issues noted	Local	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Highbury Whanau Centre	Community Centre complex adjacent to Monrad Park with gym/stadium, kitchen, community rooms. Used for indoor sports, field sports support, community groups, events. Well used. No major issues noted (maintenance).	Local	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	IPU Recreation Centre	University Recreation Centre complex with basketball sized gym marked for multiple sports, martial arts dojo and weights room. Most use during weekday evenings. No issues noted.	Local	IPU New Zealand	IPU New Zealand	IPU New Zealand
Palmerston North	Linton Camp	Camp gymnasium marked for 2x basketball courts. Used for camp sports, clubs and events. No external use normally. No issues noted.	Local	Linton Military Camp	Linton Military Camp	Linton Military Camp
Palmerston North	Manawatu Arena (Central Energy Trust)	Very large well used multi-venue multi-sports and events complex including the following specific indoor venues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arena 2 (Rainbow Stadium) multipurpose sport/event venue with up to 4x Basketball courts (2x permanently marked - 1 as major game venue), 3x netball, 5x Volleyball, 20x badminton and multiple futsal • Arena 3 (Pascal St Stadium) indoor sports and events centre with courts marked for 2x basketball, 2x netball, 4x volleyball, 8x badminton • Arena 4 (B&M Centre and Ball room) providing up to 7 multi-purpose courts combined, including 7x basketball, 7x netball, 25x badminton, 11x volleyball, 4x tennis and multiple tab tennis and futsal • Arena 5 (Waldegrave St) including indoor sports/gym spaces (i.e. Bell Hall, Barber Hall, Waldegrave Hall and Gym) giving 	International	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City

		venues/sites for table tennis, skating, indoor bowls, archery and a dedicated Gymsports space. Together these are currently meeting many needs and have capacity but may need expansions and/or developments if participation growth occurs or there is peak time competition. A Master Plan guides future development of the complex.				
Palmerston North	Massey University Indoor Sports Court	University sports hall complex with 1x basketball sized gym marked for multiple other sports (3x volleyball, 1x netball, 1x futsal, 1x handball and 6x badminton courts). No issues noted beyond maintenance and floor upgrade.	District	Massey University	Massey University	Massey University
Palmerston North	Other school gyms	See Section 7.4 for additional indoor court facilities at Freyberg High School; St Peter's College; Longburn Adventist College; Palmerston North Girls High; Awatapu College; Queen Elizabeth College; Palmerston North Boys High; Palmerston North Intermediate				
Rangitikei	Bulls Town Hall	Community town hall venue. Not currently used for sports.	Local	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District
Rangitikei	Memorial Hall (Marton)	Community town hall venue marked for 1x basketball, 4x badminton courts, volleyball. Has commercial kitchen, supper room, upstairs space/meeting room, toilet/shower facilities. Social uses including events. Maintenance needs.	Local	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District
Rangitikei	Rangitikei College	School gym facility sized for 1x basketball court and marked for 3x badminton courts. No specific issues noted.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Rangitikei College
Rangitikei	Taihape Area School	School gym facility sized for 1x basketball / netball court and marked for 1x volleyball and 3x badminton courts. No specific issues noted.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Taihape Area School
Rangitikei	Taihape Town Hall	Community town hall venue marked for 3x badminton courts. Social uses including events but low levels. Maintenance and heating needs.	Local	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District
Rangitikei	Other school gyms	See Section 7.4 for additional indoor court facilities at Nga Tawa Diocesan School				
Ruapehu	Taumarunui Athletic Sports Centre	Indoor sport venue marked for 1x basketball. Also base for Taumarunui Athletics Rugby club. No other details.	Local	Ruapehu District	Taumarunui Athletic Club	Taumarunui Athletic Club
Ruapehu	Waiohuru Sports Complex	An indoor space available to community to hire for sports and functions.	Local	NZ Defence	NZ Defence	NZ Defence

Ruapehu	Eru Brown Gymnasium (Waiohuru)	A large gym with 2x basketball courts, rock wall, weight room, saunas and exercise equipment. Primarily for military personnel, support providers and their families. Limited community uses.	Local	NZ Defence	NZ Defence	NZ Defence
Ruapehu	Other school gyms	See Section 7.4 for additional indoor court facilities at Ruapehu College and Taumarunui High				
Tararua	Bush Multisport Park	Main gym complex (Stadium Pahiatua) has 2x basketball/ netball courts, changing facilities, conference room, fitness room, and lounge/bar/kitchen as part of large sports hub. Meets most needs.	District	Tararua District	Bush Multisport Trust/Tararua District	Bush Multisport Trust
Tararua	Dannevirke Sports Centre	Indoor sports and events complex by Tennis Club with 1x basketball court, marked for badminton and other sports, seating/viewing areas, electronic scoreboard, kitchen, smaller rooms, toilet and changing. No issues noted.	Local	Tararua District	Tararua District	Tararua District
Tararua	Woodville Sports Stadium	Indoor sports and events complex with 1x basketball court, marked for other sports, seating areas, kitchen, smaller rooms, toilet and changing. No issues noted.	Local	Tararua District	Tararua District	Tararua District
Tararua	Other school gyms	See Section 7.4 for additional indoor court facilities at Dannevirke High and Tararua College				
Whanganui	Springvale Stadium	Main Hall - 2x Basketball Courts size, also marked for 2x netball, 3x volleyball, 8x badminton and multiple indoor bowls. Springvale Extension - 1x Basketball Court, also marked for 1x volleyball, 4x badminton and multiple indoor bowls. Part of shared complex with adjacent Jubilee Stadium, separate sports facilities and pool in hub area and Whanganui Collegiate.	Regional	Whanganui District	Whanganui Community Sport Centre Trust	Whanganui Community Sport Centre Trust
Whanganui	Jubilee Stadium	Main Hall - set up for multiple roller sports (international standard) and also marked for 4x volleyball and multiple indoor bowls. Jubilee Extension - 12x table tennis tables (also capable for multiple indoor bowls). Part of shared complex with adjacent Springvale Stadium, separate sports facilities and pool in hub area, and Whanganui Collegiate.	Regional	Whanganui District	Whanganui Community Sport Centre Trust	Whanganui Community Sport Centre Trust
Whanganui	Whanganui Girls College	Gym marked for 1x basketball, also 1x netball, 2x volleyball, 4x badminton, and a fitness centre.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Whanganui Girls College
Whanganui	Whanganui Collegiate	Gym with 1x basketball court also marked for 1x netball, 1x volleyball, 4x badminton. Also hosts a separate Indoor Cricket Centre (Academy). Adjacent to Springvale Park hub.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Whanganui Collegiate
Whanganui	Whanganui High School	Two gyms, both with 1x basketball court, also marked for netball, volleyball, futsal, and a fitness centre.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Whanganui High School

Whanganui	Whanganui City College	Gym with 1x basketball court also marked for volleyball, badminton.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Whanganui City College
Whanganui	Other school gyms	See Section 7.4 for additional (specialised) indoor court facilities at Cullinane College				

Some summary points from the data

- 31 Indoor Court Stadiums/Gyms were reported (with much higher individual court numbers – varying extensively in scale at different sites)
- Several additional facilities based at Secondary Schools were noted from other enquiries
- All had a community focus or partial community use, except for one school facility, and those at Linton and Waiohuru Military Camps.
- 89% indicated facilities were meeting needs. Any problems were related to a physical issue – not over-capacity concerns.
- Only one large proposed development was referred to here (and another in the school survey). A very early-stage idea to expand facilities at Feilding High School (and also at Freyberg High School from the school survey)
- Any other developments were largely only maintenance related. Some responses noted that demand was not high
- Ruapehu appears to have very few community-specific facilities (especially if Waiohuru and High School facilities are excluded), There appears to be particularly high dependence on external non-council facility sources there (maybe reflecting lower populations)
- Demand appears pretty low in many venues outside of Palmerston North particularly – no real indication of demand pressure in most.

Note that these results do not reflect the direct facility concerns of individual user groups, just those issues that the management respondents noted. Presumably if any user problems were significant enough, managers would be aware of them and would have indicated so.

6.4 School Facility Summary

Secondary schools play an important community role in providing indoor court facilities in the region. Of the 24 listed secondary schools in the Manawatu-Wanganui Region, 22 have school gymnasiums with court spaces sufficient for at least 1 basketball court, with some having particularly larger capacities. Most of these facilities are available for community use to some extent, subject to school policies and school use priorities.

The section below summarises information about the schools in the Region with gymnasiums, as sourced from Ministry of Education data, a school survey, online and phone checks. Schools are ordered according to gymnasium sizes. Those already noted in the main surveys (facility and/or school) are marked *.

Horowhenua

- Horowhenua College* - Levin, 2 spaces, newer gym (922m²) and older gym (655m²), some community use, no major facility constraints
- Manawatu College* - Foxton, gym (785m²), community use
- Waiopehu College* - Levin, gym (654m²), some community use, heavily used by school, some general facility wear/maintenance concerns.

Manawatu

- Feilding High School* – Feilding, gym (757m²), limited community use, interest in major facility development
- Hato Paora College – Feilding, gym (762m²), no community use as it is relatively isolated and also has predominantly boarders, so a lot of after-hours school use

Palmerston North City

- Freyberg High School* – Palmerston North, large gym space (1,454m²), some community use, plans for indoor facility development
- St Peter's College* – Palmerston North, gym (763m²), some community use
- Longburn Adventist College* – Palmerston North, gym (752m²), some community use, planned gym floor upgrade
- Palmerston North Girls' High School* – Palmerston North, 2 spaces, gym 1 (721m²) and gym 2 (320m²), some community/training uses
- Awatapu College* – Palmerston North, gym (708m²), limited community use, only if revenue contributes to repairs, upkeep etc.
- Queen Elizabeth College – Palmerston North, 2 spaces, gym 1 (700m²) and gym 2 (498m²), some community use
- Palmerston North Boys' High School* – Palmerston North, 2 spaces, gym 1 (673m²) and gym 2 (556m²), some community use, limited scope/space for much more, would like a new gym
- Palmerston North Intermediate* – Palmerston North, gym (584m²), heavy community use, no extra capacity

Rangitikei

- Rangitikei College* - Marton, gym (466m²), some community use
- Nga Tawa Diocesan School* – Marton, gym (specific size unknown), some community use despite being a boarding school
- Taihape Area School – Taihape, gym of full basketball court size

Ruapehu

- Ruapehu College* – Ohakune, gym (980m²), some community uses, major District space for sport/other events
- Taumarunui High School – Taumarunui, gym (511m²), some community use

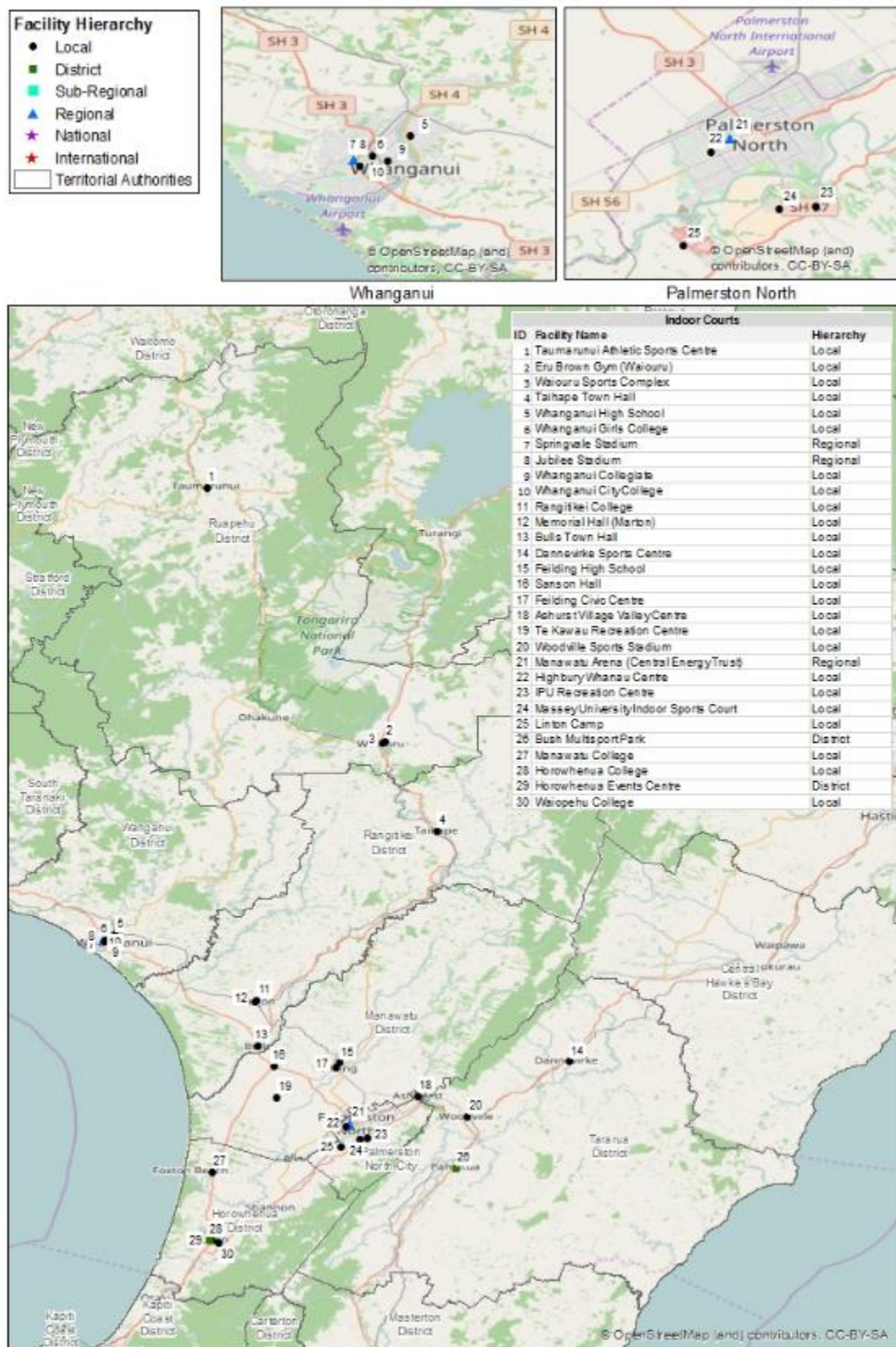
Tararua District

- Dannevirke High School* – Dannevirke, gym (611m²), some community uses, facility wear/maintenance concerns
- Tararua College – Pahiatua, gym (514m²), some community use

Whanganui

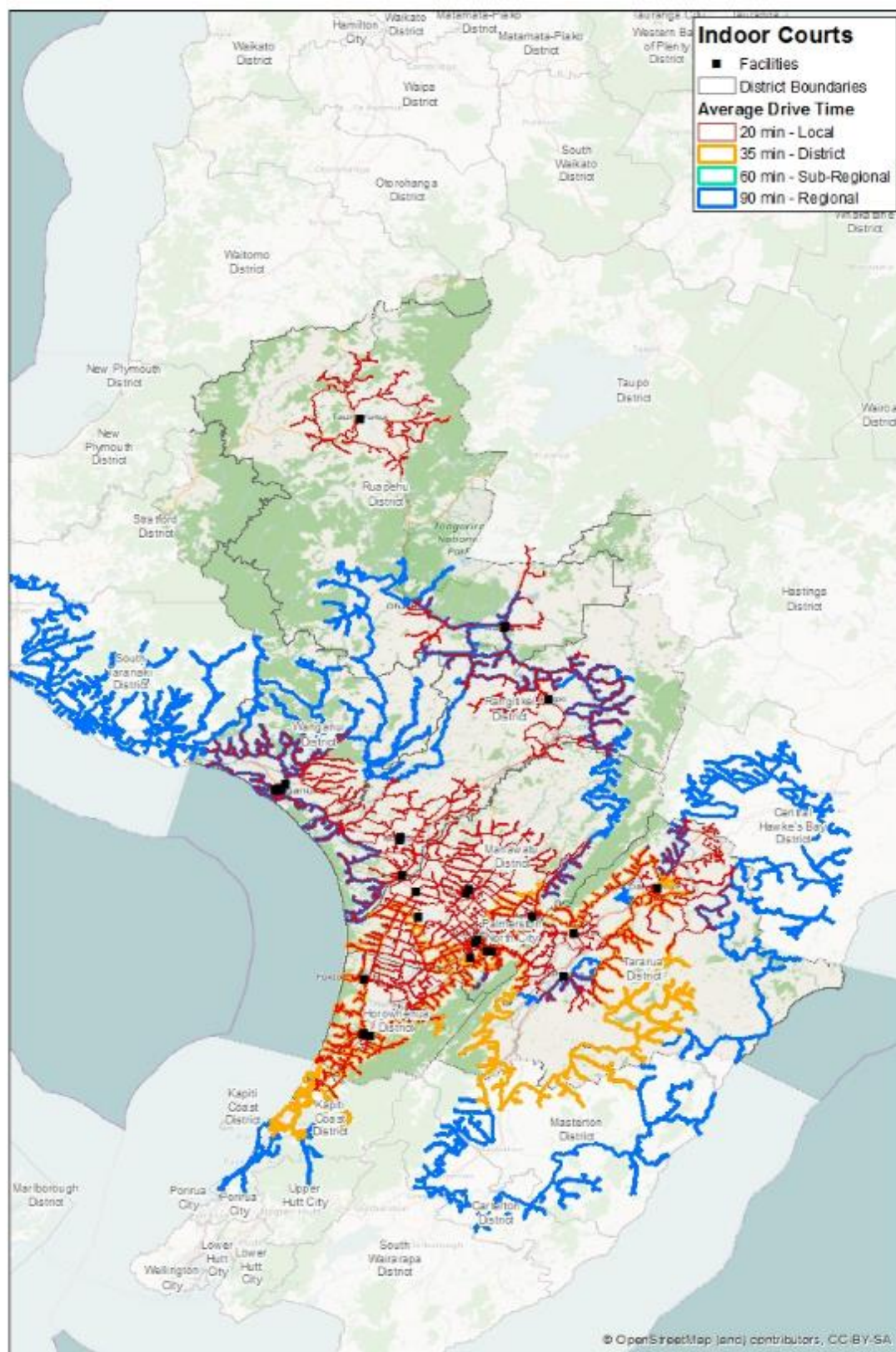
- Whanganui High School - Whanganui, 2 spaces, newer gym (646m²) and older gym (842m²), some community use
- Whanganui Collegiate - Whanganui, gym (748m²), some community use
- Whanganui Girls College - Whanganui, gym (716m²), some community use
- Cullinane College - Whanganui, gym (586m²), some community use
- Whanganui City College - Whanganui, gym (575m²), some community use

Map 6.1: Existing Indoor Sports Court Facilities



6.5 Network Coverage - Drive Time Analysis

Map 6.2 Drive time map – Indoor Sports Court Facilities



6.6 Proposed Facility Approach – Indoor Courts

Regionwide Key Considerations

- Take account of the indoor court facility/activity needs of a significantly aging population, and growth in the total numbers of older people in terms of both activity-type preferences and appropriate facility type, location and accessibility (specifications and transport). At the same time the opportunities for new-entrant and younger participants in activities need to be enhanced to grow participation.
- The geographic distribution of the Region's and constituent District's populations.
- To provide purpose built Indoor Courts comes at a significant cost and requires a significant baseline demand. Therefore, it is important that – subject to demand requirement - a regional hierarchy of facilities is provided ranging from indoor court facilities through to quality outdoor court provision. To help reduce the demand for indoor courts it is important outdoor courts are maintained to a high standard. This includes maintaining high quality, appropriate court surfaces, quality lighting and consideration of roof structures to reduce wet weather impacts (if necessary).
- It is also important to consider the presence and strategic location of any Regional-level facilities for higher purpose uses (e.g. Regional/National tournaments/competitions) in or nearby to the region. Within the region Arena Manawatu is most prominent, with the other large sites at the the greater Springvale complex (Whanganui) and Horowhenua Events Centre (Levin) to a lesser extent. Comparable nearby facilities beyond the region are found in Wellington (e.g. ASB Stadium; Te Rauparaha Arena) and New Plymouth (e.g. TSB Stadium).
- With a significant portion of the Regional and District populations currently aged over 65 years, and with this anticipated to increase, the Region and Districts needs to consider a strategy of adapting existing indoor court facilities to meet the needs of an aging population (e.g. by ensuring floor surfacing choices take into account increased demand for comfort and any accessibility requirements are met).
- It is vital that school and other private indoor facilities continue to be considered for their role in the network. Councils need to ensure ongoing community access to these venues is secure to cater for demand. This is especially so in the smaller Districts and Centres where lower population densities mean partnership approaches and more flexible to general-purpose resources are more necessary.

Council Area	Indoor Court Facilities (in survey, and including school survey and MOE data)	Key Considerations (for specific areas)	Proposed Facility Approach	Timeframe Short term 0-3 years Medium term 4-10 Long term 10 plus yrs
Horowhenua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Horowhenua Events Centre Horowhenua College Manawatu College Waiopahu College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has a large civic facility and 3 main High School facilities. These may enable strategic development and partnerships (for improved specification and access) as required. No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the four main indoor court facilities. Although some general facility wear/maintenance concerns identified (e.g. Waiopahu College). The council did not indicate any notable indoor court facility development programmes or investments in indoor courts in its current LTP. Take account of larger numbers of residents, as well as older residents, projected for this District. Also note the additional projections beyond those of Statistics NZ (undertaken for Council by NZIER due to potential higher growth outcomes from significant Kapiti Coast – Wellington Highway improvements). These suggest substantially more residents (28%) by 2043 (around 9,000 vs 300 from Statistics NZ). Note District population (~30,000) concentrations are largely in Levin (~21,000) and to a lesser extent Foxton (~4,500) and Shannon (1,300), and proximities to any key facilities in Palmerston North and Kapiti District towns (i.e. Otaki). 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the aging population. Closely monitor the location and scale of any development plans to accommodate projected new residents, and the emergence of any new peak-use capacity issues at existing key facilities. Investigate the extent to which enhancing court network capacity via programming and partnerships can minimise any potential 'new demand' pressures (because of NZIER projected population growth). Formalise and invest in facility partnerships with high schools to ensure quality community access and a suitable asset specification. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Short term - ongoing</p> <p>Short term - ongoing</p>
Manawatu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feilding Civic Centre Te Kawau Recreation Centre Feilding High School Sanson Hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has 3 limited basic civic facilities and 1 High School facility, which is looking to expand significantly. This may enable strategic development and partnerships for higher specification and access as required. No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the four main indoor court facilities. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use because of the aging population. Explore future provision opportunities at Feilding High 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Short term</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feilding High School is considering major indoor facility developments including courts, pool and gymnasium spaces, and is seeking needs analysis support from Council. Council did not indicate any notable indoor court facility development programmes or investments in indoor courts in its current LTP. Take account of the larger numbers of residents, as well as increasing numbers of older residents in particular, as projected for the District. Note District population (~27,000) concentrations predominantly in Feilding (~16000), and to a lesser extent in a range of several small towns, and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Palmerston North. 	<p>School in conjunction with a wider options and optimisation assessment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor population growth to determine if it is tracking along the 'High' or 'medium' series Statistics NZ projections. As required formalise and invest in facility partnerships with high schools to ensure quality community access and a suitable asset specification (based on projected demand). 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Short-Medium term</p>
Palmerston North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manawatu Arena (Central Energy Trust) Massey University Indoor Sports Court IPU Recreation Centre Ashurst Village Valley Centre Highbury Whanau Centre Linton Camp Other school facilities Freyberg High School (1400m²) St Peter's College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council has strong commitment in its current LTP to developing Arena Manawatu as the city hub for indoor sports and related facilities, including numerous court spaces. The District also has indoor court facilities in Recreation Centres based at 2 tertiary institutions, several secondary schools, and Linton Camp. These may enable strategic partnerships. No overall significant capacity or facility issues identified at any of these main indoor court facilities except at peak times, noting although Linton Camp facilities are generally not currently available to the general public. Regional/District code responses suggest mostly no capacity issues apart from occasional inter-code competition for indoor space at Arena Manawatu (e.g. basketball, netball), and for some volleyball leagues here (e.g. school level). Take account of the projections for larger numbers of residents overall, incorporating more diversity and more younger adults as well as the more usual growth in older residents. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake a programming assessment (e.g. aligning the right activities with the right facilities) to ensure optimisation of the current indoor court network, especially given any perceived capacity issues with Arena Manawatu. If demand at peak use periods remains then undertake an options assessment for increasing indoor court capacity (e.g. accessing other court spaces or developing new space, potentially in partnership with high schools or the university). Formalise facility partnerships with the university and high schools to ensure quality community access. Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use (because of 	<p>Short term</p> <p>Short-Medium term</p> <p>Short-Medium term</p> <p>Medium term</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longburn Adventist College • Palmerston North Girls High School (2) • Awatapu College • Queen Elizabeth College (2) • Palmerston North Boys High School (2) • Palmerston North Intermediate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the population concentrations (~ 80,000) located all in Palmerston North City itself, and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Feilding, although many options exist in the city itself. 	the aging population and sports participation trends).	
Rangitikei	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rangitikei College • Memorial Hall (Marton) • Bulls Town Hall • Taihape Town Hall <p>Other school facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nga Tawa Diocesan School • Taihape Area School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has 3 town hall-based court facilities and 2 at high schools. • These high school facilities may enable strategic partnerships. Note collaborative plans are in place for artificial field developments. • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at any of these main indoor court facilities, Low community use appeared common. • Council did not indicate any notable indoor court facility development programmes or investments in indoor courts in its current LTP • Take account of the slightly declining and strongly aging population – likely that demand will decrease unless court sports for older residents become popular. • Note District population (~14,000) concentrations in Marton (~5,000), and to a lesser extent Bulls and Taihape (~1,700 each), and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Whanganui and Palmerston North. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess other current community facilities (including schools) for potential future changes in use (allowing for population changes and changes in demand). • Assess facility rationalisation and optimising opportunities. • Formalise facility partnerships with high schools to ensure quality community access. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Short-Medium term</p> <p>Short term</p>

Ruapehu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taumarunui Athletic Sports Centre <p>Other school and defence facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ruapehu College • Taumarunui College • Waiohuru Sports Complex • Eru Brown Gymnasium (Waiohuru) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No council facilities although there are facilities at a club, 2 high schools and at Waiohuru Base. • Greater role for school and defence facilities likely to be required due to limited council options and low/dispersed populations (facility partnerships remain the best approach). • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at any of these main indoor court facilities, low community use appeared common. • Council did not indicate any notable indoor court facility development programmes or investments in indoor courts in its current LTP. • More strongly declining and strongly aging population projections – very likely that demand will decrease unless court sports for older residents become popular, participation rates increase, or new activities motivate new participation rates. • The highest proportion of Maori in Region. • High relative numbers of temporary visitors to the District (i.e. holiday homes, other tourism) • Note District population concentration (~12,000) mainly in Taumarunui (~5,000), Ohakune, Raetihi and Waiohuru (~1,000 each), but otherwise very dispersed in low levels. Proximity to any other strategic facilities outside the district are limited. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess current facilities (including schools) for potential future changes in use allowing for population changes and changes in demand. • Formalise facility partnerships with high schools / NZ Defence to ensure quality community access. 	<p>Medium Term</p> <p>Short-Medium term</p>
Tararua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bush Multisport Park • Dannevirke Sports Centre • Woodville Sports Stadium <p>Other school facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dannevirke High School • Tararua College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has public indoor court facilities at 3 sites (2 council, 1 Trust/Council partnership) and 2 Secondary School facilities. • Bush Multisport Park in Pahiatua is the largest and most diverse facility in the District, despite the small local population. This represents a potential sports facility model for the smaller centres. • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at any of these main indoor court facilities. • Potentially lower community need for school based partnership facilities in most towns due to available council (trust) options. In longer term 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess other current community facilities (including schools) for potential future changes in use due to population and demand changes. • Assess facility rationalisation and optimising opportunities (when assets nearing the end of their life). 	<p>Short-Medium term</p> <p>Short-Medium term</p> <p>Medium term</p>

		<p>when Council facilities reach the end of their life partnerships may become more important.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council did not indicate any notable indoor court facility development programmes or investments in indoor courts in its current LTP • Take account of the slightly increasing, strongly aging population – likely that demand will decrease unless court sports for older residents become popular. • Note District population (~17,000) concentrations of around a third in Dannevirke (~5,000), around a quarter in Pahiatua (~2,500) and Woodville (~1,500) combined, and the remaining several thousand dispersed widely across the District in a range of small rural towns. Note relative proximities to facilities in Palmerston North. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formalise facility partnerships with high schools to ensure quality community access as required. 	
Whanganui	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Springvale Stadium • Jubilee Stadium • Whanganui Boys & Girls Gym Club <p>Other school facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whanganui Girls College • Whanganui High School • Whanganui Collegiate • Whanganui City College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor facilities are well provided for and have a focus at the Springvale Park hub (e.g. the large Springvale and Jubilee Stadiums, adjacent Whanganui Collegiate gym, and the specialised Whanganui Boys & Girls Gymsports Club). • No specific council investment intention for indoor courts in the current LTP. • The Wanganui population is projected to increase very little and show a similar aging pattern to other areas. • Note District population (~42,000) concentrations primarily in Whanganui itself (~40,000) 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidate sport activity and management facilities at the Springvale hub towards creating a Whanganui 'home of sport'. • Undertake a programming assessment when demand pressure dictates (e.g. aligning the right activities with the right facilities) to ensure optimisation of the current indoor court network. • If demand at peak use periods remains then undertake an options assessment for increasing indoor court capacity (e.g. access other court spaces or developing new space, potentially partnership). • Formalise facility partnerships with high schools to ensure quality community access. 	<p>Short-Medium term</p> <p>Medium term</p> <p>Medium term</p> <p>Short - Medium term</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use because of the aging population. 	Medium term
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7.0 AQUATIC/POOL FACILITIES

7.1 Introduction

This section summarises the stocktake and review undertaken for Aquatic/Pool facilities. It provides high-level strategic directions/recommendations. Focus has been placed on those publicly accessible pools provided typically by councils, and sometimes also schools.

7.2 Strategic Context

A strategic context for this type of asset is provided from a range of regional and national documents. A summary of key points is outlined below. Specific references to Council intentions are noted below and in Section 7.6 (Proposed Facility Approach).

Sport New Zealand Aquatic Facilities Strategy (2011)

Some key points (at a regional level) to come out of this strategy that may impact the Manawatu-Wanganui Region and Districts include:

- The Manawatu region has around 11 people per square metre of pool space, compared with a national average of 21 people per sqm. This was 4th lowest and suggests a high relative over-supply of pool space compared with New Zealand overall.
- Viewed as people per standard sized pool (8 lane, 25m), the Manawatu-Wanganui Region has 5,745 people per pool. This was the 4th lowest ratio in New Zealand. New Zealand has 10,518 people per pool overall.
- The Manawatu-Wanganui Region is likely to experience an overall decrease in swim visit demand by around 5% by 2031.
- On a 'population-to-facility' basis in the Manawatu-Wanganui region, there is a current surplus of around 6 'standard' pools (8 lane 25m). By 2031 demand growth indicates that this surplus will also be 6 standard pools. There is no indication of need for any new pools.
- The Manawatu-Wanganui region does have around an average proportion of outdoor pools (48% vs 41% for NZ), the 4th lowest proportion of heated pools (55% vs 77%NZ), and an average proportion of school pools (57% vs 56%NZ).
- There is no suitable facility for international and/or national competition in the Manawatu-Wanganui region.
- Most facility use is subsidised. Users do not pay the true cost of providing the service. Ongoing replacement costs are not usually being funded.
- Demand for competitive use/training conflicts with community use. Targeted use of service-level agreements and strategic investment support is recommended to better balance different uses at current facilities in the priority locations.
- Better use arrangements in existing facilities may be required to meet more specific needs for competitive use; for an aging population (especially the 50+ age group); and for filling non-peak use periods.

Council Plans and Strategies (facility-specific summary)

- **Palmerston North City Council** – the LTP (2015-2035) states that the key council pools (Lido Aquatic Centre, Freyberg Pool) are in generally good condition and that current pool space generally meets community needs. Intentions to undertake outdoor work at the Lido pools in the previous LTP had been removed. Some minor maintenance/ upgrade developments were indicated.
- **Horowhenua District Council** – the LTP (2015-2035) signalled a need for renewal of the Levin Aquatic Centre, but did not feature any other specific Aquatic /Pool developments or needs other than a

general facility direction to make facilities multi-use and flexible enough to cater for demand changes related to low growth and an aging population. The Districts 'Infrastructure Strategy' did not include any Recreation assets. However, it is now anticipated that in its next 2018 LTP, council will adopt much higher long term population growth projections for the district after work conducted by NZIER related to the RONS Wellington Corridor Project.

- **Tararua District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any new Aquatic / Pool facility developments or needs, other than a general direction for facilities to enhance lifestyle outcomes through fit-for-purpose facilities (in a rural/small/minimal growth population context) supported by enhanced facility planning, processes, partnerships, and collaborations. Major projects noted were possible replacements of Pahiatua and Eketahuna Pools and upgrading Woodville, all subject to business cases and external community contributions. Note was taken of potential pool development options in association with the Bush Multisport Park Centre in Pahiatua.
- **Rangitikei District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) states council aims to undertake required renewals for the Taihape, Marton and Hunterville Pools, and from there maintain current levels of service for these three publicly available District Pools, as currently managed by contracted external organisations. No new developments or needs were signalled beyond the implications of a minimally growing and aging population. Supported by its Asset Management Plan: Community and Leisure Assets (2014), which emphasised a long-term process to actively reduce its asset base around strategically meeting priority needs (e.g. researching a 'Smart Decline approach'), while maintaining required levels of service at its three pools.
- **Manawatu District Council** - the LTP (2015-2025) indicated a major upgrade programme at Makino Aquatic Centre and some minor maintenance at Rongotea Pool. The overall approach otherwise was generally enhancing facility flexibility; multi-functionality; suitability for a wider range of users (especially aged with features such as hydrotherapy facilities); partnerships and collaborations; and programmes to deliver activities. The Districts 'Infrastructure Strategy' did not include any Recreation assets.
- **Ruapehu District Council** - the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any new Aquatic / Pool facility developments or needs beyond basic maintenance. The LTP was focused on maintaining the quality of what was already provided (the status quo) rather than significantly enhancing any facility capacity, particular related to population aging and decline in some areas. It was supported by a Recreation and Community Facilities Asset Management Plan (2015-2025).
- **Whanganui District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) indicated a major upgrade programme at Whanganui East Pool, with more general maintenance at the Splash Centre in Springvale Park, but no indication of notable under-capacity in pool supply.

7.3 Facility Inventory

The facility inventory undertaken for this plan identified a variety of Aquatic/Pool venues across the region and districts. These included public Aquatic/Pools provided by Councils and some public or public-accessible facilities available through schools or NZ Defence (by arrangement). Some private commercial venues were also mentioned in relation to Palmerston North⁹.

In total, there were 30 Aquatic/Pool facilities identified in the survey (including some school pools) with over 130 school pools also noted from Ministry of Education facility data (most very small, unheated, seasonal, and underutilised). Table 7.1 presents summary information of these facilities (by District), with the larger school pools noted (if longer than 20m). Section 7.4 provides more detail on these school pools. Details of Aquatic/Pool are summarised in Table 7.1.

Overall, there are a wide variety of Aquatic/Pool spaces available in the Region. Three large and diverse Aquatic Centres are provided in Palmerston North, Fielding and Levin; a 50m covered seasonal pool in Marton; a number of smaller covered 25m pool complexes (typically associated with larger schools or defence facilities); and with most other facilities being largely basic outdoor pools of relatively small size (with a few between 20-30m in length).

There is activity constraint particularly due to season and weather at many of these uncovered (or minimally insulated) facilities. At most facilities, there were few indications of significant physical capacity issues. However, at certain larger and more popular Aquatic Centres there are some peak-use lane space constraints reported.

A large number of mostly uncovered smaller school pools meet certain local needs in the smaller centres. There also appears to be potential capacity available for basic use in many school facilities as long as programming and partnership arrangements can be optimised.

Planned upgrades beyond basic maintenance were only indicated for a few facilities. Any work was largely focussed on improving issue of facility quality, with only one larger new-facility development being referred to. This was very much a preliminary indication of ideas for new facilities at Feilding High School (Manawatu), subject to need/demand assessment.

⁹ Although it was noted in some correspondence that general public access was sometimes not generally available.

Table 8.1: Aquatic / Pool Facilities

Council	Aquatic/Pool facilities	Description (summarised)	Draft Status	Land Owner	Facility Owner	Facility Manager
Horowhenua	Levin Aquatic Centre	Indoor heated multi-pool complex with 25m 6 lane lap pool, hydrotherapy pool, learn to swim pool, toddlers pool and hydroslide. Heavily used and recently upgraded but with growing demand its size may become limiting.	District	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District
Horowhenua	Foxton Pool	Indoor heated but seasonal 25m 4 lane lap pool and toddlers/play pool. Busy in summer and interest in all year operation, but lacks insulation and ventilation.	Local	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District
Horowhenua	Horowhenua College	Uncovered heated seasonal 33m pool with school and canoe polo use. No covering plans.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education
Horowhenua	Manawatu College	Uncovered 25m 6 lane school pool	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education
Horowhenua	Shannon School Pool	Small 4 lane uncovered school pool and toddlers pool operated for summer school holidays by council, although low use.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education
Horowhenua	<i>Other School Pools (20m+)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None listed 	-	-	-	-
Manawatu	Makino Aquatic Centre	Indoor 25m pool, play pool, splashpad and dedicated learn to swim pool. Also heated 50m outdoor pool, dive pool, play pool and toddler pool. Limited lane space in winter. Planned hydrotherapy development for District.	Sub-Regional	Manawatu District	Manawatu District	Manawatu District
Manawatu	Rongotea School	School and Community 25m outdoor seasonal pool, uncovered and unheated. Planned filtration and heating upgrades. Largest District pool outside Feilding. Currently closed due to safety concerns.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education
Manawatu	Sanson School	School and Community 20m covered seasonal pool, but unheated and lacks insulation. Low use levels.	Local	Manawatu District	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education
Manawatu	<i>Other School Pools (20m+)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feilding High School (30m) Feilding Intermediate (25m) 	-	-	-	-
Palmerston North	Lido Aquatic Centre	Large 6 pool complex, with indoor 25m 6 lane lap pool, large learn to swim pool, toddler pool leisure pool, hydrosides, spa and fitness centre. Also an outdoor 50m 7 lane pool, dive pool and outdoor slides. Changing	Regional	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City

		room and fitness centre refurbishments planned. Lane pressures				
Palmerston North	Freyberg Community Pool (School)	Mid-sized Indoor pool complex at Freyberg High School with a 25m 6 lane lap pool and a heated learn to swim toddlers pool. Owned by school but operated for community by CLM in partnership with council. Well used year-round. Lane pressures. Also, constraints on canoe polo.	Regional	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	CLM / Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	West End Aquatic Centre	Mid-sized private indoor pool complex on school land with a 25m 6 lane lap pool and a 12m learn to swim pool. Two swim schools operating.	District	Ministry of Education	Nicholls Swim Academy	Nicholls Swim Academy
Palmerston North	Opiki School	Very small sub-20m uncovered school pool	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education
Palmerston North	Linton Military Camp Pool	Covered and heated 25 metre pool located within the Linton Military Camp. Used for water polo, swimming lessons but limited community access due to NZDF ownership. 2 metres deep. Recently upgraded.	Sub-regional	NZDF	NZDF	NZDF
Palmerston North	Ashhurst School Aquatic Centre	Covered and heated 30 metre main pool and learners' pool. PNCC has an arrangement with Ashhurst School to allow public access to this pool.	District	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Ashhurst Pool Society Trust
Palmerston North	Palmerston North Boys' High Pool	25 metre indoor heated swimming pool, with seating and male and female changing room facilities. Wheelchair ramp into the pool enters at the shallow end. The pool drops in depth from 1.2 metres to 2.5 metres over the 25 metre length. Ice Breaker aquatics swimming club operates from the Pool.	District	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education
Palmerston North	Other School Pools (20m+)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Palmerston North Intermediate (30m & 9m) Queen Elizabeth College (2 pools, 30m & 10m) Hokowhitu School (25m) Monrad Intermediate (25m) Ross Intermediate (25m) Palmerston North Girls' High School (22m) 	-	-	-	-
Rangitikei	Marton Swim Centre (Rangitikei Active)	Seasonal complex with indoor 50m pool and smaller learners pool. Planning a splashpad. Well used by public, clubs, local schools and national swim schools in season.	Regional	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District
Rangitikei	Huntermville Pool	Seasonal 25m uncovered community pool, supported by council	Local	Huntermville Sport and	Huntermville Sport and	Huntermville Sport and

				Recreation Trust	Recreation Trust	Recreation Trust
Rangitikei	Rangitikei College	Seasonal 25m uncovered school pool	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education
Rangitikei	Taihape Swim Centre	Seasonal indoor 3 pool complex. Main 25m pool, learners pool and small toddlers pool. Presently undergoing filtration and heating upgrade.	Local	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District
<i>Rangitikei</i>	<i>Other School Pools (20m+)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None listed 	-	-	-	-
Ruapehu	Taumarunui High School (Trust Waikato)	Year-round indoor heated 25m 6 lane pool operated by Trust Waikato on High School land. Well used but a learn to swim pool is desired. Resourcing required for that.	District	Taumarunui High School	Trust Waikato and Taumarunui High School	Trust Waikato
Ruapehu	Burns Pool (Waiouru)	A 25m 6 lane indoor heated pool and toddler pool for military personnel, families and civilian use.	Local	NZ Defence Force	NZ Defence Force	NZ Defence Force
Ruapehu	Ohakune Swimming Pool	Seasonal uncovered but heated lap pool and learners pool. Well used in summer (subject to weather). Picnic table seating. Facility nearing end of life.	Local	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District
Ruapehu	Raetihi Swimming Pool	Covered seasonal facility with main 25m 6 lane pool, small learner/toddler pool. Solar heating but uninsulated. Picnic table seating. Facility nearing end of life.	Local	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District
Ruapehu	Taumarunui Public Swimming Pool	Seasonal uncovered and unheated pool. Well used in summer.	Local	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District
<i>Ruapehu</i>	<i>Other School Pools (20m+)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ohura Valley Primary (24m) Manunui School (22m) 	-	-	-	-
Tararua	Eketahuna Community Swimming Pools	Seasonal uncovered and unheated 25m pool and junior pool. Well used in summer but limited demand for winter use. Upgrade needs. Run by committee with council support. Looking at upgrading main pool plus filter shed and storage areas. Will be a rebuild of main pool and the other buildings.	Local	Tararua District	Tararua District	Eketahuna Swimming Pool Committee
Tararua	Pahiatua Community Swimming Pools	Seasonal uncovered and unheated 25m pool, junior pool and toddlers pool. Well used in summer but limited demand for winter use. Upgrade needs. Run by committee with council support. The local community are looking at upgrading the main pool and service	Local	Tararua District	Tararua District	Pahiatua Swimming Baths Committee

		buildings. May even look to a new site. Still in the planning stages with the local community.				
Tararua	WaiSplash Community Pool (Dannevirke)	Covered seasonal facility with main 25m 6 lane pool, small learner/toddler pool.	District	Tararua District	Tararua District	Community Trust
Tararua	Woodville Community Pools	Seasonal uncovered and unheated 25m pool, learners pool and toddlers pool. Need good weather for heavy use. Run by committee with council support.	Local	Tararua District	Tararua District	Woodville Pool Support Group
Tararua	Other School Pools (20m+)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dannevirke High School (30m) • Tararua College (25m *covered) • Woodville School (20m *covered) 	-	-	-	-
Whanganui	Wanganui East Swimming Pool	Outdoor 33.3m pool, 15m learners pool, hydro slide, changing sheds, clubrooms, office, first aid room, wooden stands. Open in summer.	Local	Whanganui District	Whanganui District	Whanganui District
Whanganui	Splash Centre	Indoor 25m x 8 lane pool, 25m x 6 lane pool, hydrotherapy pool, LTS pool, Lazy river, 2 spa pools, 2 hydro slides, Gymnasium, seating for 300, cafeteria, meeting room, party room, toddlers pool. Adjacent to Springvale and Jubilee Stadiums in hub area.	Sub-regional	Whanganui District	Whanganui District	Whanganui District
Whanganui	Whanganui Collegiate	Outdoor swimming pool 6 lanes (22m x 15m). Mainly summer use. No community access	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Wanganui Collegiate
Whanganui	Whanganui Girls College	Outdoor 6 lanes (30m x 15m). Reported as deepest in region, with diving capacity.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Whanganui Girls College
Whanganui	Whanganui City College	Outdoor 6 lanes (25m x 15m). Mainly summer use.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Whanganui City College
Whanganui	Other School Pools (20m+)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Durie Hill School (27m, 2 pools) • Mosston School (25m) • Rutherford Junior High School (25m) • Castlecliff School (22m) • Whanganui Intermediate (22m) 	-	-	-	-

Some summary points from the data

- 32 Aquatic/Pool facilities were reported on by survey across the region, and many (130+) additional school facilities were also identified separately (see Section 7.4)
- However, the bulk of school facilities were very basic (see Section 8.4), with most being small (mean length 15m), un-heated, uncovered and seasonal. Only facilities at a few schools stood out for having larger size and/or more significant community use roles.
- most indicated facilities were meeting needs. Any problems were usually related to seasonal constraints of general maintenance (at a basic standard). Less mention was made of over-capacity concerns, except at some of the larger dedicated facilities which sometimes had some lane constraints at peak times.
- one other large proposed development was directly referred to here - an idea to expand facilities at Feilding High School, including a pool.
- There was planned development of a hydrotherapy facility at Makino Aquatic Centre in Fielding. Any other developments were largely only maintenance related. Some responses noted that demand was not high.
- Horowhenua, Manawatu and Palmerston North all appear to have large dedicated and more developed aquatic hubs, while other Districts (Rangitikei, Ruapehu and Tararua) had only basic and/or seasonal facilities (possibly reflecting lower demand pressures and/or high relative running costs)
- Overall demand appears low in many venues (except during very seasonal/weather dependent peaks). There were no real indications of any demand pressure in most facilities, except major facilities in the bigger population centres (sometime related to no-swim uses e.g. canoe-polo).

Note that these results do not reflect the direct facility concerns of individual user groups, just those issues that the management respondents noted. Presumably if any user problems were significant enough, managers would be aware of them and would have indicated so.

7.4 School Facility Summary

Schools play an important role through a number of larger pools in strategic locations and through a wide network of smaller pool at many sites across the region. Some of these are large enough, developed enough and/or so strategically located enough to represent key sites for both the overall aquatic facility network, or to simply help provide widespread coverage. Most are accessible to the community in some form, either formally or with more casual use arrangements. All are listed below.

Some of the more significant school pools are included in Table 7.1. They are either listed there as individual entries from the surveys (marked *), or have been recorded in the respective 'Other School Pool' entries (**). The 'Other School Pool' group in Table 7.1 includes all known school pools over 20m. All are also listed below, including the numerous smaller sub-20m school pools. Virtually all these smaller pools are uncovered, unheated and seasonal use only. Small pool exceptions that are covered and/or or used in partnership with council or others, are noted.

Horowhenua

- Horowhenua College* - 33m
- Manawatu College* - 25m
- Sub-20m smaller pools
 - Shannon School* - 2 pools, both sub 20m, operated seasonally by council
 - Levin East School - covered
 - Oroua Downs School; Coley Street School; Okiki School; Taitoko School; Levin North School; Koputaroa School; Poroutawhao School; Tokomaru School; Foxton Beach School; Foxton School; Manukau School

Manawatu

- Feilding High School** - 30m
- Feilding Intermediate** - 25m
- Rongotea School* - 25
- Sanson School* - 20m, covered
- Sub-20m small pools
 - Cheltenham School (covered); Kimbolton School (covered)
 - Waituna West School; Apiti School; Manchester Street School; Halcombe Primary School; North Street School; Mount Biggs School; Colyton School; Kiwitea School; Tangimoana School; Taonui School; Halcombe Primary School

Palmerston North City

- Freyberg High School* - 2 pools, both covered, 25m & 10m, run in partnership with council
- West End School* - 2 pools, 25m & 12m, both covered, privately owned on school land
- Palmerston North Boys' High School* - 25m, covered, hosts external club
- Ashhurst School* - 25m, covered, public use arrangement with council
- Palmerston North Intermediate** - 2 pools, 30m & 9m
- Queen Elizabeth College** - 2 pools, 30m & 10m
- Hokowhitu School** - 25m
- Monrad Intermediate** - 25m
- Ross Intermediate** - 25m
- Palmerston North Girls High School** - 22m
- Sub-20m small pools
 - Riverdale School; Somerset Crescent School; Cloverlea School; Central Normal School; Milson School; Longburn School; Linton Country School; Winchester School; Glen Oroua School; Opiki School; Awahou School; Hiwinui School; Bainesse School; College Street Normal School; Aokautere School; Awapuni School; Kairanga School; Kopane School; Newbury School; Roslyn

School; Bunnythorpe School; Whakarongo School; Tiritea School; Russell Street School; Terrace End School

Rangitikei

- *Rangitikei College** - 25m
- Sub-20m small pools
 - *Pukeokahu School; Mangaweka School; Marton Junction School; James Cook School; Clifton School (Bulls); Mataroa School; Moawhango School; Mangamahu Primary School; Papanui Junction School; Rangiwaia School; Taoroa School; Bulls School*

Ruapehu

- *Taumarunui High School** - 25m, covered, run by Trust Waikato
- *Ohura Valley Primary*** - 24m
- *Manunui School*** - 22m
- Sub-20m small pools
 - *National Park School (covered)*
 - *Ngapuke School; Matiere School; Turakina School; Tokirima School; Ngakonui Valley School; Tarrangower School; Turaki School; Taumarunui Primary School; Kakahi School; Owahango School; Waiouru School; Kaitieke School; Orautoha School; Matiere School*

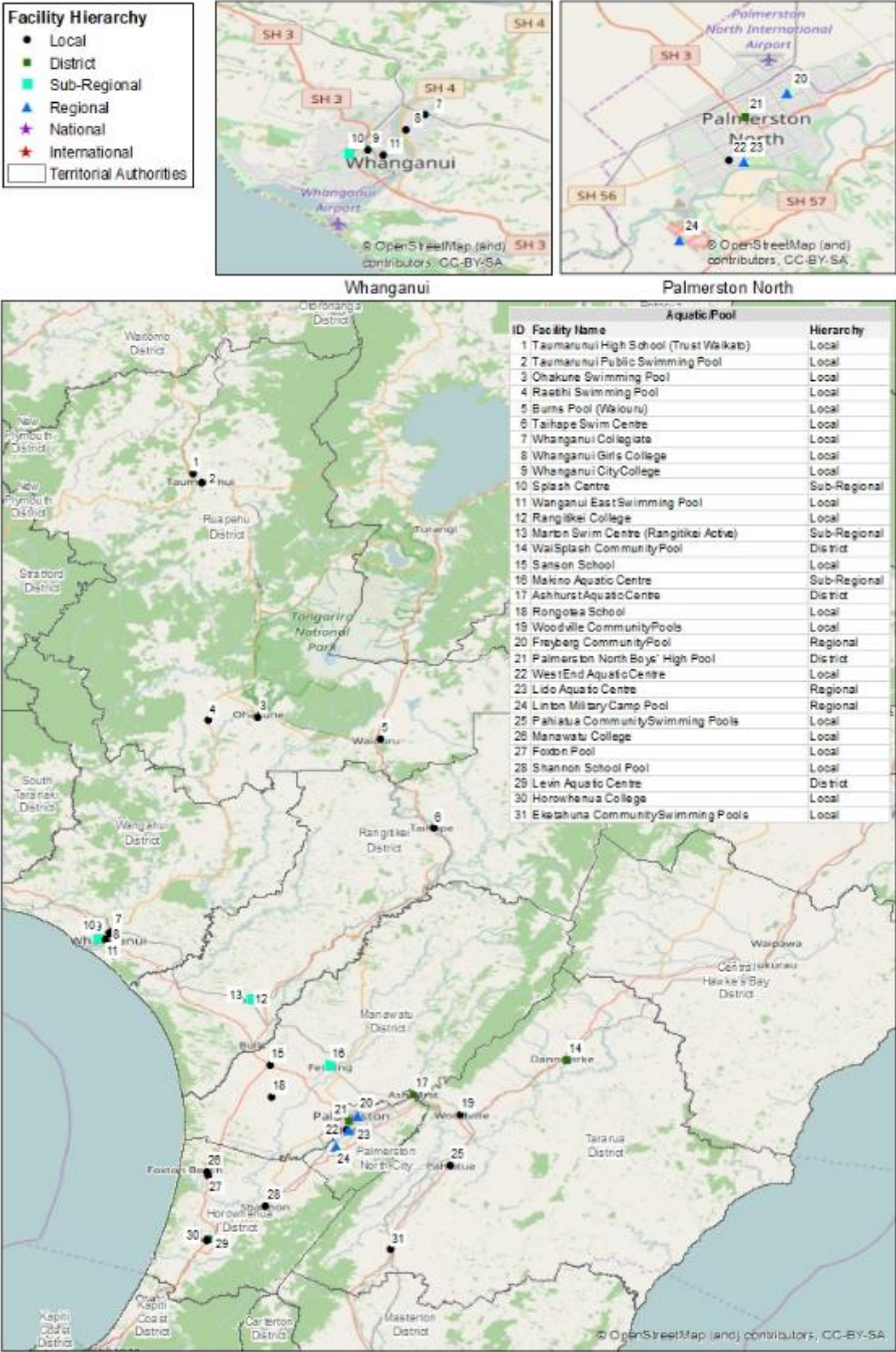
Taranua

- *Dannevirke High School*** - 30m
- *Taranua College*** - 25m, covered
- *Woodville School*** - 20m, covered
- Sub-20m small pools
 - *Ruahine School (covered); Alfredton School (covered); Weber School (covered);*
 - *Eketahuna School; Mangatainoka School; Ballance School; Makuri School; Pongaroa School; Dannevirke South School; Huia Range School; Norsewood and Districts School; Kumeroa-Hopelands School; Papatawa School; Pahiatua School*

Whanganui

- *Whanganui Girls' College** - 30m
- *Durie Hill School*** - 2 pools, 27m & 9m
- *Mosston School*** - 25m
- *Rutherford Junior High School*** - 25m
- *Whanganui City College** - 25m
- *Castlecliff School*** - 22m
- *Whanganui Collegiate** (22m)
- *Whanganui Intermediate*** - 22m
- Sub-20m small pools
 - *Carlton School (covered); Kakatahi School (2 Pools)*
 - *Churton School; St John's Hill School; Kai Iwi School; Mangamahu Primary School; Te Wainui a Rua; Upokongaro School; Westmere School; Tawhero School; Aberfeldy School; Okoia School; Brunswick School; Kaitoke School*

Map 7.1: Existing Aquatics Facilities



Map 7.2 Drive time map – Aquatics Facilities



7.6 Proposed Facility Approach – Aquatic/ Pools

Regionwide Key Considerations

- Take account of the Aquatic/Pool facility/activity needs of a significantly aging population, and growth in the total numbers of older people in terms of both activity-type preferences and appropriate facility type, location and accessibility (specifications and transport). At the same time, the opportunities for new-entrant and younger participants in activities need to be enhanced to grow participation.
- The geographic distribution of the Region's and constituent District's populations.
- To provide purpose built Aquatic facilities comes at a significant cost and requires a significant baseline demand. Therefore, it is important that – subject to demand requirement - a regional hierarchy of facilities is provided ranging from more numerous basic recreational pool facilities (e.g. at schools) through to a few larger and more flexible aquatic centres. To help sustain the demand for aquatic facilities it is important that suitable targeted indoor facilities are optimised or established where possible. Current facilities may also require ongoing maintenance and optimisation.
- Swimming Manawatu indicated some long course competitive constraints from lack of 50m pool facilities and full waterpolo options, and some general lane space concerns. However, while always desirable, an additional or indoor 50m pool is not considered as a current priority for the Region's network.
- It is also important to consider the presence and strategic location of any regional-level facilities for higher purpose uses (e.g. regional/national tournaments/competitions) in or nearby to the Region. A covered Olympic 50m facility is available nearby in Wellington (e.g. Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre), while another outdoor 50m outdoor pool is provided in New Plymouth (Todd Energy Aquatic Centre). Beyond the local Manawatu-Whanganui Region's pools, there are also multiple other options for high-level covered short course events in the Wellington and Taranaki Regions.
- With a significant portion of the regional population currently aged over 65 years, and with this anticipated to increase, the region and districts need to consider a strategy of adapting existing aquatic facilities where possible to better meet the needs of an aging population (e.g. heating, hydrotherapy options etc).
- It is vital that the role school and other non-council facilities play in the network be considered. Councils needs to ensure ongoing community access to these venues is secure to cater for demand. This is especially so in the smaller districts and centres where lower population densities mean partnership approaches and more flexible multiuse facilities are required.

Council Area	Aquatic/Pool Facilities (in survey, and including school survey and MOE data)	Key Considerations (for specific areas)	Proposed Facility Approach	Timeframe Short term 0-3 years Medium term 4-10 Long term 10 plus yrs
Horowhenua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Levin Aquatic Centre Foxton Pool Horowhenua College Manawatu College Shannon School Pool Another 12 smaller school pools (under 20m) were also recorded (1 covered) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has a primary council facility (Levin Aquatic Centre) and a smaller facility in Foxton, complemented by 2 main High School facilities in the respective centres, and a seasonal primary school pool facility(Shannon) operated by Council in summer. There were also some small (under 20m) school pools with limited seasonal uses (1 covered). No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the main pool facilities (apart from having only 1 covered all-year facility - Levin Aquatic Centre). Despite this facility having had a recent refurbishment, it was considered that capacity may be reached if demand (numbers/diversity) increases. A refurbishment is also proposed for Foxton Pool. Take account of the slightly larger numbers of residents, as well as projected increasing numbers of older residents in particular. Also note the additional projections beyond those of Statistics NZ undertaken for Council by NZIER due to potential higher growth outcomes from significant Kapiti Coast – Wellington Highway improvements. These suggest substantially more residents (28%) by 2043 (around 9,000 vs 300 from Statistics NZ). Note District population (~30,000) concentrations are largely in Levin (~21,000) and to a lesser extent Foxton (~4,500) and Shannon (1,300), and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Palmerston North and in nearby Kapiti District towns (i.e. Otaki). 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to an aging population (demand for warmer recreational water, hydrotherapy etc). Formalise facility partnerships with high schools to ensure ongoing quality community access and secure potential options for expansion. Develop a ‘recreational pools’ strategy catering for more casual individual use of small localised school facilities in smaller centres. Closely monitor the location and scale of any development plans to accommodate projected new residents, and the emergence of any new peak-use capacity issues at existing key facilities. Investigate the extent to which enhancing network capacity via programming and partnerships can minimise any potential ‘new demand’ pressures (because of NZIER projected population growth). 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Short term Ongoing</p> <p>Short term</p> <p>Medium term</p> <p>Medium term</p>

Manawatu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makino Aquatic Centre • Rongotea School (closed) • Sanson School • Feilding High School • 2 other larger school pools (20m+) were recorded • Another 13 smaller school pools (under 20m) were also recorded (including 2 covered) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a primary Council facility (Makino Aquatic Centre) in Feilding but no other specific civic facilities. • There are 3 larger school pools with 1 currently closed due to quality/ safety (Rongotea), another covered but unheated (Sanson), and a third larger pool (30m Feilding High School) • There were also many small (under 20m) school pools with only limited seasonal uses (including 2 covered). • Limited lane space and canoe polo capacity reported at Makino Aquatic Centre, and heating/ insulation issues elsewhere in winter. • In its current LTP, Council have indicated a major upgrade programme for Makino Aquatic Centre (now completed and including a hydrotherapy pool), and some required maintenance at Rongotea Pool (currently closed) • Feilding High School is considering major indoor facility developments including courts, pool and gymnasium spaces, and is seeking needs analysis support from Council. • More and/or enhanced existing school-based options may enable strategic partnerships. • Take account of the slightly larger numbers of residents, as well as projected increasing numbers of older residents in particular. • Note District population (~27,000) concentrations predominantly in Feilding (~16,000), and to a lesser extent in a range of several small towns, and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Palmerston North. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to an aging population (demand for warmer recreational water, hydrotherapy etc). • Complete any further required upgrade of Makino Aquatic Centre and hydrotherapy facilities. • Develop a 'recreational pools' strategy catering for more casual individual use of small localised school facilities. • Subject to completing a recreational pool strategy, assess need to upgrade Rongotea Pool. • Formalise facility partnerships with strategic schools (i.e. Feilding High School) to ensure quality community access. • Monitor population growth to determine if it is tracking along the 'High' or 'Medium' series from Statistics NZ. 	<p>Short-Medium term</p> <p>Short – Medium term</p> <p>Short term</p> <p>Short-term</p> <p>Short-term</p> <p>Short-Medium term</p>
Palmerston North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lido Aquatic Centre • Freyburg Community Pool 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a primary council pool complex facility (Lido Aquatic Centre) and a number of smaller non-council, private or partnership facilities (Freyburg Community Pool, West End Aquatic Centre, Ashhurst School Aquatic Centre, Palmerston North Boys High) 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake a scheduling analysis across the local network. If demand at peak use periods remains then undertake an options assessment 	<p>Short term</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> West End Aquatic Centre Linton Military Camp Pool Ashhurst Aquatic Centre Palmerston North Boys High Pool 10 other larger school pools (20m+) were recorded Another 25 smaller school pools (under 20m) were also recorded (all uncovered) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are some other larger (25m+) school pools (and Linton Military Camp Pool), some of which are covered, and may enable strategic partnerships. High use was reported at some higher-level facilities, and limited lane space specifically reported at Freyberg Pool. (However, Council reports in its current LTP that existing pool space and quality is largely meeting current needs). Only limited community access was available to Linton Military Camp Pool. Take account of the projected larger numbers of residents, more diversity, and increasing numbers of both younger adults as well as older residents. Note the population concentrations (~ 80,000) in Palmerston North City itself, and relative proximities to strategic facilities in Feilding (although many options exist in the city itself). 	<p>for increasing aquatic capacity (e.g. accessing new pool space, potentially in partnership). This would potentially free recreational use of Council pools and structured swimming/water sports into school partnership pools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategically review the overall network to identify long term infrastructure needs (this could include development of a 'recreational pools' plan that examines casual use of school facilities in across the city and include entering into facility partnerships with targeted schools to ensure enhanced quality community access. Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the aging population. 	<p>Short-Medium term</p> <p>Short-Medium term</p>
Rangitikei	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marton Swim Centre Rangitikei College Taihape Swim Centre\ Huntermville Pool Another 12 smaller school pools (under 20m) were also recorded (all uncovered) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has 3 civic facilities and 1 High School facility Marton (50m) and Taihape (25m) are covered, but all are seasonal). School-based partnership options may be available. However, all smaller school pools are uncovered. No significant capacity or facility issues were identified at any of these facilities other than general maintenances and that all were uncovered and seasonal. Council notes in its current LTP that it intends only basic renewals at its 3 pools to maintain current levels of service. Take account of the slightly declining and strongly aging population – likely that demand will decrease unless pool activities or options for older residents become more popular. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor existing pool use and rationalise assets as required. Potentially in line with an asset's working life. As demand warrants, undertake an options assessment for optimising certain facilities, potentially in partnership (if/when other assets are rationalised). Formalise facility partnerships with strategic schools (i.e. Rangitikei High School) to ensure quality community access. Develop a 'recreational pools' strategy catering for more casual 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Short term</p> <p>Short - Medium term</p> <p>Short-Medium term</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note District population (~14,000) concentrations in Marton (~5,000), and to a lesser extent Bulls and Taihape (~1,700 each), and relative proximities to strategic facilities in Whanganui and Palmerston North. 	individual use of small localised school facilities in smaller centres.	
Ruapehu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taumarunui High School (Trust Waikato) Ohakune Swimming Pool Raetihi Swimming Pool Taumarunui Public Swimming Pool Burns Pool (Waioru) 2 other larger school pools (20m+) were recorded Another 15 smaller school pools (under 20m) were also recorded (1 covered) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has limited basic seasonal civic facilities, with the primary covered year-round facility being the Taumarunui High School/ Trust Waikato pool (also a covered all-year pool at Waioru – Burns Pool). The sole covered council pool at Raetihi is seasonal due to heating, insulation and low-use issues. School-based partnership options may be available. However, all smaller school pools except one are uncovered. No significant capacity issues were identified at any of the main pool facilities as low community use appeared common, but quality issues around cover and heating were also common to most. Council notes in its current LTP that it intends only basic renewals at its pools to maintain current levels of service. More strongly declining and strongly aging population – very likely that demand will decrease (especially as year-round warm water is not provided). The highest proportion of Maori population in the Region. High relative numbers of temporary visitors to the District (i.e. holiday homes, other tourism) Note District population (~12,000) concentration mainly Taumarunui (~5,000), Ohakune, Raetihi and Waioru (~1,000 each), but otherwise in very dispersed low levels. Few relative proximities to any other strategic facility sites. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor existing pool use and rationalise assets as required. Potentially in line with an asset's working life. As demand warrants, undertake an options assessment for optimising certain facilities, potentially in partnership (when other assets are rationalised). Develop a 'recreational pools' strategy catering for more casual individual use of small localised school facilities. 	<p>Medium term</p> <p>Medium term</p> <p>Short Medium term</p>

Tararua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eketahuna Community Swimming Pools • Pahiatua Community Swimming Pools • WaiSplash Community Pool • Woodville Community Pools • Dannevirke High School • Tararua College • 2 other larger school pools (20m+) were recorded, both covered • Another 14 smaller school pools (under 20m) were also recorded (3 covered) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has 4 basic seasonal civic facilities (only 1 covered), 2 High School facilities, plus numerous small school facilities. • School-based partnership options may be available. However, most are smaller school pools and except for two they are uncovered. • No significant capacity issues were identified at any of the main pool facilities, but quality issues around cover, heating and facility age were common. • Council has noted in its current LTP that it intends investigating possible replacements of its pools in Pahiatua (possibly in partnership including Bush Multisport Park) and Eketahuna, and possible upgrading at Woodville. • Take account of the slightly increasing, strongly aging population – likely that demand will decrease unless pool activities or options for older residents become more popular. • Note District population (~17,000) concentrations of around a third in Dannevirke (~5,000), around a quarter in Pahiatua (~2,500) and Woodville (~1,500) combined, and the remaining several thousand dispersed widely across the District in a range of small rural towns. Note relative proximities to strategic facilities in Palmerston North. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor existing pool use and rationalise assets as required. Potentially in line with an asset's working life. • As demand warrants, undertake an options assessment for optimising certain facilities, potentially in partnership. • Develop a 'recreational pools' strategy catering for more casual individual use of small localised school facilities. 	<p>Short term</p> <p>Short-Medium term</p> <p>Short-term</p>
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Wanganui	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wanganui East Swimming Pool • Splash Centre • Wanganui Collegiate • Wanganui Girls College • Wanganui City College • 5 other larger school pools (20m+) were recorded • Another 14 smaller school pools (under 20m) were also recorded (with 1 covered) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has 2 main civic facilities led by the extensive indoor Splash Centre facilities in the developing Springvale Park hub, and the large uncovered seasonal Whanganui East Pool complex. • School-based partnership options may be available. However, most are smaller school pools and except for one they are uncovered. • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at any of these main indoor court facilities. Council noted in its LTP that there were no indications of notable undersupply. • Council has noted in its current LTP that it intends a major upgrade programme at the Whanganui East Pool, but only more general ongoing maintenance at the Splash Centre. • The Wanganui population is projected to increase very little and age. • Note District population (~42,000) concentrations primarily in Whanganui itself (~40,000) 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade the Whanganui East aquatics facility as planned, but consider options longer term. • Develop a general aquatic strategy for longer term planning directions, including Splash Centre options in support of developing the Springvale hub • Formalise facility partnerships with targeted schools to ensure enhanced quality community access. • Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to an aging population (demand for warmer recreational water, hydrotherapy etc). • Develop a 'recreational pools' strategy catering for more casual individual use of small localised school facilities across the city. 	<p>Short term</p> <p>Short-Medium term</p> <p>Medium term</p> <p>Short-Medium term</p> <p>Short-Medium term</p>
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8.0 PLAYING FIELD FACILITIES

8.1 Introduction

This section summarises the stocktake and review undertaken for Playing Field facilities. It provides high-level strategic directions/recommendations. Here playing fields refer to sites used for winter and/or summer sports, either exclusively or with seasonal changeovers. Artificial turfs/fields are noted in the 'Other Facilities' Section (see Section 19.2).

8.2 Strategic Context

A strategic context for this type of asset is provided from a range of regional and national documents. A summary of key points is outlined below. Specific references to Council intentions are noted below and in Section 8.6 (Proposed Facility Approach). National sports facility strategies have relevance to sports field provision. These are focused at the Region level, rather than providing specific direction regarding Districts. The main documents available are:

Football – New Zealand Football Facilities Strategy (2010-2021)

- Demand for football is increasing overall, reflecting a range of trends including population growth, increasing junior player numbers and, wider ethnic diversity.
- However in the Central Football Region – which includes Manawatu-Wanganui – growth the 'active population' (aged 5-50) is projected only in Palmerston North City. It is projected to be static in Manawatu District and declining elsewhere.
- The Central Football Region also has higher than average field provision per 1000 active population (0.85 fields compared with 0.56 fields for NZ overall)
- The Manawatu-Wanganui region was not included among those areas identified as priorities for additional fields.
- The Manawatu region currently has a surplus of weekly field capacity of over 100 hours, although this is projected to decline to 50 to 100 hours by 2021. The Wanganui region currently has a surplus of weekly field capacity of 50 to 100 hours, and this is projected to be sustained to 2021.
- More 'Local Football Centres' are required, although this may not require new fields.
- Local Football Centres would ideally feature football as primary use, artificial turf(s), an all-grade training base, possible school co-location, and complementary multisport usage.
- A dedicated central 'Home of Football' is required in each Football Region, providing a focus for football development; development of officials, coaches and referees; representative training and competition; year-round community football (including catch-up games; and administration.
- Overall, developments to maximise field utilisation would take priority over providing premier grade standards.
- New Zealand Football and the regional Football Federations to work with councils to develop enhanced field utilisation, Local Football Centres and Home of football venues.

New Zealand Rugby League Facility Strategy (2011-2021))

- Demand for Rugby League is increasing reflecting a range of trends including proactive coaching and development programmes, population growth (particularly Maori and Pacific Island) and wider ethnic diversity. The Mid-Central Rugby League Zone (Manawatu-Wanganui) is projected to have an increase in teams from 107 (2012) to 131(2021).
- National participation is estimated to increase over the next 10 years by around 15% (for adults) and 25% (for juniors), although this is unevenly spread between and within Rugby League Zones.

- The Manawatu-Wanganui region is in the Mid Central Zone, which has 1 team for every 2,194 'active' people. This is lower than average level of Rugby League participation, with New Zealand overall having 1 team for every 1,496 'active' people.
- Growth in the 'active population' (aged 5-50) is not projected to increase in the Mid-Central Zone outside of Palmerston North.
- While all Zones (except Northland and Southern) are projected to have overall shortfalls in access to community fields (between 100-200 hours per week) between 2012 and 2021, this does vary within the Zones.
- Most of the region (apart from Wanganui) is projected to retain its current shortfall of access capacity (up to 50 hours shortfall per week) between 2012 and 2021. The Wanganui region is the exception, which is projected to retain its current surplus of access capacity (up to 50 hours surplus per week) between 2012 and 2021.
- While top level competition facilities are adequate, a national High-Performance Training Centre is required.
- There is limited access to small scale stadiums (2,500 - 5,000) to act as premiere venues for Tier 3 and 4 National and Zone competitions.
- A Zone-level training venue is required within each Zone.
- It is recommended that Zones work with Council to ensure access to multisport training facilities.

New Zealand Cricket Facilities Strategy (2013)

- With the exception of Auckland, most regions in New Zealand do not require significant investment in additional new facilities for the participation and development levels of cricket.
- This strategy recommended that each Cricket Association should develop a facility network plan to improve current facilities.
- Developing more consistency in cricket facilities was a general priority, based on a link between facility quality and player development.
- A focus was recommended on improving cricket facilities at the secondary school level, including a network-based partnership approach.
- A focus was also recommended on developing more artificial facilities for playing and training, particularly including all semi-hard ball cricket.
- More specific use of expert facility advisory resources was recommended.

Council Plans and Strategies (facility-specific summary)

- **Palmerston North City Council** – the LTP (2015-2035) states that given current sports field numbers, distribution, maintenance and planned renewals, Palmerston North has an average level of sportsfield provision (i.e. 1.15ha per 1000 residents), comprising fields which are meeting current needs. Ongoing improvements in quality, accessibility and partnerships associated with playing fields (e.g. Massey, Linton, Schools) could enhance the current network's effectiveness further. The main actions indicated for future projects were lighting of the rear fields at Arena Manawatu, contribution towards a 3rd Hockey turf, and a longer-term general intention to develop an artificial sportsfield. It was considered that no new sports fields were needed. Supported by the Recreation and Community Facilities Asset Management Plan (2014) and Palmerston North Active Recreation Strategy (2013).
- **Horowhenua District Council** – the LTP (2015-2035) did not feature any specific new sports field facility developments or needs, other than a general facility direction to make facilities multi-use and flexible enough to cater for demand changes related to low growth and an aging population. The Districts 'Infrastructure Strategy' did not include any Recreation assets. However, it is now anticipated that in its next 2018 LTP, council will adopt much higher long-term population growth projections for the district after work conducted by NZIER related to the RONS Wellington Corridor Project.
- **Tararua District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any new indoor sport/ recreation facility developments or needs, other than a general direction for facilities to enhance lifestyle outcomes through fit-for-purpose facilities (in a rural/small/minimal growth/aging population context) supported by enhanced facility planning, processes, partnerships, and collaborations. Benchmarking suggested a relative oversupply of recreation and reserve land compared with elsewhere. The presence of numerous Rural Domains was noted, however it was also noted that the volunteer/community capacity

to manage the special needs and facilities for some sports was declining. Supported by a Recreation and Reserves Strategy (2014-2023).

- **Rangitikei District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) stated that council is aiming to rationalise to have fewer but better assets in the District, and to develop one specialised sports field for every major code. It stated that as major projects Council would work to develop multi-use sport facilities at three key sites in the District - Centennial Park, Marton; Taihape Memorial Park and Bulls Domain, and that at other parks council will work to reduce the number and value of council-owned improvements. Supported by its Asset Management Plan: Community and Leisure Assets (2014), which emphasised a long-term process to actively reduce its asset base around strategically meeting priority needs (e.g. researching a 'Smart Decline approach).
- **Manawatu District Council** - the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any specific playing field facility developments or needs apart from improvements in Feilding at Kowhai Park and Rimu Park, and creation of new Pharazyn and Ranfurly Parks, all in relation to development contributions from planned sub-divisions. General intentions were for generally enhancing facility flexibility; multi-functionality; suitability for a wider range of users (especially aged); partnerships and collaborations; and programmes to deliver activities. The Districts 'Infrastructure Strategy' did not include any Recreation assets.
- **Ruapehu District Council** - the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any playing field facility developments or needs. Sports fields were considered under-utilised and the District to have sufficient fields to satisfy existing and future needs of both winter and summer codes. Only a few had basic strategic maintenance signalled. It was focused on maintaining the quality of what was already provided (the status quo) rather than significantly enhancing any facility capacity, particular related to population decline in some areas. It was supported by a Recreation and Community Facilities Asset Management Plan (2015-2025).
- **Whanganui District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) stated no specific playing field facility developments or needs. Sports fields were considered under-utilised and the District to have sufficient fields to satisfy existing and future needs of both winter and summer codes. The focus was on any field/turf developments associated with creation of a community sports hub at Springvale Park. Other sites only really had basic strategic maintenance signalled. Supported by the District's Sport and Recreation Facility Strategy (2016)

8.3 Facility Inventory

The facility inventory undertaken for this plan identified a variety of Playing Field venues across the region and districts. These included public Playing Fields provided by Councils and some public or public-accessible facilities available through schools or NZ Defence (by arrangement).

In total, there were 80 Playing Field facility sites¹⁰ identified in the survey across the Region, including a few school grounds, some of which currently had no formal sporting uses¹¹. The majority were council parks and domains either containing multiple fields for different codes or single fields and club facilities for specific sports (with common winter code/summer code seasonal variations). Virtually all field facility sites were meeting sporting needs, although in many case the demand from these was not high. In some cases, the condition of fields with respect to drainage and or irrigation provided some capacity or quality concerns but this did not suggest any notable supply-side issue.

Details of Playing Fields are summarised in Table 8.1.

The review showed there are a wide variety of current and potential Playing Field sites available in the Region. Constraint from undersupply appears very rare, unless temporary and related to wet weather events. In most cases it was clear that there was relative oversupply of basic field facilities overall (assuming some short-term constraints in exceptional weather events). This was especially the case when school fields facilities (or potential spaces) were taken into account. Sustainability of current facilities appears more of an issue as demand growth rates decrease or as clubs close or merge. There currently appears to be significant capacity for more fields (or more use of current fields) should demand warrant it

Planned upgrades beyond basic maintenance were rare. Any work was largely focussed on improving some issue of field drainage-related quality or some issue of related facility upkeep (e.g. clubrooms)

¹⁰ Sites for winter-only sport uses, summer-only sport uses or all-year interchangeable seasonal sport uses.

¹¹ Six survey responses from Horowhenua were excluded as they related to undefined primary school grounds with no current organised sport uses. Responses from other council areas appeared not to have included such facilities. Conversely a number of secondary school fields were defined and used, and have been included.

Table 8.1: Playing Field Facilities – for field sports (from survey unless noted)

Council	Playing Field facilities	Description (summarised)	Draft status	Land owner	Facility owner	Facility manager
Horowhenua	Donnelly Park	Large sport hub area with multiple playing fields for Football (5x senior and 17x junior pitches) and Cricket (4x fields). Services both Kapiti and Horowhenua on a regular basis. Capacity to expand	Sub-Regional	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District / Mixed Clubs
Horowhenua	Playford Park	Marked for 5x Rugby fields, some touch, also 5x softball diamonds (one skin), clubrooms/changing facilities, toilet block. No capacity issues noted. Services both Horowhenua and Kapiti. Capacity to expand	Sub-Regional	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District / Mixed Clubs	Horowhenua District / Mixed Clubs
Horowhenua	Easton Park	1x Rugby field on large park in Central Foxton by the Foxton Pool. Grandstand, changing rooms and basic clubroom facilities. Basic lighting. Proposed lighting and clubroom upgrades. No capacity issues noted.	District	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District
Horowhenua	Horowhenua College	1x Rugby, 1x Football and 1x Cricket Fields. Demand not increasing. No capacity issues noted.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Horowhenua College
Horowhenua	Levin Domain	1x Rugby field inside Cycling track, lighting, changing facilities, referees room. No capacity issues noted. Beside Aquatic centre and Tennis courts hub.	Sub-Regional	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District / Mixed Clubs	Horowhenua District / Mixed Clubs
Horowhenua	Manukau Domain	1x Football field, partial lighting, clubrooms. Only casual use. Past football, cricket equestrian use.	Local	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District	Manukau Domain User Group
Horowhenua	Manawatu College	Marked for 2x Rugby, 3x Football fields but not all used. 1x Football with partial lights. 2x Cricket wickets.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Manawatu College
Horowhenua	Moynihan Park	Marked for 1x Rugby field with toilets. Minimal use, casual.	Local	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District
Horowhenua	Ohau Domain	Marked for 1x Rugby (3x Touch), clubroom/changing facilities. Minimal use.	Local	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District
Horowhenua	Shannon Domain	1x Rugby and Cricket fields inside old cycling track and athletics track, grandstand and clubrooms, limited lighting, limited use. User group active in new initiatives.	District	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District / Mixed Clubs	Horowhenua District / Mixed Clubs
Horowhenua	Solway Park	1x Rugby / touch field (casual use) on park.	Local	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua district
Horowhenua	Tokomaru Domain	Unmarked open space, no formal sports use.	Local	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District

Horowhenua	Victoria Park	1x junior football field inside bike track, field not used formally, changing rooms, also separate squash courts at site.	Local	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District
Horowhenua	Waiopahu College	1x Rugby and 1x Football fields, also used for 2x Cricket and a mown Athletics track. Well used year-round. No capacity issues noted. Have artificial training area and lights, Close to Playford Park.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Waiopahu College
Horowhenua	Coley Street School	Primary school playing grounds. Open space and 1x junior field, also artificial cricket wicket.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Coley Street school
Horowhenua	Foxton Beach Primary School	Primary school playing grounds. Used for football, rugby, cricket (old wicket) and general use by school.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Foxton Beach School
Horowhenua	Koputaroa School	Primary school playing grounds. No specific uses defined.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Koputaroa School
Horowhenua	Opiki School	Primary school playing grounds. No specific uses defined.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Opiki School
Horowhenua	Poroutawhao School	Primary school playing grounds. No specific uses defined.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Poroutatawhao School
Horowhenua	Tokomaru School	Primary school playing grounds. Posts in place but no specific uses defined.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Tokomaru School
Manawatu	Victoria Park (Feilding)	Larger park with 4x Rugby/League fields, basic training lights, changing rooms and clubrooms. Touch in summer. A single Softball diamond skin. Council are considering the upgrading of floodlighting for improved District provision of training areas.	District	Manawatu District	Manawatu District	Manawatu District
Manawatu	Halcombe Domain	1x rugby field, old training lights, basic small grandstand. Local club use. No capacity issues noted. Land not owned by Council.	Local	Office of Treaty of Waitangi Settlements	Manawatu District	Manawatu District
Manawatu	Johnston Park	2x Rugby fields with lights, 1 inside a cycling velodrome, 2 separate rugby clubs, also bowls and croquet lawns/clubs. A Hub has been discussed. Part of long term considerations for future hub at this or another location.	District	Manawatu District	Manawatu District	Manawatu District
Manawatu	Kimbolton Domain	2-3x Rugby fields, basic training lights, low sport use. Community hall onsite and bowls club and tennis courts. Old ex-rugby clubrooms and Grandstand also.	Local	Manawatu District	Manawatu District	Manawatu District
Manawatu	Te Kawanu Sports Grounds	1x basic Rugby field with low level winter use. No capacity issues noted.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Te Kawanu Sports Club

Manawatu	Timona Park	Marked for 6x Football fields (2x training lights), 2x training Rugby/League fields (2x training lights), all to Cricket in summer, Athletics	District	Manawatu District	Manawatu District	Manawatu District
Palmerston North	Arena Manawatu Back Fields	3x multi-use fields (Rugby, League, Football), 1x Small rec/training field, Drainage issues, considering artificials. A Master Plan guides future development of the complex.	Regional	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	CET Arena	1x main field 'Oval' for Premier Games. In Arena Manawatu complex.	National	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Fitzherbert Park Oval	1x League field on premier Cricket Oval. No capacity issues noted. Manawatu Cricket Association plan to return the Park to premier status to hold first class matches. Upgrades possible.	Regional	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Memorial Park	1x premiere football field inside skating track (with small grandstand). Well used. No capacity issues noted.	Regional	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Massey University	10x Rugby fields with 5x game fields, 2x training field facility (with lights), and 2x Football fields. Well used and multiple uses.	District	Massey University	Massey University	Massey University
Palmerston North	Sport & Rugby Institute	3x rugby fields	Regional	Massey University	Massey University	Massey University
Palmerston North	Manawaroa Park	Well used 6x cricket wickets by cricket centre and practice facilities, +20x junior hockey pitches. Multiple clubrooms/pavilions. Joins with Ongley Park and adjacent to Fitzherbert Park/ Wallace Park/ PNGHS etc. Currently undergoing renovations (levelling and re-sowing work).	District	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Ongley Park	5x Rugby fields and training spaces, multiple grass and artificial cricket wickets, adjacent to cricket centre. Joins with Manawaroa Park and close to Fitzherbert Park/ Wallace Park/ PNGHS etc. Needs drainage work.	District	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Colquhoun Park	4x football, 1x junior, 3x Rugby and training space, summer 10x touch, rugby lighting and pavilion, also 2x softball diamonds and 4x public tennis courts. Well used. No capacity issues noted beyond maintenance needs.	Local	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Ashhurst Domain	Larger Park with 5x Football fields plus 1 training area, 1x Cricket pitch. Well used by no capacity issues. Options to expand if needed.	Regional	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Bill Brown Park	Marked for 6x Rugby fields (summer touch), 1 training area, 2x lighting, changing rooms/pavilion and adjacent community hall and tennis courts. Well used. Drainage issues.	Local	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City

Palmerston North	Bunnythorpe Domain	Marked for 1x Rugby field, lighting, small changing rooms/pavilion, clubrooms opposite. Little sport use in summer. No capacity issues noted. Basic training field nearby.	Local	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Celaeno Park	6x football fields, well used winter, touch and school in summer. Basic changing rooms. No capacity issues noted.	District	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Cloverlea Park	Open space by primary school, 4x rippa rugby fields and casual use. No capacity issues noted.	Local	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Coronation Park	4x Rugby, 2x league and 3 artificial cricket pitches (largely casual), some training lights. No capacity issues noted.	District	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Hokowhitu Domain	3x football fields, 4x junior football fields, 1 training area, 3x artificial Cricket pitches. By primary school/bowling club. No capacity issues noted	District	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Lincoln Park	1x Rugby field, 2x junior, rugby clubrooms, basic training lights	Local	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Linton Army Camp	2x Rugby, 1x league, 1x football. Partial/limited public use	Local	NZ Defence Force	NZ Defence Force	NZ Defence Force
Palmerston North	Mahanga Kakariki Reserve	2x junior football in open pace park. No capacity issues noted.	Local	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Monrad Park	8x junior football, 10x junior touch, some lighting, pavilion. Adjacent to 2 schools, Highbury Whanau Centre, Te Patikitiki branch library. No capacity issues noted.	District	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Paneiri Park	2x rugby fields and 5x artificial cricket wickets, well used (casual cricket), no capacity issues noted.	District	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Papaioea Park	1x artificial cricket pitch, 4x junior football fields, some casual junior cricket pitches (mown grass), some rippa rugby use. Pavilion. Well used. No capacity issues noted.	District	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Rangitane Park	Junior football fields in the past, not currently needed/used.	Local	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Savage Reserve	Open space park with 5x rippa rugby fields, otherwise casual use	Local	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Skoglund Park	4x football fields, 1 training area, Pavilion. Drainage and irrigation issues. Has been a prominent football park. Adjacent to Freyberg High School and Vautier Park.	District	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Takaro Park	1x football field and training space, basic lighting. Well used and capacity exceeded by training uses/field condition.	Local	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City

Palmerston North	Wahikoa Park	1x small cricket training space by 2 high schools (PNBHS and QEC)	Local	Palmerston North City	Ministry of Education	Palmerston North Boys High
Palmerston North	Wallace Park	2x junior football, 1x artificial cricket pitch, well used. No capacity issues noted. Leased from PNGHS	District	Ministry of Education	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Waterloo Park	1x football training space, basic lighting and facilities. Well used.	Local	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Rangitikei	Taihapa Memorial Park	3x rugby fields (2 with lights) 1x cricket pitch (recent irrigation system installed), Rugby clubrooms. Small grandstand, tennis/netball courts, squash courts. Clubrooms, community pool. Many community events. No capacity issues noted. Community engagement to be undertaken regarding options for a new amenities/grandstand/recreational facility.	District	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District
Rangitikei	Bulls Domain	2x rugby fields, 1x football, lights on 1 field, clubrooms and tennis/netball courts and pavilion. Casual summer use. No capacity issues noted.	Local	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District
Rangitikei	Centennial Park	2x playing fields 1x cricket wicket & practice net, by netball courts (with lights), pavilion, skatepark (to be extended) Largely casual use.	Local	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District
Rangitikei	Hunterville Domain	1x Rugby field, basic clubrooms and small grandstand. Basic lighting. Lighting and clubrooms upgrades desired. No field capacity issues noted.	Local	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District
Rangitikei	Marton Park	2x Rugby fields, clubrooms. No capacity issues noted. Clubroom upgrades desired.	Local	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District
Rangitikei	Rangitikei College	School grounds with 2x main rugby (or football) fields for school use, no lighting. No capacity issues noted. Multisport hub/turf has been built	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Rangitikei College
Rangitikei	Ratana Rugby Grounds	1x Rugby field in larger open space, no clubrooms. Casual/local use only. No capacity issues noted apart from general upgrade to ground.	Local	Private	Ratana Communal Board	Ratana Communal Board
Rangitikei	Sir James Wilson Park	3x football fields, 1 x touch field, various clubrooms (used and unused), old velodrome. Drainage issues. No capacity issues noted as no formal sport uses. Used for events e.g. Country Music Festival/Circus.	Local	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District
Ruapehu	Taumarunui Domain	Open space on domain for 3x fields, only casual use. No capacity issues noted. Clubrooms. Bowls, Netball(uncovered) and pool facilities present. Grandstand (possible upgrades) Athletics & touch in summer and school use. Possible cricket pitch being laid.	District	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District

Ruapehu	Cherry Grove Domain	3x football fields, use level/issues unknown	Local	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District
Ruapehu	Manunui Domain	2x old Rugby fields (club shut down), open space some junior football markings. Community casual uses	Local	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District
Ruapehu	Raetihi Recreational Reserve	Open space with 1x senior rugby field and 1x football. Changing shed. Light winter use. Tennis clubrooms with tennis courts and basketball court adjacent.	Local	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District
Ruapehu	Rochfort Park	1x rugby field, lights and clubrooms by Domain. No capacity issues noted.	Local	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District
Ruapehu	Taumarunui Rugby & Sports Club (Cherry Grove)	1x Rugby training field, basic training lights, clubrooms. No capacity issues noted	Local	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District
Ruapehu	Ohura Park	1x old Rugby fields (club shut down) Community casual uses	Local	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District
Ruapehu	Matiere Park	1x old Rugby fields (club shut down) Community casual uses	Local	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District
Tararua	Bush Multisport Park	2x Rugby fields, 1x senior football (also 2x junior), lighting. Various uses year-round as part of hub but no capacity issues noted.	District	Tararua District	Bush Multisport Trust/Tararua District	Bush Multisport Trust/Tararua District
Tararua	Rugby Park Dannevirke	3x Rugby fields (1x main and 2x backfields), training lights, small grandstand. No summer use. No capacity issues noted.	Local	Dannevirke Rugby Sub Union	Dannevirke Rugby Sub Union	Dannevirke Rugby Sub Union
Tararua	Coronation Park	2x Rugby fields, 3x junior fields, lighting, cricket wicket (alternative ground for cricket), changing sheds. Also squash club onsite. No capacity issues noted.	Local	Tararua District	Tararua District	Tararua District
Tararua	Dannevirke Domain	2x football fields on Domain oval and more junior fields (major user), cricket and athletics use in summer. Grandstand with changing rooms and social room. Adjacent to Community pool. No capacity issues noted.	Local	Tararua District	Tararua District	Tararua District
Tararua	Eketahuna Domain	2x Rugby fields on large open space, training lights, rugby clubrooms. Little summer use. Adjacent to tennis courts. No capacity issues noted.	Local	Tararua District	Tararua District	Tararua District
Tararua	Hockey Park (Woodville)	2x football fields with main 1 beside clubroom. Casual use summer. No capacity issues noted.	Local	Tararua District	Tararua District	Tararua District
Tararua	Woodville Recreation Grounds	1x Rugby field (largely unused/casual use now), adjacent to old Rugby clubrooms (now a local events centre) and Woodville pool.	Local	Tararua District	Tararua District	Tararua District

Whanganui	Cooks Gardens	Main rugby field, grandstand for 4000, lighting towers, corporate boxes, media and function rooms, inside the 400m artificial athletics track.	Regional	Whanganui District	Whanganui District	Whanganui District
Whanganui	Gonville Domain	Multiple sports fields used for rugby, touch, cricket, plus other ad hoc events.	Local	Whanganui District	Whanganui District	Whanganui District
Whanganui	Springvale Park	Multiple sports fields used for rugby, touch, cricket, plus other ad hoc events. Adjacent to stadiums in hub. Also adjacent to multiple fields for Whanganui College and Whanganui Collegiate.	Local	Whanganui District	Whanganui District	Whanganui District

Some summary points from the data

- Over 80 Playing Field facilities were reported on by survey across the region (as shown in Table 8.1), and many additional open space facilities which are potentially suitable for fields (if needed) are likely to be found in association with schools (beyond those already defined), see Section 8.4). Note that results for Whanganui District were not as comprehensive as elsewhere due to the Districts omission from the survey used here. This was because an earlier and separate facility assessment (with a less extensive scope) had been done by others for Whanganui District.
- Specific field numbers were not always apparent at each facility site, subject to code, season (e.g. winter vs summer uses) and participation level (e.g. senior/junior). A provisional count from the current descriptions (and related checks) yielded estimates of over 100 Rugby fields, over 60 Football fields (current or past/potential fields). Some of both these types of fields were also seasonally interchangeable with Cricket use, with over 30 being specifically described for cricket (either exclusively or seasonally). These fields could also be complemented by other informally used sites at some parks or schools, which potentially also represent extra supply options if needed.
- Most survey responses indicated facilities were meeting needs. Any of the few problems noted were usually related to field condition in wet weather. Over-capacity concerns were rare, except where training use impacted on field condition. Overall there appeared to be little constraint on participation due to field numbers/conditions.
- Only three notable playing field developments were referred to here. The first was a proposal to put artificial surfaces on the backfield facility at Arena Manawatu. It was also noted was that both Rangitikei College and Nga Awa Diocesan School had been actively investigating facility proposals for multisport facilities (including artificial fields) in partnerships with Rangitikei District Council (with Rangitikei College's recently completed). Such developments would represent significant added capacities for activities (and training) typically undertaken on playing fields in both Palmerston North and Marton.
- Any other developments were largely only maintenance related or related to other playing field-associated facilities (e.g. clubrooms). Some noted that limited developments were anticipated at their sites as playing field demands were not high there.
- Palmerston North (and to a lesser extent Horowhenua) appear to have large dedicated and more developed Playing Field hubs, while other Districts (Manawatu, Rangitikei, Ruapehu and Tararua) had only more basic traditional Domain-based and Club-based facilities, although Tararua had a distinctive 'small-town' hub model – as represented by the Bush Multisport Park.
- Overall demand appears quite low in many venues – with no real indication of demand pressure in most. There appeared to be plenty of options to develop new fields in new sites (or currently underutilised sites) – subject to suitable need and resourcing (e.g. schools, retired current grounds etc). Some sites have already been 'retired' after club closures or mergers (e.g. Woodville Recreation Grounds, Mananui Domain)

Note that these results do not reflect the direct facility concerns of individual user groups, just those issues that the management respondents noted. Presumably if any user problems were significant enough, managers would be aware of them and would have indicated so.



8.4 School Facility Summary

Schools play an important complementary role in providing sport and recreation facilities in their communities. While virtually all schools will have outdoor grass spaces, among secondary-age schools in particular these spaces are often specifically defined as playing fields of varying sorts. With 25 full secondary schools listed in the Manawatu-Wanganui Region and an additional 7 composite primary/secondary schools (plus 7 Intermediates), there is considerable potential playing field capacity represented in their grounds. This potential capacity would be further enhanced by the extensive green open spaces represented among the additional 150+ Primary Schools. Examples indicative of such potential supply options at primary schools were noted in Horowhenua survey responses in particular, as documented in Table 8.1 (above). Most post-primary schools had some more formally defined sports fields, or were located adjacent to large parks containing sports fields which they could use by default.

Most of these facilities would be typically available for community use to some extent, subject to school policies and school use priorities.

Below summarises what indicative secondary school-level¹² playing field provisions were determined from survey results (marked *) and online checking. It was notable that few survey responses were made with respect to secondary school facilities, suggesting these were not currently integrated into the sports field use networks of most councils. This does suggest considerable additional playing fields capacity potential does exist (if needed). Capital improvements may be required to unlock this potential.

Horowhenua

- Horowhenua College* - 1x Rugby, 1x Football, also 1x Cricket Fields
- Manawatu College* - 2x Rugby, 3x Football, partial lights
- Waiopehu College* - 1x Rugby, 1x Football, also 1x Cricket and mown Athletics track
- Levin Intermediate - 1x Football, adjacent to Donnelly Park

Manawatu

- Feilding High School - 1x Rugby, 1x Football, 1x Cricket fields (multiuse artificial)
- Hato Paora College - Extensive grounds sufficient for 2-3 fields, remote site
- Feilding Intermediate - 2x Football, 1x Cricket fields

Palmerston North City

- PN Boys' High School - 2x Rugby, 2x Football, Cricket (Wahikoa Park), some lights
- PH Girls' High School - adjacent to Manawaroa, Fitzherbert, and Wallace Parks
- Queen Elizabeth College - 2x Rugby, 2x Football, Cricket (Wahikoa Park), some lights
- St Peter's College - 1x Rugby, 1x Football, also Cricket, and mown Athletics track
- Awatapu College - 1x Rugby, 1x Football, also cricket
- Freyberg High School - 1x Rugby, 1x Football, 1x Cricket, by Skoglund Park & Ross Int
- Longburn Adventist Coll - 1x Rugby, rural area near city
- Manukura - no full fields, adjacent to open green space)
- Monrad Intermediate - no full fields, open green spaces, adjacent to Monrad Park
- Palmerston North Int - No full fields, some green space in inner city
- Ross Intermediate - 1x Rugby, 1x football, adjacent to Freyberg High School
- Cornerstone Christian School (Comp) - 1x Rugby Field and open green space
- Mana Tamariki (Comp) - no full fields, open green spaces

¹² Including Secondary Schools, Composite Schools and Intermediate Schools

Rangitikei

- Rangitikei College* - 2x main rugby or football fields, new multiuse artificial
- Nga Tawa Diocesan - Open space sufficient for fields (any), planned multiuse artificial
- Taihape Area School (Comp) - No full fields, adjacent to Memorial Park

Ruapehu

- Ruapehu College - 2x Rugby, 1x Football, Cricket, mown Athletics track, multiuse artificial
- Taumarunui High - 1x Rugby, 1x Football, Cricket, mown Athletics track, multiuse artificial

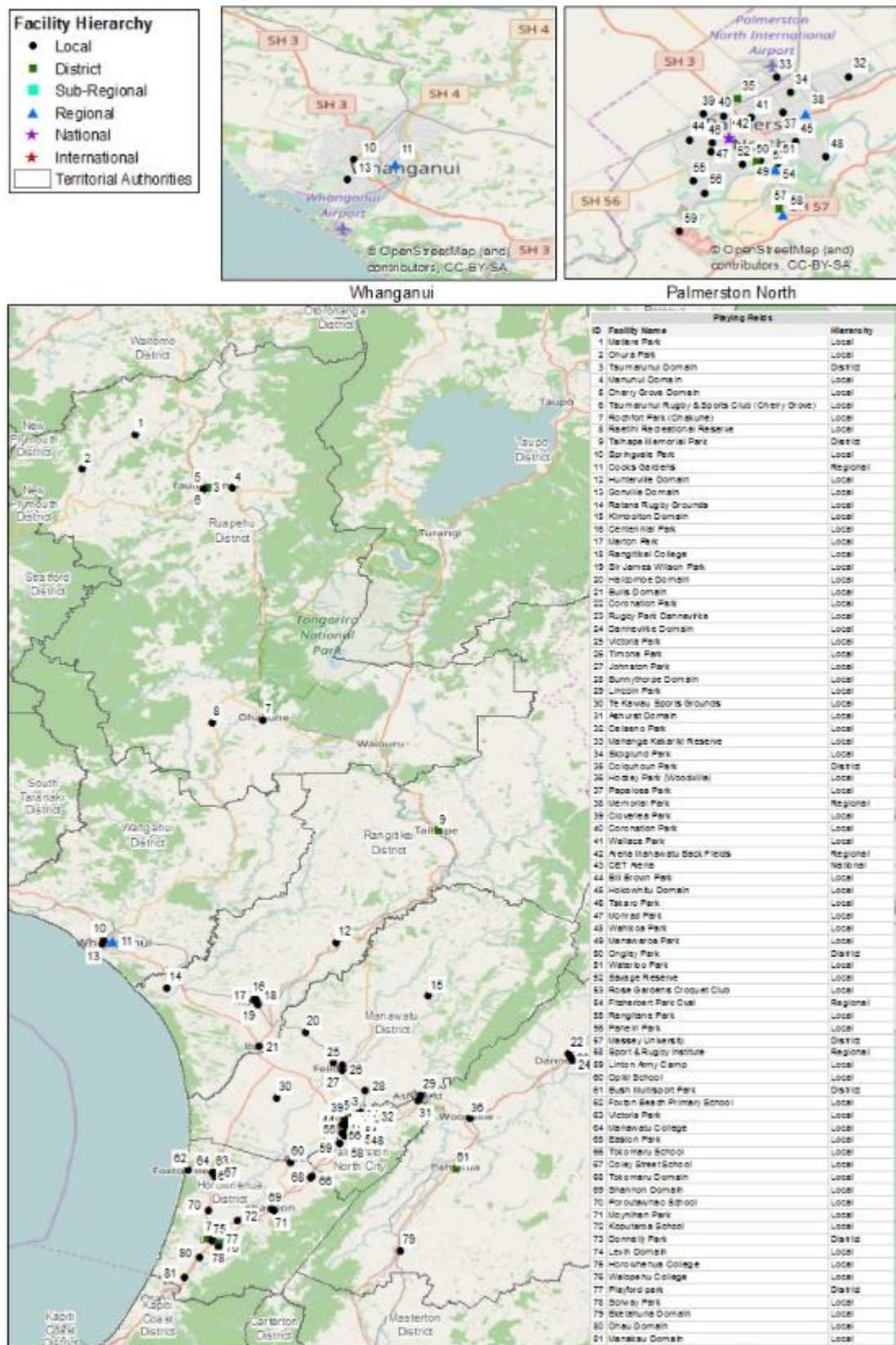
Taranaki District

- Dannevirke High - 2x rugby, open space for 2+ more, also cricket
- Taranaki College - 1x Rugby, 1x Football, also Cricket and mown Athletics track.
- TKKM o Tamaki Nui A Rua (Comp) - no full fields, open green spaces
- Totara Coll of Accelerated Learning (Comp) - 1x Rugby, open green spaces

Whanganui

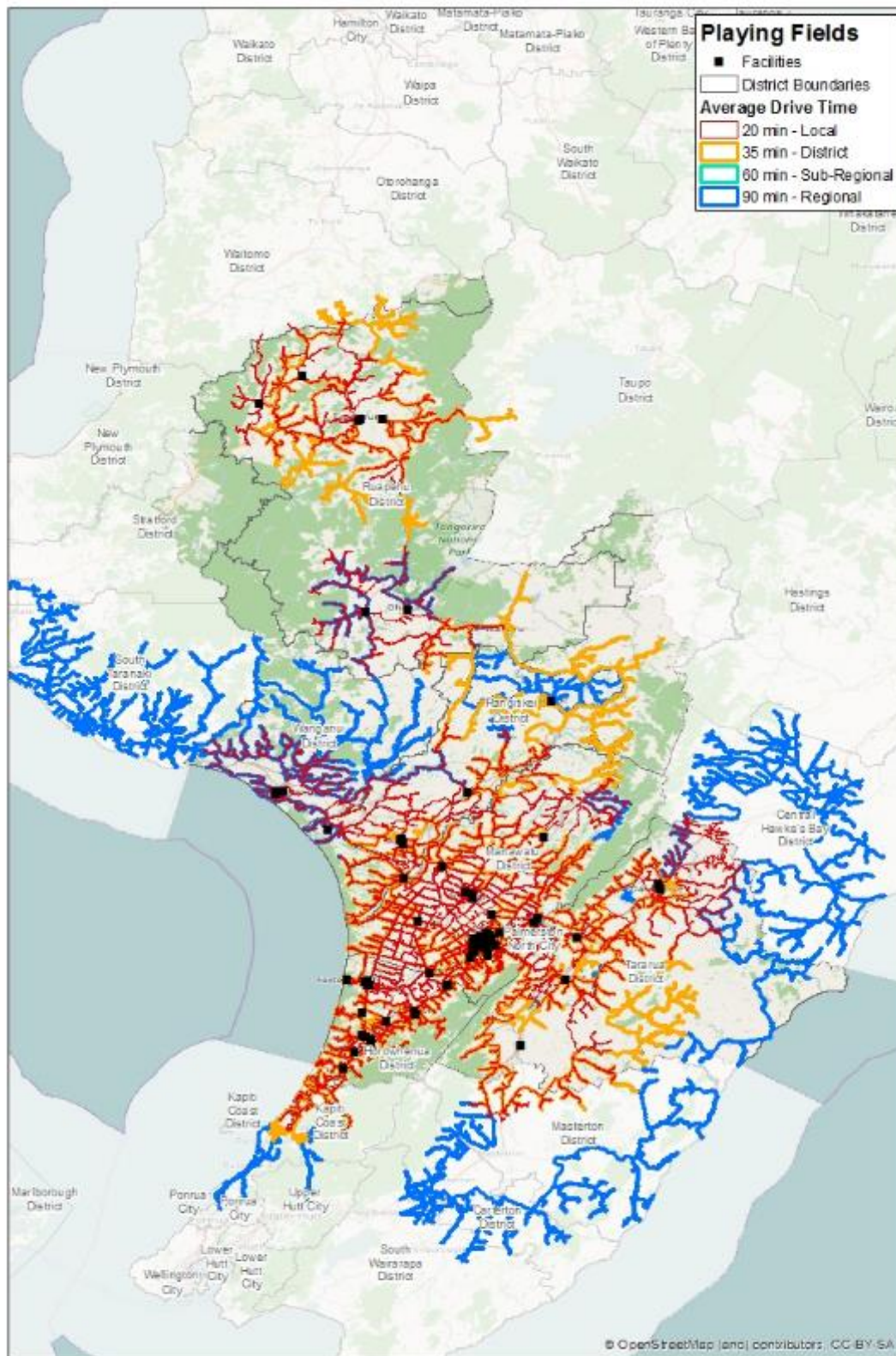
- Wanganui Collegiate - 1x Rugby, 1x football, Cricket, by Springvale Park (Hockey Turf)
- Whanganui City Coll - 2x football, 1x Rugby, Cricket, some lights, multiuse artificial
- Whanganui Girls' College - no full fields, open green space, multiuse artificial
- Whanganui High School - 2x Rugby, 2x Football, large open areas adjacent
- Cullinane College - 2x Rugby, 1x football (on adjacent Peat Park WDC), multiuse artificial
- St Dominic's Coll - no full fields, open green space, adjacent to Gonville Domain
- Rutherford Junior High - 1x Rugby, 1x Football fields, also Cricket
- Whanganui Intermediate - 1x Rugby, 1x Football, also Cricket
- Te Kura o Kokohuia (Comp) - 1x Rugby field, open green spaces
- TKKM o Tupoho (Composite) - 1x Rugby field, open green spaces

Map 8.1: Existing Playing Field Facilities (from Survey)



8.5 Network Coverage - Drive Time Analysis

Map 8.2 Drive time map – Playing Field Facilities



8.6 Proposed Facility Approach – Playing Fields

Regionwide Key Considerations

- Take account of the Playing Field facility/activity needs of a significantly aging population, and growth in the total numbers of older people in terms of both activity-type preferences and appropriate facility type, location and accessibility (specifications and transport). At the same time, the opportunities for new-entrant and younger participants in activities need to be enhanced to grow participation.
- The geographic distribution of the Region's, and constituent District's, populations and competitions.
- To provide new Playing Fields comes at a significant cost. Therefore, it is important that – subject to demand requirement - a regional hierarchy of fields is provided ranging from more numerous basic all-purpose fields (e.g. at schools and Domains) through to a few higher specification fields. Current facilities also require ongoing maintenance and consideration of drainage and irrigation options to reduce seasonal/weather impacts (where necessary).
- Regional/District code responses for rugby, league, football touch and cricket indicated most fields were considered to meet needs overall, (subject to weather) although sometimes supporting facilities such as changing facilities etc were considered inadequate. Football noted a higher specification 'Home of Football' need (e.g. incorporating artificial surface, lights etc). Cricket noted current facilities largely met need but they were somewhat constrained by potential growth, development (incorporating practice facilities) or large event needs, it also noted that ongoing improvement was being advanced across the region when possible. Rugby noted field needs from growth in junior/rippa rugby.
- It is also important to consider the presence and strategic location of any Regional-level facilities for higher purpose uses (e.g. Regional/National tournaments/competitions) in or nearby to the region.
- With a significant portion of the Regional and District populations currently aged over 65 years, and with this anticipated to increase, the Region and Districts needs to consider a strategy of adapting existing Playing Field facilities where possible to meet the needs of an aging population. Will the demand for playing field sports be maintained at current levels?
- It is vital that school and other non-council facilities continue to be considered for their role in the network. Council needs to ensure ongoing community access to these venues is secure to cater for demand. This is especially so in the smaller Districts and Centres where lower population densities mean partnership approaches and more flexible to general-purpose and affordable (at lower volumes) resources are more necessary.

Council Area	Playing Field Facilities	Key Considerations (for specific areas)	Proposed Facility Approach	Timeframe Short term 0-3 years Medium term 4-10 Long term 10 plus yrs
Horowhenua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donnelly Park • Playford Park • Easton Park • Horowhenua College • Levin Domain • Manukau Domain • Manawatu College • Moynihan Park • Ohau Domain • Shannon Domain • Solway Park • Tokomaru Domain • Victoria Park • Waiopahu College • Coley Street School • Foxton Beach Primary School • Koputaroa School • Levin North School • Opiki School • Poroutawhao School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a large council facility in Levin (Donnelly Park), complemented other by large park and high school facilities. School-based options may enable strategic development and partnerships for higher standards and access as required. • No significant capacity or quality issues were identified at playing field facilities (beyond occasionally occurring and localised short-term drainage issues, and some lighting). Rather, spare capacity was noted as being available (if required) at some of the larger sites (i.e. Donnelly Park, Playford Park) and in association with school grounds (see Section 9.4). • In its current LTP, council indicted no major projects related to developing playing field facilities. • The closely sited Playford Park and Waiopahu College sites have an already recognised (but yet to be fully realised) hub potential. Also, Playford Park is a softball centre. • Take account of the slightly larger numbers of residents, as well as projected increasing numbers of older residents in particular • Also note the additional projections beyond those of Statistics NZ undertaken for Council by NZIER due to potential higher growth outcomes from significant Kapiti Coast – Wellington Highway improvements. These suggest substantially more residents (28%) by 2043 (around 9,000 vs 300 from Statistics NZ). 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to an aging population. • Formalise facility partnerships with high schools to ensure quality community access as required. • Closely monitor the location and scale of any development plans to accommodate projected new residents, and the emergence of any new peak-use capacity issues. • Investigate the extent to which enhancing network capacity (via improving facility specification, programming and partnerships) can address any potential ‘new demand’ pressures (because of NZIER projected population growth). 	<p>Short-Medium term</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tokomaru School <p>Other Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Section 9.4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note District population (~30,000) concentrations are largely in Levin (~21,000) and to a lesser extent Foxton (~4,500) and Shannon (1,300), and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Palmerston North and in nearby Kapiti District towns (i.e. Otaki). 		
Manawatu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Victoria Park (Feilding) Halcombe Domain Johnston Park Kimbolton Domain Te Kawau Sports Grounds Timona Park <p>Other Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Section 9.4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has multiple park options throughout the district, and school-based options may enable strategic development and partnerships for higher standards and access as required (see Section 9.4). No significant capacity or quality issues were identified at playing field facilities (beyond occasionally occurring and localised short-term drainage issues). In its current LTP, council indicated no major projects related to developing playing field facilities, other intentions for general (non-sport) improvements to Kowhai Park and Rimu Park in Feilding, and creation of the new Feilding subdivision-related Pharazyn and Ranfurly Parks (with no specific sports uses indicated). Take account of the slightly larger numbers of residents, as well as projected increasing numbers of older residents in particular Note District population (~27,000) concentrations predominantly in Feilding (~16000), and to a lesser extent in a range of several small towns, and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Palmerston North. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to an aging population. As demand warrants, undertake an options assessment for optimising Playing Field capacity (e.g. accessing other field spaces, times improving specification, potentially in partnerships). Consider as part of MDCs Sports Provision Plan. Formalise facility partnerships with strategic schools to ensure quality access (as required by anticipated demands and gaps). Monitor population growth to determine if it is tracking along the 'High' or 'Medium' series from Statistics NZ. 	<p>Short-Medium term</p> <p>Medium term</p> <p>Short-Medium term</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Palmerston North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arena Manawatu Back Fields Fitzherbert Park Oval 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has a number of Regionally premiere venues (e.g. Arena Manawatu, Fitzherbert Park Oval. Memorial Park) that provide facility scales and qualities to meet high level needs. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should capacity issues arise form formalised facility partnerships with targeted schools to ensure 	<p>Medium-Long term</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorial Park • Massey University • Manawaroa Park • Ongley Park • Colquhoun Park • Ashurst Domain • Bill Brown Park • Bunnythorpe Domain • Celaeno Park • Cloverlea Park • Coronation Park • Hokowhitu Domain • Lincoln Park • Linton Army Camp • Mahanga Kakariki Reserve • Monrad Park • Paneiri Park • Papaioea Park • Rangitane Park • Savage Reserve • Skoglund Park • Takaro Park • Wahikoa Park • Wallace Park • Waterloo Park <p>Other Schools</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are some larger university, school and NZ Defence facilities/sites which may enable strategic developments and partnerships for higher standards and accessibilities as required (see Section 9.4). • No significant playing field capacity or quality issues were identified (beyond occasionally occurring and localised short-term drainage issues), although there is a demand for an artificial turf from football. • Arena Manawatu is also considering the priority of multi-code artificial turf programmes as part of a review of the Arena Master Plan. • In its LTP and supporting documents, the main actions indicated by Council for future projects were lighting of the rear fields at Arena Manawatu, contribution towards a 3rd Hockey turf, and an intention to develop an artificial sportsfield. It was considered that no new sports fields were needed, although some maintenance projects were indicated. • Take account of the projected larger numbers of residents, more diversity, and increasing numbers of both younger adults as well as older residents. • Note the population concentrations (~ 80,000) all in Palmerston North City itself, and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Feilding, although many options exist in the city itself. 	<p>enhanced quality community access to fields.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the aging population and sports participation trends. 	<p>Ongoing</p>
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		proximities to any strategic facilities in Whanganui and Palmerston North.		
Ruapehu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taumarunui Domain • Cherry Grove Domain • Manunui Domain • Raetihi Recreational Reserve • Rochfort Park • Taumarunui Rugby & Sports Club (Cherry Grove) <p>Other Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Section 9.4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has limited but widely distributed civic playing field facilities across the District. • Few school-based options may be available to enable strategic development and partnerships for higher standards and access as required. However, these may be key local opportunities where identified in smaller centres. (see Section 8.4) • No significant capacity or facility issues were identified at any of these facilities other than general maintenance. It was common that playing field demand at many sites had decreased. • It its current LTP, Council have indicated playing fields are underutilised and that there are sufficient available for both summer and winter codes. • The highest proportion of Maori population in the Region • High relative numbers of temporary visitors to the District (i.e. holiday homes, other tourism) • Take account of the projected fewer number of residents overall, as well as projected increasing numbers of older residents in particular • Slightly declining and strongly aging population – likely that demand will decrease unless field sports for older residents become more popular. • Note District population (~12,000) concentration mainly in Taumarunui (~5,000), Ohakune, Raetihi and Waiouru (~1,000 each), but otherwise very dispersed in low levels. Few relative proximities to any other strategic facility sites. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess facility rationalisation and optimising opportunities. • Explore school community partnerships in strategic areas. • Formalise facility partnerships with schools to ensure quality community access (as required by anticipated demands and gaps). 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Short term</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

Tatarua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bush Multisport Park • Rugby Park • Dannevirke • Coronation Park • Dannevirke Domain • Eketahuna Domain • Hockey Park (Woodville) • Woodville Recreation Grounds <p>Other schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Section 9.4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has limited basic council facilities but has more capacity in partnerships (e.g. Bush Multisport Park) • A few other school-based options may also be available to enable strategic development and partnerships for higher standards and access as required. • No significant capacity or facility issues were identified at any of these facilities other than general maintenance. It was common that playing field demand at many sites had decreased. • It its current LTP, Council have indicated a relative oversupply of recreation and serve land, indicating playing fields are generally underutilised and that there are sufficient available. • Bush Multisport Park in Pahiatua is the largest and most diverse fields facility in the District, despite the small local population. This does represent a potential sports facility model for the smaller centres. • Take account of the slightly increasing and strongly aging population – likely that demand will decrease unless field sports for older residents become popular. • Note District population (~17,000) concentrations of around a third in Dannevirke (~5,000), around a quarter in Pahiatua (~2,500) and Woodville (~1,500) combined, and the remaining several thousand dispersed widely across the District in a range of small rural towns. Note relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Palmerston North. • Note - Woodville Recreation Grounds Park was under consideration for retirement and residential 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess facility rationalisation and optimising opportunities. • Explore school community partnerships in strategic areas. • Formalise facility partnerships with high schools to ensure quality community access (as required by anticipated demands and gaps). 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Medium term</p>
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		development after Rugby use declined following merger with Paihiatua.		
Wanganui	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooks Gardens • Gonville Domain • Springvale Park <p>Other schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Section 9.4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports fields are well provided for and have a focus at the Springvale Park hub, although the premiere grounds are at Cooks gardens. • The District has numerous basic council field facilities across the city (e.g. Gonville Domain), especially when school fields are included (see Section 8.4). • A few other school-based options may also be available to enable strategic development and partnerships for higher standards and access as required. • No significant capacity or facility issues were identified at any of these facilities other than general maintenance. • It its current LTP, Council have indicated a relative oversupply of recreation and serve land, indicating playing fields are generally underutilised and that there are sufficient available. The focus was on any field/turf developments associated with creation of a community sports hub at Springvale Park, and quality of fields at Cooks Gardens. • The Wanganui population is projected to increase very little and age. • Note District population (~42,000) concentrations primarily in Whanganui itself (~40,000) 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess facility rationalisation and optimising opportunities (lowering or increasing the specification of fields in different areas). This can relate to changing the ongoing roles of current artificial turfs (i.e. Gonville Domain). • Explore school / community partnerships and hubbing opportunities in strategic areas (such as Springvale Park). • Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use because of the aging population. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

9.0 CRICKET FACILITIES

9.1 Introduction

This section summarises the stocktake and review undertaken for Cricket facilities. Here 'cricket facilities' refer to established grass-blocks and/or artificial wickets on playing fields, and associated outdoor net facilities. It provides high-level strategic directions/recommendations. Note is also made of specialised indoor facilities for cricket, although these are described more fully in the section on specialised indoor facilities (Section 18.1). There are also strong overlaps with the playing field facilities discussed in Section 8.0.

9.2 Strategic Context

A strategic context for this type of asset is provided from a range of regional and national documents. A summary of key points is outlined below. Specific references to Council intentions are noted below and in Section 9.6 (Proposed Facility Approach). National sports facility strategies have relevance to cricket provision. These are focused at the Region level, rather than providing specific direction regarding Districts. The main documents available are:

New Zealand Cricket Facilities Strategy (2013)

- With the exception of Auckland, most regions in New Zealand do not require significant investment in additional new facilities for the participation and development levels of cricket.
- This strategy recommended that each Cricket Association should develop a facility network plan to improve current facilities.
- Developing more consistency in cricket facilities was a general priority, based on a link between facility quality and player development.
- A focus was recommended on improving cricket facilities at the secondary school level, including a network-based partnership approach.
- A focus was also recommended on developing more artificial facilities for playing and training, particularly including all semi-hard ball cricket.
- More specific use of expert facility advisory resources was recommended.

Council Plans and Strategies (facility-specific summary)

- **Palmerston North City Council** – the LTP (2015-2035) did not distinguish cricket-specific facilities from sports fields. Here it is assumed that directions for general sports fields would include cricket facilities in many cases. Overall those state that given current sports field numbers, distribution, maintenance and planned renewals, Palmerston North has an average level of sportsfield provision (i.e. 1.15ha per 1000 residents), comprising fields which are meeting current needs. Ongoing improvements in quality, accessibility and partnerships associated with playing fields (e.g. Massey, Linton, Schools) could enhance the current network's effectiveness further. It was considered that no new sports fields were needed. Supported by the Recreation and Community Facilities Asset Management Plan (2014) and Palmerston North Active Recreation Strategy (2013).
- **Horowhenua District Council** – the LTP (2015-2035) did not feature any specific new cricket facility developments or needs, other than a general facility direction to make facilities multi-use and flexible enough to cater for demand changes related to low growth and an aging population. The Districts 'Infrastructure Strategy' did not include any Recreation assets. However, it is now anticipated that in its

next 2018 LTP, council will adopt much higher long-term population growth projections for the district after work conducted by NZIER related to the RONS Wellington Corridor Project.

- **Tararua District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any new cricket facility developments or needs, other than a general direction for facilities to enhance lifestyle outcomes through fit-for-purpose facilities (in a rural/small/minimal growth/aging population context) supported by enhanced facility planning, processes, partnerships, and collaborations. Benchmarking suggested a relative oversupply of recreation and reserve land compared with elsewhere. The presence of numerous Rural Domains was noted, however it was also noted that the volunteer/community capacity to manage the special needs and facilities for some sports was declining. Supported by a Recreation and Reserves Strategy (2014-2023).
- **Rangitikei District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) stated that council is aiming to rationalise to have fewer but better assets in the District, and to develop one specialised sports field for every major code (presumably including consideration of cricket facilities). It stated that as major projects Council would work to develop multi-use sport facilities at three key sites in the District - Centennial Park, Marton; Taihape Memorial Park and Bulls Domain (presumably including consideration of cricket facilities), and that at other parks council will work to reduce the number and value of council-owned improvements (presumably including consideration of cricket facilities). Supported by its Asset Management Plan: Community and Leisure Assets (2014), which emphasised a long-term process to actively reduce its asset base around strategically meeting priority needs (e.g. researching a 'Smart Decline approach').
- **Manawatu District Council** - the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any specific cricket facility developments or needs apart from general field improvements in Feilding at Kowhai Park and Rimu Park, and creation of new Pharazyn and Ranfurly Parks, all in relation to development contributions from planned sub-divisions. General intentions were for generally enhancing facility flexibility; multi-functionality; suitability for a wider range of users (especially aged); partnerships and collaborations; and programmes to deliver activities. Presumably the assessment of needs for these new parks could include consideration of cricket facilities. The Districts 'Infrastructure Strategy' did not include any Recreation assets.
- **Ruapehu District Council** - the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any cricket facility developments or needs. Sports fields in general (presumably including cricket facilities) were considered under-utilised and the District to have sufficient fields to satisfy existing and future needs of both winter and summer codes. Only a few had basic strategic maintenance signalled. It was focused on maintaining the quality of what was already provided (the status quo) rather than significantly enhancing any facility capacity, particular related to population decline in some areas. It was supported by a Recreation and Community Facilities Asset Management Plan (2015-2025).
- **Whanganui District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) stated no specific cricket facility developments or needs. Sports fields in general (presumably including cricket facilities) were considered under-utilised and the District to have sufficient fields to satisfy existing and future needs of both winter and summer codes. The focus was on any field/turf developments associated with creation of a community sports hub at Springvale Park (presumably including consideration of cricket facilities). Other sites only really had basic strategic maintenance signalled. Supported by the District's Sport and Recreation Facility Strategy (2016)

9.3 Facility Inventory

The facility inventory undertaken for this plan identified 37 specific Cricket facility sites in the Region, of which one was not managed any more for cricket and has no wicket now (Manukau Domain). The remaining 36 were sites which had at least 1 cricket wicket present (including artificial strips). It is also possible that there are other cricket field facilities listed under the playing fields section (Section 8.0), and review of this section in association with that is suggested.

At these 36 sites, there were 68 specific playing wickets defined from the survey. These were either artificial wickets or grass wickets/blocks, each with associated cricket field space. At one particular site (the joint Ongley / Manawaroa Parks, Palmerston North) there were at least 15 wickets noted along with many other facilities. The next largest facilities were the at least 4 wickets at Donnelly Park, Horowhenua and 4 wickets (plus 1 practice) at Panieri Park, Palmerston North.

The 3 specialised indoor venues for cricket that were not included here (see Section 19.1) included one (NZCT Cricket Centre, Palmerston North) which was a unique indoor natural grass facility. The other two were artificial surface facilities (e.g. Donnelly Park Centre, Horowhenua and Ongley Park Indoor Centre, Palmerston North), primarily set up for cricket, but usable by other sports needing indoor training space on turf.

Quite a few small domains and school ground with cricket wickets were noted. These were often concrete based or related artificial surfaces, but received only a little use overall if any at all. It is anticipated that there may be many other such effectively 'retired' facilities of these types.

Details of the Cricket Facilities recorded are summarised in Table 9.1.

No hierarchy was apparent but Fitzherbert Oval in Palmerston North did provide a higher-level facility of more regional national importance. This was also the case for the indoor facilities referred to in Section 20.

Manawaroa / Ongley Parks combined (including administration and indoor training site) represented a large cricket playing/training hub in Palmerston North. Note the facilities associated with Queen Elizabeth College, Palmerston North Boys High and Wahikoa Park could potentially represent a secondary hub. Donnelly Park in Horowhenua also represented a large District hub and potentially sub-regional hub for play and training.

Beyond these the other Districts only had smaller cricket venues, with only some being dedicated and senior club-level (e.g. Kowhai Park, Manawatu; Centennial Park, Rangitikei; Dannevirke Domain, Taranaki) and very few apparent in some Districts (e.g. Ruapehu).

Table 9.1: Cricket Wicket Facilities

Council area	Cricket facilities	Description (summarised)	Draft status	Land owner	Facility owner	Facility manager
Horowhenua	Donnelly Park Cricket	3x artificial wickets and 1x grass block on 2 separate fields in wider Park with many grass wickets. Seasonal Cricket and Football use. Clubrooms. No issues noted. Indoor 'Netten' Pavilion on site (refer Section 19.1)	District	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District
Horowhenua	Weraroa Domain	Dedicated cricket field with 2x grass blocks with 7-8 strips each, 2x nets, public toilet block, clubrooms and base for Weraroa Cricket Club. Cricket-only use. Some development underway.	Local	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District
Horowhenua	Horowhenua College	1x artificial wicket and 2x nets at school fields. No issues noted. Seasonal use. No issues noted.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Horowhenua College
Horowhenua	Manawatu College	1x artificial wicket, 1x grass block and 2x cricket nets at school fields. Seasonal use. No issues noted.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Manawatu College
Horowhenua	Waiopahu College	2x artificial wickets and 2x nets at school fields. Seasonal use. No issues noted.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Waiopahu College
Horowhenua	Manukau Domain	Old domain with lights. Used in past for cricket but currently not used. Low use generally.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Horowhenua District
Horowhenua	Shannon Domain	1x Rugby and Cricket wicket inside old cycling track and athletics track, grandstand and clubrooms, limited lighting, limited use. User group active in new initiatives.	District	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District / Mixed Clubs	Horowhenua District / Mixed Clubs
Horowhenua	Coley Street School	Primary school playing grounds. Open space and 1x junior field, also artificial cricket wicket.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Coley Street school
Horowhenua	Foxton Beach School	Primary school playing grounds. Used for football, rugby, cricket (old wicket) and general use by school.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Foxton Beach School
Manawatu	Kowhai Park	Dedicated cricket field with 1x grass block with four strips, 2x nets and 1x artificial wicket. Pavilion. Cricket only use. No issues noted.	District	Manawatu District	Manawatu District	Manawatu District
Manawatu	Timona Park	3x artificial wickets between football fields on wider park Seasonal use only. Need to consider changing rooms and future wicket location at park. No issues noted.	District	Manawatu District	Manawatu District	Manawatu District
Manawatu	Feilding High School	1x artificial wicket and 2x nets at school fields. Seasonal use. No issues noted.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Feilding High School

Manawatu	Feilding Intermediate	1x artificial wicket between junior football fields at Intermediate school. No issues noted.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Feilding Intermediate
Manawatu	Kimbolton Domain	1x old artificial wicket between 2 rugby fields on Domain. Rarely used. No issues noted.	Local	Manawatu District	Manawatu District	Manawatu District
Palmerston North	Fitzherbert Park/Oval	3x grass wickets/blocks on premiere 1st Class cricket-only oval, grandstand and pavilion facilities. No issues noted.	National	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Manawaroa and Ongley Parks	Two joined dedicated cricket parks jointly containing 10x grass blocks, 5x artificial wickets, 3x nets (multi-lane), Indoor Cricket Training facility, 2x club pavilions and YMCA facilities. Well used by cricket and junior hockey year-round. Drainage and levelling work needed.	District	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Queen Elizabeth College	2x artificial wickets on part of sports park by the school (and Palmerston North BHS cricket facilities on Wahikoa Park). No issues noted.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Queen Elizabeth College
Palmerston North	Palmerston North BHS (Wahikoa Park)	2x artificial wickets 1x large nets facility on wider Wahikoa Park area leased by School (including lights). Seasonal uses. No issues noted.	Local	Palmerston North City	Ministry of Education	Palmerston North Boys High
Palmerston North	Coronation Park	3x artificial wickets between football fields on wider park 2 small pavilions. Cricket use only (at present). No issues noted.	Local	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Hokowhitu Domain	3x cricket wickets between junior football fields on wider domain by school and bowling club. Well used in summer. No issues noted.	Local	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Wallace Park	1x artificial wicket on Wallace Park (near Fitzherbert Oval). Cricket use only. No issues noted.	Local	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Paneiri Park	5x artificial wickets (1x practice) on basic park. No pavilions. Seasonal use, largely casual. No issues noted.	Local	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Papaioea Park	1x artificial wicket and 1x net on wider park. Pavilion and public toilet. Junior seasonal cricket and football. No issues noted.	Local	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Freyberg High School	1x artificial wicket on wider park, seasonal rugby/ football/ athletics. Adjacent to Ross intermediate				
Palmerston North	Ashhurst School	1x artificial wicket and 2x nets on sports ground/park by primary school. Seasonal use. No issues noted.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Ashurst School

Palmerston North	Kopane School	1x artificial wicket in small field behind primary school, junior use only. No issues noted.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Kopane School
Palmerston North	Riverdale School	1x artificial wicket on primary school playing grounds. Low cricket use. No issues noted.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Riverdale School
Rangitikei	Centennial Park	1x grass block on park and 1x nets, pavilion of Marton Saracens Cricket Club. Largely cricket-only use. No issues noted. Pavilion recently upgraded.	Sub-Regional	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District
Rangitikei	Taihape Memorial Park	1x artificial wicket on wider park between rugby fields. Seasonal casual use. No issues noted. Irrigation installed.	Local	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District
Rangitikei	Rangitikei College	1x artificial wicket and 2x practice wickets on school fields. No issues noted.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Rangitikei College
Ruapehu	Taumarunui High School	1x old artificial wicket. Used by the community and school	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Taumarunui High School
Tararua	Dannevirke Domain	1x grass block in main oval and 1x artificial on back field, along with 1x nets (3 lane). Seasonal use for cricket only, casual in winter. Adjacent pool.	District	Tararua District	Tararua District	Tararua District
Tararua	Bush Multisport Park	1x artificial wicket and 1x grass wicket between other fields. Seasonal use with athletics and touch. General fields upgrades noted, particularly lighting.	Local	Tararua District	Tararua District/Bush Multisport Trust	Bush Multisport Trust
Tararua	Coronation Park	1x artificial wicket between two sports fields on park. Casual seasonal use only as a backup pitch.	Local	Tararua District	Tararua District	Tararua District
Tararua	Dannevirke High School	2x artificial wickets between 4 rugby/football fields, and 1x nets (3 bay), and school playing fields. Seasonal school use. No issues noted except nets upgrade.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Dannevirke High School
Whanganui	Victoria Park	4 x grass wickets and club rooms, in park area adjacent to Whanganui Croquet club and bowling greens, also close to Springvale Park.	District	Whanganui District	Whanganui Cricket	Whanganui Cricket
Whanganui	Springvale Park	4 x artificial wickets on fields beside Jubilee Stadium	District	Whanganui District	Cricket Association	Whanganui District

Some summary points from the data – Cricket VENUES

- Focus here on specialised wickets and net facilities rather than the cricket playing fields (see section 8) or specialised indoor facilities for cricket (see Section 19.1)
- It is also apparent that there may be some low use/profile sites at some schools and casual parks/domains (often with a concrete based wicket present as a common feature)
- No capacity issues noted, only some maintenance/quality needs around nets or associated facilities (e.g. pavilions)
- Mostly summer use, although some less formal off-season
- There was no defined hierarchy amongst the listed Cricket sites, but some sites clearly higher status / use value than others.
- Responses indicated that virtually all facilities were meeting current needs and there were no significant demand, membership or maintenance pressures noted. Some sites (especially associated with schools) have development potential for more use if wider rationalisation needed
- While few cricket facilities were noted in Ruapehu, it was suggested a pitch may be laid in Taumarunui Domain

Note that these results do not reflect the direct facility concerns of individual user groups, just those issues that the management respondents noted. Presumably if any user problems were significant enough, managers would be aware of them and would have indicated so.

9.4 School Facility Summary

Schools play an important complementary role in providing sport and recreation facilities in their communities. While virtually all schools will have outdoor grass spaces, among secondary-age schools in particular these spaces are often specifically defined as playing fields of varying sorts. It is not uncommon for cricket fields, wickets and nets to be included in the array of school-provided sports field facilities, particularly among the secondary schools. With 25 full secondary schools listed in the Manawatu-Wanganui Region and an additional 7 composite primary/secondary schools (plus 7 Intermediates), there is considerable potential playing field and cricket facility capacity represented in their grounds.

Beyond the sometimes-extensive cricket facilities noted in some secondary schools (see below), it is noteworthy that 4 primary schools were noted with associated cricket facilities in Table 9.1. These were the Coley Street and Foxton Beach Schools in Horowhenua, and Ashhurst, Kopane and Riverdale Schools in Palmerston North. Given over 130 other primary schools exist in the region overall, it is likely that more under-utilised cricket facilities are present.

If present, most cricket facilities would be typically available for community use to some extent, although most usually after hours and subject to school-use priorities and public access policies.

Horowhenua

- Horowhenua College* - 1x artificial wicket, 2x nets
- Manawatu College* - 1x artificial wicket, 2x nets, 1 grass block
- Waiopehu College* - 2x artificials, practice pitches

Manawatu

- Feilding High School* - 1x artificial wicket, 2x nets
- Feilding Intermediate* - 1x artificial wicket

Palmerston North City

- PN Boys' High School* - 2x artificials, 1x large net facility on Wahikoa Park, some lights
- Queen Elizabeth College* - 2x artificials on Wahikoa Park, some lights (see PHBHS above)
- St Peter's College - 1x grass wicket, 3x nets
- Awatapu College - 1x grass wicket, 4x nets
- Freyberg High School - 1x artificial wicket

Rangitikei

- Rangitikei College* - 1x artificial, 2x practice wickets

Ruapehu

- Ruapehu College - 2x Rugby, 1x grass wicket, 2x nets
- Taumarunui High School* - 1x artificial wicket

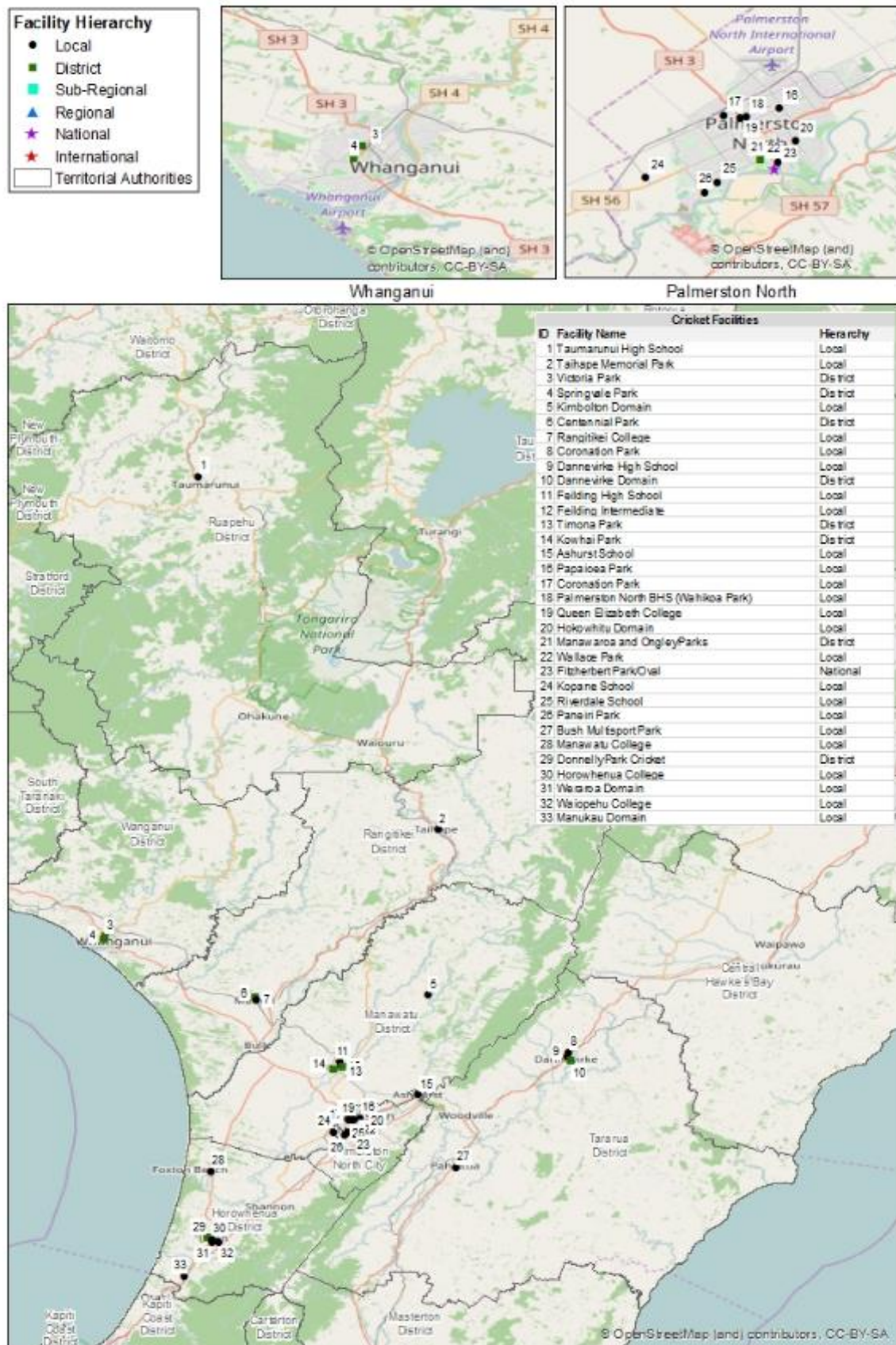
Taranaki District

- Dannevirke High School* - 2x artificials, 3x nets
- Taranaki College - 1x artificial, 2x nets

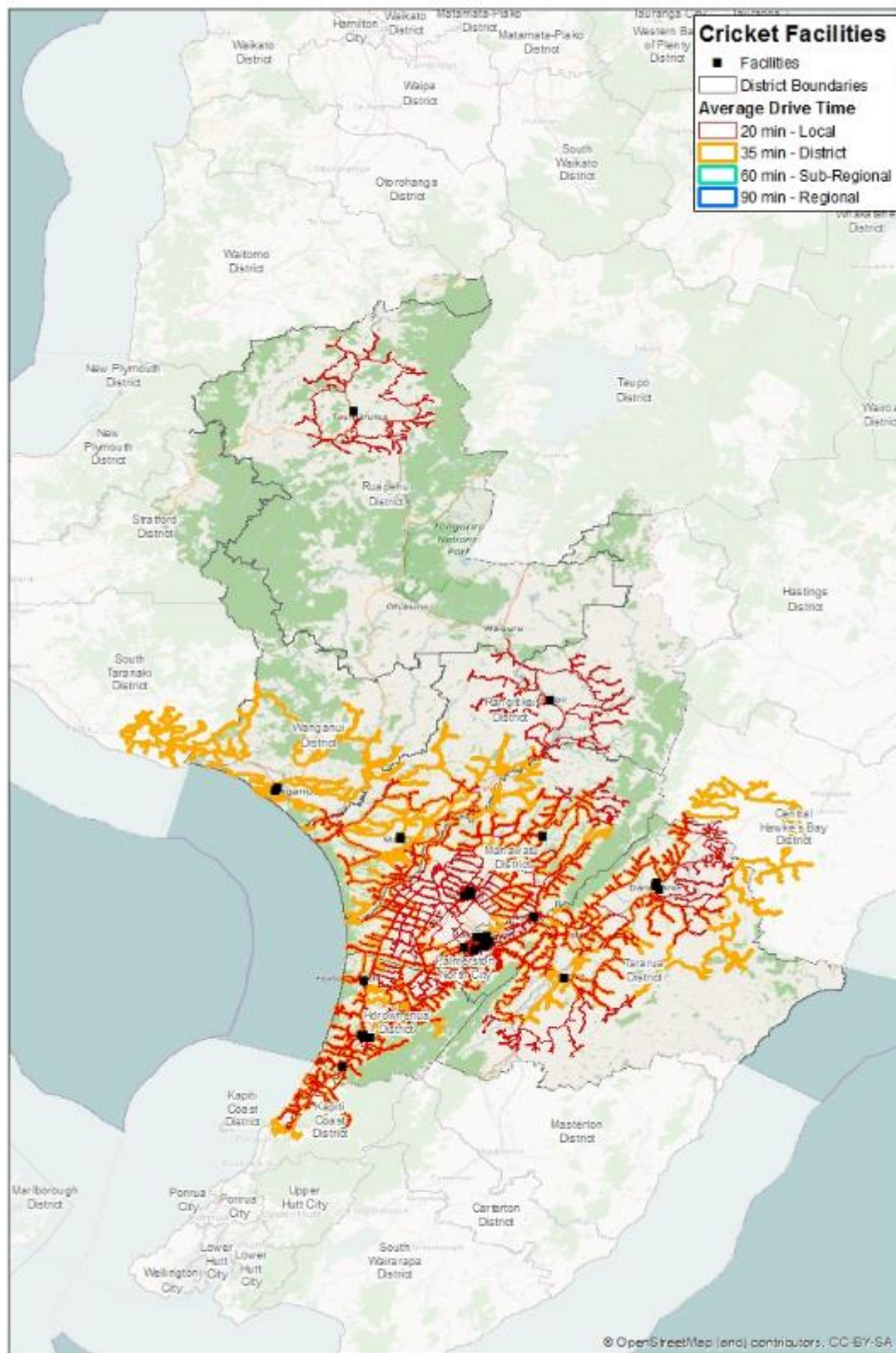
Whanganui

- Wanganui Collegiate - 1x grass block, by Springvale Park / Whanganui High fields
- Whanganui City College - 1x artificial, 4x nets
- Whanganui High School - 2x artificials, by Springvale Park / Whanganui Collegiate fields
- Cullinane College - 1x artificial wicket on adjacent Peat Park (WDC)
- Rutherford Junior High - 1x artificial, 2x nets
- Whanganui Intermediate - 1x artificial, 3x nets

Map 9.1: Existing Cricket Facilities



Map 9.2 Drive time map – Cricket Facilities



9.6 Proposed Facility Approach – Cricket

Regionwide Key Considerations

- Take account of the Cricket facility/activity needs of a significantly aging population, and growth in the total numbers of older people in terms of both activity-type preferences and appropriate facility type, location and accessibility (specifications and transport). At the same time the opportunities for new-entrant and younger participants in activities need to be enhanced to grow participation.
- Regional/District code response for cricket indicated while most fields were considered to meet playing needs overall, sometimes practice or supporting facilities were considered inadequate. They also noted that ongoing improvement was being advanced across the region when possible.
- The geographic distribution of the Region's, and constituent District's, populations and facilities.

Council Area	Cricket Facilities	Key Considerations (for specific areas)	Proposed Facility Approach	Timeframe Short term 0-3 years Medium term 4-10 Long term 10 plus yrs
Horowhenua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donnelly Park Cricket Weraroa Domain Horowhenua College Manawatu College Waiopahu College Manukau Domain Shannon Domain <p>Other schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coley Street School Foxton Beach School <p>Related facilities (see Section 20)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donnelly Indoor Centre (Netten Pavilion) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donnelly Park in Levin provides a cricket hub in the District. It includes multiple artificial wickets and grass wicket blocks; nets; extensive seasonal fields; and an indoor facility for cricket use (Netten Pavilion). However, Weraroa Domain in Levin provides the only specific cricket - only site in the District with dedicated field, wickets, nets and pavilion. Other sites were defined by the presence of mainly (older) artificial wickets usually sited between other sport-field boundaries at a variety of council parks and school grounds. Such school grounds commonly do include nets. No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed cricket facilities. The council did not indicate any notable cricket facility development programmes or investments in cricket facilities in its current LTP. Take account of the larger numbers of residents, as well numbers of older residents, projected for this District. Also note the additional projections beyond those of Statistics NZ undertaken for Council by NZIER due to potential higher growth outcomes from significant Kapiti Coast – Wellington Highway improvements. These suggest substantially more residents (28%) by 2043 (around 9,000 vs 300 from Statistics NZ). Note District population (~30,000) concentrations are largely in Levin (~21,000) and to a lesser extent Foxton (~4,500) and Shannon (1,300), and 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to an aging population Assess facility rationalisation and optimisation opportunities. Formalise facility partnerships with strategic schools to ensure quality community access (in areas where rationalisation is adopted or higher demand emerges). Closely monitor the location and scale of any development plans to accommodate projected new residents, and the emergence of any new peak-use capacity issues at existing key facilities. Investigate the extent to which enhancing network capacity via programming and partnerships can minimise any potential 'new demand' pressures (because of NZIER projected population growth). 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Medium term</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

		their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Palmerston North and in nearby Kapiti District towns (i.e. Otaki).		
Manawatu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kowhai Park • Timona Park • Feilding High School • Feilding Intermediate • Kimbolton Domain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kowhai Park in Feilding provides the only specific cricket-only site in the District with dedicated field, wickets, nets and pavilion. • A few other sites were defined by the presence of mainly (older) artificial wickets usually sited between other sport-field boundaries at a variety of council parks and school grounds. Such school grounds commonly do include nets. • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed cricket facilities. • Beyond general maintenance at Kowhai Park, the council did not indicate any notable cricket facility development programmes or investments in cricket facilities in its current LTP. • Take account of the projected slightly larger numbers of residents, as well as projected increasing numbers of older residents in particular for the District. • Note District population (~27,000) concentrations predominantly in Feilding (~16000), and to a lesser extent in a range of several small towns, and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Palmerston North. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to an aging population • Assess facility rationalisation and optimising opportunities. • Formalise facility partnerships with strategic schools to ensure quality community access. • Monitor population growth to determine if it is tracking along the 'High' or 'Medium' series from Statistics NZ. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Medium term</p> <p>Medium term</p>
Palmerston North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fitzherbert Park/Oval • Manawaroa and Ongley Parks • Queen Elizabeth College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fitzherbert Park/Oval is the premiere dedicated cricket facility in the District and Region. Cricket Manawatu has indicated some desire to enhance facility quality/ event capacity there. • The joint nearby Manawaroa and Ongley Parks are the main participation hubs with numerous grass block and artificial wickets, nets and indoor facilities. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the aging population and sports participation trends. • Assess facility rationalisation and optimising opportunities to maintain an efficient facility network. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Palmerston North BHS (Wahikoa Park) Coronation Park Hokowhitu Domain Wallace Park Paneiri Park Papaioea Park Ashurst School Kopane School Riverdale School <p>Other schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Peters College Awatapu College Freyberg High School <p>Related facilities (see Section 20)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NZCT Cricket Centre Ongley Park Indoor Cricket Centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other sites were defined by the presence of mainly (older) artificial wickets usually sited between other sport-field boundaries at a variety of council parks and school grounds. Such school grounds commonly do include nets. No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed cricket facilities, apart from some drainage/levelling needs at Manawaroa/Ongley Parks (currently being addressed). The council did not indicate any notable cricket facility development programmes or investments in cricket facilities in its current LTP. However, Council recently confirmed funding improvements at Fitzherbert Park through its 2017/18 Annual Budget. Take account of the projections for larger numbers of residents overall, incorporating more diversity and more younger adults as well as the more usual growth in older residents. Note the population concentrations (~ 80,000) located all in Palmerston North City itself, and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Feilding, although many options exist in the city itself. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formalise facility partnerships with strategic schools to ensure quality community access. Complete current upgrades at Fitzherbert Park and Manawaroa/Ongley parks 	<p>Medium term</p> <p>Short term</p>
Rangitikei	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centennial Park Taihape Memorial Park Rangitikei College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centennial Park in Marton provides the only specific cricket-only site in the District with dedicated field, wickets, nets and pavilion. A few other sites were defined by the presence of mainly (older) artificial wickets usually sited 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the 	Medium term

		<p>between other sport-field boundaries at a variety of council parks and school grounds. Such school grounds commonly do include nets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed cricket facilities, • The council did not indicate any notable cricket facility development programmes or investments in cricket facilities in its current LTP. • Take account of the projected fewer of residents overall, as well as projected increasing numbers of older residents in particular • Take account of the slightly declining and strongly aging population – likely that demand will decrease unless cricket for older residents become popular or participation rates overall increase. • Note District population (~14,000) concentrations in Marton (~5,000), and to a lesser extent Bulls and Taihape (~1,700 each), and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Whanganui and Palmerston North. 	<p>aging population and sports participation trends.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess facility rationalisation and optimising opportunities to maintain an efficient facility network. • Formalise facility partnerships with schools to ensure quality community access as required by anticipated demands and gaps. 	<p>Short-Medium term</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Ruapehu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taumarunui High School Other schools • Ruapehu College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtually no cricket facilities in the District, just two sites were defined by the presence of (older) artificial wickets sited between other sport-field boundaries two school grounds. Such school grounds commonly do include nets. • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed cricket facilities, • The council did not indicate any notable cricket facility development programmes or investments in cricket facilities in its current LTP. • The highest proportion of Maori population in the Region • High relative numbers of temporary visitors to the District (i.e. holiday homes, other tourism) 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formalise facility partnerships with schools to ensure quality community access as required by anticipated demands and gaps. 	<p>Short term</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take account of the projected fewer number of residents overall, as well as projected increasing numbers of older residents in particular • Slightly declining and strongly aging population – likely that demand will decrease unless field sports for older residents become more popular. • Note District population concentration (~12,000) mainly in Taumarunui (~5,000), Ohakune, Raetihi and Waiouru (~1,000 each), but otherwise very dispersed in low levels. Proximity to any other strategic facilities outside the district are limited. 		
Tararua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dannevirke Domain • Bush Multisport Park • Coronation Park • Dannevirke High School <p>Other schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tararua College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dannevirke Domain provides the only specific cricket-only site in the District with dedicated field, wickets, nets and pavilion. • A few other sites were defined by the presence of mainly (older) artificial wickets usually sited between other sport-field boundaries at a variety of council parks and school grounds. Such school grounds commonly do include nets. • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed cricket facilities, • The council did not indicate any notable cricket facility development programmes or investments in cricket facilities in its current LTP. • Bush Multisport Park in Pahiatua is the largest and most diverse fields facility in the District, despite the small local population. This does represent a potential sports facility model for the smaller centres. • Take account of the slightly increasing and strongly aging population – likely that demand will decrease unless cricket for older residents become popular or participation rates overall increase. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formalise facility partnerships with high schools to ensure ongoing quality community access. • Assess facility rationalisation and optimisation opportunities. 	<p>Short-Medium term</p> <p>Short-Medium term</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note District population (~17,000) concentrations of around a third in Dannevirke (~5,000), around a quarter in Pahiatua (~2,500) and Woodville (~1,500) combined, and the remaining several thousand dispersed widely across the District in a range of small rural towns. Note relative proximities to strategic facilities in Palmerston North. 		
Wanganui	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Victoria Park Springvale Park <p>Other schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wanganui Collegiate Whanganui City College Whanganui High School Cullinane College Rutherford Junior High Whanganui Intermediate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Victoria Park provides the main specific cricket-only site in the District with multiple dedicated fields, wickets, nets and pavilion. It has hosted first class games. A few other sites were defined by the presence of mainly (older) artificial wickets usually sited between other sport-field boundaries at a variety of council parks in varying numbers (e.g. Springvale Park) and school grounds. Such school grounds commonly do include nets. No specific council investment intention for indoor courts in the current LTP. Note suggestions to establish complementary indoor facilities for cricket from changed facility space uses in Jubilee Stadium at the developing Springvale hub, The Wanganui population is projected to increase very little and show a similar aging pattern to other areas. Note District population (~42,000) concentrations primarily in Whanganui itself (~40,000) 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor demand as population ages. Assess facility rationalisation and optimising opportunities, including indoor options at the developing Springvale hub. Where required formalise facility partnerships with schools to ensure quality community access. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Medium – long term</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

10.0 TENNIS COURT FACILITIES

10.1 Introduction

This section summarises the stocktake and review undertaken for Tennis Court facilities. It provides high-level strategic directions/recommendations. Note is also made of a specialised indoor facility for tennis, although it is described more fully in the section on specialised indoor facilities (Section 19.1). Reference to the Facility Inventory for Netball Court Facilities (Section 11.2) may also be informative given their common overlaps in outdoor courts.

10.2 Strategic Context

A strategic context for this type of asset is provided from a range of regional and national documents. A summary of key points is outlined below. Specific references to Council intentions are noted below and in Section 10.6 (Proposed Facility Approach). However, no national sports facility strategies for tennis are available (although some regions do have them e.g. Auckland). The main documents available are:

Council Plans and Strategies (facility-specific summary)

- **Palmerston North City Council** – the LTP (2015-2035) did not distinguish or note any tennis-specific facility developments or needs. Here it can be assumed that directions for general facilities would also apply for tennis facilities in many cases. Ongoing improvements in quality, accessibility and partnerships involving non-council providers (e.g. Massey, Linton, Schools) could enhance the current network's effectiveness. Supported by the Recreation and Community Facilities Asset Management Plan (2014) and Palmerston North Active Recreation Strategy (2013).
- **Horowhenua District Council** – the LTP (2015-2035) did not distinguish or note any tennis-specific facility developments or needs, other than a general facility direction to make facilities multi-use and flexible enough to cater for demand changes related to low growth and an aging population. The Districts 'Infrastructure Strategy' did not include any Recreation assets. However, it is now anticipated that in its next 2018 LTP, council will adopt much higher long-term population growth projections for the district after work conducted by NZIER related to the RONS Wellington Corridor Project.
- **Tararua District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any tennis-specific facility developments or needs, other than a general direction for facilities to enhance lifestyle outcomes through fit-for-purpose facilities (in a rural/small/minimal growth/aging population context) supported by enhanced facility planning, processes, partnerships, and collaborations. It was also noted that the volunteer/community capacity to manage the special needs and facilities for some sports was declining. Supported by a Recreation and Reserves Strategy (2014-2023).
- **Rangitikei District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) stated that council is aiming to rationalise to have fewer but better assets in the District. It stated that as major projects Council would work to develop multi-use sport facilities at three key sites in the District - Centennial Park, Marton; Taihape Memorial Park and Bulls Domain (presumably including consideration of tennis facilities), and that at other parks council will work to reduce the number and value of council-owned improvements (presumably including consideration of tennis facilities). Supported by its Asset Management Plan: Community and Leisure Assets (2014), which emphasised a long-term process to actively reduce its asset base around strategically meeting priority needs (e.g. researching a 'Smart Decline approach').
- **Manawatu District Council** - the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any tennis-specific facility developments or needs. General intentions were for generally enhancing facility flexibility; multi-functionality; suitability for a wider range of users (especially aged); partnerships and collaborations; and programmes to deliver activities. The Districts 'Infrastructure Strategy' did not include any Recreation assets.

- **Ruapehu District Council** - the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any tennis-specific facility developments or needs. The LTP was focused on maintaining the quality of what was already provided (the status quo) rather than significantly enhancing any facility capacity, particular related to population decline in some areas. It was supported by a Recreation and Community Facilities Asset Management Plan (2015-2025).
- **Whanganui District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) stated no tennis-specific facility developments or needs. The focus was on any new facility developments associated with creation of a community sports hub at Springvale Park. In that respect, the LTP did state that there could be potential relocation of tennis to a Springvale hub when current courts become in need of renewal.
- Supported by the District's Sport and Recreation Facility Strategy (2016)

10.3 Facility Inventory

The facility inventory undertaken for this plan identified 46 specific tennis court facility sites in the Region. These ranged from a few higher level multi-court multi-artificial facilities (e.g. Levin Tennis Club - Horowhenua; Feilding Tennis Club - Manawatu; Manawatu Lawn Tennis Club - Palmerston North; Bush Multisport Park – Tararua; Whanganui Tennis Club - Whanganui); and a range of other facilities from the large asphalt multi-court facility at Vautier Park-Palmerston North; through to a variety of smaller and variably used mixed-court and older asphalt facilities. At these 46 sites combined, around 200 specific courts were defined from the survey and related reviews. These comprised around 88 artificial, and 110 asphalt courts. Note that the specific types of artificial courts were sometimes not given in descriptions, although they included a range of surfaces including Tiger Turf, Astroturf, and sand-based hockey turfs. Asphalt/Concrete surfaces predominated, and those with associated acrylic coatings were noted where included.

One specialised indoor venue for tennis was not included here (see Section 19.1). It is the '24 Indoor Tennis and Fitness Centre' in Palmerston North. This comprises 2x indoor artificial courts and related gym and changing facilities.

Quite a few small domains, older public parks and school grounds with mixed tennis and (often only marked) netball courts were noted. In schools, any such tennis/netball facilities were often also marked and used for basketball. These were almost always asphalt type surfaces unless associated with larger schools, and usually received only a little public use overall (if any at all). If there was any notable use it was usually only for casual activity, with this being more common for tennis as it is not a team sport. It is anticipated that there may be many other such effectively 'casual-only' facilities of these types.

Details of the Tennis Facilities recorded are summarised in Table 10.1.

In some cases, notable artificial (or large asphalt) school facilities were present, but were sometimes not generally available for open public use (e.g. Feilding High School artificial courts). In other school cases, artificial tennis courts were planned as part of wider multi-use artificial surface developments (e.g. as recently completed at Rangatikei College), such as had already occurred at some school (e.g. Taumarunui High School, Whanganui Girls College etc). And in one case a recent closure of a primary school near Pahiatua included loss of an artificial tennis court surface in a small community (e.g. Mangamaire Country School).

Table 10.1: Tennis Court Facilities

Council	Tennis Court facilities	Description (summarised)	Draft status	Land owner	Facility owner	Facility manager
Horowhenua	Levin Tennis Club	4x artificial Club courts and 1x asphalt public court by squash facility at Levin Domain, clubrooms, no lighting. Well used/busy in summer. No issues noted.	District	Horowhenua District	Levin Squash and Levin Tennis Clubs	Levin Squash and Tennis Clubs
Horowhenua	Holben Reserve	3x asphalt courts by campground, no clubrooms. Casual use. No issues noted.	Local	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District
Horowhenua	Horowhenua College	6x asphalt courts, marked for 5x netball (and 1 basketball), mainly summer use. No issues noted.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Horowhenua College
Horowhenua	Koputaroa School	1x asphalt tennis/netball court area, not used	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Koputaroa School
Horowhenua	Manakau School	1x artificial tennis court available to public. Casual use. No issues noted.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Manakau School
Horowhenua	Manawatu College	6x asphalt courts, marked for 5x netball courts. Training lights on courts nearest the gym. School and casual use. No issues noted.	Local	Ministry Of Education	Ministry of Education	Manawatu College
Horowhenua	Shannon Domain	2x asphalt courts, also marked as 1x netball, casual use only. No issues noted.	Local	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District/ Mixed Clubs	Horowhenua District/ Mixed Clubs
Horowhenua	Waiopahu College	3x asphalt courts also marked as 2x netball. School and casual use. No issues noted.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Waiopahu College
Horowhenua	Waitarere Domain	2x asphalt courts, fenced, old clubrooms, casual use only. No issues noted.	Local	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District
Manawatu	Feilding Tennis Club	7x artificial courts (including 3 senior standard) with lights, pavilion. Beside 4x Council owned asphalt courts also marked for netball. No issues noted.	District	Feilding Tennis Club	Feilding Tennis Club	Feilding Tennis Club
Manawatu	Feilding High School (artificial)	8x artificial courts - marked on sand-based hockey turf, basic lights, multiple school sport uses, no after-hours use allowed	District	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Feilding High School
Manawatu	Feilding High School (Churcher St)	3x old asphalt courts, also marked for 2x netball/1x basketball. Casual tennis and general school uses. Adjacent to main artificial facility. No issues noted.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Feilding High School

Manawatu	Feilding High School (Duke St)	7x asphalt school courts (also marked for netball), poor condition, locked when not in school use. MDC has MOU with the school for the use of the Courts and a toilet facility that is owned by Council on MOE land.	District	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Feilding High School
Manawatu	Halcombe Domain	1x asphalt court in Halcombe Domain (with 1x basketball court adjacent), casual use, no issues noted.	Local	Manawatu District	Manawatu District	Manawatu District
Manawatu	Himatangi Beach	1x asphalt court, casual use, by community centre and toilets. No issues noted.	Local	Manawatu District	Manawatu District	Manawatu District
Manawatu	Kimbolton Domain	2x asphalt courts in domain, casual use, no issues noted.	Local	Manawatu District	Manawatu District	Manawatu District
Palmerston North	Manawatu Lawn Tennis Club (Huia St)	10x artificial courts, lighting, clubrooms, well used locally and regionally. Front 5 courts need replacement. No other issues noted. Adjacent to Palmerston North Girls High School	District	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Vautier Park	17x courts (6 coated asphalt, 11 concrete), also marked for netball (heavy seasonal use), some lighting, pavilion with changing rooms. Well used. No issues noted.	District	Palmerston North City/Netball Manawatu	Palmerston North City/Netball Manawatu	Palmerston North City/Netball Manawatu
Palmerston North	Massey University	4x coated asphalt courts and 4x spare unused courts, also marked for netball, recreational use only. Capacity to expand as needed. Linked to University hub development.	District	Massey University	Massey University	Massey University
Palmerston North	Awapuni Park	4x artificial courts, no lights, changing facilities in adjacent Community Centre, some club use in summer. No issues noted.	Local	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Bill Brown Park	2x asphalt courts marked for tennis and netball, no lights, rarely used. Occasionally used as carparking for adjacent community hall events.	Local	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Colquhoun Park	4x asphalt courts, no lights. Little use except by nearby high school.	Local	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	International Pacific University	4x old artificial courts, lighting. Student use but not general public use. Damage from tree roots.	Local	IPU New Zealand	IPU New Zealand	IPU New Zealand
Palmerston North	Kelvin Grove Park	1x asphalt court, basic condition, casual use. No issues noted	Local	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Lakemba Reserve	1x asphalt/concrete court, no lighting, casual use only. No issues noted.	Local	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City

Palmerston North	Takaro Park	4x asphalt courts in park, toilet and playground adjacent, casual use only. No issues noted other than ongoing maintenance. Casual use only. Local high school use also.	Local	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Wallace Park	8x concrete courts, mainly casual use only but has been some occasional representative games. No issues noted.	Local	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Rangitikei	Taihape Memorial Park	6x courts, 1 asphalt and 5 plastic tiles, also marked for netball (heavier use). Partial lighting. No other issues noted.	Local	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District
Rangitikei	Bulls Domain	3x asphalt courts, clubrooms, basic lights, well used. Better lighting needed.	Local	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District
Rangitikei	Ex-Taihape College Rauma Road	3x asphalt courts (1 court unused), casual use only, maintained by a social user group.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education
Rangitikei	Rangitikei College	Had 5x asphalt courts but now have 4x artificial courts on a new hockey surface. No issues noted.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Rangitikei College
Ruapehu	Raetihi Recreation Reserve	2x asphalt courts, casual use only. No issues noted.	Local	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District
Ruapehu	Rangaroa Domain (Taumaraunui)	2x asphalt courts, casual use only. No issues noted. Maintained by community volunteers.	Local	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District
Ruapehu	Waiohuru Army Base	6x well surfaced courts. Army families can utilise the courts at any time except when units have booked them.	Local	NZ Defence Force	NZ Defence Force	NZ Defence Force
Ruapehu	Taumarunui High School	Two lit multiuse astroturf areas marked in total for 6x tennis courts. Also as 5x netball, short running track and used hockey, football, basketball practice etc,	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Taumarunui High School
Tararua	Bush Multisport Park	6x artificial courts on hockey turf surface (also marked for netball), good lighting, multiple sport uses but sufficient supply. No issues noted.	District	Tararua District	Bush Multisport Trust/Tararua District	Bush Multisport Trust/Tararua District
Tararua	Anderson Park (Dannevirke)	4x artificial courts with partial lighting, plus 6 asphalt courts also marked for netball. No use issues noted.	Local	Tararua District	Tararua District	Dannevirke Tennis Club
Tararua	Eketahuna Combined Sports	3x new artificial courts also marked for 2x netball, lighting, moderate use. No issues noted.	Local	Tararua District	Tararua District	Tararua District

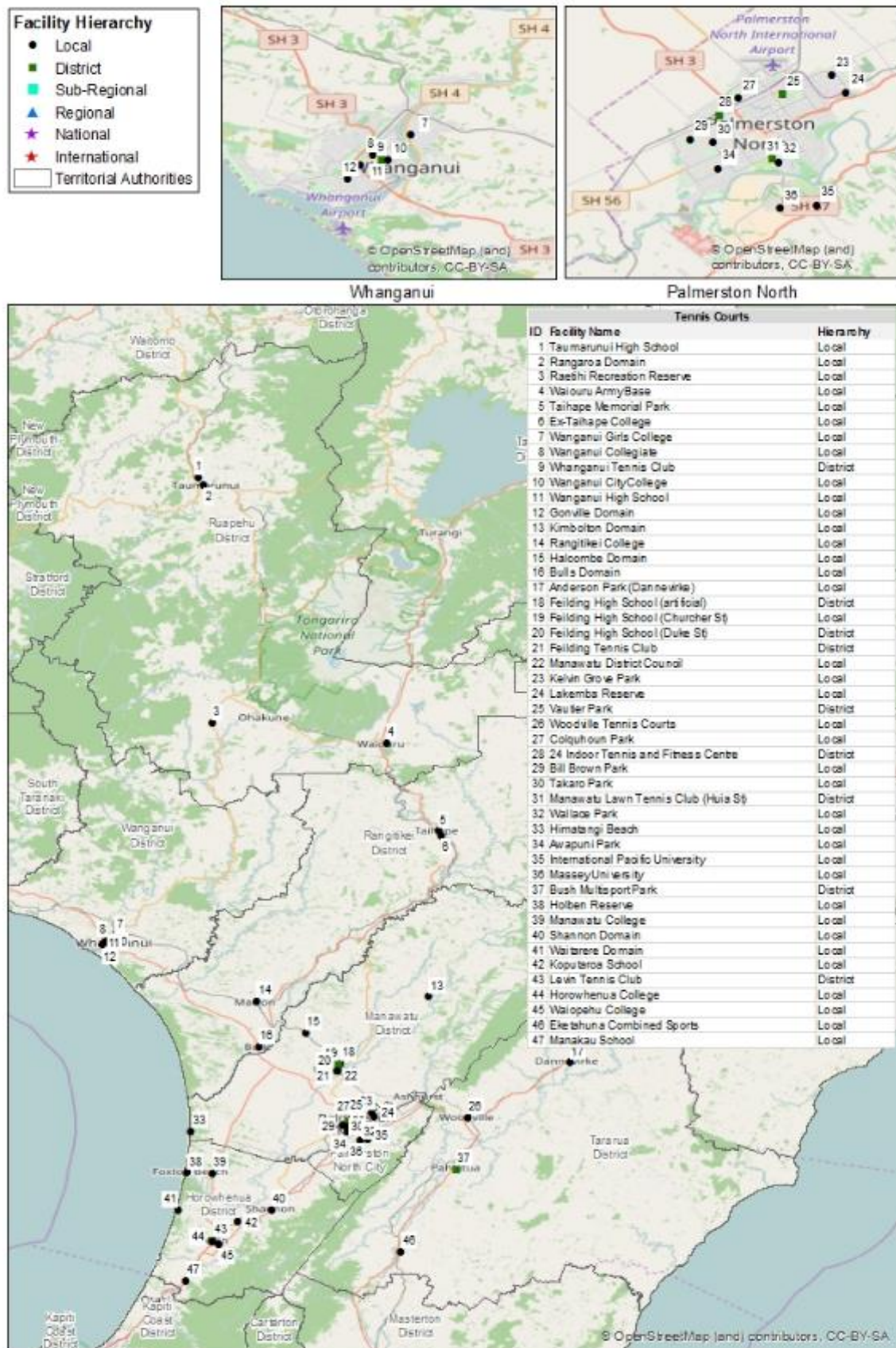
Tararua	Woodville Tennis Courts	2x concrete courts, minimal use and demand well met. No issues noted.	Local	Tararua District	Tararua District	Tararua District
Whanganui	Gonville Domain	5x asphalt courts and clubrooms on Domain with 1 also marked for netball (may need updating)	Local	Wanganui District	Gonville Tennis Club	Gonville Tennis Club
Whanganui	Whanganui Girls College	Tennis 3x artificial courts on new multi-use turf area, including 3x Netball courts and hockey practice areas.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Whanganui Girls College
Whanganui	Whanganui Collegiate	6x acrylic tennis courts, also marked for 3x netball courts with hoops	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Whanganui Collegiate
Whanganui	Whanganui High School	Sand-based artificial surface marked for 6x tennis courts, 5x netball courts, a hockey training area. Adjacent to Springvale Park hub area	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Whanganui High School
Whanganui	Whanganui City College	Multi-use astro-turf courts used for hockey, 2x netball, 5x tennis, football. Have lights. Located in de-facto facility hub area in Central Whanganui	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Whanganui City College
Whanganui	Whanganui Tennis Club	12x artificial courts, with lights beside Whanganui City College.	District	Private	Whanganui Tennis Club	Whanganui Tennis Club

Some summary points from the data – Tennis Court VENUES

- A wide variety of Tennis Court facilities were reported on across the region, with one indoor facility and larger higher-level facilities in most (but not all) Districts (i.e. Manawatu Lawn Tennis Club; Feilding Tennis Club; Whanganui Tennis Club). Most other facilities were smaller and largely asphalt community courts ranging from 1-2 courts up to several, with Vautier Park providing the largest.
- All responses indicated facilities were meeting needs and no demand constraints were noted.
- Only one recent development was referred to here. This was part of wider multi-use court facility developments at Rangitikei College (with Council involved). Similar developments had also taken place previously at other school (e.g. Taumarunui High School, Whanganui Girls College etc)
- A common feature was tennis courts also marked for netball, which in some cases was the predominant use (e.g. Vautier Park). A variation on this was the markings of artificial Hockey surfaces for tennis (e.g. Bush MultiSport Park) and proposed for Rangitikei College.

Note that these results do not reflect the direct facility concerns of individual user groups, just those issues that the management respondents noted. Presumably if any user problems were significant enough, managers would be aware of them and would have indicated so.

Map 10.1: Existing Tennis Court Facilities



10.4 School Facility Summary

Schools play an important complementary role in providing sport and recreation facilities in their communities. While virtually all schools will have outdoor grass spaces, outdoor tennis court spaces are less consistently present – being a mix of types including some just for junior play. Secondary schools in particular appeared to have more tennis courts, and were more likely to have all-weather/artificial surfaces. Those present were largely configured as multi-use spaces, regularly being used also as netball courts, and in some cases multiple other activities (e.g. half or full sand-based hockey surfaces). Older asphalt-type courts were more common facilities, and often with very light use for purpose. However, with 25 full secondary schools listed in the Manawatu-Wanganui Region and an additional 7 composite primary/secondary schools (plus 7 Intermediates), there is considerable potential extra tennis court facility capacity represented.

Beyond the sometimes-extensive tennis facilities noted in some secondary schools (see below), it is noteworthy that few primary schools were noted with associated tennis facilities in Table 10.1. Despite over 130 other primary schools existing in the region overall, it is unlikely that more under-utilised tennis facilities are present.

If present, most tennis facilities would be typically available for community use to some extent, although most usually after hours and subject to school-use priorities and public access policies. There were some significant school facilities for tennis with only very limited external use (e.g. Feilding High School), although other non-school facilities may have been sufficient. Overall, there appear to be a few key school facilities for providing tennis overall, but a much larger number of low status asphalt courts receiving little external use (nor are likely to).

Horowhenua

- Horowhenua College* - 6x asphalt tennis courts marked for 5x netball
- Manawatu College* - 6x asphalt tennis courts, marked for 5x netball, training lights
- Waiopehu College* - 3x artificial tennis courts, marked for 2x netball, lights
- Levin Intermediate - 2x old asphalt tennis courts, 1x basketball

Manawatu

- Feilding High School* - 3 sites, 7x artificial tennis courts (hockey turf), 9x asphalt
- Feilding Intermediate - 4x junior asphalt tennis courts, 1x netball/basketball

Palmerston North City

- PN Boys' High School - 8x sand-based artificial tennis courts, also used for hockey
- PN Girls' High School - 5x artificial courts (4x netball), also by Manawatu Tennis Club
- Queen Elizabeth College - 3x artificial tennis courts
- Awatapu College - 5x artificial tennis courts
- Freyberg High School - 6x new artificial tennis courts with practice netball markings
- Longburn Adventist Coll - 1x asphalt tennis court
- Monrad Intermediate - 6x asphalt tennis courts, also marked for 3x netball
- Palmerston North Int - 3x artificial tennis courts, and 3x asphalt netball courts
- Ross Intermediate - artificial junior tennis courts, 1x asphalt netball/basketball court
- Cornerstone Christian School (Comp) - 1x asphalt netball/tennis court
- Mana Tamariki (Comp) - 1x asphalt tennis court, 2x netball/basketball

Rangitikei

- Rangitikei College* - 4x new artificial tennis/netball courts on hockey turf, lights
- Nga Tawa Diocesan - 4x artificial tennis courts, & 3x netball, hockey, lights - planned
- Taihape Area School (Comp) - 4x artificial tennis courts, lights

Ruapehu

- Ruapehu College - 2x artificial tennis courts, adjacent asphalt netball/basketball area
- Taumarunui High* - new astroturf area - 6x artificial tennis courts (5x netball), lights,

Taranaki District

- Dannevirke High - 8x asphalt tennis courts, marked for 2x netball/basketball
- Taranaki College - 6x asphalt tennis courts, also marked 6x netball
- TKKM o Tamaki Nui A Rua (Comp) - 1x asphalt netball, also 2x basketball half courts
- Totara Coll of Accelerated Learning (Comp) - 4x junior asphalt tennis courts, 1x netball

Whanganui

- Wanganui Collegiate* - 6x acrylic tennis courts, also marked 3x netball with hoops
- Whanganui City College* - 5x artificial tennis courts, also marked 2x netball & basketball, lights
- Whanganui Girls' College* - 3x artificial tennis courts, also 3x netball courts and multi-use
- Whanganui High School* - 6x tennis courts on artificial hockey surface, 5x netball
- Cullinane College - 5x tennis courts, also marked 5x netball/basketball
- St Dominic's Coll - adjacent to Gonville Domain tennis courts
- Rutherford Junior High - 1x asphalt netball court
- Te Kura o Kokohuia (Comp) - 3x junior tennis courts, also marked as 1x netball
- TKKM o Tupoho (Composite) - 1x asphalt netball court

Map 10.2 Drive time map – Tennis Court Facilities



10.6 Proposed Facility Approach – Tennis Court Facilities

Regionwide Key Considerations

- Take account of the Tennis Court facility/activity needs of a significantly aging population (noting that tennis typically has a broad participation age range relative to other sports), and growth in the total numbers of older people in terms of both activity-type preferences and appropriate facility type, location and accessibility (specifications and transport). At the same time, the opportunities for new-entrant and younger participants in activities need to be enhanced to grow participation.
- The geographic distribution of the Region's, and constituent District's, populations and facilities. Tennis Manawatu did indicate a good spread of tennis clubs and basic courts/clubhouse facilities.
- It is also important to consider the presence and strategic location of any Regional-level facilities for higher purpose uses (e.g. Regional/National tournaments/competitions) in or nearby to the region.
- With a significant portion of the Regional and District populations currently aged over 65 years, and with this anticipated to increase, the Region and Districts needs to consider a strategy of adapting existing Tennis facilities where possible to meet the needs of an aging population.
- It is vital that school and other non-council facilities continue to be considered for their role in the network. Council needs to ensure ongoing community access to these venues is secure to cater for demand. This is especially so in the smaller Districts and Centres where lower population densities mean partnership approaches and more flexible to general-purpose and affordable (at lower volumes) resources are more necessary.

Council Area	Tennis Court Facilities	Key Considerations (for specific areas)	Proposed Facility Approach	Timeframe Short term 0-3 years Medium term 4-10 Long term 10 plus yrs
Horowhenua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Levin Tennis Club Holben Reserve Horowhenua College Koputaroa School Manakau School Manawatu College Shannon Domain Waiopahu College Waitarere Domain <p>Other Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Section 10.4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has a tennis hub at Levin Tennis Club, and a variety of School-based options that may enable strategic development and partnerships for higher standards and access as required. No significant capacity or facility issues identified at any of the facilities listed. The council did not indicate any notable tennis court facility development programmes or investments in tennis courts in its current LTP. Take account of the larger numbers of residents, as well numbers of older residents, projected for this District. Also note the additional projections beyond those of Statistics NZ undertaken for Council by NZIER due to potential higher growth outcomes from significant Kapiti Coast – Wellington Highway improvements. These suggest substantially more residents (28%) by 2043 (around 9,000 vs 300 from Statistics NZ). Note District population (~30,000) concentrations are largely in Levin (~21,000) and to a lesser extent Foxton (~4,500) and Shannon (1,300), and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Palmerston North and in nearby Kapiti District towns (i.e. Otaki). 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to an aging population Explore multi use court options and configurations (tennis / netball and tennis / junior and social hockey). Formalise facility partnerships with high schools to ensure ongoing quality community access (particularly in areas where community court rationalisation or population growth has occurred). Closely monitor the location and scale of any development plans to accommodate projected new residents, any other indicators of potential population growth, and the emergence of any new peak-use capacity issues at key facilities. Investigate the extent to which enhancing facility network capacity through enhanced programming and partnerships can minimise any potential 'new demand' pressures (as a result of NZIER assumed new population growth). 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

Manawatu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feilding Tennis Club • Feilding High School (artificial) • Feilding High School (Churcher St) • Feilding High School (Duke St) • Halcombe Domain • Himatangi Beach • Kimbolton Domain <p>Other Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Section 10.4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a large tennis hub at the Feilding Tennis Club, but limited other accessible quality court options. • Note the extensive facilities at Feilding High School (including 8x lit artificial courts), but with only limited public use currently possible. Also note Feilding High School is considering new facility developments including courts, pool and gymnasium spaces, and is seeking needs analysis support from Council. • A few School-based options may enable strategic development and partnerships for higher standards and access as required (subject to school agreement). • No significant capacity or facility issues identified any of the sites listed, and some of • The council did not indicate any notable tennis court facility development programmes or investments in tennis courts in its current LTP. • Take account of the larger numbers of residents, as well numbers of older residents, projected for this District. • Note District population (~27,000) concentrations predominantly in Feilding (~16000), and to a lesser extent in a range of several small towns, and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Palmerston North 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to an aging population • Explore multi use court options and configurations (tennis / netball and tennis / junior, social and high school hockey). • Formalise facility partnerships with high schools to ensure ongoing quality community access (particularly in areas where community court rationalisation or population growth has occurred). • Monitor population growth to determine if it is tracking along the 'High' or 'Medium' series from Statistics NZ. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Short term</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Palmerston North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manawatu Lawn Tennis Club (Huia St) • Massey University 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the Regions only indoor facility, and large outdoor facilities at Manawatu Lawn Tennis Club and Vautier Park (including some higher-level courts at the Tennis Club). 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor the network and as required formalise facility partnerships with targeted 	<p>Ongoing</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 Indoor Tennis and Fitness Centre • Vautier Park • Awapuni Park • Bill Brown Park • Colquhoun Park • International Pacific University • Kelvin Grove Park • Lakemba Reserve • Takaro Park • Wallace Park <p>Other Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Section 10.4 	<p>5 of the 10x Manawatu Tennis Club artificial courts require replacing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are some other (sometimes large) public and school facilities/sites which may enable strategic developments and partnerships for higher standards and accessibilities as required. Massey University currently has 4x unused coated asphalt courts beside 4x newer ones. • Note the additional school tennis facility capacities which can include sites that may be large multi-court venues, non-asphalt multi-use artificial surfaces, and/or have wide distribution across the city (see section 11.4) • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the sites listed. • The council did not indicate any notable tennis court facility development programmes or investments in tennis courts in its current LTP. • Take account of the projections for larger numbers of residents overall, incorporating more diversity and more younger adults as well as the more usual growth in older residents. • Note the population concentrations (~80,000) located all in Palmerston North City itself, and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Feilding, although many options exist in the city itself. 	<p>organisations/ schools to ensure quality community access.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore multi use court opportunities at the time of renewals or when any new developments are proposed by tennis. • Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use because of the aging population and sports participation trends. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Medium term</p>
Rangitikei	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taihape Memorial Park • Bulls Domain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has only basic public facilities at present. This puts focus on what place for tennis may be incorporated into any new multiuse facility development proposals. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ex-Taihape College Rauma Road Rangitikei College <p>Other Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Section 10.4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The council did not indicate any notable tennis court facility development programmes or investments in tennis courts in its current LTP, although it did signal development intentions for three multi-use sport facilities at Centennial Park, Marton; Taihape Memorial Park and Bulls Domain (no sport types named). Also Note the potential from pending multiuse artificial surface developments planned at Rangitikei College and Nga Tawa Diocesan School in Marton. No significant capacity or facility issues identified at any of the current facilities listed. Take account of the slightly declining and strongly aging population – likely that demand will decrease unless court sports for older residents become popular. Note District population (~14,000) concentrations in Marton (~5,000), and to a lesser extent Bulls and Taihape (~1,700 each), and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Whanganui and Palmerston North. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use because of the aging population. Explore multi use court opportunities at the time of renewals or when any new developments are proposed by tennis. Formalise facility partnerships with strategic schools (i.e. Rangitikei High School Nga Tawa Diocesan) to ensure quality community access as required by anticipated demands and gaps (potentially as rationalisation in other areas take place). 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Short-Medium term</p>
Ruapehu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raetihi Playing Fields Rangaroa Domain (Taumarunui) Taumarunui High School <p>Other Schools</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appears to have few tennis facilities overall, but school-based options in particular may be available to enable strategic development and partnerships for higher standards and accessibility as required. Note the new multi-use artificial courts at schools (e.g. Ruapehu College - Ohakune, Taumarunui High) – including tennis. No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the sites listed here. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess facility rationalisation and optimising opportunities. Formalise facility partnerships with schools to ensure quality community access as demand requires. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Short-Medium term</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Section 10.4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The council did not indicate any notable tennis court facility development programmes or investments in tennis courts in its current LTP. Take account of the strongly declining and strongly aging population – very likely that demand will decrease unless tennis for older residents becomes more popular and/or current participation rates increase. The highest proportion of Maori population in the Region. High relative numbers of temporary visitors to the District (i.e. holiday homes, other tourism) Note District population (~12,000) concentration mainly in Taumarunui (~5,000), Ohakune, Raetihi and Waiouru (~1,000 each), but otherwise very dispersed in low levels. Proximity to any other strategic facilities outside the district are limited. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore multi use court opportunities at the time of renewals or when any new developments are proposed by tennis. 	
Tararua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bush Multisport Park Anderson Park (Dannevirke) Eketahuna Combined Sports Woodville Tennis Courts <p>Other Schools See Section 10.4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has a tennis hub at Bush Multisport Park and only a few other basic facilities, with a large asphalt netball court capacity (currently unused for tennis) noted at Tararua College. Only a few other basic school-based options may be available to enable strategic development and partnerships for wider access as required. No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed facilities. The council did not indicate any notable tennis court facility development programmes or investments in tennis courts in its current LTP. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess facility rationalisation and optimising opportunities. Formalise facility partnerships with schools to ensure quality community access as demand requires. Explore multi use court opportunities at the time of renewals or when any new developments are proposed by tennis. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Short-Medium term</p> <p>Medium term</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take account of the slightly increasing and strongly aging population – likely that demand will decrease unless tennis for older residents become popular and/or current participation rates increase. Note District population (~17,000) concentrations of around a third in Dannevirke (~5,000), around a quarter in Pahiatua (~2,500) and Woodville (~1,500) combined, and the remaining several thousand dispersed widely across the District in a range of small rural towns. Note relative proximities to strategic facilities in Palmerston North. 		
Wanganui	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whanganui Tennis Club Gonville Domain Wanganui Girls College Wanganui Collegiate Wanganui High School Wanganui City College <p>Other Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Section 10.4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has a hub at Whanganui Tennis Club, and only a few other basic public tennis courts. Note there is considerable additional capacity at the adjacent Whanganui City College, and also at Whanganui Girls College, plus an LTP point suggesting potential tennis hub development at Springvale Park in the future. Good school-based options appear to be available to enable strategic development and partnerships for wider access around the city and higher standards as required. Note multi-use artificial courts at some high schools (e.g. Whanganui High, Whanganui Girls Collegiate) and multiple asphalt options in other schools. No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed facilities. The council did not indicate any notable tennis court facility development programmes or investments in tennis courts 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use because of the aging population. Assess facility rationalisation and optimising opportunities, including shared options with proposed new netball centre courts at the developing Springvale hub. Formalise facility partnerships with schools to ensure quality community access as required by anticipated demands and gaps. Explore multi use court opportunities at the time of renewals or when any new developments are proposed by tennis. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Short-Medium term</p> <p>Short term</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

		<p>in its current LTP, although its subsequent Sport and Recreation Facility Strategy did highlight potential multi-sport court developments for netball (and possibly tennis) at a Springvale Park hub.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Wanganui population is projected to increase very little and show a similar aging pattern to other areas. • Note District population (~42,000) concentrations primarily in Whanganui itself (~40,000) 		
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11.0 NETBALL COURT FACILITIES (OUTDOOR)

11.1 Introduction

This section summarises the stocktake and review undertaken for Netball Court (Outdoor) facilities. It provides high-level strategic directions/recommendations. Note is also made of indoor facilities for netball, although it is described more fully in the section on indoor court facilities (Section 6). Reference to the Strategic Context (Section 6.1) and Facility Inventory (Section 6.2) for Indoor Courts may also be informative for consideration of indoor netball opportunities. Reference to the Facility Inventory for Tennis Court Facilities (Section 10.2) may also be informative given their common overlaps in outdoor courts.

11.2 Strategic Context

A strategic context for this type of asset is provided from a range of regional and national documents. A summary of key points is outlined below. Specific references to Council intentions are noted below and in Section 11.6 (Proposed Facility Approach). However, no national sports facility strategies for tennis are available (although some regions do have them e.g. Auckland). The main documents available are:

Netball New Zealand Facilities Strategy (2011)

- Manawatu-Wanganui was in the Western Region of Netball NZ (now part of the new Northern Zone).
- Growth in the 'active population' (aged 5-50) was not projected to increase in the Western region outside of Palmerston North.
- The number of teams in the Western Region were projected to decline from 1134 in 2010 to 945 by 2031
- The Western Region had 19.8 teams for every 1000 'active' people (aged 5-50). This was slightly higher than the average level of teams in New Zealand (17.2 teams).
- The Western Region had relatively lower than average numbers of winter-only teams, secondary school and fun-ferns (young junior) teams.
- The Western Region overall also had 13.3 teams per court, which was the same as the average for New Zealand overall (13.6 teams per court). The highest level in the region was 20 teams per court.
- The strategy identifies that a centre having fewer than 30 teams per court has potential spare capacity.
- Each region should have access to at least one indoor multi-court venue (of at least 2 courts). Netball Manawatu most closely achieves this through Arena Manawatu.

Council Plans and Strategies (facility-specific summary)

- **Palmerston North City Council** – the LTP (2015-2035) did not distinguish or note any outdoor netball-specific facility developments or needs. Here it can be assumed that directions for general facilities would also apply for outdoor netball facilities in many cases. Ongoing improvements in quality, accessibility and partnerships involving non-council providers (e.g. Massey, Linton, Schools) could enhance the current network's effectiveness. Supported by the Recreation and Community Facilities Asset Management Plan (2014) and Palmerston North Active Recreation Strategy (2013).
- **Horowhenua District Council** – the LTP (2015-2035) did not distinguish or note any outdoor netball-specific facility developments or needs, other than a general facility direction to make facilities multi-use and flexible enough to cater for demand changes related to low growth and an aging population. The Districts 'Infrastructure Strategy' did not include any Recreation assets. However, it is now anticipated that in its next 2018 LTP, council will adopt much higher long-term population growth projections for the district after work conducted by NZIER related to the RONS Wellington Corridor Project.

- **Tararua District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any outdoor netball-specific facility developments or needs, other than a general direction for facilities to enhance lifestyle outcomes through fit-for-purpose facilities (in a rural/small/minimal growth/aging population context) supported by enhanced facility planning, processes, partnerships, and collaborations. It was also noted that the volunteer/ community capacity to manage the special needs and facilities for some sports was declining. Supported by a Recreation and Reserves Strategy (2014-2023).
- **Rangitikei District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) stated that council is aiming to rationalise to have fewer but better assets in the District. It stated that as major projects, Council would work to develop multi-use sport facilities at three key sites in the District - Centennial Park, Marton; Taihape Memorial Park and Bulls Domain (presumably including consideration of indoor and outdoor netball facilities), and that at other parks council will work to reduce the number and value of council-owned improvements (presumably including consideration of outdoor netball facilities). Supported by its Asset Management Plan: Community and Leisure Assets (2014), which emphasised a long-term process to actively reduce its asset base around strategically meeting priority needs (e.g. researching a 'Smart Decline approach).
- **Manawatu District Council** - the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any outdoor netball-specific facility developments or needs. General intentions were for generally enhancing facility flexibility; multi-functionality; suitability for a wider range of users (especially aged); partnerships and collaborations; and programmes to deliver activities. Funding was provided for court resealing and new changing facilities at Feilding High School. The Districts 'Infrastructure Strategy' did not include any Recreation assets.
- **Ruapehu District Council** - the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any outdoor netball-specific facility developments or needs. The LTP was focused on maintaining the quality of what was already provided (the status quo) rather than significantly enhancing any facility capacity, particular related to population decline in some areas. It was supported by a Recreation and Community Facilities Asset Management Plan (2015-2025).
- **Whanganui District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) stated no outdoor netball-specific facility developments or needs. The focus was on any new facility developments associated with creation of a community sports hub at Springvale Park (presumably including consideration of indoor and outdoor facilities). Supported by the District's Sport and Recreation Facility Strategy (2016), which did recommend consideration of relocation of the Whanganui Netball Centre to the Springvale hub to collocate major indoor and outdoor court options;

11.3 Facility Inventory

The facility inventory undertaken for this plan identified 25 facility specific netball court facility sites in the Region. These ranged from the large asphalt multi-court netball centre facilities (e.g. Vautier Park, Palmerston North; Donnelly Park, Horowhenua; Laird Park Whanganui) through a variety of smaller artificial-court facilities (e.g. Bush Multisport Park, Rangitikei College, Taumarunui High School, Whanganui Girls College) and asphalt court facilities (from singles to multi-court capacities). The bulk of competitive use was focussed on the large netball centre facilities, with the rest providing practise, recreation and occasional casual use options.

At these 25 sites combined, over 110 specific courts were defined from the survey and related reviews. These comprised around 26 artificial courts, and around 87 asphalt courts. Note that the specific types of artificial courts were sometimes not given in descriptions, although they included a range of surfaces including Tiger Turf, Astroturf, and sand-based hockey turfs. Asphalt/Concrete surfaces predominated, and those with associated acrylic coatings (usually for tennis) were noted where included.

Quite a few small domains, older public parks and school grounds had marked netball courts. In the smaller schools, any such netball facilities were often also marked and used more often for casual basketball. These were almost always asphalt type surfaces unless associated with larger schools (sometimes with multi-use artificial areas), and usually received only a little public use overall (if any at all). If there was any notable use it was usually only for casual activity. Most competitive netball appears to be undertaken at larger multi-court hub sites these days. It is anticipated that there may be many other unreported and effectively 'casual-only' facilities of these types.

Details of the Netball Facilities recorded are summarised in Table 11.1.

In some school cases in particular, new artificial netball courts were provided as part of wider multi-use artificial surface developments (e.g. Taumarunui High School, Whanganui Girls College, Whanganui High School, Rangatikei College).



Table 11.1: Netball Court Facilities

Council	Netball Court facilities	Description (summarised)	Draft status	Land owner	Facility owner	Facility manager
Horowhenua	Donnelly Park	10x asphalt netball courts, lighting, some upgrade needs for courts, lights, and club/changing rooms. Well used. No capacity issues noted	District	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua Netball Club	Horowhenua Netball Club
Horowhenua	Manawatu College	5x asphalt courts, marked for 6x tennis courts. Training lights on courts nearest the gym. School and casual use. No issues noted.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Manawatu College
Horowhenua	Horowhenua College	5x asphalt courts, marked for 6x tennis (and 1 basketball), mainly summer use. No issues noted.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Horowhenua College
Horowhenua	Shannon Domain	1x asphalt courts, also marked as 2x tennis, low casual/training use only. No lights. No issues noted.	Local	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District/ Mixed Clubs	Horowhenua District/ Mixed Clubs
Horowhenua	Waiopahu College	2x asphalt courts also marked as 3x tennis. School and casual use. No issues noted.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Waiopahu College
Manawatu	Feilding High School (Duke St)	6x asphalt courts (also marked for tennis) and toilets (no changing), but locked when not in Saturday netball use. Council use agreement but limited. Courts and fencing need work. MOU in place with school. Plans to reseal surface and develop changing rooms.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Feilding High School
Manawatu	Feilding High School (Churcher St)	2x asphalt courts, also marked for 3x tennis/1x basketball. Casual tennis and general school uses. Adjacent to artificial tennis facility. No issues noted.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Feilding High School
Manawatu	Kimbolton Domain	1x asphalt court in domain (also marked as 2x tennis), casual use, no issues noted.	Local	Manawatu District	Manawatu District	Manawatu District
Palmerston North	Vautier Park	Main Manawatu facility, 17x courts (6 coated asphalt, 11 concrete), also marked for summer tennis, some lighting, pavilion with changing rooms. Heavily used. Some capacity issues noted. Considering feasibility work on better provision options.	Regional	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City/Netball Manawatu	Palmerston North City/Netball Manawatu
Palmerston North	Massey University	4x coated asphalt courts and 4x spare unused courts, also marked for tennis, summer recreational use and Massey Netball Club in winter. Capacity to expand as needed. Linked to University hub development. No capacity issues noted.	Local	Massey University	Massey University	Massey University

Palmerston North	Bill Brown Park	2x asphalt courts marked for tennis and netball, no lights, rarely used. Occasionally used as carparking for adjacent community hall events.	Local	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Rangitikei	Taihape Memorial Park	4x courts, 1 asphalt / 3 plastic tiles, also marked for tennis. Partial lighting. No capacity issues noted.	Local	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District
Rangitikei	Bulls Domain	3x asphalt tennis courts, clubrooms, basic lights, well used for tennis. No netball use. Better lighting needed.	Local	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District
Rangitikei	Centennial Park	3x asphalt netball courts, well used practise/ recreational facility, no capacity issues noted beyond some upgrade maintenance.	Local	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District
Rangitikei	Rangitikei College	2x artificial courts marked on multiuse hockey turf. Complete status uncertain as development planning in progress. No issues noted.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Rangitikei College
Ruapehu	Taumarunui Netball Centre	4x asphalt courts (2x coated), clubrooms. Discussing maintenance with council. No capacity issues noted.	District	Ruapehu District	Taumarunui Netball Centre	Taumarunui Netball Centre
Ruapehu	Raetihi Recreation Reserve	1x asphalt court for basketball (potentially netball practice), casual use only. No lights. No issues noted.	Local	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District
Ruapehu	Christie Park (Ohakune)	1x asphalt court for basketball (potentially netball practice), casual use only. No lights. No issues noted.	Local	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District
Ruapehu	Taumarunui High School	Two multiuse astroturf areas marked in total for 5x netball courts, and also for 6x tennis courts, short running track and used for hockey, football, basketball practice etc,	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Taumarunui High School
Tararua	Bush Multisport Park	6x artificial courts on hockey turf surface (also marked for 6x tennis), good lighting (but seeking upgrade), multiple sport uses but sufficient supply. No issues noted.	District	Tararua District	Bush Multisport Trust/Tararua District	Bush Multisport Trust
Tararua	Anderson Park	5x asphalt courts in two fenced areas, also marked for 6x tennis. 2x courts with lights. Located by Dannevirke Sports Centre. No use issues noted.	Local	Tararua District	Tararua District	Tararua District
Tararua	Eketahuna Combined Sports	2x new artificial courts also marked for 3x tennis, lighting, viewing space, moderate use. No issues noted.	Local	Tararua District	Tararua District	Tararua District

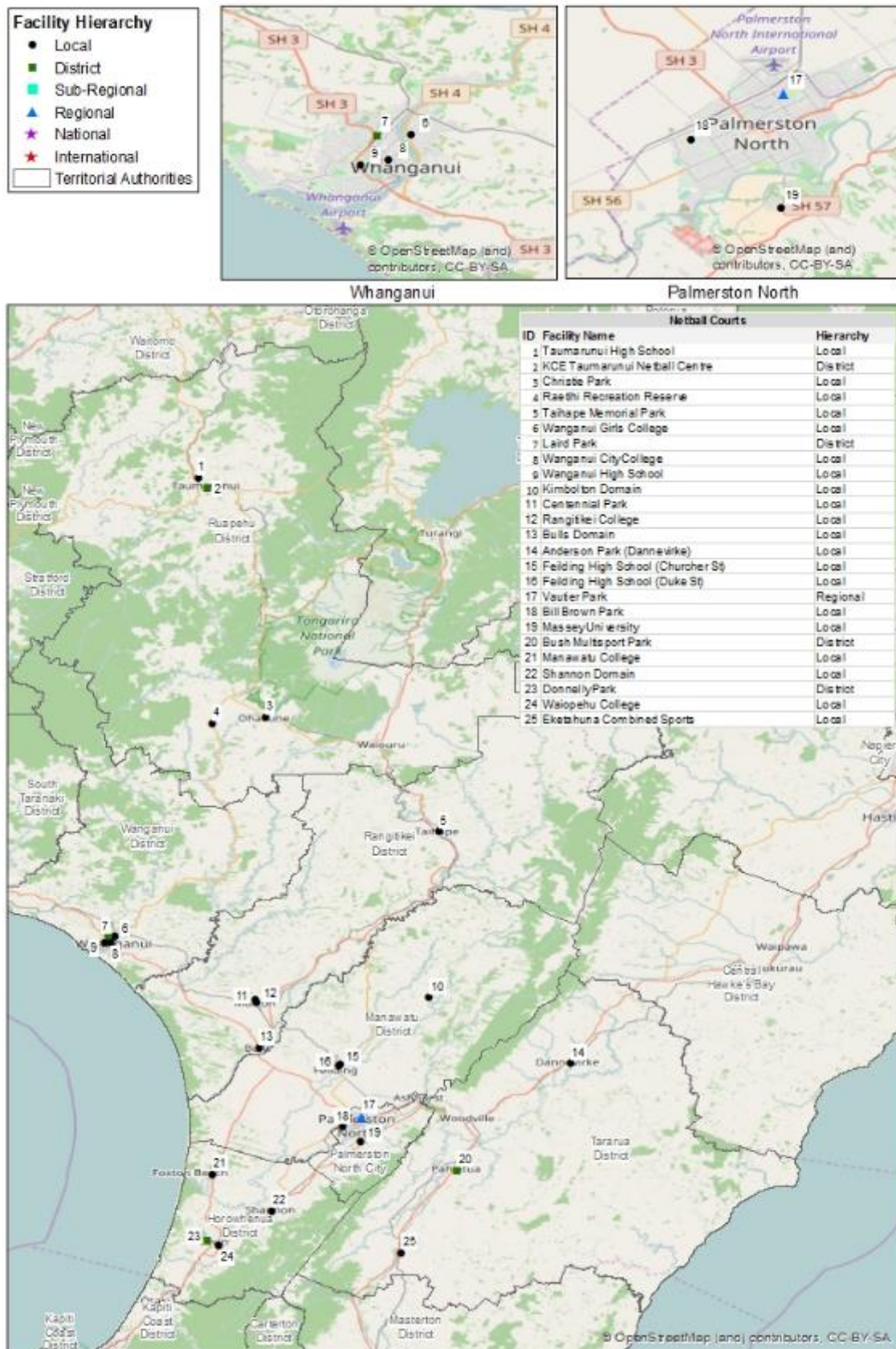
Whanganui	Laird Park	13x outdoor netball courts, plus other facilities for bowls and bocce.	District	Wanganui District	Laird Park Bowling Club	Laird Park Bowling Club
Whanganui	Wanganui Girls College	Netball 3x artificial courts on new multi-use turf area, including 3x tennis courts and hockey practice areas.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Whanganui Girls College
Whanganui	Wanganui High School	Sand-based artificial surface marked for 5x netball courts, 6x tennis courts, a hockey training area. Adjacent to Springvale Park hub area	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Whanganui High School
Whanganui	Wanganui City College	Multi-use astro-turf courts used for hockey, 2x netball, 5x tennis, football. Agreement for use as satellite junior fields to Gonville turf.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Whanganui City College

Some summary points from the data – Netball Court VENUES

- Regional and/or and higher-level netball facilities tend to be indoor.
- The network of Netball Court facilities was largely based on a few competition hubs with numerous courts across the Districts (e.g. Donnelly, Vautier and Laird Parks) and a miscellaneous collection of other courts often associated with schools or with facilities based on joint netball/tennis markings. Casual courts were not common unless linked to tennis courts, and use levels were not high.
- All responses indicated that the main facilities were meeting needs and there were no significant demand constraints noted.
- Only one development was referred to here. This was a proposal to upgrade Netball courts as part of proposed wider facility developments at Rangitikei College (with Council involved). Similar developments had taken place previously at other school (e.g. Taumarunui High School, Whanganui Girls College etc).
- A common feature was netball courts also marked for tennis. A variation on this was the markings of artificial Hockey surfaces for tennis (e.g. Bush MultiSport Park) and proposed for Rangitikei College.

Note that these results do not reflect the direct facility concerns of individual user groups, just those issues that the management respondents noted. Presumably if any user problems were significant enough, managers would be aware of them and would have indicated so.

Map 11.1: Existing Netball Court Facilities (Outdoor)



11.4 School Facility Summary

Schools play an important complementary role in providing sport and recreation facilities in their communities. While virtually all schools will have outdoor grass spaces, outdoor netball court spaces are less consistently present. Secondary schools in particular appear had more netball courts, and were more likely to have all-weather/artificial surfaces. Those present were largely configured as multi-use spaces, regularly being used also as tennis courts, and in some cases multiple other activities (e.g. half or full sand-based hockey surfaces). Older asphalt-type courts were the older facilities, and often with very light use for purpose. However, with 25 full secondary schools listed in the Manawatu-Wanganui Region and an additional 7 composite primary/secondary schools (plus 7 Intermediates), there is considerable potential extra netball court facility capacity represented, although few sites have the large numbers of co-located courts typically found at most key competition centres/hubs for netball

Beyond the sometimes-extensive multi-court netball facilities noted in some secondary schools (see below), it is noteworthy that few primary schools were noted with associated tennis facilities in Table 10.1. Despite over 130 other primary schools existing in the region overall, it is unlikely that more under-utilised netball facilities are present.

If present, most netball facilities at schools would be typically available for community use to some extent (if demand existed), although most usually after hours and subject to school-use priorities and public access policies. Overall, there appear to be a few key school facilities for providing netball facilities overall, but a much larger number of low status asphalt courts receiving little external use (nor are likely to). Most competitive netball would be undertaken at few key multi-court netball hubs.

Horowhenua

- Horowhenua College* - 6x asphalt tennis courts marked for 5x netball
- Manawatu College* - 6x asphalt tennis courts, marked for 5x netball, training lights
- Waiopehu College* - 3x artificial tennis courts, marked for 2x netball, lights
- Levin Intermediate - 2x old asphalt courts (tennis/netball), 1x basketball

Manawatu

- Feilding High School* - 2 sites - 9x old asphalt courts
- Feilding Intermediate - 4x junior asphalt tennis courts, 1x netball/basketball

Palmerston North City

- PH Girls' High School - 5x artificial tennis courts, also marked as 4x netball
- Queen Elizabeth College - 3x artificial tennis courts, marked for 2x netball
- Awatapu College - 5x artificial tennis courts, also marked for netball
- Freyberg High School - 6x new artificial tennis courts with practice netball markings
- Longburn Adventist Coll - 1x asphalt tennis court, also marked for netball
- Monrad Intermediate - 6x asphalt tennis courts, also marked for 3x netball
- Palmerston North Int - 3x artificial tennis courts, and 3x asphalt netball courts
- Ross Intermediate - artificial junior tennis courts, 1x asphalt netball/basketball court
- Cornerstone Christian School (Comp) - 1x asphalt netball court
- Mana Tamariki (Comp) - 1x asphalt tennis court, 2x netball/basketball

Rangitikei

- Rangitikei College* - 4x artificial tennis/netball on half hockey turf, lights - planned
- Nga Tawa Diocesan - 4x artificial tennis & 3x netball courts, hockey, lights - planned
- Taihape Area School (Comp) - 1x asphalt netball court

Ruapehu

- Ruapehu College - 2x artificial tennis courts, adjacent asphalt netball/basketball area
- Taumarunui High* - new astroturf area - 6x artificial tennis (5x netball) courts, lights,

Tararua District

- Dannevirke High - 8x asphalt tennis courts, marked for 2x netball/basketball
- Taranua College - 6x asphalt tennis courts, also marked 6x netball
- TKKM o Tamaki Nui A Rua (Comp) - 1x asphalt netball, also 2x basketball half courts
- Totara Coll of Accelerated Learning (Comp) - 4x junior asphalt tennis courts, 1x netball

Whanganui

- Wanganui Collegiate* - 6x acrylic tennis courts, also marked 3x netball with hoops
- Whanganui City College* - 5x artificial tennis courts, marked 2x netball & basketball, lights
- Whanganui Girls' College* - 3x artificial netball courts, also 3x tennis courts and multi-use
- Whanganui High School* - 6x tennis courts on artificial hockey surface, marked 5x netball
- Cullinane College - 5x tennis, also marked 5x netball/basketball
- St Dominic's Coll - 1x asphalt netball court, also adjacent to Gonville Domain
- Rutherford Junior High - 1x asphalt netball court
- Te Kura o Kokohuia (Comp) - 3x junior tennis courts, also marked as 1x netball
- TKKM o Tupoho (Composite) - 1x asphalt netball court

Map 11.2 Drive time map – Netball Court Facilities (Outdoor)



11.5 Proposed Facility Approach – Netball Courts

Regionwide Key Considerations

- Take account of the Netball Court facility/activity needs of a significantly aging population, and growth in the total numbers of older people in terms of both activity-type preferences and appropriate facility type, location and accessibility (specifications and transport). At the same time the opportunities for new-entrant and younger participants in activities need to be enhanced to grow participation.
- The geographic distribution of the Region's, and constituent District's, populations and facilities
- It is also important to consider the presence and strategic location of any Regional-level facilities for higher purpose uses (e.g. Regional/National tournaments/competitions) in or nearby to the region. Netball Manawatu's response focused predominantly on indoor venue needs overall, with few issues related to outdoor venues.
- With a significant portion of the Regional and District populations currently aged over 65 years, and with this anticipated to increase, the Region and Districts needs to consider a strategy of adapting existing Netball facilities where possible to meet the needs of an aging population.
- It is vital that school and other non-council facilities continue to be considered for their role in the network. Council needs to ensure ongoing community access to these venues is secure to cater for demand. This is especially so in the smaller Districts and Centres where lower population densities mean partnership approaches and more flexible to general-purpose and affordable (at lower volumes) resources are more necessary.

Council Area	Netball Court Facilities	Key Considerations (for specific areas)	Proposed Facility Approach	Timeframe Short term 0-3 years Medium term 4-10 Long term 10 plus yrs
Horowhenua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donnelly Park Manawatu College Horowhenua College Shannon Domain Waiopahu College <p>Other Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Section 11.4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Netball hub at Donnelly Park (along with indoor centre), and some school-based options that may enable limited strategic development and partnerships for higher standards and access as required No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed netball court facilities. The council did not indicate any notable netball facility development programmes or investments in netball facilities in its current LTP. Take account of the larger numbers of residents, as well numbers of older residents, projected for this District. Also note the additional projections beyond those of Statistics NZ undertaken for Council by NZIER due to potential higher growth outcomes from significant Kapiti Coast – Wellington Highway improvements. These suggest substantially more residents (28%) by 2043 (around 9,000 vs 300 from Statistics NZ). Note District population (~30,000) concentrations are largely in Levin (~21,000) and to a lesser extent Foxton (~4,500) and Shannon (1,300), and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Palmerston North and in nearby Kapiti District towns (i.e. Otaki). 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formalise facility partnerships with high schools to ensure quality community access. Closely monitor the location and scale of any development plans to accommodate projected new residents, any other indicators of potential population growth, and the emergence of any new peak-use capacity issues at key facilities. Investigate the extent to which enhancing facility network capacity through enhanced programming and partnerships can minimise any potential 'new demand' pressures (as a result of NZIER assumed new population growth). 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Medium term</p>
Manawatu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feilding High School (Churcher St) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School-based options may enable further strategic development and partnerships for higher standards and access as required. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take account of the projections for larger numbers of residents overall, incorporating more diversity and more younger adults as well as the more usual growth in older residents. • Note the population concentrations (~ 80,000) located all in Palmerston North City itself, and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Feilding, although many options exist in the city itself. 		
Rangitikei	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taihape Memorial Park • Bulls Domain • Centennial Park • Rangitikei College <p>Other Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Section 11.4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A main but small hub at Taihape Memorial Park. Few other District facilities. This puts focus on school facilities. • Note the proposed new multi-use artificial courts at high schools in Marton (e.g. Rangitikei College, Nga Tawa Diocesan). • The council did not indicate any notable netball facility development programmes or investments in netball courts in its current LTP, although it did signal development intentions for three multi-use sport facilities at Centennial Park, Marton; Taihape Memorial Park and Bulls Domain (no sport types named). • Also note the potential from pending multiuse artificial surface developments planned at Rangitikei College and Nga Tawa Diocesan School in Marton. • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at any of the current facilities listed. • Take account of the slightly declining and strongly aging population – likely that demand will decrease unless court sports for older residents become popular. • Note District population (~14,000) concentrations in Marton (~5,000), and to a lesser extent Bulls and Taihape (~1,700 each), and their relative 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use because of the aging population. • Formalise facility partnerships with strategic schools (i.e. Rangitikei High School) to ensure quality community access on an as required basis. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

		proximities to any strategic facilities in Whanganui and Palmerston North.		
Ruapehu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taumarunui Netball Centre • Raetihi Playing Fields <p>Other Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Section 11.4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a small hub at Taumarunui netball Centre, but only a few other facilities. • School-based options may be available to enable strategic development and partnerships for higher standards and access as required. These may be key opportunities where identified in smaller centres. • Note the new multi-use artificial courts at high schools (e.g. Ruapehu College - Ohakune, Taumarunui High) – including netball. • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the sites listed here. • The council did not indicate any notable netball court facility development programmes or investments in netball in its current LTP. • Take account of the strongly declining and strongly aging population – very likely that demand will decrease unless netball for older residents becomes more popular and/or current participation rates increase. • The highest proportion of Maori population in the Region. • High relative numbers of temporary visitors to the District (i.e. holiday homes, other tourism) • Note District population (~12,000) concentration mainly in Taumarunui (~5,000), Ohakune, Raetihi and Waiouru (~1,000 each), but otherwise very dispersed in low levels. Proximity to any other strategic facilities outside the district are limited. popular, or new activities motivate new participation rates. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use because of the aging population. • Formalise facility partnerships with strategic schools (i.e. Rangitikei High School) to ensure quality community access on an as required basis. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

Tararua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bush Multisport Park Anderson Park Eketahuna Combined Sports <p>Other Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Section 11.4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has a hub at Bush Multisport Park but only a few other basic facilities, with a large asphalt netball court capacity also at Tararua College. A few other basic school-based options may be available for strategic development and partnerships for higher standards and access as required. No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed facilities. The council did not indicate any notable netball facility development programmes or investments in netball facilities in its current LTP. Take account of the slightly increasing and strongly aging population – likely that demand will decrease unless netball for older residents become popular and/or current participation rates increase. Note District population (~17,000) concentrations of around a third in Dannevirke (~5,000), around a quarter in Pahiatua (~2,500) and Woodville (~1,500) combined, and the remaining several thousand dispersed widely across the District in a range of small rural towns. Note relative proximities to strategic facilities in Palmerston North. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use because of the aging population. Formalise facility partnerships with strategic schools (i.e. Rangitikei High School) to ensure quality community access on an as required basis. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Wanganui	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laird Park Wanganui Girls College Wanganui High School Wanganui City College <p>Other Schools</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently has a large hub facility at Laird Park, but limited other options beyond schools. Good school-based options appear to be available to enable strategic development and partnerships for wider access around the city and higher standards as required. Note multi-use artificial courts at some high schools (e.g. Whanganui High, Whanganui Girls Collegiate) and multiple asphalt options in other schools. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use because of the aging population. Assess facility rationalisation and optimising opportunities, including potential court relocation from Laird Park to the developing Springvale hub. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Section 11.4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed facilities. • The council did not indicate any notable netball court facility development programmes or investments in netball courts in its current LTP, although its subsequent Sport and Recreation Facility Strategy did highlight potential multi-sport court developments specifically for netball at a Springvale Park hub (rather than resurfacing the Laird Park courts). • The Wanganui population is projected to increase very little and show a similar aging pattern to other areas. • Note District population (~42,000) concentrations primarily in Whanganui itself (~40,000) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formalise facility partnerships with schools to ensure quality community access as required by anticipated demands and gaps. 	Medium term
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12.0 ATHLETICS TRACK FACILITIES

13.1 Introduction

This section summarises the stocktake and review undertaken for Athletics Track facilities. It provides high-level strategic directions/recommendations. Reference to the Facility Inventory (Section 8.2) for Playing Fields may also be informative for consideration of Athletics Track opportunities given their common seasonal overlaps at some sites.

12.2 Strategic Context

A strategic context for this type of asset is provided from a range of regional and national documents. A summary of key points is outlined below. Specific references to Council intentions are noted below and in Section 12.6 (Proposed Facility Approach). The main documents available are:

Athletics New Zealand Facilities Strategy (2010)

- The strategy recommends that each region needs only one 8 lane, synthetic, and all-weather track, of which a selected 5 regions will have IAAF Class II certification. These 5 regions did not include Manawatu-Wanganui. However, Cooks Gardens in Wanganui has been upgraded to Class II level.
- The current priority recommended for the region is on maintenance and sustainability of existing athletics facilities in the Manawatu-Wanganui region (e.g. Cooks Gardens in Wanganui, Manawatu Community Athletics at Massey in Palmerston North).
- Closer relationships with TAs were recommended (including LTCCP provisions) for maintaining 8-lane synthetic tracks.

Council Plans and Strategies (facility-specific summary)

- **Palmerston North City Council** – the LTP (2015-2035) did not distinguish or note any athletics-specific facility developments or needs. Ongoing improvements in quality, accessibility and partnerships involving non-council providers (e.g. Massey, Linton, Schools) could enhance the current network's effectiveness. Supported by the Recreation and Community Facilities Asset Management Plan (2014) and Palmerston North Active Recreation Strategy (2013).
- **Horowhenua District Council** – the LTP (2015-2035) did not distinguish or note any athletics-specific facility developments or needs, other than a general facility direction to make facilities multi-use and flexible enough to cater for demand changes related to low growth and an aging population. The Districts 'Infrastructure Strategy' did not include any Recreation assets. However, it is now anticipated that in its next 2018 LTP, council will adopt much higher long-term population growth projections for the district after work conducted by NZIER related to the RONS Wellington Corridor Project.
- **Tararua District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any athletics-specific facility developments or needs, other than a general direction for facilities to enhance lifestyle outcomes through fit-for-purpose facilities (in a rural/small/minimal growth/aging population context) supported by enhanced facility planning, processes, partnerships, and collaborations. It was also noted that the volunteer/community capacity to manage the special needs and facilities for some sports was declining. Supported by a Recreation and Reserves Strategy (2014-2023).
- **Rangitikei District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) stated that council is aiming to rationalise to have fewer but better assets in the District. It stated that as major projects, Council would work to develop multi-use sport facilities at three key sites in the District - Centennial Park, Marton; Taihape Memorial Park and Bulls Domain (presumably including consideration of athletics facilities), and that at other parks council

will work to reduce the number and value of council-owned improvements. Supported by its Asset Management Plan: Community and Leisure Assets (2014), which emphasised a long-term process to actively reduce its asset base around strategically meeting priority needs (e.g. researching a 'Smart Decline approach).

- **Manawatu District Council** - the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any athletics-specific facility developments or needs. General intentions were for generally enhancing facility flexibility; multi-functionality; suitability for a wider range of users (especially aged); partnerships and collaborations; and programmes to deliver activities. The Districts 'Infrastructure Strategy' did not include any Recreation assets.
- **Ruapehu District Council** - the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any athletics-specific facility developments or needs. The LTP was focused on maintaining the quality of what was already provided (the status quo) rather than significantly enhancing any facility capacity, particular related to population decline in some areas. It was supported by a Recreation and Community Facilities Asset Management Plan (2015-2025).
- **Whanganui District Council** - the LTP (2015-2025) stated no outdoor athletics-specific facility developments or needs. The focus was on any new facility developments associated with creation of a community sports hub at Springvale Park. Intention to assess the feasibility of covering Cooks Gardens velodrome may provide options for some athletics facilities. Supported by the District's Sport and Recreation Facility Strategy (2016).

12.3 Facility Inventory

The facility inventory undertaken for this plan identified only two all-purpose high-level Athletics facilities at the Manawatu Community Athletics Track in Palmerston North and Cooks Gardens in Whanganui. Of the few other Athletics Tracks identified, all 11 were simple mown grass tracks on council and school playing fields (occasionally with minimal additional athletics field facilities). Some schools also had non-standard size running tracks marked it is anticipated that there are some other past and/or present mown tracks that have not been reported (or recorded) in this strategy review.

Details of the Athletics track facilities recorded are summarised in Table 12.1.

Table 12.1: Athletics Track Facilities

Council	Athletics Track facilities	Description (summarised)	Draft status	Land owner	Facility owner	Facility manager
Horowhenua	Waiopēhu College	1x 440m grass track around college playing fields. Used by college and Levin Athletics Club in summer. No issues noted.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Waiopēhu College
Horowhenua	Poroutāwhao School	Grass track on school grounds. Minimal school use. No issues noted.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Poroutāwhao School
Horowhenua	Shannon Domain	1x 440m grass track on playing fields inside old Cycle Track oval. Minimal use. No issues noted.	Local	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District
Manawatu	Timona Park	Grass track and basic athletics field facilities. Local club/community use. Currently working through a request for a discus cage.	Local	Manawatu District	Manawatu District	Manawatu District
Palmerston North	Manawatu Community Athletics Track (Massey)	A 400m 8 lane all-weather track built to IAAF standards. Includes throwing circles, jump runway and pits, pole vault and high jump areas, steeplechase water jump, centre field, practice throwing area changing and shelter facilities. Encloses an area which could be a football facility, but field requires drainage attention. Option being investigated. Track resurfacing is being planned.	Regional	Massey University	Massey University	Massey University
Palmerston North	Lincoln Park, Asshurst	Grass athletics track on fields. Mainly used for training. No issues noted.	Local	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Manawaroa Park	Grass athletics track on council field for use by adjacent High School. No issues noted.	Local	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North Girls High
Rangitikei	Rangitikei College	Grass athletics track on College fields. No issues noted.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Rangitikei College
Ruapehu	Taumarunui Domain	Grass athletics track. Athletics & touch in summer. Open space on domain for 3x fields, only casual use. No capacity issues noted. Clubrooms. Bowls, Athletics(covered) tennis and pool facilities present. Grandstand. Possible cricket pitch being laid.	District	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District
Tararua	Bush Multisport Park	Grass athletics track around playing fields. Used by local junior club. No issues noted.	Local	Tararua District	Tararua District/Bush Multisport Trust	Tararua District/Bush Multisport Trust
Tararua	Dannevirke Domain	Grass athletics track marked on domain oval. Athletics Club use in summer. Minimal other use. No issues noted.	Local	Tararua District	Tararua District	Tararua District

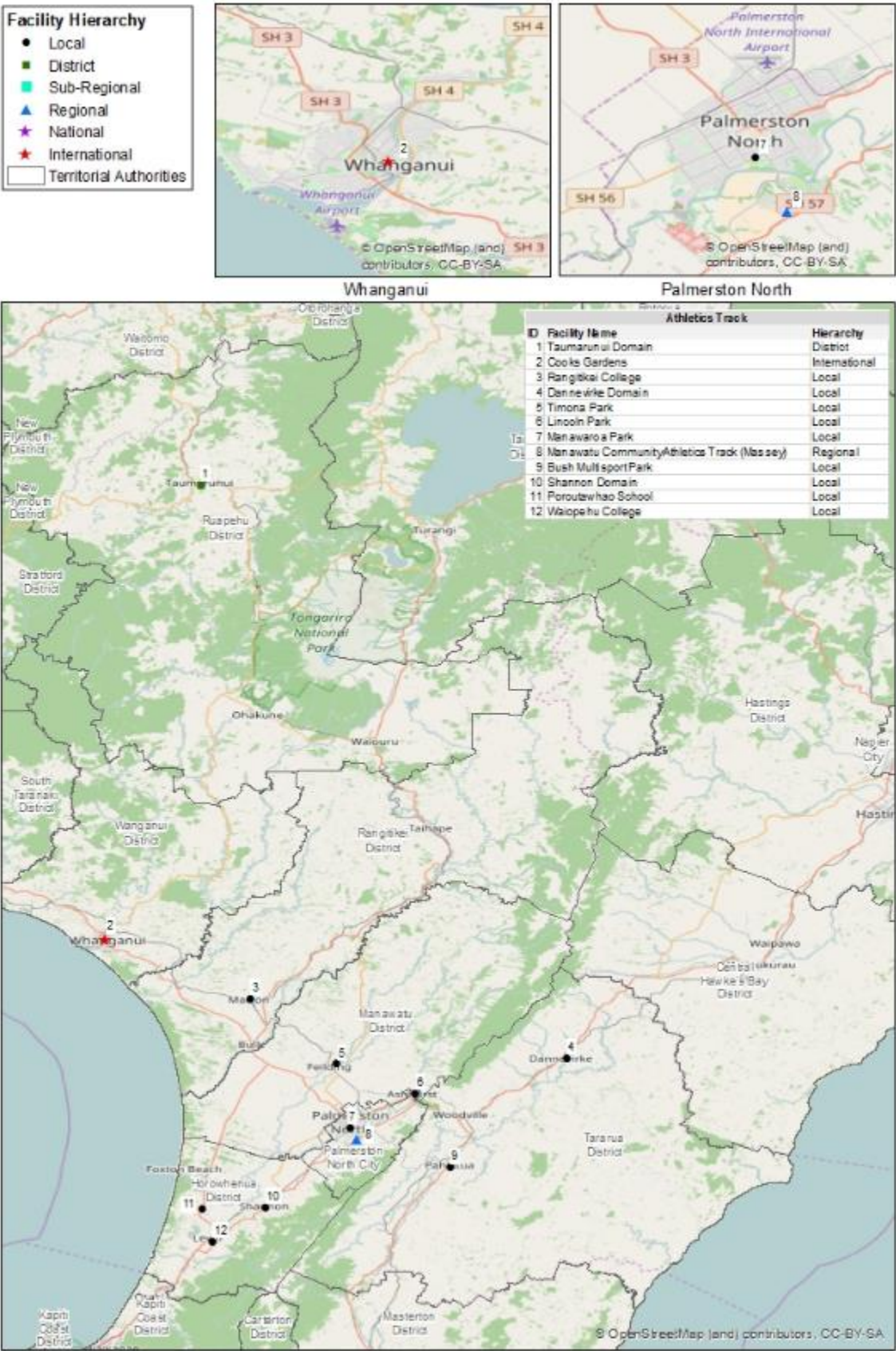
Whanganui	Cooks Gardens	400m artificial athletics track, surrounds main rugby field, grandstand for 4000, lighting towers, corporate boxes, media and function rooms. Part of wider event venue complex.	International	Whanganui District	Whanganui District	Whanganui District
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Some summary points from the data – Athletics Track VENUES

- Only a very few Athletics Track facilities were reported on by survey across the region, and only two represented a higher level full Athletics facilities (one in each Main City of the Region). All others were simple grass tracks (these could be replicated relatively easily if demand warranted).
- All responses indicated facilities were meeting needs and no demand constraints were noted.
- Only one development was referred to here. This was a proposal to upgrade the artificial track surface at the Manawatu Community Track (Massey).

Note that these results do not reflect the direct facility concerns of individual user groups, just those issues that the management respondents noted. Presumably if any user problems were significant enough, managers would be aware of them and would have indicated so.

Map 12.1: Existing Athletics Track Facilities



12.4 School Facility Summary

Schools play an important complementary role in providing sport and recreation facilities in their communities. Virtually all schools will have outdoor grass spaces, some of which are capable of being used for Athletics participation. Most full tracks in the Region are in fact based simply on mown 400m circuits on otherwise open-space or playing fields areas at schools.

Demand outside of school uses appears minimal given the locations of higher-level athletics hub facilities in the main centres of Palmerston North and Whanganui.



Map 12.2 Drive time map - Athletics Track Facilities



12.6 Proposed Facility Approach – Athletics Tracks

Regionwide Key Considerations

- Take account of the Athletics Track facility/activity needs of a significantly aging population, and growth in the total numbers of older people in terms of both activity-type preferences and appropriate facility type, location and accessibility (specifications and transport). At the same time the opportunities for new-entrant and younger participants in activities need to be enhanced to grow participation.
- The geographic distribution of the Region's, and constituent District's, populations and competitions.
- It is also important to consider the presence and strategic location of any Regional-level facilities for higher purpose uses (e.g. Regional/National tournaments/competitions) in or nearby to the region.
- With a significant portion of the Regional and District populations currently aged over 65 years, and with this anticipated to increase, the Region and Districts needs to consider a strategy of adapting existing Athletics Track facilities where possible to meet the needs of an aging population. Will the demand for Athletics Track sports be maintained at current levels?
- It is vital that school and other non-council facilities continue to be considered for their role in the network. Council needs to ensure ongoing community access to these venues is secure to cater for demand. This is especially so in the smaller Districts and Centres where lower population densities mean partnership approaches and more flexible to general-purpose and affordable (at lower volumes) resources are more necessary.

Council Area	Athletics Track Facilities	Key Considerations (for specific areas)	Proposed Facility Approach	Timeframe Short term 0-3 years Medium term 4-10 Long term 10 plus yrs
Horowhenua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waiopahu College Shannon Domain Poroutawhao School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only basic grass track facilities are available at some schools and one park. Generally low use levels. No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed athletics track facilities. The council did not indicate any notable athletics facility development programmes or investments in athletics facilities in its current LTP. Take account of the larger numbers of residents, as well numbers of older residents, projected for this District. Also note the additional projections beyond those of Statistics NZ undertaken for Council by NZIER due to potential higher growth outcomes from significant Kapiti Coast – Wellington Highway improvements. These suggest substantially more residents (28%) by 2043 (around 9,000 vs 300 from Statistics NZ). Note District population (~30,000) concentrations are largely in Levin (~21,000) and to a lesser extent Foxton (~4,500) and Shannon (1,300), and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Palmerston North and in nearby Kapiti District towns (i.e. Otaki). 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the aging population and sports participation trends. Formalise facility partnerships with high schools to ensure quality community access where required. Continue current funding support for a regional facility base for athletics in Palmerston North. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Manawatu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timona Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only a single grass track and basic field facilities with local club and casual use. Likely to be some similar basic facilities at some schools which may enable strategic developments and partnerships for higher standards and accessibilities as required. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the aging population and sports participation trends. 	<p>Ongoing</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed athletics facilities. The council did not indicate any notable athletics facility development programmes or investments in athletics facilities in its current LTP. Take account of the projected slightly larger numbers of residents, as well as projected increasing numbers of older residents in particular for the District. Note District population (~27,000) concentrations predominantly in Feilding (~16000), and to a lesser extent in a range of several small towns, and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Palmerston North. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formalise facility partnerships with high schools to ensure quality community access where required. Continue focusing development to Manawatu Community Athletics Track, recognising contribution to MCAT development for community. 	Ongoing
Palmerston North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manawatu Community Athletics Track (Massey) Lincoln Park Manawaroa Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has a premiere Regional venue (Manawatu Community Track). There are some smaller facilities/sites which could support strategic asset enhancements if required. No significant capacity or facility issues identified at listed athletics facilities, other than some infield drainage at the main Manawatu track facility The council did not indicate any notable athletics facility development programmes or investments in athletics facilities in its current LTP (apart from extending the existing shelter structure), although hockey turf and other developments are planned close by. Take account of the projections for larger numbers of residents overall, incorporating more diversity and more younger adults as well as the more usual growth in older residents. Note the population concentrations (~ 80,000) located all in Palmerston North City itself, and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the aging population and sports participation trends. As demand warrants it, undertake an options assessment for optimising Athletics Track capacity (e.g. accessing other spaces, times or developing new space, potentially in partnership). Formalise facility partnerships with strategic schools to ensure quality access as required by anticipated demands and gaps. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Medium term</p> <p>Short-Medium term</p>

		in Fielding, although many options exist in the city itself.		
Rangitikei	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rangitikei College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has no basic council facilities. This puts focus on the scope of what few basic school facilities there are, or which are planned (e.g. multiuse artificial turfs at Rangitikei College and Nga Tawa Diocesan College). No significant capacity or facility issues identified at any of the current facilities listed. The council did not indicate any notable athletics facility development programmes or investments in athletics facilities in its current LTP, although it did signal development intentions for three multi-use sport facilities at Centennial Park, Marton; Taihape Memorial Park and Bulls Domain (no sport types named). Take account of the slightly declining and strongly aging population – likely that demand will decrease unless athletics for older residents become popular. Note District population (~14,000) concentrations in Marton (~5,000), and to a lesser extent Bulls and Taihape (~1,700 each), and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Whanganui and Palmerston North. 	To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formalise facility partnerships with high schools to ensure quality community access where required. 	Short term
Ruapehu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taumaranui Domain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has no basic council facilities, although a few school-based options may be available to enable strategic development and partnerships for higher standards and access as required. These may be key opportunities where identified in smaller centres. Note the new multi-use artificial courts at high schools (e.g. Ruapehu College - Ohakune, Taumaranui High) – including short running tracks. 	To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the aging population and sports participation trends. Formalise facility partnerships with high schools to ensure quality community access where required. 	Ongoing Ongoing

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the sites listed here. • The council did not indicate any notable athletics facility development programmes or investments in athletics facilities in its current LTP. • Take account of the strongly declining and strongly aging population – very likely that demand will decrease unless athletics for older residents becomes more popular and/or current participation rates increase. • The highest proportion of Maori in the Region. • High relative numbers of temporary visitors to the District (i.e. holiday homes, other tourism) • Note District population (~12,000) concentration mainly in Taumaranui (~5,000), Ohakune, Raetihi and Waiouru (~1,000 each), but otherwise very dispersed in low levels. Proximity to any other strategic facilities outside the district are limited. popular, or new activities motivate new participation rates. 		
Tararua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bush Multisport Park • Dannevirke Domain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic track and field facilities at Bush Multisport Park and Dannevirke Domain. • A few other school-based options may be available to enable strategic development and partnerships for higher standards and access as required. • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed facilities. • The council did not indicate any notable athletics facility development programmes or investments in athletics facilities in its current LTP. • Take account of the slightly increasing and strongly aging population – likely that demand will decrease unless athletics for older residents become popular and/or current participation rates increase. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the aging population and sports participation trends. • Formalise facility partnerships with high schools to ensure quality community access where required. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note District population (~17,000) concentrations of around a third in Dannevirke (~5,000), around a quarter in Pahiatua (~2,500) and Woodville (~1,500) combined, and the remaining several thousand dispersed widely across the District in a range of small rural towns. Note proximities to strategic facilities in Palmerston North. 		
Wanganui	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooks Gardens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has a nationally premiere venue at Cooks Gardens that provides facility scales and qualities to meet regional and national needs, and general event venue review and developments are planned. Good school-based options appear to be available to enable strategic development and partnerships for wider access around the city and higher standards as required. Note multi-use artificial courts at some high schools (e.g. Whanganui High, Whanganui Girls Collegiate) – including short running tracks. No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed facilities. The council did not indicate any notable athletics facility development programmes or investments in athletics facility in its current LTP. However indirectly, the stated intention to assess the feasibility of covering Cooks Gardens velodrome may provide some options for additional athletics facilities. The Wanganui population is projected to increase very little and show a similar aging pattern to other areas. Note District population (~42,000) concentrations primarily in Whanganui itself (~40,000) 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate athletics facility development needs potentially associated with any general venue developments at Cooks Gardens (the Regions premier athletics venue). Formalise facility partnerships with high schools to ensure quality community access if required. 	<p>Short-Medium term</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

13.0 GOLF FACILITIES

14.1 Introduction

This section summarises the stocktake and review undertaken for Golf facilities. It provides high-level strategic directions/recommendations.

13.2 Strategic Context

A strategic context for this type of asset is provided from a range of regional and national documents. A summary of key points is outlined below. Specific references to Council intentions are noted below and in Section 13.6 (Proposed Facility Approach). The main documents available are:

National Golf Facility Strategy – New Zealand Golf (2013)

- The Manawatu-Wanganui region was identified as one of the regions with one of the higher population to golf facility ratios in NZ (1:10,113). Compared with other regions it had relatively low supply of courses (on a population basis).
- 70% of Manawatu-Wanganui courses are 18 holes, compared with 80% for NZ
- the strategy identified that while the Manawatu-Wanganui region has a rural population of 45%, 39% of its golf courses are in rural areas.
- Utilisation of golf facilities is slightly lower in the Manawatu-Wanganui region (11%) than NZ overall (13%), ranging from 4% to 27% at different clubs.
- Overall for New Zealand it was indicated there was a current general oversupply of courses in relative to use. There were 3 strategic recommendations – (1) Apply a national hierarchy of golf facilities (rural and urban); (2) Develop sustainable facilities in urban areas; (3) Develop sustainable facilities in rural areas. 'Sustainability' related to ensuring financial security; sufficient membership/participation; and a dual regional hierarchy of accessible courses with General and Advanced courses (in rural areas) and Introductory, Development and Advanced courses (in urban areas) to create more new-entrant and ongoing development/participation opportunities.

Council Plans and Strategies (facility-specific summary)

- **Palmerston North City Council** – the LTP (2015-2035) did not distinguish or note any golf-specific facility developments or needs. Ongoing improvements in quality, accessibility and partnerships involving non-council providers (e.g. Massey, Linton, Schools) could enhance the current network's effectiveness. Supported by the Recreation and Community Facilities Asset Management Plan (2014) and Palmerston North Active Recreation Strategy (2013).
- **Horowhenua District Council** – the LTP (2015-2035) did not distinguish or note any golf-specific facility developments or needs, other than a general facility direction to make facilities multi-use and flexible enough to cater for demand changes related to low growth and an aging population. The Districts 'Infrastructure Strategy' did not include any Recreation assets. However, it is now anticipated that in its next 2018 LTP, council will adopt much higher long-term population growth projections for the district after work conducted by NZIER related to the RONS Wellington Corridor Project.
- **Tararua District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any golf-specific facility developments or needs, other than a general direction for facilities to enhance lifestyle outcomes through fit-for-purpose facilities (in a rural/small/minimal growth/aging population context) supported by enhanced facility planning, processes, partnerships, and collaborations. It was also noted that the volunteer/ community

capacity to manage the special needs and facilities for some sports was declining. Supported by a Recreation and Reserves Strategy (2014-2023).

- **Rangitikei District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) stated that council is aiming to rationalise to have fewer but better assets in the District. It stated that as major projects, Council would work to develop multi-use sport facilities at three key sites in the District - Centennial Park, Marton; Taihape Memorial Park and Bulls Domain (presumably including consideration of golf facilities), and that at other parks council will work to reduce the number and value of council-owned improvements. Supported by its Asset Management Plan: Community and Leisure Assets (2014), which emphasised a long-term process to actively reduce its asset base around strategically meeting priority needs (e.g. researching a 'Smart Decline approach).
- **Manawatu District Council** - the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any golf-specific facility developments or needs. General intentions were for generally enhancing facility flexibility; multi-functionality; suitability for a wider range of users (especially aged); partnerships and collaborations; and programmes to deliver activities. The Districts 'Infrastructure Strategy' did not include any Recreation assets.
- **Ruapehu District Council** - the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any golf-specific facility developments or needs. The LTP was focused on maintaining the quality of what was already provided (the status quo) rather than significantly enhancing any facility capacity, particularly related to population decline in some areas. It was supported by a Recreation and Community Facilities Asset Management Plan (2015-2025).
- **Whanganui District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) stated no outdoor golf-specific facility developments or needs. The focus was on any new facility developments associated with creation of a community sports hub at Springvale Park. Intention to assess the feasibility of covering Cooks Gardens velodrome may provide options for some golf facilities. Supported by the District's Sport and Recreation Facility Strategy (2016).

13.3 Facility Inventory

The facility inventory undertaken for this plan identified 27 Golf facility sites. These comprised 18x 18-hole courses and 9x more basic 9-hole courses, and were well spread around the Districts. Every District had multiple 18-hole courses and the supply of opportunities appeared good. No demand or limited capacity issues were noted, although clubs had maintenance desires (especially the smaller clubs). Increased partnership opportunities around shared-venue use may provide enhanced sustainability options. Most clubrooms were already hired for various activities/events to varying degrees, and a few clubs were hosting campervan sites in their carparks. Provision for older age play and participation options, and good site accessibility will be important longer term into the future.

Details of the Golf Facilities recorded are summarised in Table 13.1.

Table 13.1: Golf Facilities

Council area	Golf facilities	Description (summarised)	Draft status	Land owner	Facility owner	Facility manager
Horowhenua	Foxton Golf Club	18-hole course, near Foxton, clubhouse and facilities. Campervan sites. No issues noted other than capital needs.	Local	Horowhenua District	Foxton Golf Club	Foxton Golf Club
Horowhenua	Levin Golf Club	18-hole course, near Foxton, clubhouse and facilities. No issues noted other than some capital needs.	Local	Levin Golf Course	Levin Golf Course	Levin Golf Course
Horowhenua	Buckley Golf Club	16-hole course (play 2 holes twice to make 18), near Shannon, static membership. No issues noted	Local	Buckley Golf Club	Buckley Golf Club	Buckley golf Club
Manawatu	Feilding Golf Club	18-hole golf course, near Feilding, driving range and clubhouse. No issues noted. Recognised as serving the Manawatu District.	District	Feilding Golf Club	Feilding Golf Club	Feilding Golf Club
Manawatu	Apiti Golf club	9-hole country course, grazed by sheep. Clubhouse can be hired. Closed for lambing and Dec-Feb.	Local	-	-	-
Palmerston North	Palmerston North Golf Club	18-Hole course with practice facilities and clubhouse amenities, clubrooms used for multiple events, functions. No issues noted. Plans for general upgrade and driving range.	District	Palmerston North City Council	Palmerston North Golf Club	Palmerston North Golf Club
Palmerston North	Orlando Country Club	9-hole Country Club course, covered driving range. Country Club used for multiple events, functions, sports and activities. No issues noted.	Local	Orlando Country Trust	Orlando Country Trust	Orlando Country Trust
Palmerston North	Manawatu Golf Club	18-hole course, multiple Tee system allowing 7 different courses. Well used (especially weekends). No issues noted.	National	Manawatu Golf Club	Manawatu Golf Club	Manawatu Golf Club
Palmerston North	Linton Camp	18-hole course at Linton, attached to combined sports complex. Available to public. No issues noted.	Local	Linton Military Camp	Linton Military Camp	Linton Military Camp
Rangitikei	Marton Golf Club	18-hole course with large clubrooms, sheds, greenkeepers house. Campervan / parking area. Not high use. No issues apart from general maintenance.	Local	Ngati Apa	Marton Golf Club	Marton Golf Club
Rangitikei	Taihape Golf Club	18-hole course, no bunkers, clubrooms hired out for private functions. No issues noted.	Local	Taihape Golf Club	Taihape Golf Club	Taihape Golf Club
Rangitikei	Rangitikei Golf Club	18-hole course near Bulls, no bunkers, golf carts available for hire clubrooms	Local	-	Rangitikei Golf Club	Rangitikei Golf Club
Rangitikei	Rangatira Golf Club	Unique multi-level 18-hole course (with cablecar) near Hunterville, views, clubrooms and hosting facilities, Campervan sites. No issues noted apart from maintenance.	District	Rangatira Golf Club	Rangatira Golf Club	Rangatira Golf Club
Rangitikei	Hawkestone Golf Club	9-hole course and clubrooms near Marton. No issues noted. Could have more use.	Local	-	Hawkestone Golf Club	Hawkestone Golf Club

Ruapehu	Taumarunui Golf Club	18-hole course, clubrooms and facilities. No issues noted apart from maintenance.	Local	DOC / Ruapehu District	Taumarunui Golf Club	Taumarunui Golf Club
Ruapehu	Waimarino Golf Club	18-hole course near Ohakune, clubrooms, campervan sites. Need members/income to optimise maintenance and realise potential.	Local	Waimarino Golf Club	Waimarino Golf Club	Waimarino Golf Club
Ruapehu	Waiouru Golf Course	18-hole course, run by volunteers.	Local	Waiouru Golf Club	Waiouru Golf Club	Waiouru Golf Club
Ruapehu	Taranui Golf Course (Ohura)	9-hole course, semi-private	Local	Taranui Golf Club	Taranui Golf Club	Taranui Golf Club
Tararua	Dannevirke Golf Course	18-hole course maintained by greenkeepers, clubhouse, practice facilities. No issues noted	Local	Dannevirke Golf Club	Dannevirke Golf Club	Dannevirke Golf Club
Tararua	Eketahuna Golf Club	18-hole course. Meets needs. No issues noted.	Local	Eketahuna Golf Club	Eketahuna Golf Club	Eketahuna Golf Club
Tararua	Alfredton Golf Club	9-hole country course maintained by sheep and occasional mowing of greens. Closed Dec to Feb.	Local	-	-	-
Tararua	Cape Turnagain Golf Club	9-hole country course maintained by sheep. Moved to site recently. Closed Dec to Feb. Meets needs.	Local	Cape Turnagain Golf Club	Cape Turnagain Golf Club	Cape Turnagain Golf Club
Tararua	Norsewood Golf Course	9-hole country course maintained by sheep. Clubhouse. Small membership and use. Meets needs.	Local	Norsewood Golf Club	Norsewood Golf Club	Norsewood Golf Club
Tararua	Pongaroa Golf Club	9-hole country course maintained by sheep (can be played with 18-tees). Clubhouse. Small membership. Meets needs.	Local	Pongaroa Golf Club	Pongaroa Golf Club	Pongaroa Golf Club
Tararua	Pahiatua Golf Club	18-hole course maintained by greenkeepers, clubhouse, practice facilities	Local	Tararua District	Pahiatua Golf Club	Pahiatua Golf Club
Tararua	Makuri Golf Club	9-hole country course in Mangatainoka maintained by sheep. Clubhouse	Local	Crown	Crown	Makuri Golf Club
Whanganui	Gonville Domain	9-hole golf course, but a driving range there recently had to close.	Local	Wanganui District	Tawhero Golf Club	Tawhero Golf Club
Whanganui	Castlecliff Golf Club	18-Hole links course, close to Whanganui Golf Club	District	Castlecliff Golf Club	Castlecliff Golf Club	Castlecliff Golf Club
Whanganui	Whanganui Golf Club	18-Hole course, close to Castlecliff Golf Club	District	Whanganui Golf Club	Whanganui Golf Club	Whanganui Golf Club

Some summary points from the data – Golf VENUES

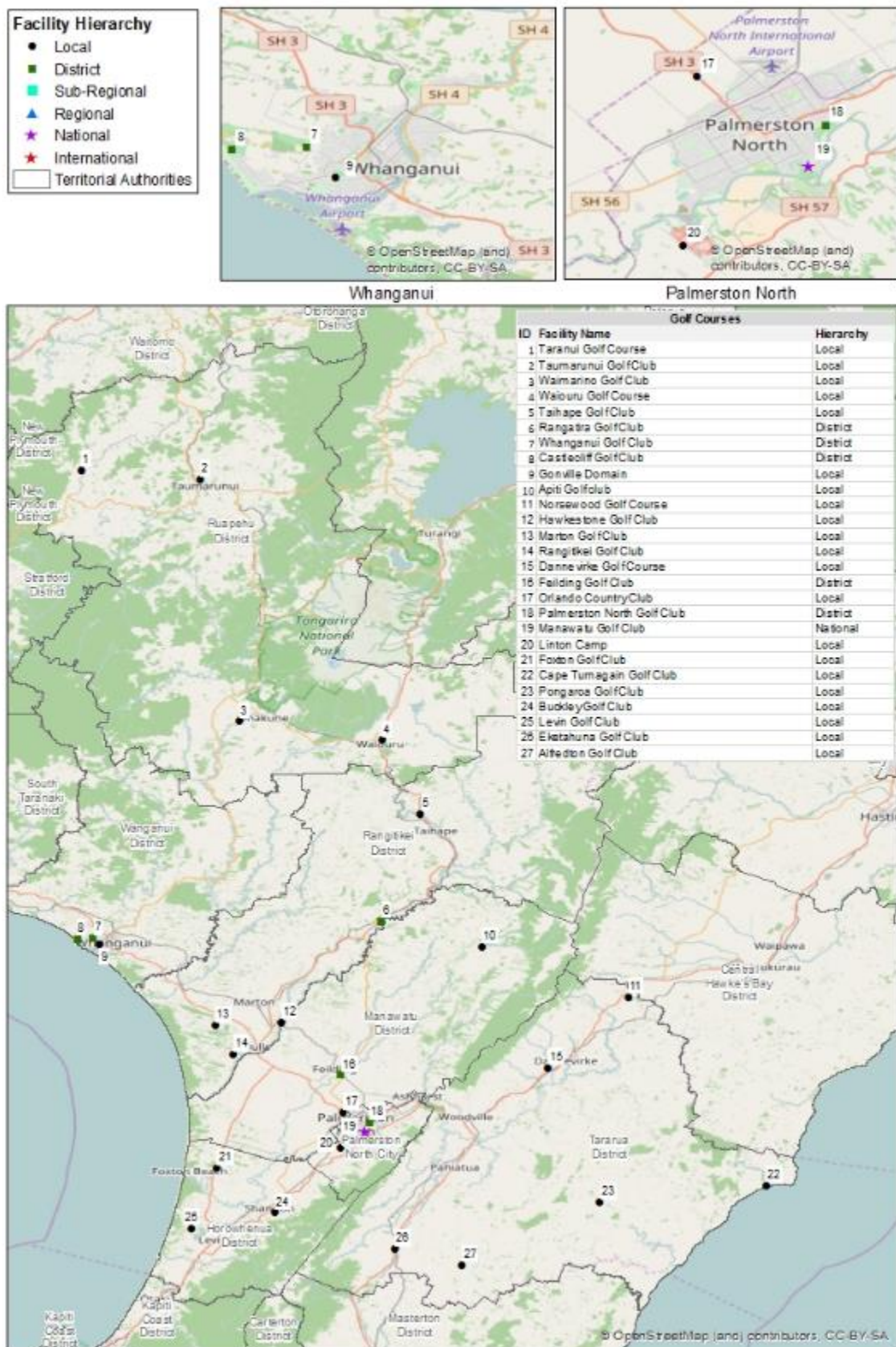
- There was no official defined hierarchy amongst the listed golf courses in the Manawatu-Wanganui golf region. The main distinction was between the 18-hole and 9-hole courses. Competitive event play appeared to be largely shared around most – with the main distinctions being one course categorised as 'National' (Manawatu Golf Club, Palmerston North) and 5 as 'District' (Feilding Golf Club – Manawatu; Palmerston North Golf Club – Palmerston North; Rangatira Golf Club - Rangitikei; Castlecliff Golf Club and Whanganui Golf Club - Whanganui)
- Virtually all were club owned and operated (apart from Linton, Palmerston North Golf Club, Taumaranui and Foxton)
- Responses indicated that the main facilities were meeting needs and there were no significant demand, maintenance or membership constraints noted.
- A number included campervan parking sites among their site services, while most hired their clubrooms for activities/events.

Note that these results do not reflect the direct facility concerns of individual user groups, just those issues that the management respondents noted. Presumably if any user problems were significant enough, managers would be aware of them and would have indicated so.

13.4 School Facility Summary

N/A

Map 13.1: Existing Golf Facilities



Map 13.2 Drive Time Map – Golf Course Facilities



13.6 Proposed Facility Approach – Golf Facilities

Regionwide Key Considerations

- Take account of the Golf facility/activity needs of a significantly aging population, and growth in the total numbers of older people in terms of both activity-type preferences and appropriate facility type, location and accessibility (specifications and transport).
- At the same time, the opportunities for new-entrant and younger participants in activities need to be enhanced to grow participation. Manawatu-Wanganui Golf did note need for accessible entry-level / introductory courses, and more playing options.
- The geographic distribution of the Region's, and constituent District's, populations and facilities
- Nationally the number of golf clubs is declining. Golf needs to be aware of these trends and adapt accordingly to remain sustainable.

Council Area	Golf Facilities	Key Considerations (for specific areas)	Proposed Facility Approach	Timeframe Short term 0-3 years Medium term 4-10 Long term 10 plus yrs
Horowhenua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foxton Golf Club • Levin Golf Club • Buckley Golf Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The courses were all identified as at Local level. • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Golf facilities, other than maintenance needs. • The council did not indicate any notable golf facility development programmes or investments in golf facilities in its current LTP. • Also note the additional projections beyond those of Statistics NZ undertaken for Council by NZIER due to potential higher growth outcomes from significant Kapiti Coast – Wellington Highway improvements. These suggest substantially more residents (28%) by 2043 (around 9,000 vs 300 from Statistics NZ). • Take account of the larger numbers of residents, as well numbers of older residents, projected for this District. • Note District population (~30,000) concentrations are largely in Levin (~21,000) and to a lesser extent Foxton (~4,500) and Shannon (1,300), and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Palmerston North and in nearby Kapiti District towns (i.e. Otaki). 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examine the potential for additional partnerships on golf club sites between golf and other sports clubs / community organisations. • Examine the potential for partnerships and amalgamations between golf clubs on an as required basis. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Manawatu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feilding Golf Club • Apiti Golf club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fielding Golf Course was noted as at least a District level course. • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Golf facilities, other than maintenance needs. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examine the potential for additional partnerships on golf club sites between golf and other sports clubs / community organisations. 	<p>Ongoing</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council did not indicate any notable golf facility development programmes or investments in golf facilities in its current LTP. • Take account of the larger numbers of residents, as well numbers of older residents, projected for this District. • Note District population (~27,000) concentrations predominantly in Feilding (~16,000), and to a lesser extent in a range of several small towns, and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Palmerston North. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examine the potential for partnerships and amalgamations between golf clubs on an as required basis. 	Ongoing
Palmerston North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palmerston North Golf Club • Orlando Country Club • Manawatu Golf Club • Linton Camp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manawatu Golf Course was noted as a National level course while Palmerston North Golf Club was identified as reaching a District level. • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Golf facilities, other than maintenance needs and some upgrades at Palmerston North Golf Club. • The council did not indicate any notable golf facility development programmes or investments in golf facilities in its current LTP. • Take account of the projections for larger numbers of residents overall, incorporating more diversity and more younger adults as well as the more usual growth in older residents. • Note the population concentrations (~80,000) located all in Palmerston North City itself, and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Fielding, although many options exist in the city itself. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the aging population and sports participation trends. • As demand warrants it, assess facility rationalisation /optimising opportunities. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

Rangitikei	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marton Golf Club • Taihape Golf Club • Rangitikei Golf Club • Rangatira Golf Club • Hawkestone Golf Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rangatira Golf Course identified as District level, with a good spread of Local courses elsewhere in the District. • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Golf facilities, other than maintenance needs. • The council did not indicate any notable golf facility development programmes or investments in golf facilities in its current LTP. • Take account of the slightly declining and strongly aging population – likely that demand will decrease unless golf for older residents become popular. • Note District population (~14,000) concentrations in Marton (~5,000), and to a lesser extent Bulls and Taihape (~1,700 each), and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Whanganui and Palmerston North. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the aging population and sports participation trends. • As demand warrants it, assess facility rationalisation /optimising opportunities. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Ruapehu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taumarunui Golf Club • Waimarino Golf Club • Waiouru Golf Course • Taranui Golf Course (Ohura) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The courses were well spread and all identified as at Local level. • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Golf facilities, other than maintenance needs. • The council did not indicate any notable golf facility development programmes or investments in golf facilities in its current LTP. • Take account of the strongly declining and strongly aging population – very likely that demand will decrease unless golf for older residents becomes more popular and/or current participation rates increase. • The highest proportion of Maori in the Region. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examine the potential for additional partnerships on golf club sites between golf and other sports clubs / community organisations. • Examine the potential for partnerships and amalgamations between golf clubs on an as required basis. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High relative numbers of temporary visitors to the District (i.e. holiday homes, other tourism) • Note District population (~12,000) concentration mainly in Taumaranui (~5,000), Ohakune, Raetihi and Waiouru (~1,000 each), but otherwise very dispersed in low levels. Proximity to any other strategic facilities outside the district are limited. popular, or new activities motivate new participation rates. 		
Tararua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dannevirke Golf Course • Eketahuna Golf Club • Alfredton Golf Club • Cape Turnagain Golf Club • Norsewood Golf Course • Pongaroa Golf Club • Pahiatua Golf Club • Makuri Gold Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The courses were well spread and all identified as at Local level. • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Golf facilities, other than maintenance needs. • The council did not indicate any notable golf facility development programmes or investments in golf facilities in its current LTP. • Take account of the slightly increasing and strongly aging population – likely that demand will decrease unless golf for older residents become popular and/or current participation rates increase. • Note District population (~17,000) concentrations of around a third in Dannevirke (~5,000), around a quarter in Pahiatua (~2,500) and Woodville (~1,500) combined, and the remaining several thousand dispersed widely across the District in a range of small rural towns. Note relative proximities to strategic facilities in Palmerston North. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess other current facilities for potential future changes in use allowing for population changes and changes in demand. • As demand warrants it, assess facility rationalisation /optimising opportunities. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

Wanganui	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gonville Domain • Castlecliff Golf Club • Whanganui Golf Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whanganui and Castlecliff Golf Courses identified as District level, with Gonville as local. • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Golf facilities, other than maintenance needs. Driving range at Gonville potentially closing. • The council did not indicate any notable golf facility development programmes or investments in golf facilities in its current LTP. • The Wanganui population is projected to increase very little and show a similar aging pattern to other areas. • Note District population (~42,000) concentrations primarily in Whanganui itself (~40,000) 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess other current facilities for potential future changes in use allowing for population changes and changes in demand. • As demand warrants it, assess facility rationalisation /optimising opportunities. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
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14.0 BOWLS FACILITIES

14.1 Introduction

This section summarises the stocktake and review undertaken for Bowls facilities. It provides high-level strategic directions/recommendations.

14.2 Strategic Context

A strategic context for this type of asset is provided from a range of regional and national documents. A summary of key points is outlined below. Specific references to Council intentions are noted below and in Section 14.6 (Proposed Facility Approach). The main documents available are:

Bowls New Zealand Facility Strategy – Bowls 2020 Securing Our Future (2013)

- Under strategy guidelines bowls venues should preferably serve a population of 18,000, a catchment of 3km and an average membership of 187. However an exception is made for single community clubs.
- The Manawatu-Wanganui region (including Kapiti) has 46 currently active clubs, including 23 single community clubs which are excluded from rationalisation. Under these guidelines the remaining 23 club venues should be reduced to 13.
- Bowls needs to adopt a more partnership-oriented facility use model to facilitate efficient use of resources, including the rationalisation of venues and considering involvement in shared-use venues (e.g. 'sportville').
- Compared with other NZ regions, the Manawatu-Wanganui region was among those having a low proportion or pay-for-play-participants (1839) relative to club member numbers (3641)

Council Plans and Strategies (facility-specific summary)

- **Palmerston North City Council** – the LTP (2015-2035) did not distinguish or note any bowls-specific facility developments or needs. Ongoing improvements in quality, accessibility and partnerships involving non-council providers (e.g. Massey, Linton, Schools) could enhance the current network's effectiveness. Supported by the Recreation and Community Facilities Asset Management Plan (2014) and Palmerston North Active Recreation Strategy (2013).
- **Horowhenua District Council** – the LTP (2015-2035) did not distinguish or note any bowls-specific facility developments or needs, other than a general facility direction to make facilities multi-use and flexible enough to cater for demand changes related to low growth and an aging population. The Districts 'Infrastructure Strategy' did not include any Recreation assets. However, it is now anticipated that in its next 2018 LTP, council will adopt much higher long-term population growth projections for the district after work conducted by NZIER related to the RONS Wellington Corridor Project.
- **Tararua District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any bowls-specific facility developments or needs, other than a general direction for facilities to enhance lifestyle outcomes through fit-for-purpose facilities (in a rural/small/minimal growth/aging population context) supported by enhanced facility planning, processes, partnerships, and collaborations. It was also noted that the volunteer/community capacity to manage the special needs and facilities for some sports was declining. Supported by a Recreation and Reserves Strategy (2014-2023).
- **Rangitikei District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) stated that council is aiming to rationalise to have fewer but better assets in the District. It stated that as major projects, Council would work to develop multi-use sport facilities at three key sites in the District - Centennial Park, Marton; Taihape Memorial Park and Bulls Domain (presumably including consideration of bowls facilities), and that at other parks council will work to reduce the number and value of council-owned improvements. Supported by its Asset Management Plan: Community and Leisure Assets (2014), which emphasised a long-term process to

actively reduce its asset base around strategically meeting priority needs (e.g. researching a 'Smart Decline approach).

- **Manawatu District Council** - the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any bowls-specific facility developments or needs. General intentions were for generally enhancing facility flexibility; multi-functionality; suitability for a wider range of users (especially aged); partnerships and collaborations; and programmes to deliver activities. The Districts 'Infrastructure Strategy' did not include any Recreation assets.
- **Ruapehu District Council** - the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any bowls-specific facility developments or needs. The LTP was focused on maintaining the quality of what was already provided (the status quo) rather than significantly enhancing any facility capacity, particularly related to population decline in some areas. It was supported by a Recreation and Community Facilities Asset Management Plan (2015-2025).
- **Whanganui District Council** - the LTP (2015-2025) stated no bowls-specific facility developments or needs. The focus was on any new facility developments associated with creation of a community sports hub at Springvale Park. Supported by the District's Sport and Recreation Facility Strategy (2016).

14.3 Facility Inventory

The facility inventory undertaken for this plan identified 38 Bowls facility sites. These included around 54 grass greens but only around 4 artificial greens (1x each reported at Levin Bowling Club - Horowhenua; Levin RSA Bowling Club - Horowhenua; Takaro Sports Club - Palmerston North; and Whanganui Bowling Club - Whanganui).

Most clubs were at stand-alone bowls sites. However, a few were also co-located or on adjacent sites with other potentially complementary sports clubs and facilities (e.g. Foxton Beach Bowling Club - Horowhenua; Johnston Park Bowling Club - Manawatu; Northern Bowling Club - Palmerston North; Takaro Sports Bowling Club - Palmerston North; Taihape Bowling Club - Rangitikei; Taumaranui Bowling Club - Ruapehu; Whanganui Bowling Club - Whanganui)

Some sites were also located near to schools, representing school-based participation and use opportunities either already being addressed or potentially available (e.g. Levin Bowling Club, Horowhenua; Manukau Bowling Club, Horowhenua; Northern Bowling Club, Palmerston North; Ashurst Bowling Club, Palmerston North; Horowhitu Bowling Club - Palmerston North; Whanganui Bowling Club - Whanganui)

Very little overall facility hierarchy was apparent as each club primarily served its local community, with some interclub uses at most. Most facilities were old and few artificial greens were reported. General maintenance was a common concern, along with a generally older (usually declining) membership and limited recruitment.

Details of the Bowls Facilities recorded are summarised in Table 14.1.

Table 14.1: Bowls Facilities

Council area	Bowls facilities	Description (summarised)	Draft status	Land owner	Facility owner	Facility manager
Horowhenua	Central Levin Bowling Club	2x grass greens, active club especially in summer (use artificial green at nearby Levin RSA Bowling club in winter), successful - Bowls NZ Clubcheck Gold Award in 2015. No issues noted.	Local	Central Levin Bowling Club	Central Levin Bowling Club	Central Levin Bowling Club
Horowhenua	Foxton Beach Bowling Club	2x grass greens and clubrooms with kitchen and bar/restaurant in Holben Reserve. By senior citizen's hall. Well used. No issues noted.	Local	Horowhenua District	Foxton Beach Bowling Club	Foxton Beach Bowling Club
Horowhenua	Levin Bowling Club	1x artificial and 1x grass greens. Successful and growing with active multi-school links. Bowls NZ club of the year in 2015 and 2014 Clubcheck Gold Award. No issues noted.	Local	Levin North Bowling Club	Levin North Bowling Club	Levin North Bowling Club
Horowhenua	Levin RSA Bowling Club	1x synthetic green, clubrooms and facilities, artificial green used by others in winter. No issues noted although main RSA facility recently sold (Bowling Club separate).	Local	Levin RSA Bowling Club	Levin RSA Bowling Club	Levin RSA Bowling Club
Horowhenua	Levin Womens Bowling Club	1x grass green in public gardens, limited parking	Local	Horowhenua District	Levin Womens Bowling Club	Levin Womens Bowling Club
Horowhenua	Manukau Bowling Club	1x grass green by school, small clubrooms. Small club. Active in summer. No issues noted.	Local	Manukau Bowling and Sports Club	Manukau Bowling and Sports Club	Manukau Bowling and Sports Club
Horowhenua	Shannon Bowling Club	2x greens and large clubrooms, kitchen and bar	Local	Shannon Bowling club	Shannon Bowling club	Shannon Bowling club
Horowhenua	Waitarere Beach Bowling Club	1x grass green and clubrooms facilities. No issues noted.	Local	Waitarere Beach Bowling Club	Waitarere Beach Bowling Club	Waitarere Beach Bowling Club
Manawatu	Johnston Park Bowling Club	3x grass greens and clubrooms located by croquet club and other grounds (Johnston Park). Large club rooms well used by other groups. No issues noted.	District	Manawatu District	Johnston Park Bowling Club	Johnston Park Bowling Club
Manawatu	Himatangi Beach Bowling Club	1x grass green and clubrooms facilities. No issues noted.	Local	Manawatu District	Himatangi Bowling Club	Himatangi Bowling Club
Manawatu	Kimbolton Domain Bowling Club	1x grass green on Domain by Kimbolton Domain Hall. No specific clubrooms etc. No issues noted.	Local	Kimbolton & Districts Bowling Club	Kimbolton & Districts Bowling Club	Kimbolton & Districts Bowling Club

Palmerston North	Northern Bowling Club	3x grass greens with clubrooms. Adjacent petanque facilities plus 2x high schools and related school/council sports facilities at Wahikoa Park. Mostly summer use. No issues noted.	District	Palmerston North City	Northern Bowling Club	Northern Bowling Club
Palmerston North	Palmerston North Bowling Club	3x grass greens with clubrooms and bar/kitchen facilities. Behind Squash Gym complex in central city. Shared parking. Mostly summer use. No issues noted.	District	Palmerston North Bowling Club	Palmerston North Bowling Club	Palmerston North Bowling Club
Palmerston North	Ashhurst Bowling Club	1x grass green with clubrooms, kitchen. By Ashhurst School and RSA. Mainly summer use. No issues noted beyond maintenance.	District	Ashurst RSA	Ashurst RSA	Ashurst Bowling Club
Palmerston North	Hokowhitu Bowling Club	2x grass green with clubrooms, kitchen. By Hokowhitu School and near Terrace End Bowling Club. Mainly summer use. No issues noted beyond maintenance.	District	Palmerston North City	Hokowhitu Bowling Club	Hokowhitu Bowling Club
Palmerston North	Takaro (sports) Bowling Club	1x grass green and 1x artificial green, adjacent to croquet green, common clubrooms (Takaro Sports Club). Mostly summer use. No issues noted.	District	Palmerston North City	Takaro Park Sports Club	Takaro Park Sports Club
Palmerston North	Terrace End Bowling Club	3x grass greens, clubrooms and facilities. Good parking. Close to Horowhitu Bowling Club. Mostly summer use. No issues noted.	District	Palmerston North City	Terrace End Bowling Club	Terrace End Bowling Club
Rangitikei	Taihape Bowling Club	2x grass greens with basic clubrooms at Memorial Park, by squash and rugby clubs/facilities. Low use and membership	Local	Rangitikei District	Taihape Bowling Club	Taihape Bowling Club
Rangitikei	Bulls Bowling Club	1½ grass greens with clubrooms and kitchen/bar facilities, want more parking.	Local	Rangitikei District	Bulls Bowling Club	Bulls Bowling Club
Rangitikei	Huntermville Bowling Club	1x grass green and clubrooms/facilities, good parking and central location. Seeking lighting.	Local	Huntermville Bowling Club	Huntermville Bowling Club	Huntermville Bowling Club
Rangitikei	Marton Bowling Club	1½ grass greens with clubrooms and kitchen/bar facilities. General facility use. More in summer. Investigating an artificial turf and summer evening community bowls.	Local	Marton Bowling Club	Marton Bowling Club	Marton Bowling Club
Ruapehu	Taumarunui Bowling Club	1x grass green, clubrooms and facilities and recent petanque facility added. On Taumarunui Domain by Athletic Sports Club.	Local	Ruapehu District	Taumarunui Bowling Club	Taumarunui Bowling Club
Ruapehu	Manunui Bowling Club	1x grass green and clubrooms/facilities. Low use and membership. No other issues noted.	Local	Manunui Bowling Club	Manunui Bowling Club	Manunui Bowling Club
Ruapehu	Raetihi Bowling Club	1x grass green. Clubrooms burnt in 2016, assessing replacement and redevelopment plans. Active club, especially summer.	Local	Raetihi Bowling Club	Raetihi Bowling Club	Raetihi Bowling Club
Ruapehu	Ohura Bowling Club	1x grass green and clubrooms/facilities by Cosmopolitan Club. Low use and membership. No other issues noted.	Local	Ruapehu District	Ohura Bowling Club	Ohura Bowling Club
Tararua	Dannevirke Bowling Club	2x grass green (2x old greens replaced as parking), large clubrooms, bar and facilities. Low use, membership and sustainability concerns	Local	Dannevirke Bowling Club	Dannevirke Bowling Club	Dannevirke Bowling Club

Tararua	Eketahuna Bowling Club	1x grass green with clubrooms/bar facilities. Low use, membership and sustainability concerns	Local	Eketahuna Bowling Club	Eketahuna Bowling Club	Eketahuna Bowling Club
Tararua	Pahiatua Bowling Club	1x usable grass green (1x unmaintained) with clubrooms. Low use, membership and sustainability concerns	Local	Tararua District	Pahiatua Bowling Club	Pahiatua Bowling Club
Tararua	Woodville Bowling Club	1x grass green by Woodville Recreation Grounds. Active club, especially in summer. No issues noted.	Local	Woodville Bowling Club	Woodville Bowling Club	Woodville Bowling Club
Whanganui	Laird Park	2x bowling green facility plus clubrooms, adjacent to old green from another club.	Local	Wanganui District	Laird Park Bowling Club	Laird Park Bowling Club
Whanganui	Whanganui East Bowling Club	2x bowling green facility plus clubroom, beside old peoples home. Some community activities (e.g. table tennis, cards, housie)	Local	Whanganui East Bowling Club	Whanganui East Bowling Club	Whanganui East Bowling Club
Whanganui	Durie Hill Bowls Club	1x bowling green facility plus clubroom, retired green, beside old tennis courts and playground in Windsor Park	Local	Wanganui District	Durie Hill Bowls Club	Durie Hill Bowls Club
Whanganui	Aramoho Bowling Club	2x bowling green facility plus clubroom, with parking.	Local	Aramoho Bowling Club	Aramoho Bowling Club	Aramoho Bowling Club
Whanganui	St Johns Bowls Club	Old 1x bowling green facility plus clubroom, adjunct to nearby St Johns Club. Adjacent to Laird Park Bowling Club.	Local	St Johns Bowls Club	St Johns Bowls Club	St Johns Bowls Club
Whanganui	Whanganui Bowling Club	1x bowling green (artificial surface) facility plus clubroom. In the hub precinct at Basset St along with the Whanganui Tennis Club and Whanganui City College.	Local	Whanganui Bowling Club	Whanganui Bowling Club	Whanganui Bowling Club
Whanganui	Gonville Bowling Club	2x bowling green facility plus clubroom.	Local	Gonville Bowling Club	Gonville Bowling Club	Gonville Bowling Club
Whanganui	Castlecliff Bowling Club	2x bowling green facility plus clubroom.	Local	Castlecliff Bowling Club	Castlecliff Bowling Club	Castlecliff Bowling Club
Whanganui	Rapanui Bowling Club	1x rural bowling green facility plus clubroom in Mowhanau Holiday Park.	Local	Rapanui Bowling Club	Rapanui Bowling Club	Rapanui Bowling Club

Some summary points from the data

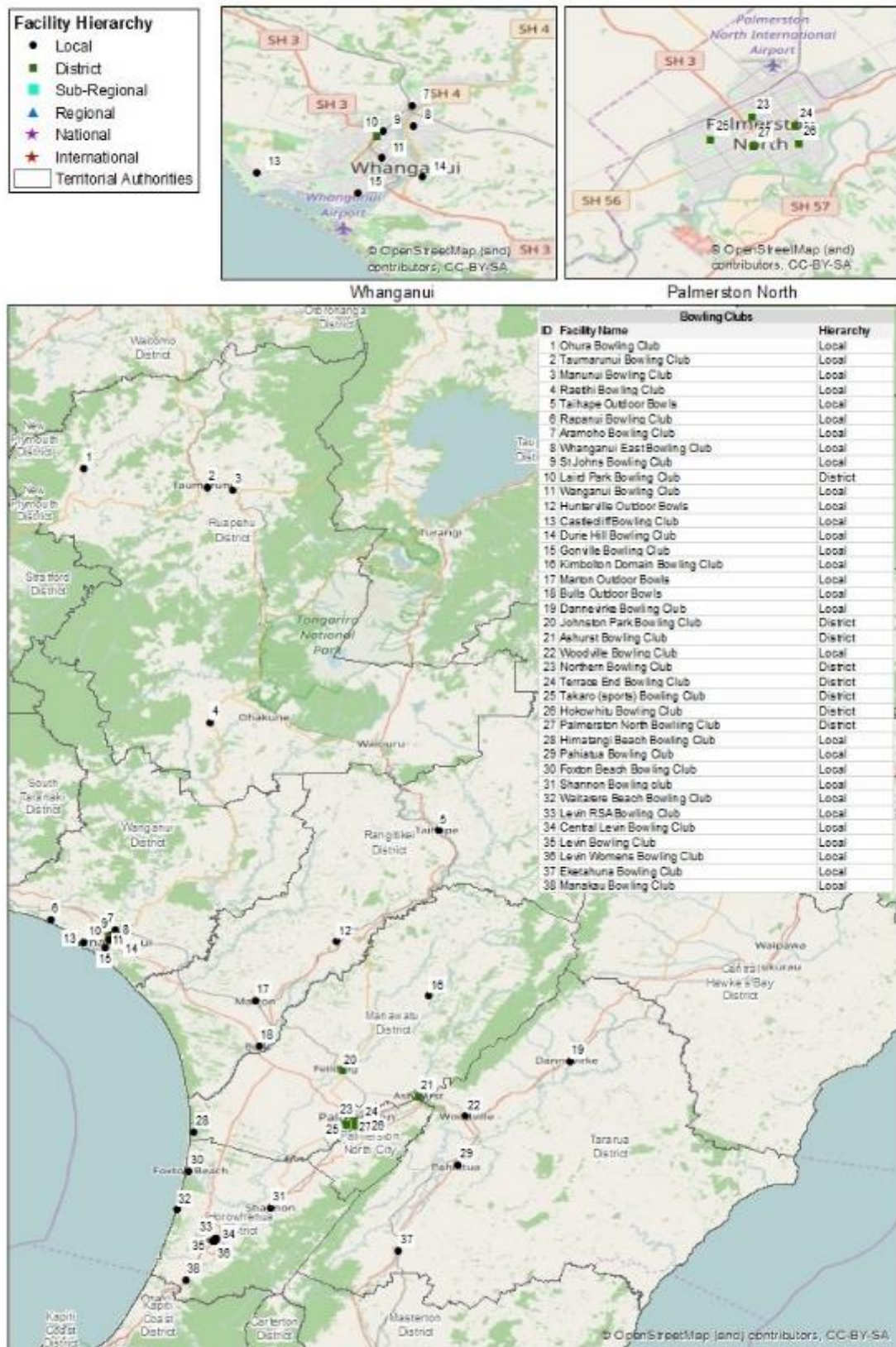
- Some sites have strategic assets such as the Levin RSA club for example, whose artificial green in a multi-club town means they are used at higher levels in winter by other clubs whose grass greens are less playable.
- Mostly summer use, with winter use rare unless artificial green options are there (or available nearby), or if sufficient non-bowls use of clubrooms is achieved.
- There was no defined hierarchy amongst the listed Bowls sites but some clubs are downsizing and/or seriously challenged for sustainability, while others are successful and/or growing. Some shared use options are available for some clubs located at shared sports grounds or where schools are nearby (including youth initiatives).
- Responses indicated that virtually all facilities were meeting current needs and there were no significant demand or maintenance pressures noted. However longer term some sites had more serious maintenance, membership and sustainability issues.

Note that these results do not reflect the direct facility concerns of individual user groups, just those issues that the management respondents noted. Presumably if any user problems were significant enough, managers would be aware of them and would have indicated so.

14.4 School Facility Summary - N/A

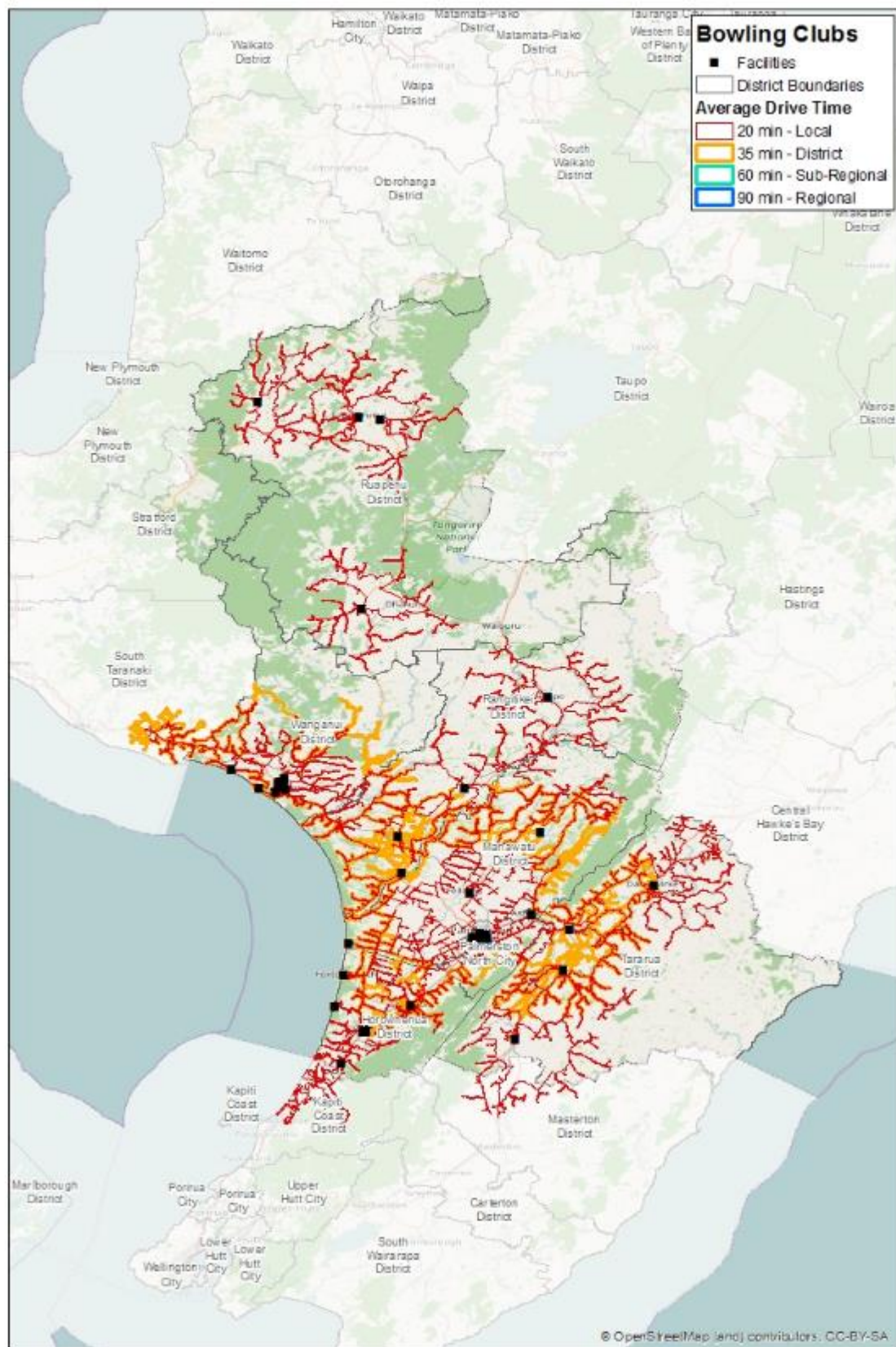


Map 14.1: Existing Bowls Facilities



14.5 Network Coverage - Drive Time Analysis

Map 14.2 Drive Time Map – Bowling Club Facilities



14.6 Proposed Facility Approach – Bowls

Regionwide Key Considerations

- Take account of the Bowls facility/activity needs of a significantly aging population, and growth in the total numbers of older people in terms of both activity-type preferences and appropriate facility type, location and accessibility (specifications and transport). At the same time the opportunities for new-entrant and younger participants in activities need to be enhanced to grow participation.
- The geographic distribution of the Region's, and constituent District's, populations and facilities

Council Area	Bowls Facilities	Key Considerations (for specific areas)	Proposed Facility Approach	Timeframe Short term 0-3 years Medium term 4-10 Long term 10 plus yrs
Horowhenua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central Levin Bowling Club Foxton Beach Bowling Club Levin Bowling Club Levin RSA Bowling Club Levin Womens Bowling Club Manukau Bowling Club Waitarere Beach Bowling Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The numerous bowls facilities were all identified as being at Local level, although some had locally enhanced capacities due to size and artificial greens. No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Bowls facilities, other than maintenance needs and membership concerns for some. The council did not indicate any notable bowls facility development programmes or investments in bowls facilities in its current LTP. Also note the additional projections beyond those of Statistics NZ undertaken for Council by NZIER due to potential higher growth outcomes from significant Kapiti Coast – Wellington Highway improvements. These suggest substantially more residents (28%) by 2043 (around 9,000 vs 300 from Statistics NZ). Take account of the larger numbers of residents, as well numbers of older residents, projected for this District. Note District population (~30,000) concentrations are largely in Levin (~21,000) and to a lesser extent Foxton (~4,500) and Shannon (1,300), and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Palmerston North and in nearby Kapiti District towns (i.e. Otaki). 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the aging population and sports participation trends. As demand warrants it, assess facility rationalisation /optimising opportunities. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Manawatu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Johnston Park Bowling Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Johnston Park Club was identified as District level. No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Bowls facilities, other 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the aging 	<p>Ongoing</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Himatangi Beach Bowling Club • Kimbolton Domain Bowling Club 	<p>than maintenance needs and membership concerns for some.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council did not indicate any notable bowls facility development programmes or investments in bowls facilities in its current LTP. • Take account of the larger numbers of residents, as well numbers of older residents, projected for this District. • Note District population (~27,000) concentrations predominantly in Feilding (~16000), and to a lesser extent in a range of several small towns, and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Palmerston North 	<p>population and sports participation trends.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As demand warrants it, assess facility rationalisation /optimising opportunities. 	Ongoing
Palmerston North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern Bowling Club • Palmerston North Bowling Club • Ashurst Bowling Club • Hokowhitu Bowling Club • Takaro (sports) Bowling Club • Terrace End Bowling Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most bowls facilities noted were considered as being at District level due to size, locality and or proximity to other recreation facilities, suggesting some optimisations possible. • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Bowls facilities, other than maintenance needs and membership concerns for some. • The council did not indicate any notable bowls facility development programmes or investments in bowls facilities in its current LTP. • There are aspirations for an increased level of service via a merged 'Bowls Centre' facility (with an indoor component). • Take account of the projections for larger numbers of residents overall, incorporating more diversity and more younger adults as well as the more usual growth in older residents. • Note the population concentrations (~ 80,000) located all in Palmerston North City itself, and their relative proximities to any strategic 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the aging population and sports participation trends. • As demand warrants it, assess facility rationalisation /optimising opportunities, (including assessment of Bowls Centre options). 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing (Short-Medium term)</p>

		facilities in Fielding, although many options exist in the city itself.		
Rangitikei	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taihape Bowling Club Bulls Bowling Club Huntermere Bowling Club Marton Bowling Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The well spread bowls facilities were all identified as being at Local level. No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Bowls facilities, other than maintenance needs and membership concerns for some. The council did not indicate any notable bowls facility development programmes or investments in bowls facilities in its current LTP. Take account of the slightly declining and strongly aging population – likely that demand will decrease unless bowls for older residents become popular. Note District population (~14,000) concentrations in Marton (~5,000), and to a lesser extent Bulls and Taihape (~1,700 each), and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Whanganui and Palmerston North. 	To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the aging population and sports participation trends. As demand warrants it, assess facility rationalisation /optimising opportunities. 	Ongoing Ongoing
Ruapehu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taumarunui Bowling Club Manunui Bowling Club Raetihi Bowling Club Ohura Bowling Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The bowls facilities were all identified as being at Local level. No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Bowls facilities, other than maintenance needs and membership concerns for some. The council did not indicate any notable bowls facility development programmes or investments in bowls facilities in its current LTP. Take account of the strongly declining and strongly aging population – very likely that demand will decrease unless bowls for older residents becomes more popular and/or current participation rates increase. The highest proportion of Maori in the Region 	To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the aging population and sports participation trends. As demand warrants it, assess facility rationalisation /optimising opportunities. 	Ongoing Ongoing

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High relative numbers of temporary visitors to the District (i.e. holiday homes, other tourism) • Note District population (~12,000) concentration mainly in Taumaranui (~5,000), Ohakune, Raetihi and Waouru (~1,000 each), but otherwise very dispersed in low levels. Proximity to any other strategic facilities outside the district are limited. popular, or new activities motivate new participation rates. 		
Tararua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dannevirke Bowling Club • Eketahuna Bowling Club • Pahiatua Bowling Club • Woodville Bowling Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The well spread bowls facilities were all identified as being at Local level • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Bowls facilities, other than maintenance needs and membership concerns for some. • The council did not indicate any notable bowls facility development programmes or investments in bowls facilities in its current LTP. • Take account of the slightly increasing and strongly aging population – likely that demand will decrease unless bowls for older residents become more popular and/or current participation rates increase. • Note District population (~17,000) concentrations of around a third in Dannevirke (~5,000), around a quarter in Pahiatua (~2,500) and Woodville (~1,500) combined, and the remaining several thousand dispersed widely across the District in a range of small rural towns. Note relative proximities to strategic facilities in Palmerston North. 	To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the aging population and sports participation trends. • As demand warrants it, assess facility rationalisation /optimising opportunities. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Wanganui	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laird Park • Whanganui East Bowling Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bowls facilities were all identified as being at Local level 	To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the aging 	Ongoing

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Durie Hill Bowls Club • Aramoho Bowling Club • St Johns Bowls Club • Whanganui Bowling Club • Gonville Bowling Club • Castlecliff Bowling Club • Rapanui Bowling Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Bowls facilities, other than maintenance needs. • The council did not indicate any notable bowls facility development programmes or investments in bowls facilities in its current LTP. • The Wanganui population is projected to increase very little and show a similar aging pattern to other areas. • Note District population (~42,000) concentrations primarily in Whanganui itself (~40,000) 	<p>population and sports participation trends.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As demand warrants it, assess facility rationalisation /optimising opportunities. 	Ongoing
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15.0 SQUASH FACILITIES

15.1 Introduction

This section summarises the stocktake and review undertaken for Squash facilities. It provides high-level strategic directions/recommendations.

15.2 Strategic Context

A strategic context for this type of asset is provided from a range of regional and national documents. A summary of key points is outlined below. Specific references to Council intentions are noted below and in Section 15.6 (Proposed Facility Approach). The main documents available are:
Council Plans and Strategies (facility-specific summary)

- **Palmerston North City Council** – the LTP (2015-2035) did not distinguish or note any squash-specific facility developments or needs. Ongoing improvements in quality, accessibility and partnerships involving non-council providers (e.g. Massey, Linton, Schools) could enhance the current network's effectiveness. Supported by the Recreation and Community Facilities Asset Management Plan (2014) and Palmerston North Active Recreation Strategy (2013).
- **Horowhenua District Council** – the LTP (2015-2035) did not distinguish or note any squash-specific facility developments or needs, other than a general facility direction to make facilities multi-use and flexible enough to cater for demand changes related to low growth and an aging population. The Districts 'Infrastructure Strategy' did not include any Recreation assets. However, it is now anticipated that in its next 2018 LTP, council will adopt much higher long-term population growth projections for the district after work conducted by NZIER related to the RONS Wellington Corridor Project.
- **Tararua District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any squash-specific facility developments or needs, other than a general direction for facilities to enhance lifestyle outcomes through fit-for-purpose facilities (in a rural/small/minimal growth/aging population context) supported by enhanced facility planning, processes, partnerships, and collaborations. It was also noted that the volunteer/community capacity to manage the special needs and facilities for some sports was declining. Supported by a Recreation and Reserves Strategy (2014-2023).
- **Rangitikei District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) stated that council is aiming to rationalise to have fewer but better assets in the District. It stated that as major projects, Council would work to develop multi-use sport facilities at three key sites in the District - Centennial Park, Marton; Taihape Memorial Park and Bulls Domain (presumably including consideration of squash facilities), and that at other parks council will work to reduce the number and value of council-owned improvements. Supported by its Asset Management Plan: Community and Leisure Assets (2014), which emphasised a long-term process to actively reduce its asset base around strategically meeting priority needs (e.g. researching a 'Smart Decline approach').
- **Manawatu District Council** - the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any squash-specific facility developments or needs. General intentions were for generally enhancing facility flexibility; multi-functionality; suitability for a wider range of users (especially aged); partnerships and collaborations; and programmes to deliver activities. The Districts 'Infrastructure Strategy' did not include any Recreation assets.
- **Ruapehu District Council** - the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any squash-specific facility developments or needs. The LTP was focused on maintaining the quality of what was already provided (the status quo) rather than significantly enhancing any facility capacity, particularly related to population decline in some areas. It was supported by a Recreation and Community Facilities Asset Management Plan (2015-2025).
- **Whanganui District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) stated no squash-specific facility developments or needs. The focus was on any new facility developments associated with creation of a community sports hub at Springvale Park. Supported by the District's Sport and Recreation Facility Strategy (2016).

15.3 Facility Inventory

The facility inventory undertaken for this plan identified 18 Squash facility sites in the Region providing around 50 courts in total.

Most are affiliated to Squash NZ, but a few are not (i.e. Waimarino, Massey and Pongaroa). Note that there are also unaffiliated squash facilities (1-2 courts) at the Military bases of Ohakea (Manawatu), Linton (Palmerston North) and Waiouru (Ruapehu). These have been noted here but not included otherwise.

No specific hierarchy was apparent but the Inspire Net Squash Gym in Palmerston North did provide a notably higher-level facility and at a scale considered sufficient for national status (having hosted some international events). District level facilities with higher specification courts (e.g. glassback), more courts and/or viewing facilities were noted in most Districts (e.g. Feilding Squash Club; Taumaranui Squash Club; Dannevirke Squash Club; Whanganui Squash Club for example).



Table 15.1: Squash Facilities

Council area	Squash facilities	Description (summarised)	Draft status	Land owner	Facility owner	Facility manager
Horowhenua	Levin Squash Club	4x courts (2x glassback), clubrooms with kitchen, bar & lounge, by Tennis courts on Levin Domain. Well used, especially summer. No issues noted.	District	Horowhenua District	Levin Squash & Racquet Club	Levin Squash & Racquet Club
Horowhenua	Foxton Squash Club	2x glassback courts, clubroom/changing facilities. Sole facility on Victoria Park. No issues noted.	Local	Horowhenua District	Foxton Squash	Foxton Squash
Manawatu	Feilding Squash Club	4x courts (1x glassback), clubrooms with kitchen, bar & lounge, on Victoria Park. No issues noted.	District	Manawatu District	Manawatu District	Feilding Squash Club
Palmerston North	Inspire Net Squash Gym	8x glassback courts (2x doubles), large bar/lounge area, kitchen, gym. Has held international competitions. Centrally located by Cosmopolitan Club and Palmerston North Bowling Club adjacent. Well used, especially winter. No issues apart from general maintenance.	National	Private	Private	Private
Palmerston North	Massey University Squash Courts	3x glassback courts as part of larger facility, community and Massey Squash Club use. Busier winter. No issues noted.	Local	Massey University	Massey University	Massey University
Palmerston North	Ashhurst-Pohangina Squash Club	2x courts in building with basic clubrooms attached to Village Valley Community Centre, have to use their toilets/showers. No issues noted apart from limited facilities.	Local	Palmerston North City	Asurst-Pohangina Squash Club	Asurst-Pohangina Squash Club
Rangitikei	Huntermville Squash Club	1x glassback court in small basic club facility by Huntermville Pool and Domain. School use. Needs maintenance/ upgrading, club preference for 2nd court but limited resources.	Local	Rangitikei District	Huntermville Squash Club	Huntermville Squash Club
Rangitikei	Rangitikei Squash Club (Marton)	3x courts in club facility, viewing areas, clubroom bar/lounge and facilities. Not on any park. School use. No issues noted.	Local	Rangitikei Squash Club	Rangitikei Squash Club	Rangitikei Squash Club
Rangitikei	Taihape Memorial Park	2x courts in club facility, viewing areas, clubroom bar/lounge and facilities. School and other sport facilities nearby. Busy winter. No issues noted apart from maintenance plans. Presently seeking funding for building renovations.	Local	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District
Ruapehu	Taumarunui Squash Club	4x glassback courts, viewing areas, clubroom bar/lounge and facilities by Tennis club and other facilities on Taumarunui Domain. Busy, especially winter. No issues noted apart from maintenance/ condensation needs.	District	Ruapehu District	Taumarunui Squash Club	Taumarunui Squash Club
Ruapehu	Ohakune Squash Club	3x courts (1x glassback). Active club with facilities located on Ruapehu College grounds, busier winter.	Local	Ministry of Education	-	Ohakune Squash Club

Ruapehu	Waimarino Squash Club	2x courts, viewing areas and clubroom facilities in facility by community tennis courts, well used. No issues noted except maintenance.	Local	Ruapehu District	Waimarino Squash Club	Waimarino Squash Club
Ruapehu	Waiouru Squash Club	2x courts in the Waiouru Military camp	Local	NZ Defence Force	NZ Defence Force	NZ Defence Force
Tararua	Dannevirke Squash Club	3x courts (1x glassback), viewing areas, bar/lounge, changing facilities. Sole facility on Coronation Park. Active, growing and busier winter. No issues noted.	District	Dannevirke Squash Club	Dannevirke Squash Club	Dannevirke Squash Club
Tararua	Pongaroa Squash Club (Puketoi)	2x courts in sole facility on Pongaroa Domain, changing rooms and viewing areas. No issues noted.	Local	Tararua	Puketoi Squash Club	Puketoi Squash Club
Tararua	Tararua Squash Club	2x courts at facility on Bush Multisport Park. Modest use and busier winter. No issues noted apart from desire for glassback	Local	Tararua Squash Club	Tararua Squash Club	Tararua Squash Club
Whanganui	Whanganui Squash Club	5x courts (1x glassback), viewing and clubrooms, in Basset St in conjunction with Whanganui Tennis clubs, and beside Whanganui Bowls Club and Whanganui City college	District	Whanganui Squash Club	Whanganui Squash Club	Whanganui Squash Club
Whanganui	Rivercity Squash Club	2x courts, clubrooms and bar, near Spriggens Park	Local	Tech Squash Club	Tech Squash Club	Tech Squash Club

Some summary points from the data – Squash VENUES

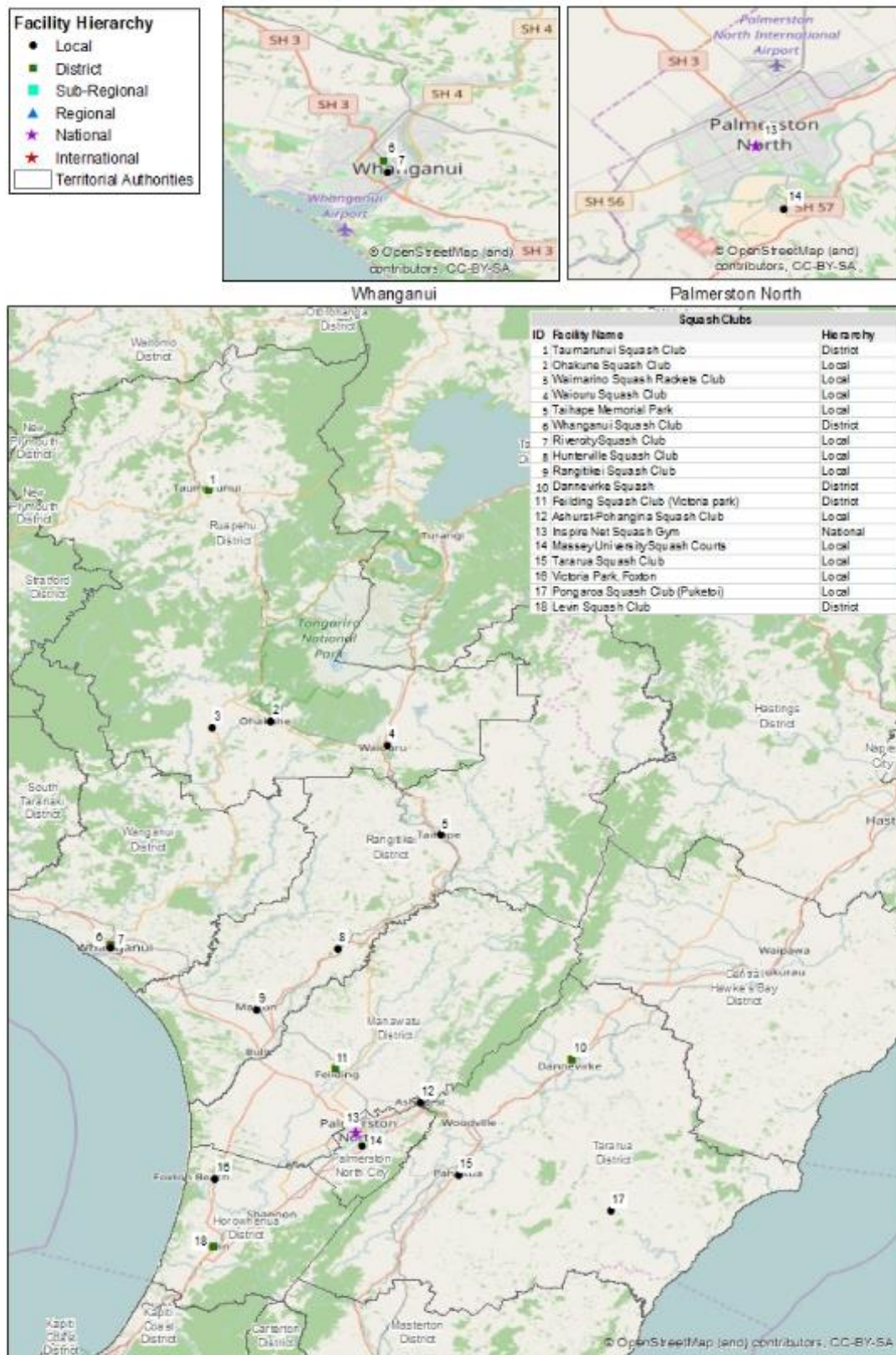
- No capacity issues noted, only some maintenance/quality concerns and some funding constraints
- Mostly winter use, although mostly year-round capacity.
- There was no defined official hierarchy amongst the listed Squash sites but some clubs are larger or more developed (e.g. Inspire Net Squash Gym - Palmerston North) and are suitable for higher level use/events.
- Some shared use options are available for some clubs located at shared sports grounds or where schools are nearby (including youth initiatives).
- Responses indicated that virtually all facilities were meeting current needs and there were no significant demand, membership or maintenance pressures noted.

Note that these results do not reflect the direct facility concerns of individual user groups, just those issues that the management respondents noted. Presumably if any user problems were significant enough, managers would be aware of them and would have indicated so.

15.4 School Facility Summary

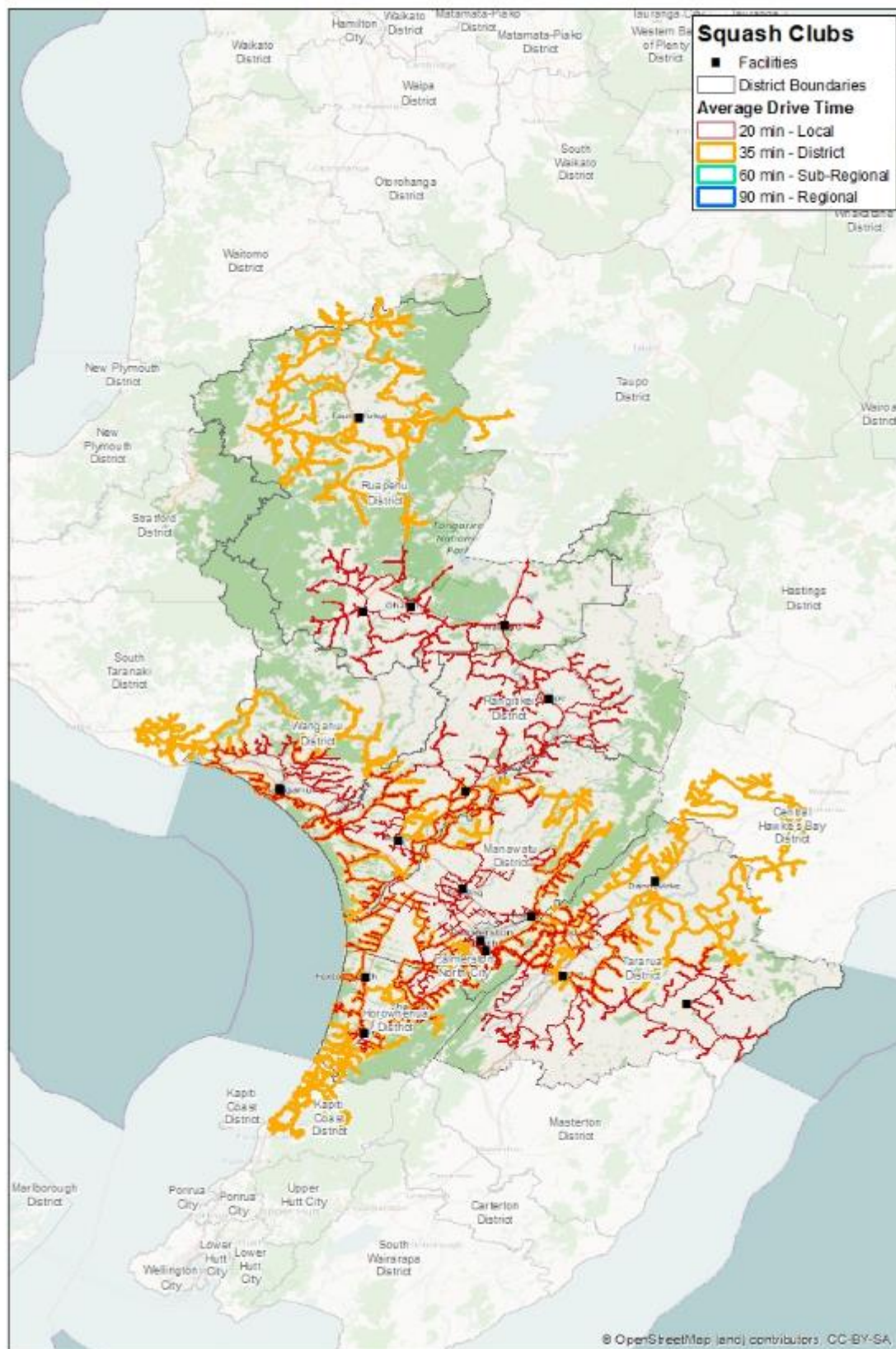
No school owned squash facilities were reported for this review, although they are known to be an occasional part of some secondary school facility mixes elsewhere.

Map 15.1: Existing Squash Facilities



15.5 Network Coverage - Drive Time Analysis

Map 15.2 Drive Time Map – Squash Club Facilities



15.6 Proposed Facility Approach – Squash

Regionwide Key Considerations

- Take account of the Squash facility/activity needs of a significantly aging population, and growth in the total numbers of older people in terms of both activity-type preferences and appropriate facility type, location and accessibility (specifications and transport). At the same time the opportunities for new-entrant and younger participants in activities need to be enhanced to grow participation.
- The geographic distribution of the Region's, and constituent District's, populations and facilities

Council Area	Squash Facilities	Key Considerations (for specific areas)	Proposed Facility Approach	Timeframe Short term 0-3 years Medium term 4-10 Long term 10 plus yrs
Horowhenua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Levin Squash Club Foxton Squash Club (Victoria Park) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Levin Squash Club was identified at District level. No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Squash facilities. The council did not indicate any notable squash facility development programmes or investments in squash facilities in its current LTP. Also note the additional projections beyond those of Statistics NZ undertaken for Council by NZIER due to potential higher growth outcomes from significant Kapiti Coast – Wellington Highway improvements. These suggest substantially more residents (28%) by 2043 (around 9,000 vs 300 from Statistics NZ). Take account of the larger numbers of residents, as well numbers of older residents, projected for this District. Note District population (~30,000) concentrations are largely in Levin (~21,000) and to a lesser extent Foxton (~4,500) and Shannon (1,300), and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Palmerston North and in nearby Kapiti District towns (i.e. Otaki). 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the aging population and sports participation trends. As demand warrants it, assess facility rationalisation /optimising opportunities. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

Manawatu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feilding Squash Club <p>A court facility was also noted at Ohakea Military Base (no Public access)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feilding Squash Club was identified as District level. No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Squash facilities. The council did not indicate any notable squash facility development programmes or investments in squash facilities in its current LTP. Take account of the larger numbers of residents, as well numbers of older residents, projected for this District. Note District population (~27,000) concentrations predominantly in Feilding (~16000), and to a lesser extent in a range of several small towns, and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Palmerston North 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor facility use. As demand warrants it, assess facility rationalisation /optimising opportunities. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Palmerston North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inspire Net Squash Gym Massey University Squash Courts Ashhurst-Pohangina Squash Club <p>A court facility was also noted at Linton Military Camp</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inspire Net Squash Gym was identified as a National level facility, while the other assets were considered local. No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Squash facilities. The council did not indicate any notable squash facility development programmes or investments in squash facilities in its current LTP. Take account of the projections for larger numbers of residents overall, incorporating more diversity and more younger adults as well as the more usual growth in older residents. Note the population concentrations (~ 80,000) located all in Palmerston North City itself, and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Fielding, although many options exist in the city itself. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the aging population and sports participation trends. As demand warrants it, assess facility rationalisation /optimising opportunities. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Rangitikei	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Huntermville Squash Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The well spread squash facilities were all identified as being at Local level. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rangitikei Squash Club (Marton) • Taihape Memorial Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Squash facilities. • The council did not indicate any notable squash facility development programmes or investments in squash facilities in its current LTP. • Take account of the slightly declining and strongly aging population – likely that demand will decrease unless squash for older residents become popular. • Note District population (~14,000) concentrations in Marton (~5,000), and to a lesser extent Bulls and Taihape (~1,700 each), and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Whanganui and Palmerston North. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the aging population and sports participation trends. • As demand warrants it, assess facility rationalisation /optimising opportunities. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Ruapehu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taumarunui Squash Club • Ohakune Squash Club • Waimarino Squash Club • Waiouru Squash Club (at Military Base) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taumarunui Squash Club was identified at District level, with others at Local level. • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Squash facilities. • The council did not indicate any notable squash facility development programmes or investments in squash facilities in its current LTP. • Take account of the strongly declining and strongly aging population – very likely that demand will decrease unless squash for older residents becomes more popular and/or current participation rates increase. • The highest proportion of Maori in the Region • High relative numbers of temporary visitors to the District (i.e. holiday homes, other tourism) • Note District population (~12,000) concentration mainly in Taumarunui (~5,000), Ohakune, Raetihi and Waiouru (~1,000 each), but otherwise very dispersed in low levels. Proximity to any other strategic facilities outside the district are limited. popular, or new activities motivate new participation rates. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the aging population and sports participation trends. • As demand warrants it, assess facility rationalisation /optimising opportunities. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

Tararua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dannevirke Squash Club • Pongaroa Squash Club (Puketoi) • Tararua Squash Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dannevirke Squash Club was identified at District level, with others at Local level. • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Squash facilities. • The council did not indicate any notable squash facility development programmes or investments in squash facilities in its current LTP. • Take account of the slightly increasing and strongly aging population – likely that demand will decrease unless squash for older residents become popular and/or current participation rates increase. • Note District population (~17,000) concentrations of around a third in Dannevirke (~5,000), around a quarter in Pahiatua (~2,500) and Woodville (~1,500) combined, and the remaining several thousand dispersed widely across the District in a range of small rural towns. Note relative proximities to strategic facilities in Palmerston North. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the aging population and sports participation trends. • As demand warrants it, assess facility rationalisation /optimising opportunities. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Wanganui	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whanganui Squash Club • Rivercity Squash Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whanganui Squash Club was identified at District level, with others at Local level. • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Squash facilities. • The council did not indicate any notable squash facility development programmes or investments in squash facilities in its current LTP. • The Wanganui population is projected to increase very little and show a similar aging pattern to other areas. • Note District population (~42,000) concentrations primarily in Whanganui itself (~40,000) 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the aging population and sports participation trends. • As demand warrants it, assess facility rationalisation /optimising opportunities. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

16.0 EQUESTRIAN FACILITIES

16.1 Introduction

This section summarises the stocktake and review undertaken for Equestrian facilities. It provides high-level strategic directions/recommendations.

16.2 Strategic Context

A strategic context for this type of asset is provided from a range of regional and national documents. A summary of key points is outlined below. Specific references to Council intentions are noted below and in Section 16.6 (Proposed Facility Approach). The main documents available are:
Council Plans and Strategies (facility-specific summary)

- **Palmerston North City Council** – the LTP (2015-2035) did not distinguish or note any equestrian-specific facility developments or needs. Ongoing improvements in quality, accessibility and partnerships involving non-council providers (e.g. Massey, Linton, Schools) could enhance the current network's effectiveness. Supported by the Recreation and Community Facilities Asset Management Plan (2014) and Palmerston North Active Recreation Strategy (2013).
- **Horowhenua District Council** – the LTP (2015-2035) did not distinguish or note any equestrian-specific facility developments or needs, other than a general facility direction to make facilities multi-use and flexible enough to cater for demand changes related to low growth and an aging population. The Districts 'Infrastructure Strategy' did not include any Recreation assets. However, it is now anticipated that in its next 2018 LTP, council will adopt much higher long-term population growth projections for the district after work conducted by NZIER related to the RONS Wellington Corridor Project.
- **Tararua District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any equestrian-specific facility developments or needs, other than a general direction for facilities to enhance lifestyle outcomes through fit-for-purpose facilities (in a rural/small/minimal growth/aging population context) supported by enhanced facility planning, processes, partnerships, and collaborations. It was also noted that the volunteer/ community capacity to manage the special needs and facilities for some sports was declining. Supported by a Recreation and Reserves Strategy (2014-2023).
- **Rangitikei District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) stated that council is aiming to rationalise to have fewer but better assets in the District. It stated that as major projects, Council would work to develop multi-use sport facilities at three key sites in the District - Centennial Park, Marton; Taihape Memorial Park and Bulls Domain (presumably including consideration of equestrian facilities), and that at other parks council will work to reduce the number and value of council-owned improvements. Supported by its Asset Management Plan: Community and Leisure Assets (2014), which emphasised a long-term process to actively reduce its asset base around strategically meeting priority needs (e.g. researching a 'Smart Decline approach).
- **Manawatu District Council** - the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any equestrian-specific facility developments or needs. General intentions were for generally enhancing facility flexibility; multi-functionality; suitability for a wider range of users (especially aged); partnerships and collaborations; and programmes to deliver activities. The Districts 'Infrastructure Strategy' did not include any Recreation assets.
- **Ruapehu District Council** - the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any equestrian-specific facility developments or needs. The LTP was focused on maintaining the quality of what was already provided (the status quo) rather than significantly enhancing any facility capacity, particularly related to population decline in some areas. It was supported by a Recreation and Community Facilities Asset Management Plan (2015-2025).
- **Whanganui District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) stated no equestrian-specific facility developments or needs. The focus was on any new facility developments associated with creation of a community sports hub at Springvale Park. Supported by the District's Sport and Recreation Facility Strategy (2016).

16.3 Facility Inventory

The facility inventory undertaken for this plan identified 25 Equestrian facility sites. These varied from large Race Course and A&P Showground venues for multiple equestrian, uses through to specialist equestrian sport venues, and down to private paddocks made available to local pony clubs. It is anticipated that there are other unreported small equestrian facilities in some Districts where low response was encountered. Whanganui Race course was the most prominent equestrian omission, but has been noted.

Because they were diverse no common hierarchy was apparent. But a number of facilities served higher level needs for their particular equestrian disciplines than just local participation, and have been noted. Dependence on older large-scale facilities was apparent in many cases (e.g. Race courses, A&P Showgrounds etc), but also suggested good collaborative opportunities as multiple equestrian (and sometimes other) activities were present. The degree of collaboration between different parts of the Equestrian sector did appear high in some of the large shared venues used.

Most prominent equestrian facilities were non-council owned and/or operated and usually catered for multiple equestrian activities. Among these, some such as Manfield Park in Manawatu and Tiecley Park Events Centre in Palmerston North were considered to have Regional to National status. Also prominent facilities were the Tack Up Arena, Levin Showgrounds and Foxton Race Course in Horowhenua; Massey University Equestrian Centre in Palmerston North; Taihape Memorial Park in Rangitikei; and Whanganui Racecourse in Whanganui)

16.4 School Facility Summary

N/A

Table 16.1: Equestrian Facilities

Council	Equestrian facilities	Description (summarised)	Draft status	Land owner	Facility owner	Facility manager
Horowhenua	Foxton Race Course	Currently in recess as a full 1800m racing track. Maintained as a training and trials track. The site hosts other equestrian disciplines and clubs. Facility upgrades subject to strategic direction regarding future race-hosting status. Includes stables, yards, grazing, grandstand, event rooms and kitchen/bar facilities.	Sub-Regional	Foxton Racing Club	Foxton Racing Club	Foxton Racing Club
Horowhenua	Levin Showgrounds (A,P+I)	A&P showgrounds with extensive show/equestrian facilities (e.g. stabling, sheds, jumps, outdoor areas, yards etc). Also, site for Levin Pony Club and Horowhenua Events Centre.	Sub-Regional	Levin AP & I Society	Levin AP & I Society	Levin AP & I Society
Horowhenua	Levin Training Track	Old 1800m race track maintained as a training track, with some yards and facilities. No longer used for racing. Levin racing club races out of Otaki Racecourse in Kapiti District.	District	Levin Track Trust	Levin Track Trust	Levin Track Trust
Horowhenua	Levin Pleasure Horse Club	Equestrian club based at Foxton Race Course. Specific facilities there unknown. Unsure of current club status.	Local	Foxton Racing Club	Foxton Racing Club	Foxton Racing Club
Horowhenua	Manukau Domain	Domain used by Horowhenua Adult Riding Club in the past for occasional events. Unsure of current club status.	Local	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District
Horowhenua	Tack-up Arena	Private Arena for hire with artificial surface and equipment for dressage, showjumping, training, learn-to-ride etc. Parking and wash down bays.	Sub-regional	private	Private	Private
Manawatu	Manfeild Park	Significant non-racing equestrian facilities serving the region. Part of a larger multi-use facility (e.g. motorsports). Lit, indoor riding arena, outdoor gravel riding arenas, jumps, stables and stand areas. Significant planned upgrades to the main entrances, arena areas, motorsport areas and agricultural areas. Previously held Horse of the Year.	National	Manfeild Park Trust	Manfeild Park Trust	Manfeild Park Trust
Manawatu	Johnston Park Western Riding Arena	Large gravelled riding area in Johnston Park for Western Riding activities only. Uncovered, unlit and no yards/sheds. Currently hold significant regional meets.	Regional	Manawatu District	Western Riding Club	Western Riding Club
Manawatu	Fielding Pony Club	Open grass area in Timona Park, with club owned jumps. Small clubrooms shared with Harriers. Part of Manawatu Pony Club. Provides suitable needs for the overall District.	District	Manawatu District	Manawatu Pony Club	Manawatu Pony Club
Manawatu	Stanway Pony Club	Open area on private farm available to club, small jumps and cross-country course. Waiting list for membership. Part of Manawatu Pony Club.	Local	Private	Private	Private

Palmerston North	Tielcey Park Events Centre	Tielcey Park is one of the largest equestrian facilities in the lower North Island. It has an indoor arena, 2x outdoor arenas (including a full showjumping course), grazing, stables, yards, a cafe, events, shows, fun days, clinics, lessons, schooling, and horses/ponies for lease. Heavily used in winter. Meets needs but maintenance is an ongoing issue.	Regional	Private	Private	Private
Palmerston North	Massey University Equestrian Centre	Uncovered but all-weather arena with a variety of jumps. Also, 15ha grass for grazing and use. Used by Manawatu Pony Clubs and students for training and events. Covering of arena has been discussed. Near Athletics Track and Indoor Sport facilities	District	Massey University	Massey University	Massey University
Palmerston North	Ashhurst-Pohangina Pony Club	Open grass area on Ashhurst Domain. Low use. Interested in sand arena potential. Part of Manawatu Pony Club.	Local	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Tiritea Pony Club	Two paddocks hired from council Hewitt's Road, Linton. One club-owned shed. Meets needs. Part of Manawatu Pony Club.	Local	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Palmerston North Pony Club	Operate from Otira Park near Awapuni racecourse. Showjumping course and cross-country jumps, grazing and storage sheds.	Local	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Rangitikei	Taihape Memorial Park	The park has sports and open fields, stables and yards which are used for equestrian events in summer (e.g. dressage and showjumping events, A&P Show etc). Yearly Equestrian events are at a National level. Seeking covered yards.	Sub-Regional	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District
Rangitikei	Rangitikei Polo Club	Polo field and clubrooms. Only used summer due to winter wet.	District	Rangitikei Polo Club	Rangitikei Polo Club	Rangitikei Polo Club
Rangitikei	Marton Hunt Club	Land on which kennels/horses are kept. Huntsman lives on site. Meets needs.	Local	Rangitikei Hunt.	Rangitikei Hunt.	Rangitikei Hunt.
Ruapehu	Kaitieke Polocrosse Club (Manunui)	3x outdoor polocrosse fields. Clubrooms and facilities. Horse pens. Camping facilities and speaker links for competitions. Summer use.	Local	Ruapehu District	King Country Polocrosse	Kaitieke Polocrosse
Ruapehu	Taumarunui Pony Club (A&P)	Pony Club base at A&P showgrounds on Tuhua Domain. Open spaces, fencing, yards.	Local	Ruapehu District	Taumarunui A&P Society	Taumarunui A&P Society
Ruapehu	Waimarino Pony Club (A&P)	Pony Club base at Raetihi A&P showgrounds. Use clubrooms and showground facilities - A&P grandstand, jumps, games equipment, dressage arenas, cross-country jumps, horse pens and washing bays. Mainly summer use.	Local	Waimarino A&P Society	Waimarino A&P Society	Waimarino A&P Society

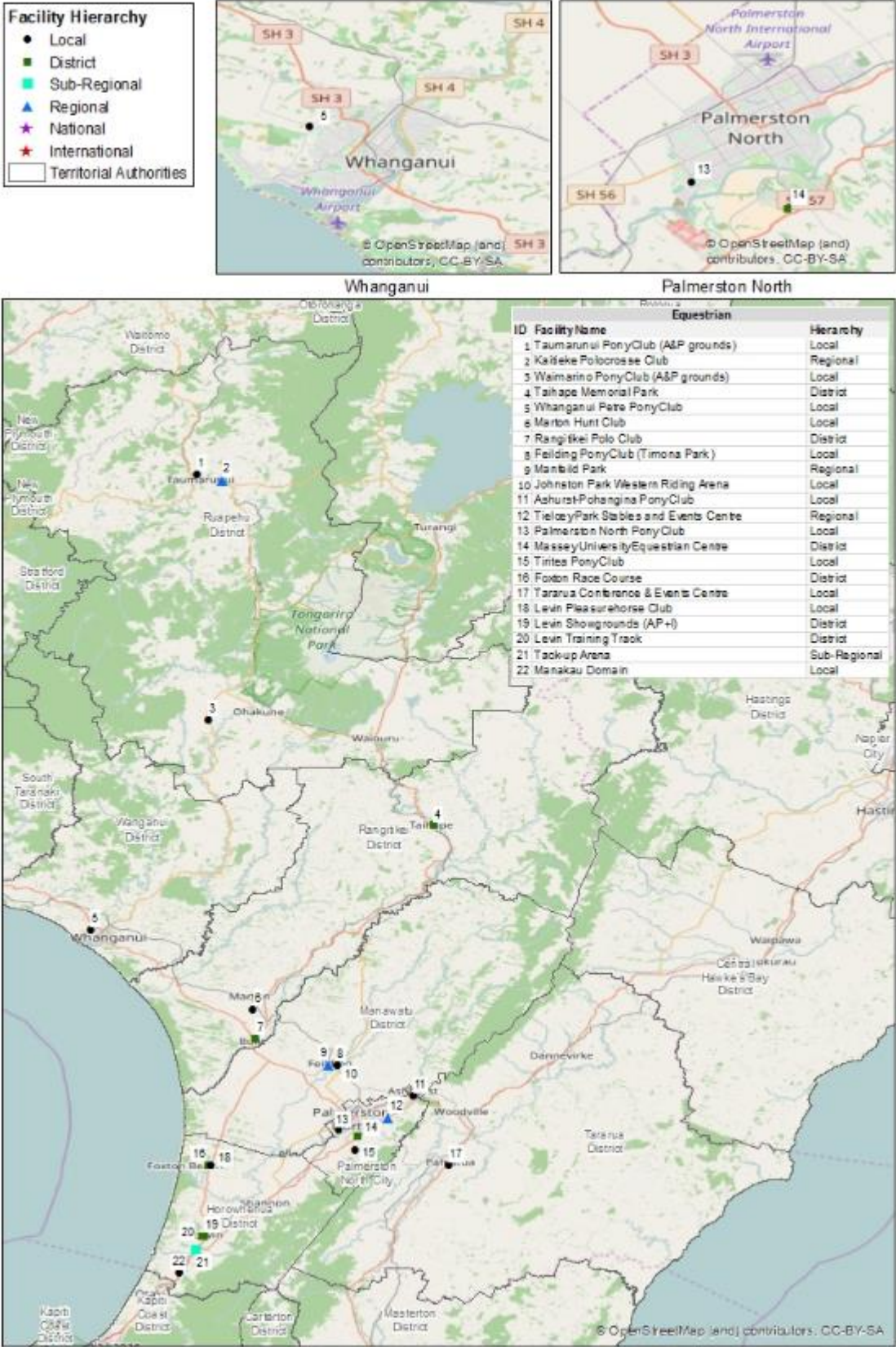
Tararua	Tararua Conference & Events Centre	This centre in Pahiatua includes a 60x30m equestrian arena, with stables and large parking area, along with conference/events centre facilities. Current use unknown.	Local	Private	Private	Private
Tararua	Dannevirke A&P Showgrounds	Large space and facility mix. Hosts a range of events, including equestrian events, and the Dannevirke Social Riding Club. Has hosted NZ show jumping contests.	Regional	A&P Society	A&P Society	A&P Society
Tararua	Woodville Park Race Course	Large active country course hosting a few regular race meetings. Home of Woodville-Pahiatua Racing Club	Local	-	Woodville-Pahiatua Racing Club	Woodville-Pahiatua Racing Club
Whanganui	Whanganui Petre Pony Club	Pony Club based on rural property	Local	Private	Private	Private

Some summary points from the data – Equestrian VENUES

- Old Race Courses and current A&P Showgrounds provided natural hubs for equestrian activities in many locations. In addition, there were some other large dedicated Equestrian facilities provided (e.g. Tiecley Park, Massey University, Manfield Park)
- Some specialist facilities were also identified which received higher Regional and/or District status due to their unique offer (e.g. Kaitieke Polocrosse Club, Rangitikei Polo Club)
- There was no defined hierarchy amongst the listed Equestrian sites due to the diversity of focuses and scales.
- Responses indicated that the main facilities were meeting needs and there were no significant demand, maintenance or membership constraints noted. Although obviously, improvements could be made.
- It was noted membership of one pony Club was capped – it was not apparent if that is a common issue for small clubs.
- Whanganui appeared to have many fewer equestrian options available than Palmerston North

Note that these results do not reflect the direct facility concerns of individual user groups, just those issues that the management respondents noted. Presumably if any user problems were significant enough, managers would be aware of them and would have indicated so.

Map 16.1: Existing Equestrian Facilities



Map 16.2 Drive Time Map – Equestrian Facilities



16.6 Proposed Facility Approach – Equestrian

Regionwide Key Considerations

- Take account of the Equestrian facility/activity needs of a significantly aging population, and growth in the total numbers of older people in terms of both activity-type preferences and appropriate facility type, location and accessibility (specifications and transport). At the same time the opportunities for new-entrant and younger participants in activities need to be enhanced to grow participation.
- The geographic distribution of the Region's, and constituent District's, populations and facilities
- With a significant portion of the Regional and District populations currently aged over 65 years, and with this anticipated to increase, the Region and Districts needs to consider a strategy of adapting existing Equestrian facilities where possible to meet the needs of an aging population.

Council Area	Equestrian Facilities	Key Considerations	Proposed Facility Approach	Timeframe Short term 0-3 years Medium term 4-10 Long term 10 plus yrs
Horowhenua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foxton Race Course • Levin Showgrounds (A,P+I) • Levin Training Track • Levin Pleasure Horse Club • Manukau Domain • Tack Up Arena 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large Sub-Regional multi-use equestrian hub venues at Foxton Race Course, Levin Showgrounds and the Levin Training Track, as well as the Tack Up Arena. • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Equestrian facilities, although Foxton Race Course is currently in recess for racing. • The council did not indicate any notable equestrian facility development programmes or investments in equestrian facilities in its current LTP. • Also note the additional projections beyond those of Statistics NZ undertaken for Council by NZIER due to potential higher growth outcomes from significant Kapiti Coast – Wellington Highway improvements. These suggest substantially more residents (28%) by 2043 (around 9,000 vs 300 from Statistics NZ). • Take account of the larger numbers of residents, as well numbers of older residents, projected for this District. • Note District population (~30,000) concentrations are largely in Levin (~21,000) and to a lesser extent Foxton (~4,500) and Shannon (1,300), and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Palmerston North 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the aging population and sports participation trends. • As demand warrants it, assess facility rationalisation /optimising opportunities. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

		and in nearby Kapiti District towns (i.e. Otaki).		
Manawatu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manfeild Park • Johnston Park Western Riding Arena • Fielding Pony Club (Timona Park) • Stanway Pony Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large multi-use equestrian hub venue at Manfield Park, with National status • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Equestrian facilities. • The council did not indicate any notable equestrian facility development programmes or investments in equestrian facilities in its current LTP. • Take account of the larger numbers of residents, as well numbers of older residents, projected for this District. • Note District population (~27,000) concentrations predominantly in Feilding (~16000), and to a lesser extent in a range of several small towns, and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Palmerston North. 	To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the aging population and sports participation trends. • As demand warrants it, assess facility rationalisation /optimising opportunities. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Palmerston North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tielcey Park Events Centre • Massey University Equestrian Centre • Ashhurst-Pohangina Pony Club • Tiritea Pony Club • Palmerston North Pony Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large multi-use equestrian venues at Tiecley Park (Regional) and Massey University (District) Equestrian Centres • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Equestrian facilities. • Council did not indicate any notable equestrian facility development programmes or investments in equestrian facilities in its current LTP. • Take account of the projections for larger numbers of residents overall, incorporating more diversity and more younger adults as well as the more usual growth in older residents. 	To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the aging population and sports participation trends. • As demand warrants it, assess facility rationalisation /optimising opportunities. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the population concentrations (~80,000) located all in Palmerston North City itself, and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Fielding, although many options exist in the city itself. 		
Rangitikei	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taihape Memorial Park Rangitikei Polo Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large multi-use equestrian hub venue at Taihape Memorial Park, at District level, and a separate Polo facility. No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Equestrian facilities. The council did not indicate any notable equestrian facility development programmes or investments in equestrian facilities in its current LTP. Take account of the slightly declining and strongly aging population – likely that demand will decrease unless equestrian for older residents become popular. Note District population (~14,000) concentrations in Marton (~5,000), and to a lesser extent Bulls and Taihape (~1,700 each), and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Whanganui and Palmerston North 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the aging population and sports participation trends. As demand warrants it, assess facility rationalisation /optimising opportunities. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Ruapehu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kaitieke Polocrosse Club Taumarunui Pony Club (A&P) Waimarino Pony Club (A&P) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smaller Local club venues predominate (associated with A7P Centre hubs), with one Polocrosse facility No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Equestrian facilities. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the aging population and sports participation trends. As demand warrants it, assess facility rationalisation /optimising opportunities. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marton Hunt Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council did not indicate any notable equestrian facility development programmes or investments in equestrian facilities in its current LTP. • Take account of the strongly declining and strongly aging population – very likely that demand will decrease unless equestrian for older residents becomes more popular and/or current participation rates increase. • The highest proportion of Maori in the Region • High relative numbers of temporary visitors to the District (i.e. holiday homes, other tourism) • Note District population (~12,000) concentration mainly in Taumaranui (~5,000), Ohakune, Raetihi and Waiouru (~1,000 each), but otherwise very dispersed in low levels. Proximity to any other strategic facilities outside the district are limited. popular, or new activities motivate new participation rates 		
Tararua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tararua Conference and Events Centre • Dannevirke A&P Showgrounds • Woodville Race Course 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Few equestrian venues reported • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Equestrian facilities. Although Woodville Race Course has had some meets cancelled in recent times • The council did not indicate any notable equestrian facility development programmes or investments in equestrian facilities in its current LTP. • Take account of the slightly increasing and strongly aging population – likely 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the aging population and sports participation trends. • As demand warrants it, assess facility rationalisation /optimising opportunities. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

		<p>that demand will decrease unless equestrian for older residents become popular and/or current participation rates increase.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note District population (~17,000) concentrations of around a third in Dannevirke (~5,000), around a quarter in Pahiatua (~2,500) and Woodville (~1,500) combined, and the remaining several thousand dispersed widely across the District in a range of small rural towns. Note relative proximities to strategic facilities in Palmerston North. 		
Wanganui	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whanganui Petre Pony Club <p>A few other Pony Clubs were noted in searches, as were the Wanganui Jockey Club facilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Few equestrian venues were reported (or found apart from a few pony clubs) Wanganui Racecourse has multiple equestrian and function facilities and represents a District hub. No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Equestrian facilities. The council did not indicate any notable equestrian facility development programmes or investments in equestrian facilities in its current LTP. The Wanganui population is projected to increase very little and show a similar aging pattern to other areas. Note District population (~42,000) concentrations primarily in Whanganui itself (~40,000) 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the aging population and sports participation trends. As demand warrants it, assess facility rationalisation /optimising opportunities. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

17.0 BICYCLE FACILITIES

17.1 Introduction

This section summarises the stocktake and review undertaken for Bicycle facilities (for the codes of Track; BMX; Mountain-biking; and supporting road use). Specific facilities can include dedicated track cycling velodromes/tracks; competitive and recreational BMX facilities; defined mountain bike tracks and parks; bike trails; and local pump tracks/ skill areas. It provides high-level strategic directions/recommendations.

17.2 Strategic Context

A strategic context for this type of asset is provided from a range of regional and national documents. A summary of key points is outlined below. Specific references to Council intentions are noted below and in Section 17.6 (Proposed Facility Approach). The main documents available are:

Bike New Zealand Facilities Strategy (2010)

- No specific recommendations were made for any new cycling facility developments in Manawatu-Wanganui region.
- New Zealand does not require any further velodromes or BMX Supercross tracks on a population basis, although cases could be made using geographical/access issues.
- BMX does require more regional-level facilities.
- Mountain biking does not require any particular new facilities. Enhancing access to existing tracks is likely to be the major area of development interest.
- TA cycling strategies may highlight some more localised cycling facility and trail needs and investments, although these are generally focused on cycle-commuting uses rather than on any specific sport and recreational riding facilities (noted below where present).

Council Plans and Strategies (facility-specific summary)

- **Palmerston North City Council** – the LTP (2015-2035) did not distinguish or note any bike-specific facility developments or needs. Ongoing improvements in quality, accessibility and partnerships involving non-council providers (e.g. NZTA, Schools) could enhance the current network's effectiveness. This is apparent with recent new track facility developments from partnerships with the 'Bikes n Schools' programmes. The Council's Cycling Action Plan (2011) emphasises mainly urban cycle network improvements rather than any other specific cycling facilities, although it does recommend development of an iconic MTB park in the Manawatu. Also supported by the Recreation and Community Facilities Asset Management Plan (2014) and Palmerston North Active Recreation Strategy (2013).
- **Horowhenua District Council** – the LTP (2015-2035) did not distinguish or note any bike-specific facility developments or needs, other than a general facility direction to make facilities multi-use and flexible enough to cater for demand changes related to low growth and an aging population. The Districts 'Infrastructure Strategy' did not include any Recreation assets. It has 'Shared Pathways Strategy' but any bike focus is mainly on commuting/recreational riding networks. However, it is now anticipated that in its next 2018 LTP, council will adopt much higher long-term population growth projections for the district after work conducted by NZIER related to the RONS Wellington Corridor Project.
- **Tararua District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any bike-specific facility developments or needs, other than a general direction for facilities to enhance lifestyle outcomes through fit-for-purpose facilities (in a rural/small/minimal growth/aging population context) supported by enhanced facility planning, processes, partnerships, and collaborations. It was also noted that the volunteer/ community capacity to manage the special needs and facilities for some sports was declining. Supported by a Recreation and Reserves Strategy (2014-2023).

- **Rangitikei District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) stated that council is aiming to rationalise to have fewer but better assets in the District. It stated that as major projects, Council would work to develop multi-use sport facilities at three key sites in the District - Centennial Park, Marton; Taihape Memorial Park and Bulls Domain (presumably including consideration of bike facilities), and that at other parks council will work to reduce the number and value of council-owned improvements. Supported by its Asset Management Plan: Community and Leisure Assets (2014), which emphasised a long-term process to actively reduce its asset base around strategically meeting priority needs (e.g. researching a 'Smart Decline approach).
- **Manawatu District Council** - the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any bike-specific facility developments or needs. General intentions were for generally enhancing facility flexibility; multi-functionality; suitability for a wider range of users (especially aged); partnerships and collaborations; and programmes to deliver activities. The Districts 'Infrastructure Strategy' did not include any Recreation assets.
- **Ruapehu District Council** - the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any bike-specific facility developments or needs. The LTP was focused on maintaining the quality of what was already provided (the status quo) rather than significantly enhancing any facility capacity, particularly related to population decline in some areas. It was supported by a Recreation and Community Facilities Asset Management Plan (2015-2025).
- **Whanganui District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) stated no bike-specific facility developments or needs. The focus was on any new facility developments associated with creation of a community sports hub at Springvale Park. Supported by the District's Sport and Recreation Facility Strategy (2016). The Council's Whanganui Cycling Strategy (2003) emphasises urban cycle network improvements rather than any other specific cycling facilities.

17.3 Facility Inventory

The facilities in this section represent a range of bike-related activities. These range from competitive track cycling venues (e.g. Cooks Gardens in Whanganui) and older asphalt track venues, through to MTB touring tracks, old BMX tracks and smaller pump tracks and skills areas associated with recent developments in council parks and local schools. No high-level built facilities are currently available for track cycling apart from the outdoor 250m wooden velodrome at Cooks Gardens in Whanganui. There are no full facilities for competitive BMX riding, although there are some basic BMX tracks for casual recreational riding. Other bike facilities are purely recreational, either being part of a growing network of MTB tracks and areas, or being recreational local pump, jump and skills tracks at local parks or schools.

Details of the Bicycle Facilities recorded are summarised in Table 17.1.

Table 17.1: Bicycle Facilities

Council area	Bike facilities	Description (summarised)	Draft status	Land owner	Facility owner	Facility manager
Horowhenua	Donnelly Park BMX Track	BMX race layout but unfinished. Toilets and changing rooms. No lights or gates. Used but only minimal.	Sub-Regional	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District
Horowhenua	Holben Reserve Pump Track	Planned development of pump and jump track integrated with current skate track. Part of wider reserve redevelopment plan.	Local	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District
Horowhenua	Cousins Ave Reserve MTB Tracks	6 km tracks in forested coastal/dunes reserve.	Local	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District
Horowhenua	Kohitere Forest Trig MTB Tracks	Several tracks in foothills of different lengths/ difficulties/ gradients. No issues noted.	Local	Private	Private	Private
Horowhenua	Waitarere Beach Forest MTB Tracks	Extensive cycling/walking route network on coastal/dune forestry roads.	Local	Private	Private	Private
Horowhenua	Levin Domain Track Circuit	440m asphalt velodrome around sports field at Domain, with grandstand. Multiple other facilities present. Basic lights but little use. Asphalt resurfacing scheduled. No issues noted	District	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District
Horowhenua	Shannon Domain Track Circuit	Old velodrome track around park. Fallen into disrepair and due for removal	Local	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District
Manawatu	Himatangi Beach BMX Track	Short community track with a few jumps for BMX and skate. Light casual use. No issues noted	Local	Manawatu District	Manawatu District	Manawatu District
Manawatu	Timona Park BMX Track	Short BMX track for community use.	Local	Manawatu District	Manawatu District	Manawatu District
Manawatu	Johnston Park Track Circuit	440m asphalt velodrome around football field at Johnston Park. Multiple other facilities present. Basic lights and some use. Is heavily used by other clubs, particularly from Palmerston North, with Olympic riders using as a road training location (but off road). Considering lighting upgrade for road night training.	Sub-Regional	Manawatu District	Manawatu District	Manawatu District
Palmerston North	Longburn School Pump Track	Small pump track and skills area at primary school. Other planned ones noted. Bikes n Schools and council supported.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Longburn School

Palmerston North	Terrace End School Pump Track	Small pump track and skills area at primary school. Other planned ones noted. Bikes n Schools and council supported.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Terrace End School
Palmerston North	St Mary's School Pump Track	Small pump track and skills area at primary school. Other planned ones noted. Bikes n Schools and council supported.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	St Mary's School
Palmerston North	Cloverlea School Pump Track	Small pump track and skills area at primary school. Other planned ones noted. Bikes n Schools and council supported.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Cloverlea School
Palmerston North	Ross Intermediate Pump Track	Small pump track and skills area at Intermediate school. Other planned ones noted. Bikes n Schools and council supported.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Ross Intermediate School
Palmerston North	Takaro School Pump Track	Small pump track and skills area at primary school. Other planned ones noted. Bikes n Schools and council supported.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Takaro School
Palmerston North	Awapuni BMX Jumps Track	Small BMX Jumps course/skills area of around 2000 m2.	District	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Waitoetoe Park	Informal tracks in a small pine forest area.	Local	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Arapuke Forest Park MTB Tracks	MTB Tracks, access to one end of large area of forestry tracks (60km+) in developing track area. Support facilities lagging behind trail development. Popular, well used.	Sub-Regional	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	PNCC/ Manawatu MTB Club
Palmerston North	Linklater Reserve (Proposed)	Multiple proposed MTB/BMX (for juniors 8-12) and Track cycling facilities in reserve development. In discussion.	Local	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Rangitikei	Bulls Domain BMX Track	Old BMX track, unused and little demand apparent	Local	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District
Rangitikei	Taihape BMX Track	Old BMX track, unused. Council to consider feasibility of a bike trail at Taihape Memorial Park (2018-28 LTP)	Local	DOC	DOC	DOC
Rangitikei	Santoft Forest MTB Tracks	Tracks in forestry area, MTB club member access only after forest working hours. Around 12km of tracks.	Local	Crown Forest	Crown Forest	Crown Forest
Rangitikei	Sir James Wilson Park Track Circuit	Old asphalt velodrome track in poor (unusable) condition. May be potential project to upgrade as part of 2018-28 LTP.	Local	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District	Rangitikei District
Ruapehu	Ohakune MTB/BMX Park	Jump/pump track linked to town tracks, some desire for sealing so scooter and skate use also possible. Well used.	Local	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District/ Ohakune 2000	Ruapehu District/ Ohakune 2000
Ruapehu	Raetihi BMX Track	Old basic dirt BMX track once well used but minimal use now.	Local	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District	Raetihi Community
Ruapehu	Taumarunui BMX Park	Large dirt track/ jumps area by domain, local BMX club in recess but community use. Basic maintenance by council.	Local	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District

Ruapehu	Te Pepe Pump Track	Large pump and jump track with lights, near mountains to sea trail, maintenance though volunteer group, needs ongoing attention.	Local	Atihau-Whanganui Inc	Ohakune 2000	Ohakune 2000
Ruapehu	42 Traverse MTB Track	Popular backcountry MTB track (40km) from near National Park to Ohwango on old forest roads. No issues noted.	District	DOC	DOC	DOC
Ruapehu	Fishers MTB Track	Near National Park, 17 km mixed gravel road/ farm tracks.	Local	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District
Ruapehu	Lakes Reserve MTB Tracks	Potential MTB trails/park on old walking tracks /tramlines around lake reserve, idea being explored.	Local	DOC	DOC	DOC
Ruapehu	Marton Sash and Door MTB Trail	Short (2km) loop track from National Park potentially developed into link for larger network.	Local	DOC	DOC	Ruapehu District
Ruapehu	Mountain to Sea MTB Track	Multi-day (217km) backcountry MTB route. Needs some consolidation of route. Potentially notable ride.	District	Multiple	Multiple	North Island Cycle Trail Partnership
Ruapehu	Old Coach Road MTB Track	Short (15km) historic bush track from Ohakune. Ongoing maintenance. Used by locals and tourists.	Local	Atihau Inclusive/DOC	DOC	DOC
Ruapehu	Rangataua Forest Tracks	Small forest trail network, well used, maintained by community, potentially more used/prominent.	Local	DOC	DOC	DOC
Ruapehu	Timber Trail MTB Tracks	Multi-day (85km) or part-section track, purpose built new track along old tramlines, well used	Local	DOC	DOC	DOC
Tararua	Te Ara o Mahurangi MTB Track	Short challenging new 2km downhill only track (4km return option) in Manawatu Gorge track network.	Local	DOC	DOC	Manawatu MTB Club
Tararua	Wahipai Reserve MTB Track	Basic MTB track in bush reserve north of Dannevirke. Some jump and pump facilities. Shared with dog walkers	Local	Tararua District	Tararua District	Tararua District
Whanganui	Cooks Gardens	250m wooden cycling velodrome, cycling clubrooms and support facilities, lighting towers, viewing areas. Plans to install a roof.	Regional	Wanganui District	Wanganui District	Wanganui District
Whanganui	Hylton MTB Park	8km of tracks in MTB park area	District	Wanganui District	Wanganui MTB Club	Wanganui MTB Club
Whanganui	Springvale Community Bike Park	2x Pump Tracks and skills areas in Springvale Park by the Splash Centre	Local	Wanganui District	Wanganui MTB Club	Wanganui MTB Club
Whanganui	Araheke MTB Park	9km of MTB tracks in 2 separate areas by Lake Wairua	Local	Wanganui District	Wanganui MTB Club	Wanganui MTB Club



Some summary points from the data – Bicycle VENUES

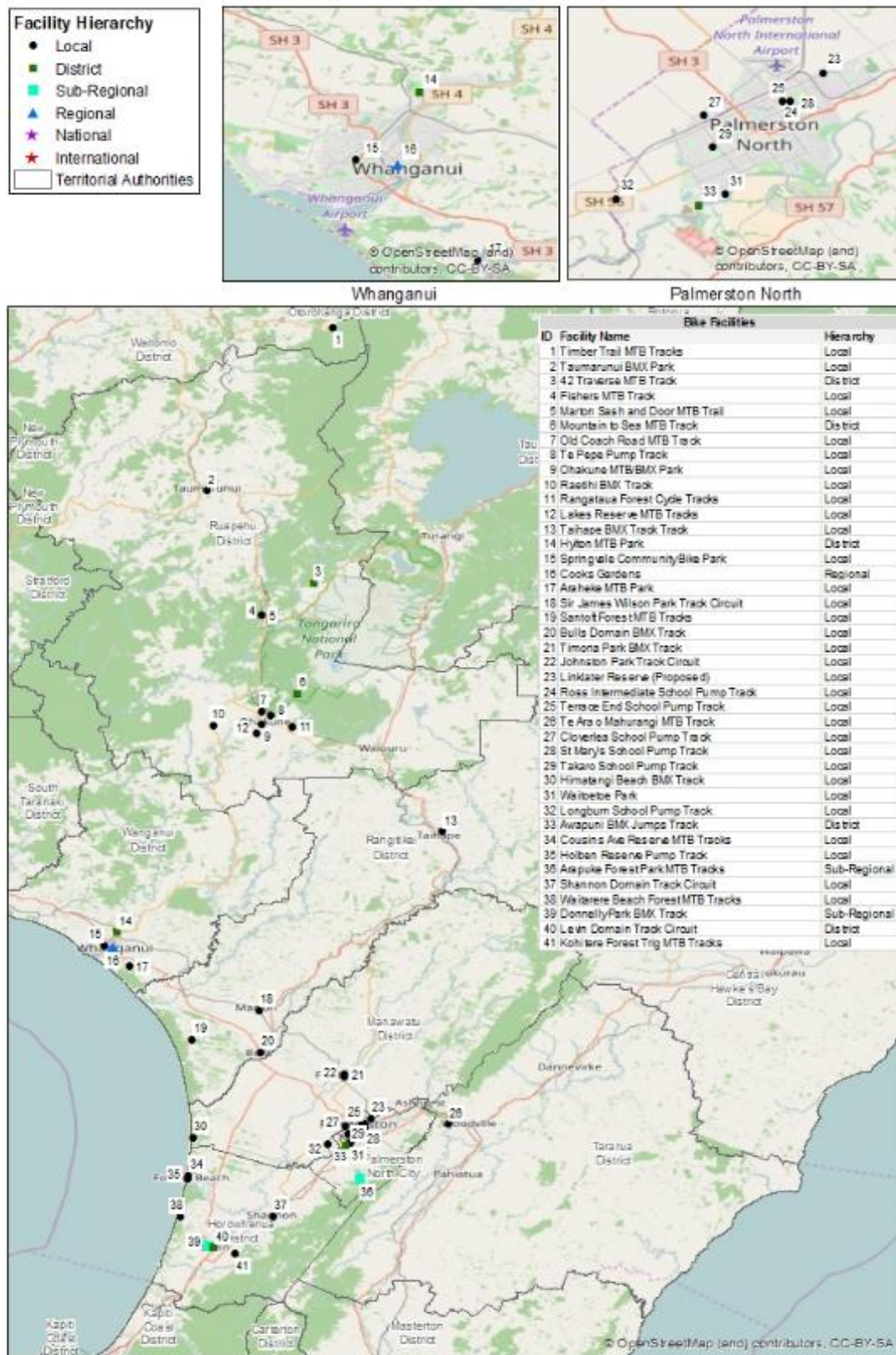
- A wide variety of facilities are present reflecting the diverse activity (e.g. 'cycling') across a wide geographical spread of areas.
- Only one high-level facility was noted, that being the Cooks Gardens outdoor velodrome in Whanganui. This would require additional development to match other premiere velodromes in New Zealand
- There are many older BMX/Pump facilities and Track Circuit facilities with low current use. These include one at Donnelly Park in Horowhenua with a race layout, but incomplete support facilities.
- Some of the many MTB tracks in the region were reported, some of which are nationally or regionally well known amongst riders and would rate as high-profile tracks /journeys /areas (e.g. 42 Traverse and Timber Trails – Ruapehu; Arapuke Forest Park Tracks – Palmerston North)
- Responses indicated that virtually all facilities were meeting current needs (often with very low demand) and there were no significant demand pressures, with many BMX / Track Circuit facilities in smaller centres being largely unused, unless closely associated with schools.
- Maintenance is often done by community/activity groups although many sites are technically owned and managed by councils etc.
- There has been inconsistent reporting across Districts, with very little reported from some areas. Lots of MTB tracks have reported in Ruapehu – possibly reflecting a wider interpretation of scope that other Districts.

Note that these results do not reflect the direct facility concerns of individual user groups, just those issues that the management respondents noted. Presumably if any user problems were significant enough, managers would be aware of them and would have indicated so.

17.4 School Facility Summary

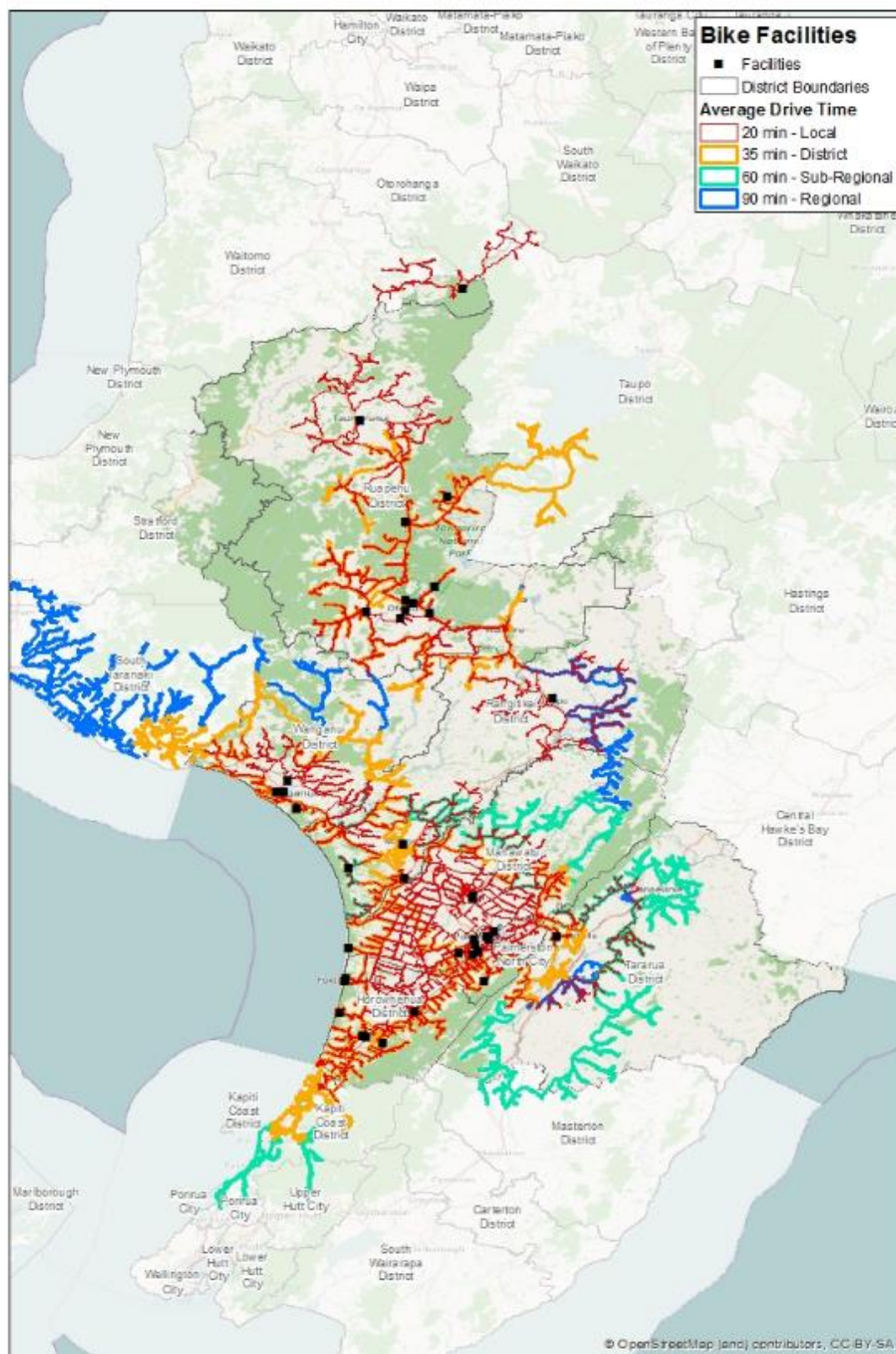
School facilities largely consist of learner level bike skills tracks and basic BMX areas/pump tracks. There are initiatives through Bikes 'n' Schools to develop more of these and some councils are actively working on these. Some partnership options have been used and may be available.

Map 17.1: Existing Bicycle Facilities



17.5 Network Coverage - Drive Time Analysis

Map 17.2 Drive Time Map- Bicycle Facilities



17.6 Proposed Facility Approach – Bicycle

Regionwide Key Considerations

- Take account of the Bike facility/activity needs of a significantly aging population, and growth in the total numbers of older people in terms of both activity-type preferences and appropriate facility type, location and accessibility (specifications and transport). At the same time the opportunities for new-entrant and younger participants in activities need to be enhanced to grow participation.
- The geographic distribution of the Region's, and constituent District's, populations and facilities
- With a significant portion of the Regional and District populations currently aged over 65 years, and with this anticipated to increase, the Region and Districts needs to consider a strategy of adapting existing Bike facilities where possible to meet the needs of an aging population. Will the demand for Bike be maintained at current levels?
- Assess any needs for higher level BMX or velodrome facilities in the Region (either upgraded current or new built)

Council Area	Bike Facilities	Key Considerations (for specific areas)	Proposed Facility Approach	Timeframe Short term 0-3 years Medium term 4-10 Long term 10 plus yrs
Horowhenua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donnelly Park BMX Track • Holben Reserve Pump Track • Cousins Ave Reserve MTB Tracks • Kohitere Forest Trig MTB Tracks • Waitarere Beach Forest MTB Tracks • Levin Domain Track Circuit • Shannon Domain Track Circuit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has two outdoor asphalt velodrome tracks but both are older and have low use levels (Shannon in poorer condition, virtually unused) • Remaining facilities either MTB/tour tracks or Pump/BMX tracks (usually associated with Council Parks or Schools) • Donnelly Park BMX track has core race layout but is incomplete for race standards. • Some MTB access constraints to private lands (e.g. forestry, farms). • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Bike facilities. • The council did not indicate any notable bike facility development programmes or investments in bike facilities in its current LTP. • Also note the additional projections beyond those of Statistics NZ undertaken for Council by NZIER due to potential higher growth outcomes from significant Kapiti Coast – Wellington Highway improvements. These suggest substantially more residents (28%) by 2043 (around 9,000 vs 300 from Statistics NZ). • Take account of the larger numbers of residents, as well numbers of older residents, projected for this District. • Note District population (~30,000) concentrations are largely in Levin (~21,000) and to a lesser extent Foxton (~4,500) and Shannon (1,300), and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Palmerston North and in nearby Kapiti District towns (i.e. Otaki). 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As demand warrants it, assess facility rationalisation /optimising opportunities (particularly with the two outdoor asphalt velodrome tracks). • Look at partnership options for BMX/Pump tracks with schools and MTB/Touring tracks with clubs. 	<p>Short Term</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

Manawatu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Himatangi Beach BMX Track • Timona Park BMX Track • Johnston Park Track Circuit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has one outdoor asphalt velodrome track with low use levels • Remaining facilities Pump/BMX tracks (usually associated with Council Parks or Schools) • Some MTB access constraints to private lands (e.g. forestry, farms). • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Bike facilities. • The council did not indicate any notable bike facility development programmes or investments in bike facilities in its current LTP. • Take account of the larger numbers of residents, as well numbers of older residents, projected for this District. • Note District population (~27,000) concentrations predominantly in Feilding (~16000), and to a lesser extent in a range of several small towns, and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Palmerston North. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the growing and aging population, and sports participation trends. • As demand warrants it, assess facility rationalisation /optimising opportunities (particularly with the asphalt velodrome). • Look at partnership options for BMX/Pump tracks with schools and MTB/Touring tracks with clubs. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Palmerston North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longburn School Pump Track • Terrace End School Pump Track • St Mary's School Pump Track • Cloverlea School Pump Track • Ross Intermediate Pump Track • Takaro School Pump Track 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No notable velodrome venue (and none required), or competitive BMX track. • Facilities either MTB/tour tracks or numerous Pump/BMX and skills tracks (usually associated with Council Parks or Schools). • Council is seeking more 'Bikes n Schools' funding for such school-based skills/ recreation tracks. • Some MTB areas being developed such as at Arapuke Forest Park but no 'Iconic MTB Park' appears yet defined, as was signalled in the Cycle Action Strategy (2011). • Some MTB access constraints to private lands (e.g. forestry and farms). • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Bike facilities. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the growing and aging population, and sports participation trends. • As demand warrants it, assess facility rationalisation /optimising opportunities. • Look at partnership opportunities for BMX/Pump tracks with schools and MTB/Touring tracks with clubs. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Short-Medium term</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awapuni BMX Jumps Track • Waitoetoe Park • Arapuke Forest Park MTB Tracks • Linklater Reserve (Proposed) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council did not indicate any notable bike facility development programmes or investments in bike facilities in its current LTP. • Take account of the projections for larger numbers of residents overall, incorporating more diversity and more younger adults as well as the more usual growth in older residents. • Note the population concentrations (~ 80,000) located all in Palmerston North City itself, and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Fielding, although many options exist in the city itself. 		
Rangitikei	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bulls Domain BMX Track • Taihape BMX Track Track • Santoft Forest MTB Tracks • Sir James Wilson Park Track Circuit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No notable velodrome venue, although one old unused one at Sir James Wilson Park • Remaining facilities either MTB/tour tracks or Pump/BMX tracks (usually associated with Council Parks) • Some MTB access constraints to private lands (e.g. forestry, farms). • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Bike facilities. • The council did not indicate any notable bike facility development programmes or investments in bike facilities in its current LTP. • Take account of the slightly declining and strongly aging population – likely that demand will decrease unless bike for older residents become popular. • Note District population (~14,000) concentrations in Marton (~5,000), and to a lesser extent Bulls and Taihape (~1,700 each), and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Whanganui and Palmerston North. 	To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the aging population and sports participation trends. • As demand warrants it, assess facility rationalisation /optimising opportunities. • Look at partnership options for BMX/Pump tracks with schools and MTB/Touring tracks with clubs. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Ruapehu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ohakune MTB/BMX Park • Raetihi BMX Track 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No notable velodrome venue • Remaining facilities either MTB/tour tracks (some high profile) or Pump/BMX tracks (usually associated with Council Parks/lands) 	To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taumarunui BMX Park • Te Pepe Pump Track • 42 Traverse MTB Track • Fishers MTB Track • Lakes Reserve MTB Tracks • Marton Sash and Door MTB Trail • Mountain to Sea MTB Track • Old Coach Road MTB Track • Rangataua Forest Cycle Tracks • Timber Trail MTB Tracks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some MTB access constraints to private lands (e.g. forestry, farms). • The council did not indicate any notable bike facility development programmes or investments in bike facilities in its current LTP. • Take account of the strongly declining and strongly aging population – very likely that demand will decrease unless bike for older residents becomes more popular and/or current participation rates increase. • The highest proportion of Maori in the Region • High relative numbers of temporary visitors to the District (i.e. holiday homes, other tourism) • Note District population (~12,000) concentration mainly in Taumarunui (~5,000), Ohakune, Raetihi and Waiouru (~1,000 each), but otherwise very dispersed in low levels. Proximity to any other strategic facilities outside the district are limited. popular, or new activities motivate new participation rates. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the aging population and sports participation trends. • As demand warrants it, assess facility rationalisation /optimising opportunities. • Look at partnership options for BMX/Pump tracks with schools and MTB/Touring tracks with clubs. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Tararua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Te Ara o Mahurangi MTB Track • Wahipai Reserve Tracks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Few sites reported, but likely to be the same sort of current or potential school/council opportunities • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Bike facilities. • The council did not indicate any notable bike facility development programmes or investments in bike facilities in its current LTP. • Take account of the slightly increasing and strongly aging population – likely that demand will decrease unless bike for older residents become popular and/or current participation rates increase. • Note District population (~17,000) concentrations of around a third in Dannevirke (~5,000), around a quarter in Pahiatua (~2,500) 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the aging population and sports participation trends. • As demand warrants it, assess facility rationalisation /optimising opportunities. • Look at partnership options for BMX/Pump tracks with schools and MTB/Touring tracks with clubs. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

		and Woodville (~1,500) combined, and the remaining several thousand dispersed widely across the District in a range of small rural towns. Note relative proximities to strategic facilities in Palmerston North.		
Wanganui	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooks Gardens • Hylton MTB Park • Springvale Community Bike Park • Araheke MTB Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has one outdoor higher-level velodrome track at Cooks Gardens with upgrade and roofing plans. • Remaining facilities Pump/BMX tracks (usually associated with Council Parks or Schools) • Some MTB access constraints to private lands (e.g. forestry, farms). • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Bike facilities. • The council did not indicate any notable bike facility development programmes or investments in bike facilities in its current LTP. • The Wanganui population is projected to increase very little and show a similar aging pattern to other areas. • Note District population (~42,000) concentrations primarily in Whanganui itself (~40,000) 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess feasibility of velodrome covering at Cooks Gardens. • Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the aging population and sports participation trends. • As demand warrants it, assess facility rationalisation /optimising opportunities. • Look at partnership options for BMX/Pump tracks with schools and MTB/Touring tracks with clubs. 	<p>Short-Medium term Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing Ongoing</p>

18.0 SHOOTING SPORT FACILITIES

18.1 Introduction

This section summarises the stocktake and review undertaken for Shooting Sport facilities. It provides high-level strategic directions/recommendations.

18.2 Strategic Context

A strategic context for this type of asset is provided from a range of regional and national documents. A summary of key points is outlined below. Specific references to Council intentions are noted below and in Section 18.6 (Proposed Facility Approach). The main documents available are:

Council Plans and Strategies (facility-specific summary)

- **Palmerston North City Council** – the LTP (2015-2035) did not distinguish or note any Shooting Sport-specific facility developments or needs. Ongoing improvements in quality, accessibility and partnerships involving non-council providers could enhance the current network's effectiveness. Also supported by the Recreation and Community Facilities Asset Management Plan (2014) and Palmerston North Active Recreation Strategy (2013).
- **Horowhenua District Council** – the LTP (2015-2035) did not distinguish or note any Shooting Sport-specific facility developments or needs, other than a general facility direction to make facilities multi-use and flexible enough to cater for demand changes related to low growth and an aging population. The Districts 'Infrastructure Strategy' did not include any Recreation assets. However, it is now anticipated that in its next 2018 LTP, council will adopt much higher long-term population growth projections for the district after work conducted by NZIER related to the RONS Wellington Corridor Project.
- **Tararua District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any Shooting Sport-specific facility developments or needs, other than a general direction for facilities to enhance lifestyle outcomes through fit-for-purpose facilities (in a rural/small/minimal growth/aging population context) supported by enhanced facility planning, processes, partnerships, and collaborations. It was also noted that the volunteer/ community capacity to manage the special needs and facilities for some sports was declining. Supported by a Recreation and Reserves Strategy (2014-2023).
- **Rangitikei District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) stated that council is aiming to rationalise to have fewer but better assets in the District. Supported by its Asset Management Plan: Community and Leisure Assets (2014), which emphasised a long-term process to actively reduce its asset base around strategically meeting priority needs (e.g. researching a 'Smart Decline approach').
- **Manawatu District Council** - the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any Shooting Sport-specific facility developments or needs. General intentions were for generally enhancing facility flexibility; multi-functionality; suitability for a wider range of users (especially aged); partnerships and collaborations; and programmes to deliver activities. The Districts 'Infrastructure Strategy' did not include any Recreation assets.
- **Ruapehu District Council** - the LTP (2015-2025) did not feature any Shooting Sport-specific facility developments or needs. The LTP was focused on maintaining the quality of what was already provided (the status quo) rather than significantly enhancing any facility capacity, particularly related to population decline in some areas. It was supported by a Recreation and Community Facilities Asset Management Plan (2015-2025).
- **Whanganui District Council** – the LTP (2015-2025) stated no Shooting Sport-specific facility developments or needs. The focus was on any new facility developments associated with creation of a community sports hub at Springvale Park. Supported by the District's Sport and Recreation Facility Strategy (2016).

18.3 Facility Inventory

The facility inventory undertaken for this plan identified 18 specific Shooting Sport facility sites in the Region, most of which were relatively small in size and scope. The largest most multi-use facility appears to be the 'Rifle, Rod & Gun Club, Manawatu' who had their own facility hub near Palmerston North.

A few were dedicated club-owned or used facilities on either council or private land. In some cases for smallbore shooting in particular, Community Halls were used or had dedicated facilities attached or adjacent to them. All facilities were considered to meet needs basic needs, although in some cases use levels were low and maintenance difficult to fund. Due to the nature of the activity – particularly in the outdoor shooting disciplines - locations away from residential areas and other activity clusters were preferable (e.g. noise, hazard concerns)

Details of the Shooting Facilities recorded are summarised in Table 18.1.



Table 18.1: Shooting Sport Facilities

Council area	Shooting Sport facilities	Description (summarised)	Draft status	Land owner	Facility owner	Facility manager
Horowhenua	Horowhenua Paint Ball Club	Open area of target Reserve by Foxton Golf Club, leased from Council, small storage facility. No issues noted.	Sub-Regional	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua Paint Ball Club	Horowhenua Paint Ball Club
Horowhenua	Levin Pistol Club (Target Reserve)	Outdoor 100m range area leased from Council. By Foxton Shooting Club. Membership from as far away as Whanganui.	Sub-Regional	Horowhenua District	Levin pistol Club	Levin Pistol Club
Horowhenua	Levin Small Bore Rifle Club (Playford Park)	Range with 6 lanes and clubrooms. Behind scout hall on Playford Park. All year use. No issues noted.	Local	Horowhenua District	Levin Small Bore Rifle Club / Levin scouts	Levin Small Bore Rifle Club / Levin scouts
Horowhenua	Levin Small Bore Rifle Club (Poroutawhao)	Small Community Hall beside Poroutawhao School, occasionally used as range. No issues noted.	Local	Horowhenua District	Porotawhao Hall Society	Levin Smallbore Rifle Club
Manawatu	Colyton Hall Shooting Range	Indoor smallbore shooting facility next to adjoining Colyton Hall. No issues noted.	Local	Manawatu District	Manawatu District	Colyton Smallbore Rifle Club
Manawatu	Kopane Small Bore Rifle Range	Open air small bore shooting range with clubhouse. No issues noted.	District	Private	Kopane Smallbore Rifle Club	Kopane Smallbore Rifle Club
Manawatu	Feilding Smallbore Club	Currently located in Manfeild Park Grandstand, which is due to be demolished. Options for relocation have been discussed.	District	Manfeild Park Trust	Manfeild Park Trust	Manfeild Park Trust
Palmerston North	Rifle, Rod & Gun Club, Manawatu (Turitea Valley)	Large multi-use facility with 6 different ranges for different shooting disciplines including Archery, Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun and Black Powder Rifle Shooting.	District	Rifle, Rod & Gun Club, Manawatu	Rifle, Rod & Gun Club, Manawatu	Rifle, Rod & Gun Club, Manawatu
Palmerston North	Manawatu Smallbore Rifle Association Range	Part of the Rifle, Rod & Gun Club Manawatu but operate out of their own hall facility on Totara Road. By Scout Hall and Manawatu Archery Club.	District	Palmerston North City	Manawatu Smallbore Rifle Association	Manawatu Smallbore Rifle Association
Rangitikei	None listed	There is an unused indoor range at Ohutu.				
Ruapehu	Taumarunui Black Powder Club	Three different ranges, clubrooms and storage, but small membership constrains development.	Local	Private	Taumarunui Black Powder Club	Taumarunui Black Powder Club

Ruapehu	Manning Range	Outdoor range on Waiohuru Base, small storage shed. Rarely used.	Local	NZ Defence Force	NZ Defence Force	NZ Clay Target Association
Tararua	Dannevirke Tennis Pavilion Rooms	Room used by Southern Hawkes Bay Smallbore Association in Dannevirke Tennis Pavilion. No issues noted.	District	Tararua District	Tararua District	Southern Hawkes Bay Smallbore Association
Tararua	Pahiatua Smallbore Range	Pahiatua Town Hall hired weekly for temporary range. No issues noted.	Local	Tararua District	Tararua District	Tararua District
Tararua	Norsewood Smallbore Club	Club hall houses 20m range and clubroom facilities, plus 50m outdoor range.	Local	Crown	Norsewood Smallbore Club	Norsewood Smallbore Club
Tararua	Dannevirke Clay Target Club	Range, facilities and clubrooms in rural site near Dannevirke	Local	-	-	-
Tararua	Woodville Clay Target Club	Range, facilities and clubrooms in rural site near Woodville	Local	-	-	-
Whanganui	RSA Shooting Club	1x Indoor range in Whanganui RSA complex	Local	RSA Shooting Club	RSA Shooting Club	RSA Shooting Club
Whanganui	Target Shooting Wanganui Range	1x indoor range facility in Okoia accommodating up to 20 shooters, main competition base for local clubs	District	Target Shooting Whanganui	Target Shooting Whanganui	Target Shooting Whanganui
Whanganui	Westmere miniature rifle club	1 x range and clubrooms	Local	Westmere miniature rifle club	Westmere miniature rifle club	Westmere miniature rifle club
Whanganui	Whanganui Pistol Club	1x outdoor range and clubrooms	District	Wanganui Pistol Club	Wanganui Pistol Club	Wanganui Pistol Club

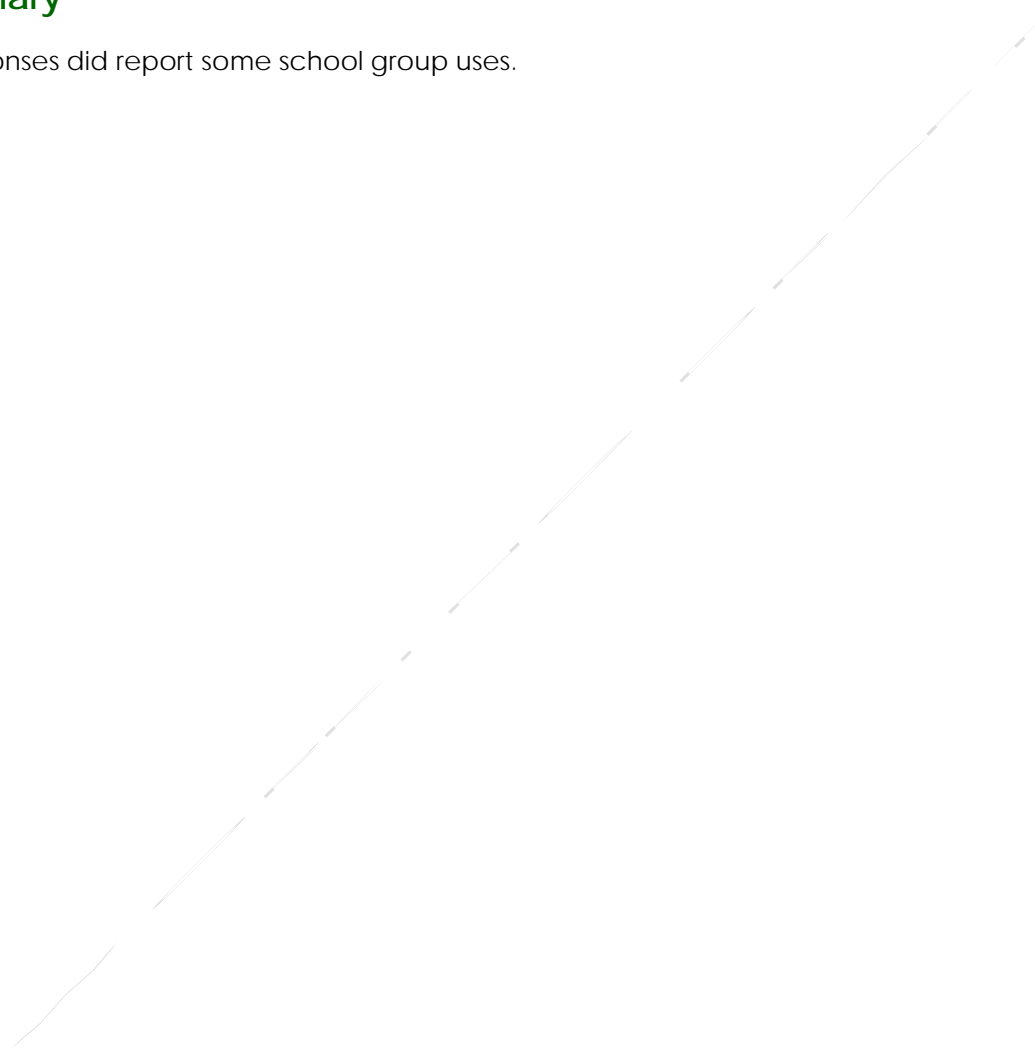
Some summary points from the data – Shooting Sport VENUES

- A wide variety of facilities reflecting a diverse sector and a wide spread. Many older facilities with low current use.
- Responses indicated that virtually all facilities were meeting current needs and there were no significant demand pressures, although some membership or maintenance pressures could be noted.
- Very little noted for the larger population areas (e.g. Palmerston North). May be a response gap. Nothing from Rangitikei.

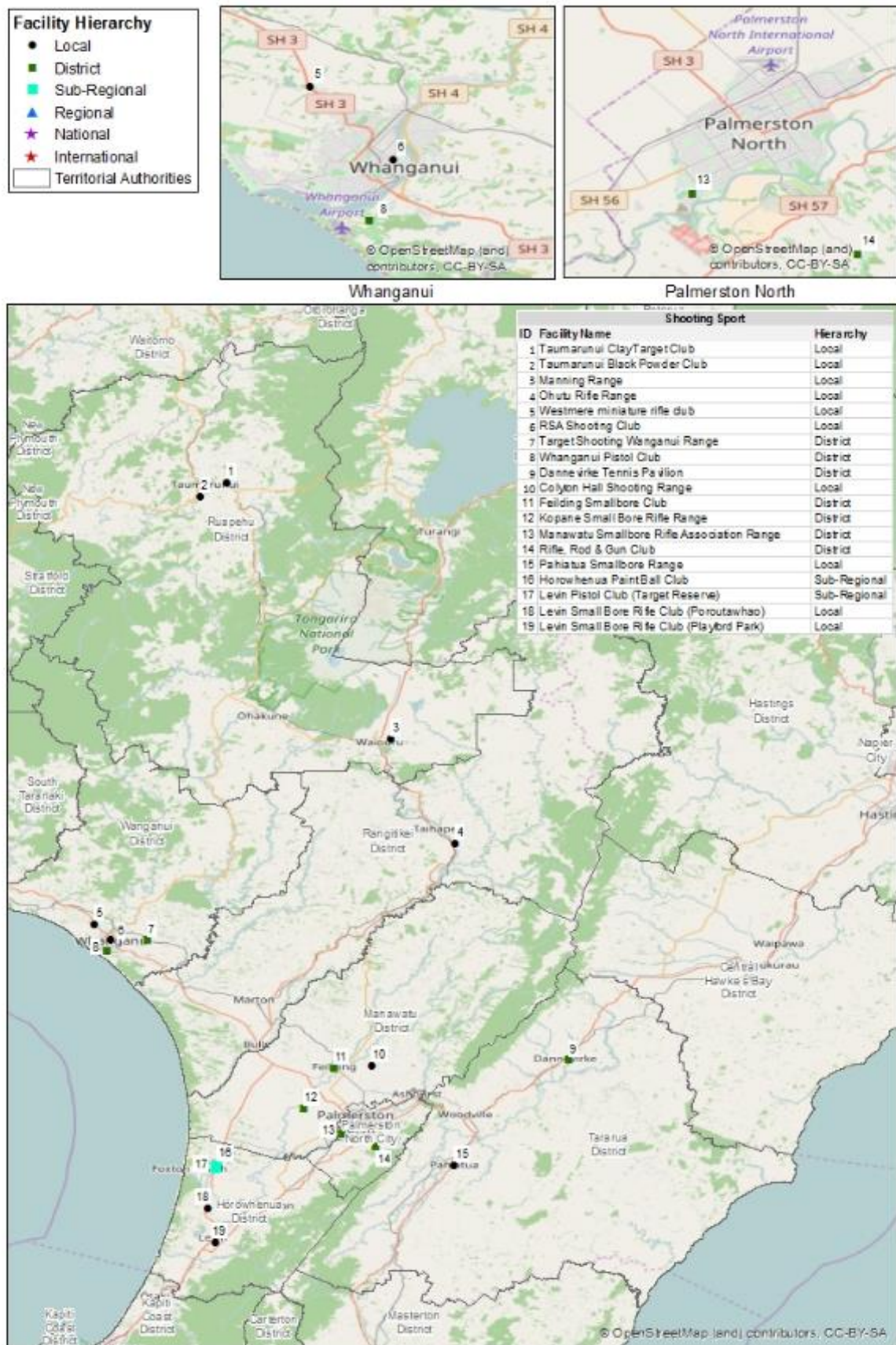
Note that these results do not reflect the direct facility concerns of individual user groups, just those issues that the management respondents noted. Presumably if any user problems were significant enough, managers would be aware of them and would have indicated so.

18.4 School Facility Summary

N/A, although some facility responses did report some school group uses.



Map 18.1: Existing Shooting Sport Facilities



Map 18.2 Drive Time Map – Shooting Sport Facilities



18.6 Proposed Facility Approach – Shooting Sport

Regionwide Key Considerations

- Take account of the Shooting Sport facility/activity needs of a significantly aging population, and growth in the total numbers of older people in terms of both activity-type preferences and appropriate facility type, location and accessibility (specifications and transport). At the same time the opportunities for new-entrant and younger participants in activities need to be enhanced to grow participation.
- The geographic distribution of the Region's, and constituent District's, populations and facilities.
- Some council response from Palmerston North noted past discussions with the shooting sector about a possible national facility. But no other reference was noted.
- With a significant portion of the Regional and District populations currently aged over 65 years, and with this anticipated to increase, the Region and Districts needs to consider a strategy of adapting existing Shooting Sport facilities where possible to meet the needs of an aging population.
- Shooting sport facilities typically require relatively remote location due usually to noise and safety concerns, although some smallbore activities can be undertaken in dedicated separate spaces in otherwise shared indoor facilities.

Council Area	Shooting Sport Facilities	Key Considerations (for specific areas)	Proposed Facility Approach	Timeframe Short term 0-3 years Medium term 4-10 Long term 10 plus yrs
Horowhenua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horowhenua Paint Ball Club (Target Reserve) • Levin Pistol Club (Target Reserve) • Levin Small Bore Rifle Club (Playford Park) • Levin Small Bore Rifle Club (Poroutawhao) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target Reserve appears to provide facility hub potential for shooting sports. • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Shooting Sport facilities. Course is currently in recess for racing. • The council did not indicate any notable Shooting Sport facility development programmes or investments in Shooting Sport facilities in its current LTP. • Also note the additional projections beyond those of Statistics NZ undertaken for Council by NZIER due to potential higher growth outcomes from significant Kapiti Coast – Wellington Highway improvements. These suggest substantially more residents (28%) by 2043 (around 9,000 vs 300 from Statistics NZ). • Take account of the larger numbers of residents, as well numbers of older residents, projected for this District. • Note District population (~30,000) concentrations are largely in Levin (~21,000) and to a lesser extent Foxton (~4,500) and Shannon (1,300), and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Palmerston North and in nearby Kapiti District towns (i.e. Otaki). 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the growing and aging population, and sports participation trends • Assess facility rationalisation and optimising opportunities. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Manawatu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colyton Hall Shooting Range • Kopane Small Bore Rifle Range • Feilding Smallbore Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There may be hub potential at Colyton Hall due to constraints as some current venues • Take account of the slightly larger numbers of residents, as well as projected increasing numbers of older residents in particular • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Shooting Sport facilities. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the growing and aging population, and sports participation trends • Assess facility rationalisation and optimising opportunities. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The council did not indicate any notable Shooting Sport facility development programmes or investments in Shooting Sport facilities in its current LTP. Take account of the larger numbers of residents, as well numbers of older residents, projected for this District. Note District population (~27,000) concentrations predominantly in Feilding (~16000), and to a lesser extent in a range of several small towns, and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Palmerston North. 		
Palmerston North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rifle, Rod & Gun Club, Manawatu Manawatu Smallbore Rifle Association Range 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Rifle, Rod & Gun Club provides a good hub facility for multiple shooting sport disciplines. No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Shooting Sport facilities. Council did not indicate any notable Shooting Sport facility development programmes or investments in Shooting Sport facilities in its current LTP. Take account of the projections for larger numbers of residents overall, incorporating more diversity and more younger adults as well as the more usual growth in older residents. Note the population concentrations (~ 80,000) located all in Palmerston North City itself, and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Fielding, although many options exist in the city itself. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the growing and aging population, and sports participation trends Assess facility rationalisation and optimising opportunities. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Rangitikei	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None listed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No facilities were reported or found. Take account of the projected fewer of residents overall, as well as projected increasing numbers of older residents in particular The council did not indicate any notable Shooting Sport facility development programmes or investments in Shooting Sport facilities in its current LTP. 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilise facilities in neighbouring districts. 	<p>Ongoing</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note District population (~14,000) concentrations in Marton (~5,000), and to a lesser extent Bulls and Taihape (~1,700 each), and their relative proximities to any strategic facilities in Whanganui and Palmerston North 		
Ruapehu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taumarunui Black Powder Club Manning Range 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some range hub options may be associated with Defence lands Limited participation levels reported. The council did not indicate any notable Shooting Sport facility development programmes or investments in Shooting Sport facilities in its current LTP. Take account of the strongly declining and strongly aging population – very likely that demand will decrease unless Shooting Sport for older residents becomes more popular and/or current participation rates increase. The highest proportion of Maori population in the Region High relative numbers of temporary visitors to the District (i.e. holiday homes, other tourism) Note District population (~12,000) concentration mainly in Taumarunui (~5,000), Ohakune, Raetihi and Waiouru (~1,000 each), but otherwise very dispersed in low levels. Proximity to any other strategic facilities outside the district are limited. popular, or new activities motivate new participation rates 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the growing and aging population, and sports participation trends Assess facility rationalisation and optimising opportunities. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Tararua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dannevirke Tennis Pavilion Rooms Pahiatua Smallbore Range Norsewood Smallbore Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic use of shared facilities appears adequate No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Shooting Sport facilities. The council did not indicate any notable Shooting Sport facility development programmes or investments in Shooting Sport facilities in its current LTP. Take account of the slightly increasing and strongly aging population – likely that demand 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the growing and aging population, and sports participation trends Assess facility rationalisation and optimising opportunities. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dannevirke Clay Target Club • Woodville Clay Target Club 	<p>will decrease unless Shooting Sport for older residents become popular and/or current participation rates increase.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note District population (~17,000) concentrations of around a third in Dannevirke (~5,000), around a quarter in Pahiatua (~2,500) and Woodville (~1,500) combined, and the remaining several thousand dispersed widely across the District in a range of small rural towns. Note relative proximities to strategic facilities in Palmerston North. 		
Wanganui	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RSA Shooting Club • Target Shooting Wanganui Range • Westmere miniature rifle club • Whanganui Pistol Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Okoia Range appears to have hub potential for indoor disciplines • Appears to be sufficient facilities overall • No significant capacity or facility issues identified at the listed Shooting Sport facilities. • The council did not indicate any notable Shooting Sport facility development programmes or investments in Shooting Sport facilities in its current LTP. • The Wanganui population is projected to increase very little and show a similar aging pattern to other areas. • Note District population (~42,000) concentrations primarily in Whanganui itself (~40,000) 	<p>To maintain and develop a sustainable and accessible facility network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess current facilities for potential future changes in use due to the growing and aging population, and sports participation trends • Assess facility rationalisation and optimising opportunities. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

19.0 OTHER FACILITIES

Introduction

This section outlines niche facilities that do not fit within the broader facility categories used elsewhere in this strategy. A relatively low number of community facilities fit within this broad category. Sports and leisure activities which require (non-bowls) outdoor greens/terrains (such as croquet or pétanque), softball diamonds, water-based facilities, outdoor basketball courts and artificial turfs are included. In some cases (e.g. outdoor basketball courts) only some Districts (e.g. Palmerston North, Horowhenua) reported facilities. Accordingly, this section is primarily descriptive, focusing on the facility inventory first followed by the respective key considerations.

Some facilities may offer unique opportunities for specific activities or for facility hubs.

The Facility Types summarised here and number of entries are as follows:

- Specialised Indoor Facilities (12) – non-court facilities for Tennis, Cricket, Rugby and Gymsports
- Artificial Turfs (12) – surfaces specifically for Hockey and/or multiple uses (e.g. tennis, netball, other)
- Softball Diamond Facilities (3) – dedicated sand/skin diamonds and related nets etc
- Petanque/Croquet Facilities (8) – dedicated facilities
- Outdoor Basketball Court Facilities (27) – asphalt courts and practice courts/hoops
- Outdoor Watersport Facilities (7) – access, storage and specialist facilities
- Miscellaneous Other Facilities (7) – hard-to-categorise facilities, but some significant/unique

19.1 Specialised Indoor Facilities (Non-Court)

Table 19.1: Public Indoor Sports - Specialised Facilities (Non-Court)

Council	Indoor Stadium/Gym facilities	Description (summarised)	Draft Status	Land Owner	Facility Owner	Facility Manager
Horowhenua	Donnelly Park (Netten Pavilion)	CRICKET – Large new specialist indoor facility for Cricket Training. 10x bays with changing rooms, toilets, and meeting rooms. Predominantly cricket but some other activities. No specific issues noted.	Sub-Regional	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua - Kapiti Cricket	Horowhenua - Kapiti Cricket
Palmerston North	24 Indoor Tennis and Fitness Centre	TENNIS - Private complex, 2x indoor tennis courts and fitness equipment, pro-shop and meeting/social room. Converted from Action Indoor Sports Centre in 2016. No issues noted.	District	Private	Private	Private
Palmerston North	Flip it Gym	GYMSPORTS - Small dedicated Gymsports venue operating in Arena Manawatu complex (Arena 5). No issues noted.	District	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Flip it Gym
Palmerston North	Manawatu Gym Sports	GYMSPORTS - Dedicated Gymsports venue with shower, changing, toilets. It is at capacity, and also issues with noise and heating.	District	Private	Manawatu Gym Sports	Manawatu Gym Sports
Palmerston North	Ongley Park Cricket Centre	CRICKET - Indoor venue for cricket training/practice and location of Manawatu Cricket Association. High use for cricket and other sports (e.g. hockey). Supports use of Ongley and Manawaroa Parks. Ongoing maintenance / upgrading requirements. No issues noted beyond maintenance.	Sub-Regional	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Manawatu Cricket Association
Palmerston North	NZCT Cricket Centre (PNBHS)	CRICKET - Unique natural grass all-weather cricket training facility, includes 4 grass blocks. On PNCC park adjoining PNBHS school grounds but owned/operated by Manawatu Cricket. Not designed for 100% use, but as a training complement, so needs careful use/ maintenance.	Regional	Ministry of Education	Manawatu Cricket Association	Manawatu Cricket Association
Palmerston North	Sport & Rugby Institute Fitness Centre	RUGBY - Fully equipped gym, hot cold immersion pools, heavy weights room, indoor training area (green room with artificial turf). Regional High-Performance facility.	Sub-Regional	Massey University	Massey University	Massey University
Rangitikei	Taihape Gymnastics	GYMSPORTS - Dedicated GymSports venue in converted ex-College gymnasium. No major issues noted.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Taihape Gymnastics

Ruapehu	Taumarunui Silverback Boxing Academy	YOUTH - Youth centre with some non-court indoor sport /club base options in converted Fire Station. Under development.	Local	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District	Taumarunui Youth & Community Trust
Ruapehu	Topsy Turvy Gymnastics	GYMSPORTS - Dedicated Gymsport space in Masonic Lodge. But earthquake strengthening issues mean can't store/use equipment. Main issue is venue availability.	Local	Masonic Lodge Trustees	Masonic Lodge Trustees	Topsy Turvy Gymnastics
Whanganui	Whanganui Boys & Girls Gym Club	GYMSPORTS - Dedicated GymSports facility (and sports accommodation block) at Springvale Park hub.	District	Whanganui District	Whanganui Boys & Girls Gym Club	Whanganui Boys & Girls Gym Club
Whanganui	Whanganui Collegiate School	CRICKET - Indoor Cricket Centre	Local	Whanganui Collegiate School	Whanganui Collegiate School	Whanganui Collegiate School

Some summary points from the data – Specialised Indoor Venues

- 12 non-court venues for more specialised issues were also included.
- 73% indicated facilities were meeting needs. Any problems were generally related to a physical building issue – not over-capacity concerns.
- One venue here in Ohakune was compromised by earthquake status, endangering the viability of the user group who had no other viable venue to date (Topsy Turvy Gymnastics).
- Manawatu Gymsports also noted noise and lack of heating issues, and would seek other venues if possible.
- Any other developments were largely only maintenance related. Some responses noted that demand was not high
- Note, these specialised facilities should be considered in contexts of their wider codes and any associated playing facilities (refer appropriate sections)

Note that these results do not reflect the direct facility concerns of individual user groups, just those issues that the management respondents noted. Presumably if any user problems were significant enough, managers would be aware of them and would have indicated so.

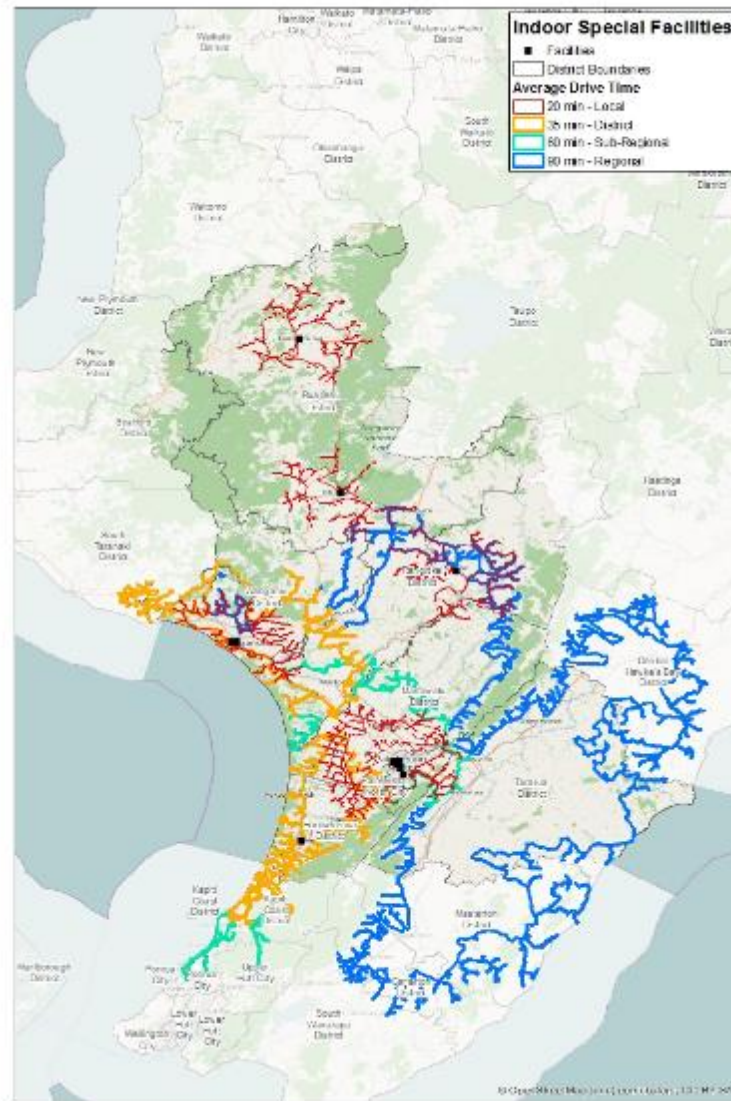
• Proposed Facility Approach – Specialised Indoor venues

- Maintain existing public assets as required and liaise with operators of strategic private assets.
- Optimise gymsports facilities in line with Gymsports New Zealand's national facility strategy, which states 'explore developing a regional hub and a sub-regional hub in either Wanganui or Palmerston North (Wanganui Boys and Girls Gym Club facility and Manawatu Gymsports facility -Palmerston North). 2. Review and monitor the sustainability of community facilities. If required investigate changing the facility delivery approach. This will involve exploring the applicability of different delivery models'.
- Whanganui District council states in its LTP that it will investigate creation of a new indoor cricket nets facility in currently underutilised space at Jubilee Stadium. This would align with proposed actions towards creating a Whanganui 'home-of-sport' hub at the Springvale site, including potential facility

upgrades at the Springvale, Jubilee and Boys and Girls Gym stadiums, and potential facility relocations to the site for Netball, Tennis, Hockey and Sport Whanganui.



- Locality and Drive Time Maps



19.2 Artificial Turf Surfaces

Table 19.2: Artificial Turf Surfaces

Council area	Turf facilities	Description (summarised)	Draft status	Land owner	Facility owner	Facility manager
Horowhenua	Donnelly Park (Halliway Turf)	Full water-based hockey turf, pavilion and lighting (needing upgrade). Horowhenua Hockey Association base. Well used for hockey, especially winter. Also, some football practice.	Regional	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua Sports Turf Trust	Horowhenua Sports Turf Trust
Manawatu	Feilding High School	Full sand-based hockey turf, low level lighting, also marked for 8x tennis courts. Gates locked after school hours and out-of-term - community use limited.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Feilding High School
Palmerston North	Fitzherbert Park (Twin Turfs)	2x full water-based hockey turfs with high-level lighting, used at national/international levels.	International	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Hockey Manawatu
Palmerston North	Massey University	A new 3 rd hockey turf is planned for Palmerston North. It is to be located alongside the Sport and Rugby Institute and existing tennis/netball courts at Massey. Massey have a long-term development plan that proposes another hockey turf, football and rugby fields as part of a sports precinct. PNCC are key partners and contributing financially to the 3 rd hockey turf.	National	Massey University	Massey University	Massey University
Rangitikei	Rangitikei College	A half sand-based hockey turf, multi-use setup marked for 4x tennis and 4 x netball courts. Council part funding. Part of a collaboration with Nga Tawa Diocesan, with community use.	District	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Rangitikei College
Rangitikei	Nga Tawa Diocesan School	Planning is underway for a full water-based Hockey turf as part of a wider sports complex development, with community use. Part of a collaboration with Rangitikei College.	District	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Nga Tawa Diocesan School
Rangitikei	Taihape Area School	Multi-use turf surface marked for hockey and 4x tennis	District	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Taihape Area School
Ruapehu	Taumarunui High School	Two lit multiuse astroturf areas marked in total for 6x tennis courts, 5x netball, short running track and also used for hockey, football, basketball practice etc,	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Taumarunui High School

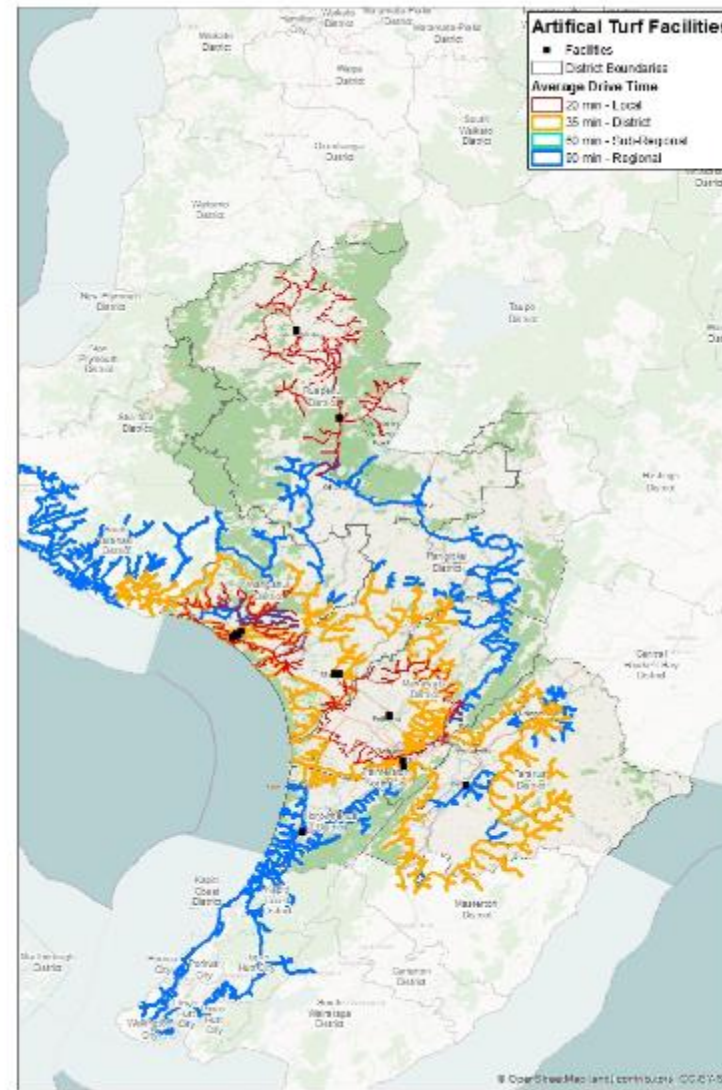
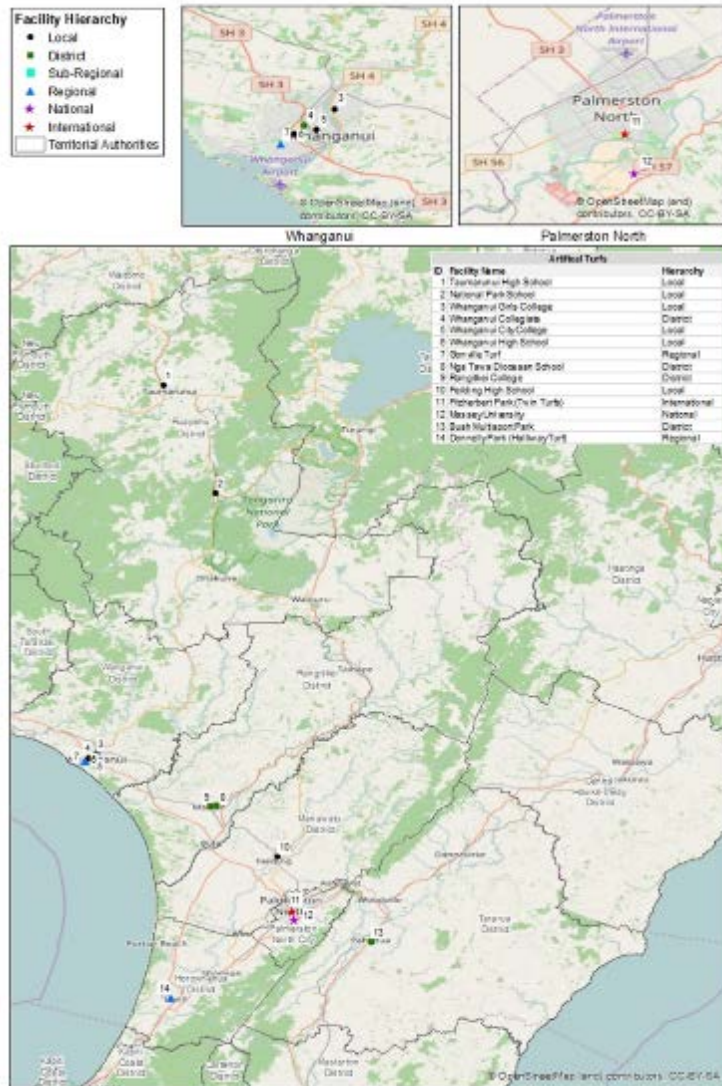
Ruapehu	National Park School	No description	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	National Park School
Tararua	Bush Multisport Park	Full sand-based hockey turf with good lighting also marked for 6x tennis and 6x netball courts. Aim to convert to LED lighting. Seeking more home hockey games here.	District	Tararua District	Bush Multisport Trust/Tararua District	Bush Multisport Trust/Tararua District
Whanganui	Gonville Turf	Water-based hockey turf and association clubrooms, on Gonville Domain by golf course and tennis courts	Regional	Wanganui District	Wanganui District	Wanganui Hockey
Whanganui	Whanganui Collegiate	Water-based full hockey turf, floodlights. High level.	District	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Whanganui Collegiate
Whanganui	Whanganui Girls College	Developed an all-weather surface over old tennis/netball courts. Multi-purpose marked for Hockey (practice/junior), 3x netball, 3x tennis and usable by multiple codes for training	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Whanganui Girls College
Whanganui	Whanganui City College	Multi-use astro-turf courts used for hockey, netball (2), tennis (5), football. Agreement for use as satellite junior fields to Gonville turf.	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Whanganui City College
Whanganui	Whanganui High School	Sand-based artificial surface marked for 6x tennis courts, 5x netball courts, a hockey training area. Adjacent to Springvale Park hub area	Local	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Whanganui High School

*In advanced preparation and fundraising

• Proposed Facility Approach – Artificial Turf Surfaces

- Investigate school community partnerships to enable artificial surfaces at schools to be developed and used by both the schools, sports clubs and the general community. These surfaces (ideally in the configuration of three artificial tennis courts side by side) can accommodate junior hockey, social hockey small-sided football (futsal), and football/rugby training in winter. This has the potential to elevate some training pressure in localised areas (see Section 9 – Playing Fields).
- Monitor existing turf surfaces to ensuring appropriate maintenance approaches are implemented to lengthen asset life.
 - Investigate the feasibility of relocating hockey from Gonville Park to a new specialised turf near an existing multi-use turf (e.g. at a secondary school), and changing the old Gonville Park turf to a more multi-use all-weather facility.
 - Undertake a needs analysis and feasibility assessment to investigate the need for and viability of multi-code artificial turf/s in Palmerston North.

- Locality and Drive Time Maps



19.3 Softball Diamond Facilities

Table 19.3: Softball Diamond Facilities

Council area	Softball facilities	Description (summarised)	Draft status	Land owner	Facility owner	Facility manager
Horowhenua	Playford Park	6x Diamonds. 1x Lime (international standard) and 5x grass, changing rooms, lights (recently upgraded). Seasonal use with Rugby. No issues noted.	District	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District / Mixed Clubs	Horowhenua District / Mixed Clubs
Manawatu	Victoria Park	1x skin Diamond, changing rooms, seasonal use with rugby. Low use but softball recently re-establishing presence.	Local	Manawatu District	Manawatu District	Manawatu District
Palmerston North	Colquhoun Park	7x diamonds - 2x skin and 5x grass, pavilion. High summer use, regional events. No issues noted.	Regional	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Whanganui	Braves Softball Park	2x enclosed diamonds and clubrooms, with viewing facilities	Regional	Whanganui District	Whanganui Softball	Whanganui Softball

• Proposed Facility Approach – Softball Diamond facilities

- Maintain Colquhoun Park as a regional facility with Playford Park as a secondary base. Determine the status of demand for softball facilities in the other Districts (noting Manawatu has Victoria Park).

- Locality and Drive Time Maps



19.4 Petanque / Croquet Facilities

Some responses provided information on Croquet and Petanque clubs. In some cases they were associated with adjacent Bowls facilities. They were given Regional or District status largely due to their degree of tournament involvement, and the relative lack of localised facilities (relative to the broad extent had by Bowls)

Table 19.4: Croquet (*Petanque)

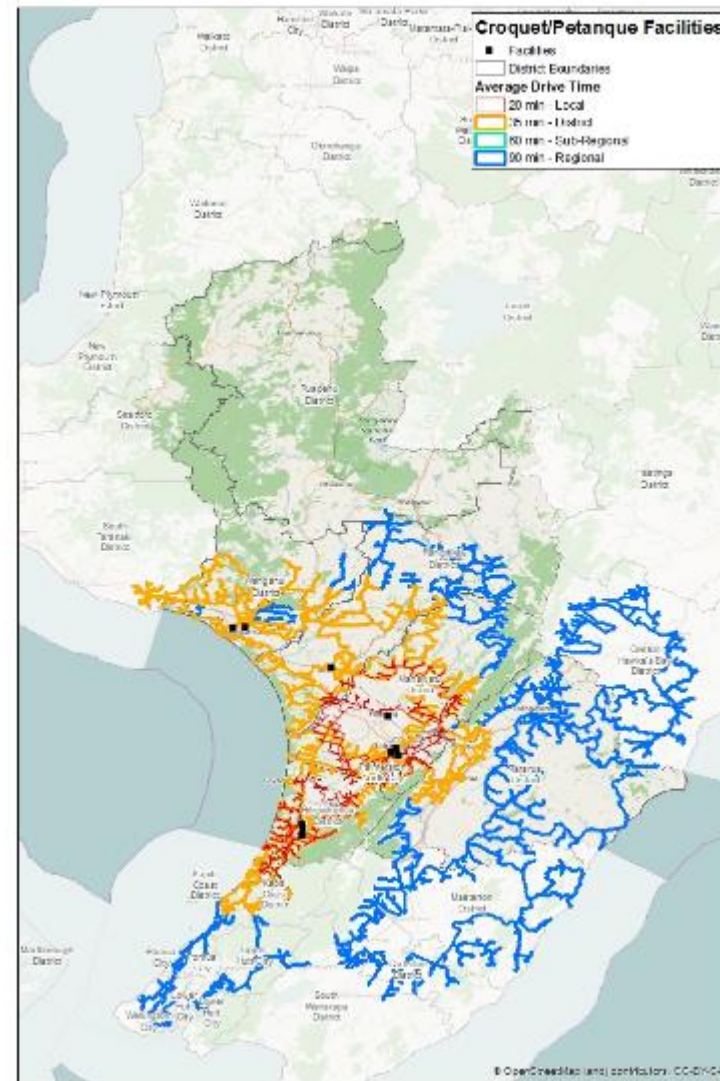
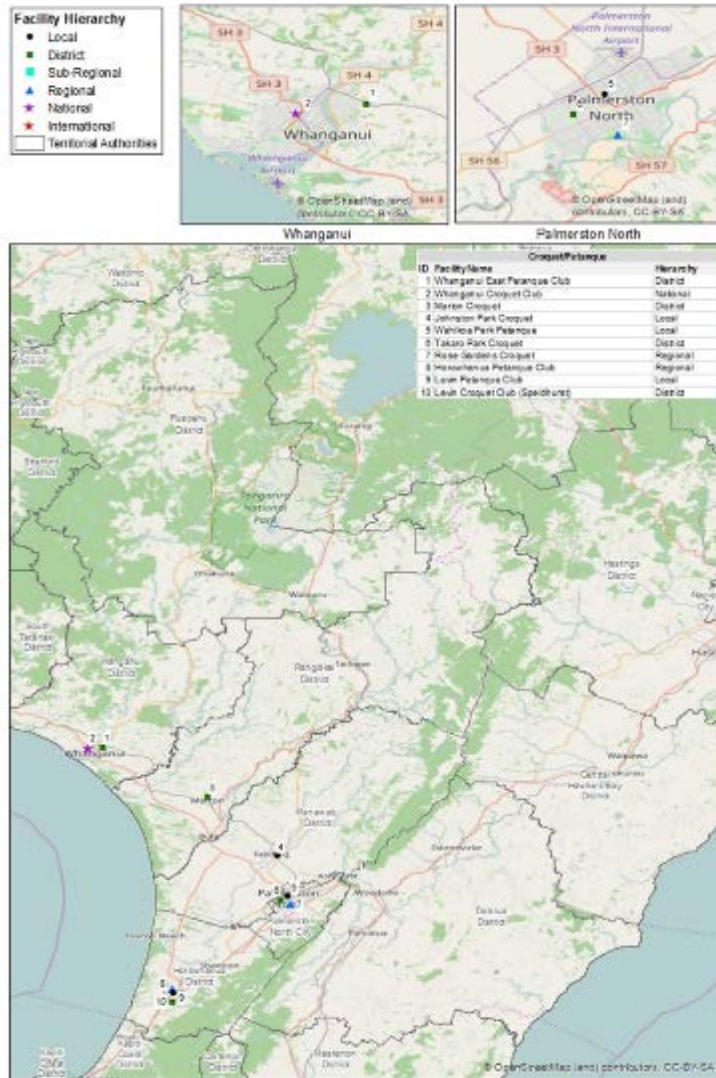
Council area	Croquet/Petanque facilities	Description (summarised)	Draft status	Land owner	Facility owner	Facility manager
Horowhenua	Levin Croquet Club (Speldhurst)	New 4x croquet lawns and clubrooms in historic building at large residential aged care facility (converted old health facility) outside Levin. Well used.	District	Wayne Bishop Investments	Wayne Bishop Investment	Levin Croquet Club
Horowhenua	Horowhenua Petanque Club*	Large 25 terrain fenced facility and clubrooms by Western Park in Levin. Well used.	Regional	Horowhenua District	Levin Petanque Club	Levin Petanque Club
Horowhenua	Levin Petanque Club	2x petanque courts and clubrooms in large multi-use outdoor recreation play park	Local	Levin Adventure Park Trust	Levin Adventure Park Trust	Levin Adventure Park Trust
Manawatu	Johnston Park Croquet	2x croquet lawns by Johnston Park Bowling Club in wider Johnston Park. Use bowls clubrooms.	Local	Manawatu District	Manawatu District	Manawatu District
Palmerston North	Wahikoa Park Petanque*	2x petanque terrains by Northern Bowling Club at Wahikoa Park. Use clubrooms.	District	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Rose Gardens Croquet Club
Palmerston North	Takaro Park Croquet	3x croquet lawns by Takaro Bowling Club in wider Takaro Park. Hosts larger national/international events in collaboration with the Rose Gardens club.	District	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Takaro Croquet Club
Palmerston North	Rose Gardens Croquet	6x croquet lawns, clubrooms, summer seasonal, in Victoria Esplanade park complex. Hosts larger national/international events in collaboration with the Takaro club.	Regional	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Bowls & Petanque Club
Rangitikei	Marton Croquet	3x croquet lawns, clubrooms, summer seasonal, regional/national tournaments with Wanganui	District	-	Marton Croquet Club	Marton Croquet Club
Taranaki	Rangitira Croquet Club	6x croquet lawns in Dannevirke, summer seasonal use. Has held national championships and some international events.	National (some international)	Rangitira Croquet Club	Rangitira Croquet Club	Rangitira Croquet Club

Tararua	Pahiatua Croquet Club	2x croquet lawns, summer seasonal use.	Local	Pahiatua Croquet Club	Pahiatua Croquet Club	Pahiatua Croquet Club
Whanganui	Whanganui East Petanque Club	6x petanque terrains, part of Whanganui East Club	District	Whanganui East Club	Whanganui East Club	Whanganui East Club
Whanganui	Whanganui Croquet Club	3x croquet lawns and clubrooms on Victoria Park	National	Whanganui District	Whanganui District	Whanganui Croquet Club

- **Proposed Facility Approach – Petanque / Croquet**

- Existing facilities should be maintained and monitored.
- As demand warrants, assess facility rationalisation /optimising opportunities.

- Locality and Drive Time Maps



19.5 Outdoor Basketball Court Facilities

Table 19.5: Basketball Court (outdoor) facilities

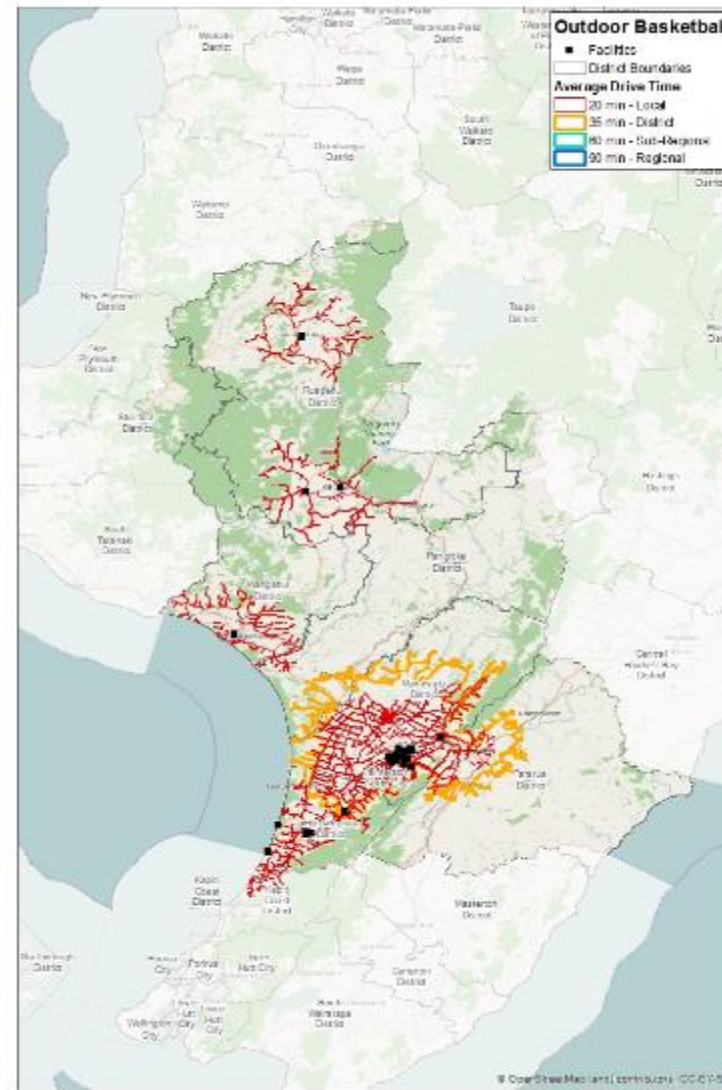
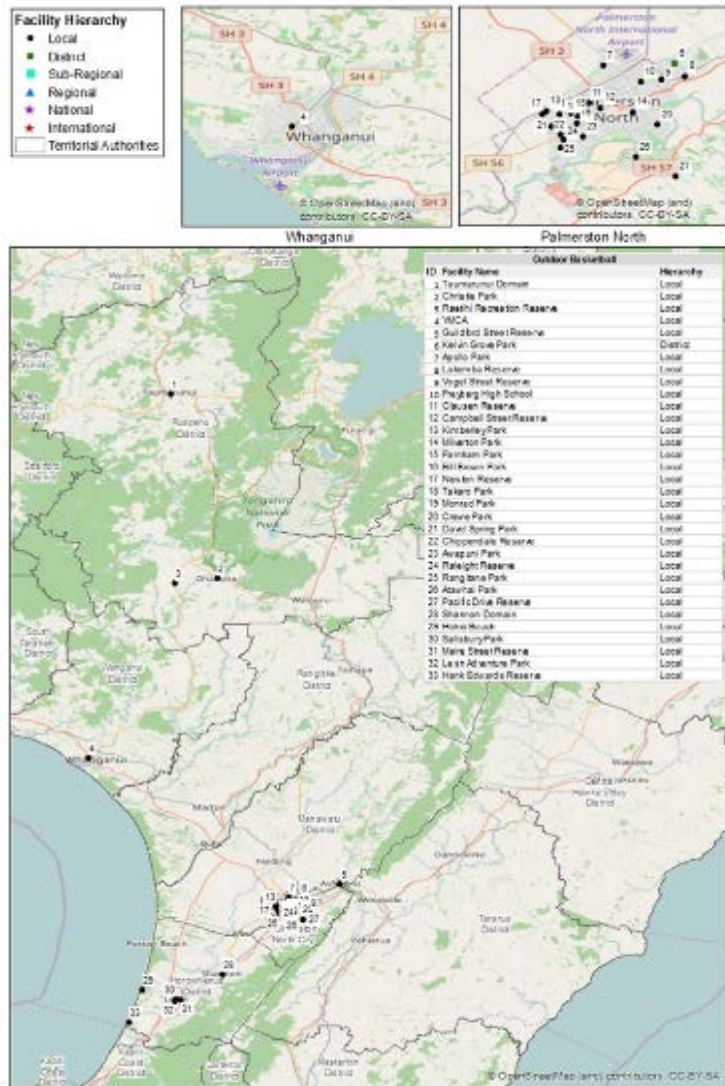
Council area	Watersports facilities	Description (summarised)	Draft status	Land owner	Facility owner	Facility manager
Horowhenua	Hank Edwards Reserve	Casual practice hoop	Local	Horowhenua	Horowhenua	Horowhenua
Horowhenua	Hokio Beach	Casual practice hoop	Local	Horowhenua	Horowhenua	Horowhenua
Horowhenua	Maire Street Reserve	Casual practice hoop	Local	Horowhenua	Horowhenua	Horowhenua
Horowhenua	Shannon Domain	Casual practice hoop	Local	Horowhenua	Horowhenua	Horowhenua
Horowhenua	Salisbury Park	Casual practice hoop by skate park	Local	Horowhenua District Council	Horowhenua District Council	Horowhenua District Council
Horowhenua	Levin Adventure Park	Tarmac basketball court in large multi-use outdoor recreation play park	Local	Levin Adventure Park Trust	Levin Adventure Park Trust	Levin Adventure Park Trust
Palmerston North	Apollo Park	Casual practice hoop	Local	Palmerston North	Palmerston North	Palmerston North
Palmerston North	Atawhai Park	Casual practice hoop	Local	Palmerston North	Palmerston North	Palmerston North
Palmerston North	Awapuni Park	Casual practice hoop	Local	Palmerston North	Palmerston North	Palmerston North
Palmerston North	Bill Brown Park	Casual practice hoop	Local	Palmerston North	Palmerston North	Palmerston North
Palmerston North	Campbell Street Reserve	Casual practice hoop	Local	Palmerston North	Palmerston North	Palmerston North
Palmerston North	Chippendale Reserve	Casual practice hoop	Local	Palmerston North	Palmerston North	Palmerston North
Palmerston North	Clausen Reserve	Casual practice hoop	Local	Palmerston North	Palmerston North	Palmerston North
Palmerston North	Crewe Park	Casual practice hoop	Local	Palmerston North	Palmerston North	Palmerston North
Palmerston North	David Spring Park	Casual practice hoop	Local	Palmerston North	Palmerston North	Palmerston North
Palmerston North	Farnham Park	Casual practice hoop	Local	Palmerston North	Palmerston North	Palmerston North
Palmerston North	Freyberg High School	Full sized court, 2 hoops, at high school	Local	Palmerston North	Palmerston North	Palmerston North
Palmerston North	Guildford Street Reserve	Casual practice hoop	Local	Palmerston North	Palmerston North	Palmerston North

Palmerston North	Kelvin Grove Park	Full sized court, 2 airtime adjustable hoops	District	Palmerston North	Palmerston North	Palmerston North
Palmerston North	Kimberley Park	Casual practice hoop	Local	Palmerston North	Palmerston North	Palmerston North
Palmerston North	Lakemba Reserve	Casual practice hoop	Local	Palmerston North	Palmerston North	Palmerston North
Palmerston North	Milverton Park	Casual practice hoop	Local	Palmerston North	Palmerston North	Palmerston North
Palmerston North	Monrad Park	Casual practice hoop	Local	Palmerston North	Palmerston North	Palmerston North
Palmerston North	Newton Reserve	Casual practice hoop	Local	Palmerston North	Palmerston North	Palmerston North
Palmerston North	Pacific Drive Reserve	Casual practice hoop	Local	Palmerston North	Palmerston North	Palmerston North
Palmerston North	Raleigh Reserve	Casual practice hoop	Local	Palmerston North	Palmerston North	Palmerston North
Palmerston North	Rangitane Park	Casual practice hoop	Local	Palmerston North	Palmerston North	Palmerston North
Palmerston North	Takaro Park	Full sized court, 2 airtime adjustable hoops, fenced	Local	Palmerston North	Palmerston North	Palmerston North
Palmerston North	Vogel Street Reserve	Casual practice hoop	Local	Palmerston North	Palmerston North	Palmerston North
Ruapehu	Taumarunui Domain	Half court, casual practice hoop	Local	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District
Ruapehu	Raetihi Recreation Reserve	Full sized court	Local	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District
Ruapehu	Christie Park	Full sized court	Local	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District
Whanganui	YMCA	Three quarter sized court, 2 airtime adjustable hoops, fenced. In Springvale Park.	Local	Whanganui District	YMCA Whanganui	YMCA Whanganui

Note: Response here only came from two Districts.

- **Proposed Facility Approach – Basketball Court (outdoor) facilities**
- Maintain existing assets and monitor use.

- Locality and Drive Time Maps



19.6 Outdoor Watersport Facilities

Table 19.6: Water Sports Facilities

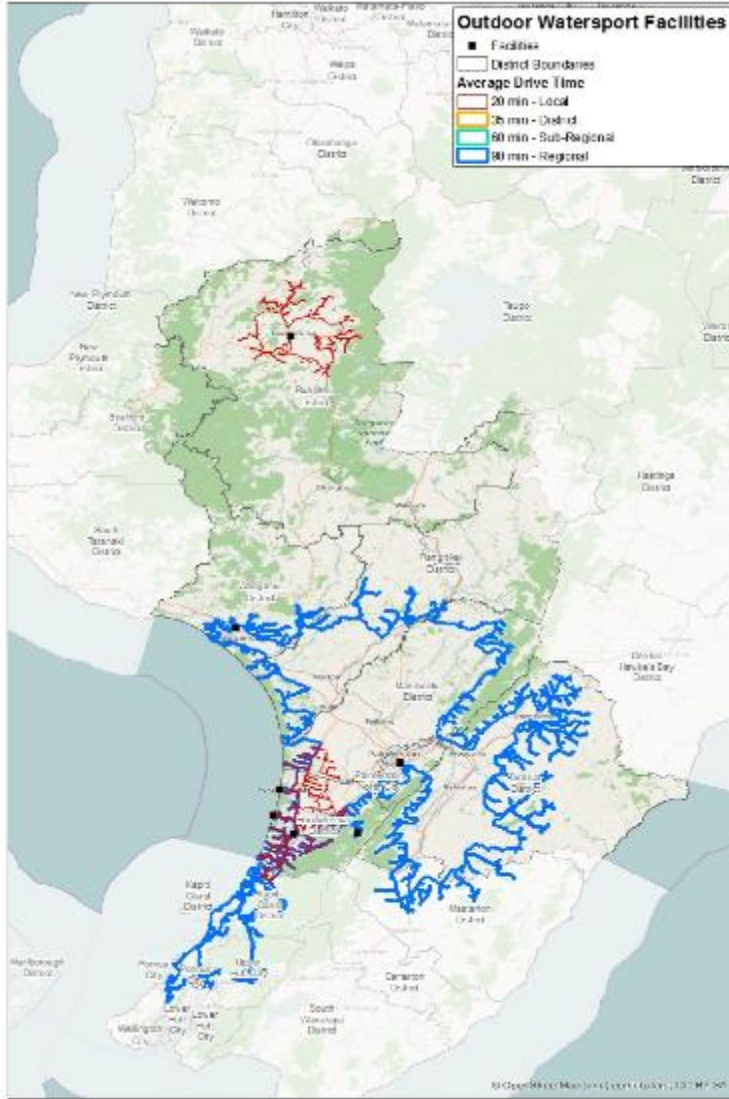
Council area	Watersports facilities	Description (summarised)	Draft status	Land owner	Facility owner	Facility manager
Horowhenua	Foxton Beach SLSC	Surf club clubroom/storage facilities and beach access	Local	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District	Foxton Beach SLSC
Horowhenua	Horowhenua Rowing Club	Club storage shed at Lake Horowhenua slipway/ramp (Lake Horowhenua Domain)	Local	Mua-O-Poko Park Trust	Horowhenua Rowing Club	Horowhenua Rowing Club
Horowhenua	Levin Waitarere Beach SLSC	Surf club clubroom/storage facilities and beach access. Upgrades desired.	Local	Horowhenua District	Horowhenua District	Levin Waitarere Beach SLSC
Horowhenua	National White Water Centre	Unique white-water slalom and recreational facility in channel below dam control gates. Wide range of community, club and commercial uses.	Regional		White Water Park Trust	White Water Park Trust
Palmerston North City	Hokowhitu Lagoon	A range of access points for entry into Hokowhitu Lagoon for flatwater activity such as outdoor canoe polo and kayaking.	National	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Rangatikei	Dudding Lake	Used as a site for swimming, boating, jet-skiing, water skiing, fishing and camping. Boatramp and campground.	District	Rangatikei District	Rangatikei District	-
Ruapehu	Whanganui River Canoe Access	Sealed boat ramp/slipway for river access in recreational park setting. Public and commercial river users. See note from LTP below.	Local	Ruapehu District	Ruapehu District	
Whanganui	Whanganui River Rowing Course	200m Rowing Course plus extensive training water along the river.	National	Iwi	Whanganui Rowing Association	Whanganui Rowing Association

Whanganui District Council states in its LTP that it is planning to investigate development of a river-based watersports/ water tourism hub as part of Whanganui town centre renewal.

• Proposed Facility Approach – Water Sports facilities

- Existing facilities should be maintained and monitored.

- Locality and Drive Time Maps



19.7 Miscellaneous Other Facilities

Table 19.7: Miscellaneous 'Other' Facilities

Council area	Other facilities	Description (summarised)	Draft status	Land owner	Facility owner	Facility manager
Horowhenua	Levin Adventure Park	Extensive multi-facility playground- leisure park area for multiple ages including trim trail, outdoor exercise area and petanque	Local	Government/ Land bank	Levin Adventure Park Trust	Levin Adventure Park Trust
Horowhenua	Spelthurst Country Estate	Indoor martial arts space in residential aged care facility (converted from old health care facility). Also croquet.	Local	Wayne Bishop Investments	Wayne Bishop Investments	Wayne Bishop Investments
Manawatu	Manawatu Archery Club	Archery range and clubrooms beside shooting range and scout hall	Local	Palmerston North City	Manawatu Archery Club	Manawatu Archery Club
Palmerston North	Memorial Park - Roller Sports	Asphalt speed-skating track around sports ground and a skating rink. Minimal use. Near outdoor pool and recently resurfaced. Some interests from roller sports such as inline, artistic and roller derby skaters.	District	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Milverton Park	Outdoor grass volleyball court, casual use only.	Local	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Palmerston North	Tui Park	Outdoor grass volleyball court, casual use only.	Local	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City	Palmerston North City
Ruapehu	Hillary Outdoors Centre	Outdoor Education Centre with 155 beds and multiple support facilities (including a 30m canoeing pool). Heavily used mostly by school groups. Upgrade planning underway. Open to community groups using facilities subject to main uses.	Regional	Department of Conservation	Hillary Outdoors Education Centre	Hillary Outdoors Education Centre
Ruapehu	Ohakune Bowling Club Ice Rink	<u>Proposed</u> - Council planning to facilitate purchase and development of Ohakune Bowling Club site into a 20m x 25m outdoor artificial ice-rink, with supporting facilities.	tbd	Ohakune Bowling Club (proposed*)	Operators / Ruapehu District*	Operators / Ruapehu District*
Whanganui	Whanganui Archery Club	1x archery range on Wembley Park	Local	Whanganui District	Whanganui District	Whanganui Archery Club

• Proposed Facility Approach – Miscellaneous Facilities

- Existing facilities should be maintained and monitored.

APPENDIX 1: DEMOGRAPHICS

This section briefly profiles main population features of the Manawatu-Wanganui Region and its constituent Districts. The main data sources are the Statistics New Zealand Census (2013) along with selected Statistics New Zealand population projections.

The Manawatu-Wanganui Region comprises Ruapehu District; Rangitikei District; Manawatu District; Palmerston North City; Tararua District; Horowhenua District; Wanganui District and very, very small population portions in specific single Area Units from each of Stratford District; Taupo District and Waitomo District¹³.

1.1 Key Points

Information on changes in population, age-group and ethnicity composition are presented overleaf. The main summary points distinguishing features of local population demographics are summarised below:

- there were around 220,000 residents in the Region at the 2013 Census
- most are residents of Palmerston North City (~80,000) and Whanganui District (~42,000), with others more spread out in Horowhenua (~30,000); Manawatu (~27,000); Tararua (~17,000); Rangitikei (~14,000) and Ruapehu (~12,000)
- Regional population change over the next 30 years is projected to be only low overall (around 7% by 2046) with growth only in Palmerston North City (21%) and Manawatu District (22%), and decline elsewhere, most notably in Ruapehu District (-28%) and to a lesser extent Tararua District (-12%)
- the Region has only a very slightly older age-profile than for New Zealand overall, with notably larger groups of 20-29year olds in Palmerston North and of 60+ year olds in Horowhenua
- the Region is projected to have a progressively aging population, with decline in most younger age-groups and increase only in the group aged over 65. Palmerston North is the main exception with growth in all age-groups, although it too has most growth in the older age-groups.
- The Region, with the exception of Palmerston North, has notably less ethnic diversity than for New Zealand overall, although it does have a notably higher proportion of Maori in Ruapehu District. While projections for future ethnicity do indicate there will be more diversity, this will only be at low levels generally except in any areas where larger growth clusters may form (e.g. Asian residents in Palmerston North)
- Socio-economic data were viewed but no systematic variations were observed that were considered likely to impact significantly on sport and recreation participation beyond general issues of affordability etc.

Overall these points highlight a barely growing Regional population (with only limited urban growth areas); an older population profile; a generally aging population trend; and limited ethnic diversity for most areas now and for the foreseeable future (with some localised hotspots). These features suggest natural population growth cannot be relied upon to support community facilities in the future at current levels. Any growth in such use may be dependent on the capacity to accommodate the needs and interests of an older population, while at the same time improving the participation opportunities for children, youth and currently

¹³ The respective Whangamomona, Te More and Tiroa Area Units only represent about 200 residents combined so their exclusion from these analyses is considered acceptable.

active participants. In other words, any growth will have to be based on generating new demand among current participants and among non-participants.

1.2 Overall population numbers and trends

Table 1.1 summarises current populations and recent trends in the local Districts of the Manawatu-Whanganui Region (based on direct Census Counts, not the derived estimates). It shows a very broad and dispersed region, in which the cities of Palmerston North and Whanganui are the main centres, but where the remaining population is dispersed widely around large areas. Population change is varied, with most growth in Palmerston North and Manawatu District, with largely static or declined populations elsewhere across many towns and areas. Growth in Palmerston North has been focussed particularly around the development areas of Kelvin Grove and Aokautere.

Table 1.1: Recent population change (2001-2013)

	2001	2006	2013	change	% change
Ruapehu	14,292	13,569	11,844	-2,448	-17
Rangitikei	15,069	14,670	13,986	-1,083	-7
Manawatu	25,581	26,061	27,459	1,878	7
Palmerston North	73,971	77,730	80,082	6,111	8
Tararua	17,853	17,628	16,848	-1,005	-6
Horowhenua	29,814	29,862	30,087	273	1
Whanganui	43,272	42,639	42,156	-1,116	-3
All Region	219,852	222,159	222,462	2,610	1

Source: Statistics NZ Census Counts, 2001 -2013 (counts, not estimates)

Looking forward, the Statistics NZ medium series projection data typically used for most population projections have not been used by all councils in the Manawatu-Whanganui Region. Some councils have applied different projections resulting in different projection estimates (from Statistics NZ medium series). Key features of these customised views are noted below:

- The standard Statistics NZ medium series projections have been accepted (at this stage) for planning purposes and LTPs by the Whanganui, Rangitikei, and Ruapehu District Councils, while Tararua have a customised in-house version based on the Statistics NZ high series,
- Horowhenua District Council has accepted specially commissioned projections by NZ Institute of Economic Research / Sense Partners (based on Statistics NZ figures) for their LTP to reflect hypothesised impacts from the Roads of National Significance Wellington Northern Corridor Project. The projected population growth suggested here is around 28% by 2043 (~9,000 more residents) compared with only around 300 more using the Statistics NZ base medium series data. Manawatu District and Palmerston North City have also accepted customised projections (Sense Partners, August 2017). Note that this growth is based on multiple assumptions beyond those used by Statistics NZ.

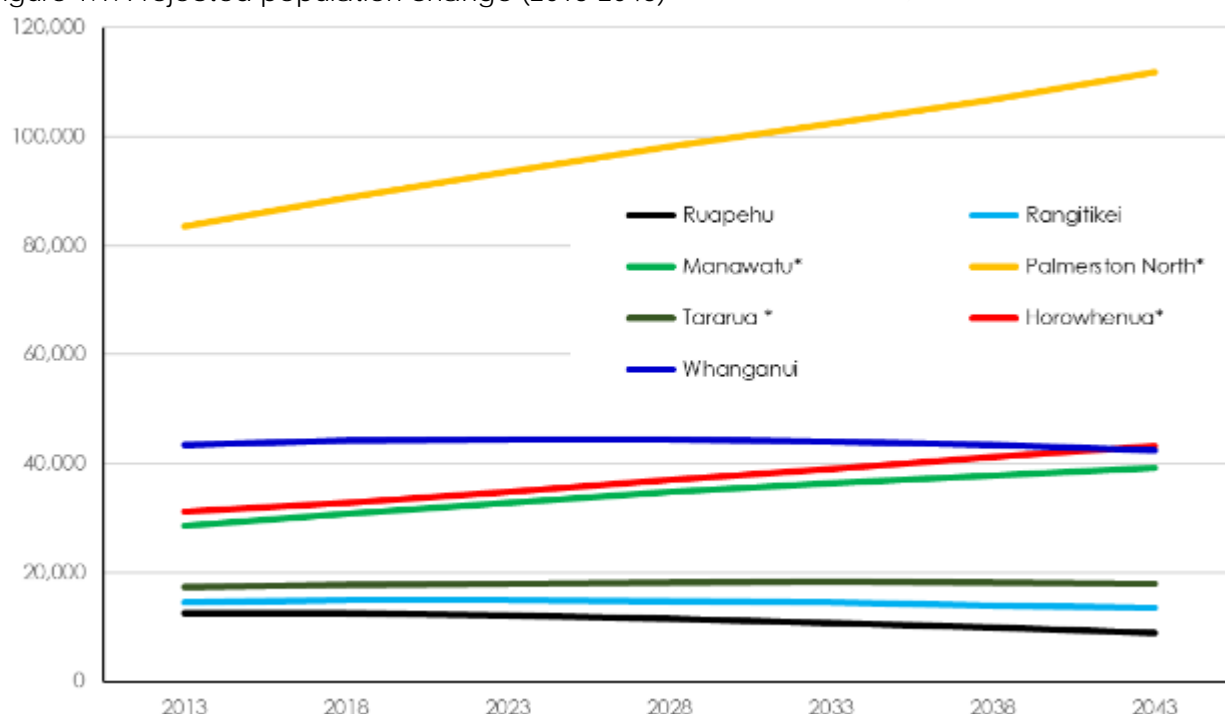
Using these council-preferred figures, Table 1.2 and Figure 1.1 (overleaf) show what resident population changes each council expects to get over the next 30 years.

Table 1.2: Projected population change (2013-2043)

	2013	2018	2023	2028	2033	2038	2043	change 2013-2043	% change
Ruapehu	12,450	12,600	12,100	11,500	10,750	9,920	8,980	-3,470	-28
Rangitikei	14,550	14,950	14,900	14,750	14,450	14,000	13,550	-1,000	-7
Manawatu*	28,500	30,842	32,831	34,726	36,311	37,794	39,124	10,624	37
Palmerston North*	83,500	88,730	93,650	98,118	102,444	106,823	111,840	28,340	34
Tararua *	17,450	17,850	18,050	18,250	18,300	18,250	18,050	600	3
Horowhenua*	31,200	32,795	34,848	36,951	39,111	41,151	43,309	12,109	39
Whanganui	43,500	44,200	44,400	44,400	44,000	43,400	42,500	-1,000	-2
ALL Region	231,150	241,967	250,779	258,695	265,366	271,338	277,353	46,203	20

Source: Statistics NZ Projections, medium series; * customised versions, see notes above

Figure 1.1: Projected population change (2013-2043)



Population growth over the whole Region is projected to be at around 20% by 2046. The largest numeric growth is projected for Palmerston North (over 28,000, 34%), and likely to be focused particularly around the development areas of Kelvin Grove and Aokautere. With close proximity to Palmerston North, notable growth is also projected for Manawatu District (over 10,000, +37%). However, the largest relative population growth is projected for Horowhenua District (around 12,000 more, +39%) based on assumptions associated with major roading improvements up the Kapiti Coast¹⁴.

Most projected resident population decline is given for Ruapehu District (over 3,000, -28%). Rangitikei, Tararua and Whanganui Districts are projected to be largely static overall.

¹⁴ Given the extensive and substantial assumptions involved in all customised projections, close confirmatory monitoring to determine how actual population changes unfold would be prudent in considering any forward planning and facility provisions.

Overall these projections suggest that any significant future growth in sport and recreation participation and demand based on general population growth will be most likely only in some yet undeveloped parts of Palmerston North City, Horowhenua District and Manawatu District. Elsewhere any growth in participation and demand will be more dependent on initiatives that improve facility accessibility and utility, and which generate increased baseline levels of demand (i.e. a higher proportion of the population participate in the activity than before).

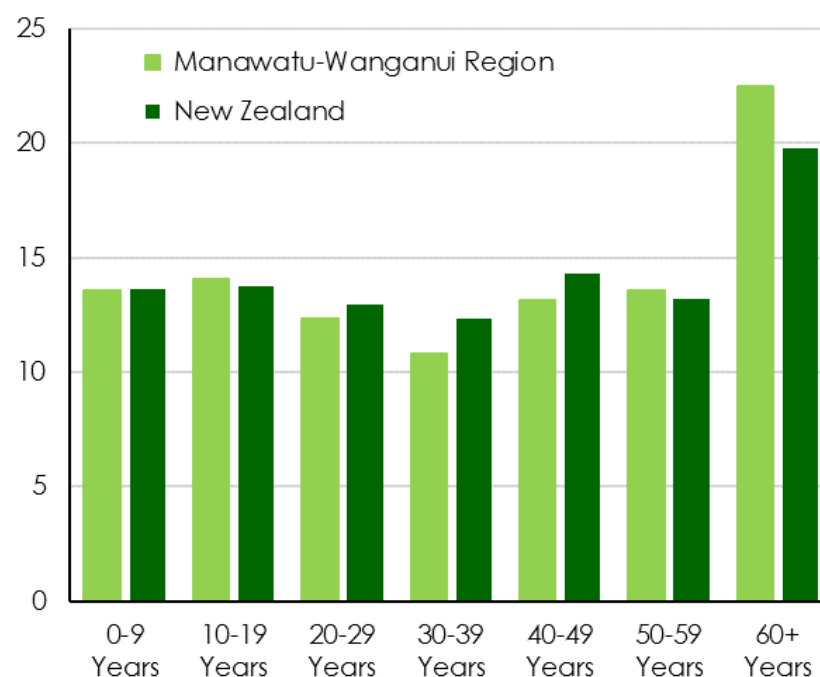
While future population growth may be feature of some localised areas of the District, change in population composition, most significantly around age-group proportions, will also be significant. Some key age-group population characteristics are summarised below as a background to understanding where participation and demand growth opportunities may lie.

1.2 Age groups and projections

- **Current Age Group profile**

Compared with the New Zealand overall, the Manawatu-Wanganui Region's population had only a very slightly 'older' 'older' age-profile (Figure 1.2). The main difference was in the 60+ age-group (22% vs 20% for NZ), and their respective median ages were very similar (i.e. 29 vs 38 for NZ).

Figure 1.2: Age-group distribution



More notable differences become apparent between different areas of the region. Table 1.3 summaries the age-profiles of the respective council populations in the region. It shows relatively 'older' age profiles (and median ages) for Horowhenua and 'younger' age-profiles for Palmerston North in particular. Horowhenua had the highest proportion aged 60+ (30%) while Palmerston North had the lowest (18%). By contrast Palmerston North had by far the

highest proportion aged 20-29 (17%), reflecting its notable university age population. In most other respects the local areas differed little from each other, from the region overall and New Zealand in general.

Table 1.3: Age group profiles: Council areas in Region

	0-9 Years	10-19 Years	20-29 Years	30-39 Years	40-49 Years	50-59 Years	60+ Years	Total	Median Age
Ruapehu District	16	14	12	11	13	15	19	11,844	38
Rangitikei District	14	13	11	10	14	15	24	14,019	42
Manawatu District	14	15	10	11	15	14	22	27,459	41
Palmerston North City	13	15	17	12	13	12	18	80,079	34
Tararua District	15	13	9	10	14	15	23	16,857	41
Horowhenua District	12	13	9	9	13	14	30	30,099	46
Wanganui District	13	14	10	10	13	14	25	42,150	42
Manawatu-Wanganui Region	14	14	12	11	13	14	22	222,672	39
New Zealand	14	14	13	12	14	13	20	4,242,054	38

Source: Statistics NZ Census 2013

• Future Age Group Projections

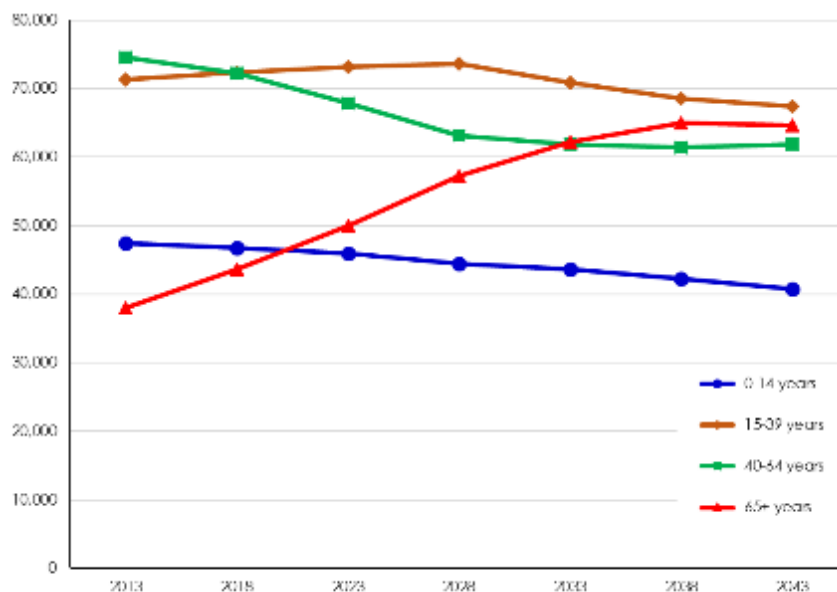
Table 1.4 and Figure 1.3 show the numbers and patterns of age group change for the region overall. Apart from there being very little overall population growth projected for the region over the next 30 years (1%), the main changes are numeric decline in all the younger age groups, with growth occurring only in the older 65+ years age group (70%).

Table 1.4: Projected population growth by age-group – Manawatu-Wanganui Region

	2013	2018	2023	2028	2033	2038	2043	change	% change
0-14 years	47,500	46,700	45,900	44,400	43,600	42,300	40,800	-6,700	-14
15-39 years	71,300	72,400	73,200	73,600	70,900	68,600	67,400	-3,900	-5
40-64 years	74,500	72,200	67,900	63,100	61,900	61,400	61,900	-12,600	-17
65+ years	38,000	43,600	50,000	57,300	62,200	65,000	64,600	26,600	70
Total	231,300	234,900	237,000	238,400	238,600	237,300	234,700	3,400	1

Source: Statistics New Zealand Projections by age (medium series)

Figure x.3: Comparative Age group numbers 2013 and 2043 – Manawatu-Wanganui Region



While these patterns of projected population age-group change are broadly consistent across the District overall, there are some variations in relative extent in different areas¹⁵. Here the main points include:

- Decline in numbers aged under 65 in all Districts except for Palmerston North City, where all age groups increase in number;
- Apart from the general growth in Palmerston North, the lowest level of population decline among groups aged under 65 is projected for Manawatu District (only between 10-15% vs 20-55% elsewhere)
- Ruapehu has the highest level of projected population decline overall
- Population projection patterns for Wanganui are largely more consistent with the declining areas rather than the growing area of Palmerston North.

The main overall implication of these patterns is that any significant new growth in population-driven demand for community facility opportunities will be predominantly based on the needs of older residents. This is projected for the whole District overall, although the numbers of younger people in Palmerston North will increase. Notable increase in youth numbers over the next 30 years to 2043 are only really projected for the young adult (15-39) age group in Palmerston North (by 4500), and at a much lower level for children there aged 0-14 (only by 400). Projected change in these younger age groups are negative elsewhere. Current facility sustainability is unlikely to be driven by population growth alone except around Palmerston North, and/or if associated with meeting the needs of older residents. Sustained facility use based on younger age groups is likely to require new initiatives to generate higher participation levels than those currently achieved.

1.3 Ethnic Diversity

A population's ethnic profile is also a variable which can change notably over time and in different areas, and can be relevant to the range of activity preferences chosen. Figure x.4, Table x.5 and Table x.6 summarise some key characteristics of current and projected ethnic features of the Regional and District populations. Overall the main feature is the high

¹⁵ More detailed projection figure by age for each District are available if required. Only summary points are noted here.

proportion of the population identifying as European and Maori ethnicity and lower proportions as Pacific, Asian and 'Other'.

Table 1.5: Ethnic Composition of the Regional and District Populations¹⁶

	European	Māori	Asian	Pacific	Other	Total people stated
Ruapehu District	70	42	3	2	2	11,358
Rangitikei District	81	24	2	4	3	13,431
Manawatu District	89	15	2	2	3	26,562
Palmerston North City	79	16	10	4	3	76,059
Tararua District	85	21	2	2	2	15,942
Horowhenua District	82	23	3	5	2	28,455
Whanganui District	82	23	3	3	2	39,675
Manawatu-Wanganui Region	81	21	5	3	3	211,644
New Zealand	74	15	12	7	10	4,011,399

Source: Statistics NZ Census 2013

Figure 1.4: Ethnic Composition of the Regional Population (vs NZ)

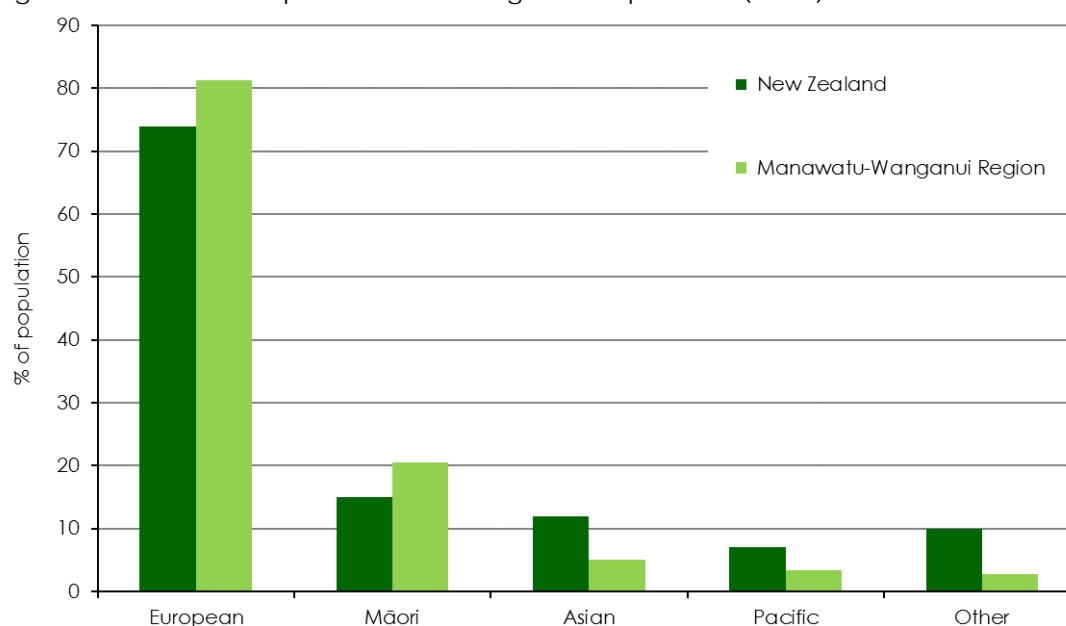


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The Regional pattern in Figure 1.4 was broadly consistent within Region, apart from notable variations in Ruapehu District and Palmerston North City, and to a lesser extent Manawatu District (Table x.5). In Ruapehu District a notably higher proportion identifying Maori Ethnicity occurred compared with the Region (42% vs 21%) along with a notably lower proportion identifying as European (70% vs 81%). In Palmerston North City there was a lower proportion identifying as Maori (16% vs 21%) and a higher proportion identifying as Asians (10% vs 5%). In Manawatu District there was the highest proportion identifying as European (89% vs 81%) and the lowest as Maori (15% vs 21%).

Looking forward for the next 20-30 years, projections for ethnic group identity numbers shown in Table 1.6 (overleaf) suggest an ongoing predominance of the European population overall, but also notable growth in the proportions and numbers identifying with the other major ethnic groups. Where any such ethnic groups can be specifically associated with any particular type and/or location of facility need, new demand may be anticipated. Determining this would require specific research investigation as part of any feasibility-type analyses.

Table 1.6: Projected Ethnic Population change – Manawatu-Wanganui Region (2013-2038)

	2013	2018	2023	2028	2033	2038	change 2013-2038	% change
European	190,700	190,700	190,100	188,800	186,300	182,300	-8,400	-4
Maori	49,200	53,400	57,800	62,400	67,400	72,800	23,600	48
Asian	12,700	15,850	18,450	21,000	23,500	25,900	13,200	104
Pacific	8,430	10,200	12,000	13,950	16,050	18,500	10,070	119

Source: Statistics NZ Subnational ethnic population projections (2013 base, medium series)

APPENDIX 2: HIGHER STATUS FACILITIES SUMMARY

This Appendix briefly lists those facilities in the Region (by council area) which have a minimum designation as 'Regional'.

Council	Facility name	Facility Type	Description from strategy (summarised)	Status in strategy
Palmerston North City	Manawatu Arena (Central Energy Trust)	Indoor Courts /Stadium	<p>Very large well used multi-venue multi-sports and events complex including the following specific indoor venues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arena 2 (Rainbow Stadium) multipurpose sport/event venue with up to 4x Basketball courts (2x permanently marked - 1 as major game venue), 3x netball, 5x Volleyball, 20x badminton and multiple futsal Arena 3 (Pascal St Stadium) indoor sports and events centre with courts marked for 2x basketball, 2x netball, 4x volleyball, 8x badminton Arena 4 (B&M Centre and Ball room) providing up to 7 multi-purpose courts combined, including 7x basketball, 7x netball, 25x badminton, 11x volleyball, 4x tennis and multiple table tennis and futsal Arena 5 (Waldegrave St) including indoor sports/gym spaces (i.e. Bell Hall, Barber Hall, Waldegrave Hall and Gym) giving venues/sites for table tennis, skating, indoor bowls, archery and a dedicated Gymsports space. <p>Together these are currently meeting many needs and have capacity but may need expansions and/or developments if participation growth occurs or there is increased peak time competition. A Master Plan guides future development of the complex.</p>	International
Palmerston North City	NZCT Cricket Centre (PNBHS)	Indoor Courts /Stadium (specialised)	Unique natural grass all-weather cricket training facility, includes 4 grass blocks. On PNCC park adjoining PNBHS school grounds but owned/operated by Manawatu Cricket. Not designed for 100% use, but as a training complement, so needs careful use/ maintenance.	Regional
Palmerston North City	Lido Aquatic Centre	Aquatic/Pool	Large 6 pool complex, with indoor 25m 6 lane lap pool, large learn to swim pool, toddler pool leisure pool, hydrosides, spa and fitness centre. Also an outdoor 50m 7 lane pool, dive pool and outdoor slides. Changing room and fitness centre refurbishments planned. Lane pressures	Regional
Palmerston North City	Freyberg Community Pool	Aquatic/Pool	Mid-sized Indoor pool complex at Freyberg High School with a 25m 6 lane lap pool and a heated learn to swim toddlers pool. Owned by school but operated for community by CLM in partnership with council. Well used year-round. Lane pressures. Also, constraints on canoe polo.	Regional
Palmerston North City	Arena Manawatu Back Fields	Grass fields	3x multi-use fields (Rugby, League, Football), 1x Small rec/training field, Drainage issues, considering artificials. A Master Plan guides future development of the complex.	Regional
Palmerston North City	CET Arena	Grass fields	1x main field 'Oval' for Premier Games. In Arena Manawatu complex.	National

Palmerston North City	Fitzherbert Park Oval	Grass fields	1x League field on premier Cricket Oval. No capacity issues noted. Manawatu Cricket Association plan to return Park to premier status to hold first class matches. Upgrades possible.	Regional
Palmerston North City	Memorial Park	Grass fields	1x premiere football field inside skating track (with small grandstand). Well used. No capacity issues noted.	Regional
Palmerston North City	Massey Sport & Rugby Institute	Grass fields	3x rugby fields	Regional
Palmerston North City	Ashhurst Domain	Grass fields	Larger Park with 5x Football fields plus 1 training area, 1x Cricket pitch. Well used but no capacity issues. Options to expand if needed.	Regional
Palmerston North City	Fitzherbert Park/Oval	Cricket	3x grass wickets/blocks on premiere 1st Class cricket-only oval, grandstand and pavilion facilities. No issues noted.	National
Palmerston North City	Vautier Park	Netball	Main Manawatu facility, 17x courts (6 coated asphalt, 11 concrete), also marked for summer tennis, some lighting, pavilion with changing rooms. Heavily used. Some capacity issues noted. Considering feasibility work on better provision options.	Regional
Palmerston North City	Fitzherbert Park (Twin Turfs)	Artificial Turf	2x full water-based hockey turfs with high-level lighting, used at national/international levels.	International
Palmerston North City	Massey University Turf	Artificial Turf	A new 3 rd hockey turf is planned for Palmerston North. It is to be located alongside the Sport and Rugby Institute and existing tennis/netball courts at Massey. Massey have a long-term development plan that proposes another hockey turf, football and rugby fields as part of a sports precinct. PNCC are key partners and contributing financially to the 3 rd hockey turf.	National
Palmerston North City	Colquhoun Park	Softball	7x diamonds - 2x skin and 5x grass, pavilion. High summer use, regional events. No issues noted.	Regional
Palmerston North City	Rose Gardens Croquet	Croquet	6x croquet lawns, clubrooms, summer seasonal, in Victoria Esplanade park complex. Hosts larger national/ international events in collaboration with the Takaro club.	Regional
Palmerston North City	Hokowhitu Lagoon	Outdoor Watersport	A range of access points for entry into Hokowhitu Lagoon for flatwater activity such as outdoor canoe polo and kayaking.	National
Palmerston North City	Manawatu Community Athletics Track (Massey)	Athletics	A 400m 8 lane all-weather track built to IAAF standards. Includes throwing circles, jump runway and pits, pole vault and high jump areas, steeplechase water jump, centre field, practice throwing area changing and shelter facilities. Encloses an area which could be a football facility, but field requires drainage attention. Option being investigated. Track resurfacing is being planned.	Regional
Palmerston North City	Manawatu Golf Club	Golf	18-hole course, multiple Tee system allowing 7 different courses. Well used (especially weekends). No issues noted.	National
Palmerston North City	Inspire Net Squash Gym	Squash	8x glassback courts (2x doubles), large bar/lounge area, kitchen, gym. Has held international competitions. Centrally located by Cosmopolitan Club and Palmerston North Bowling Club adjacent. Well used, especially winter. No issues apart from general maintenance.	National
Palmerston North City	Tielcey Park Events Centre	Equestrian	Tielcey Park is one of the largest equestrian facilities in the lower North Island. It has an indoor arena, 2x outdoor arenas (including a full showjumping course), grazing, stables, yards, a cafe, events, shows, fun days, clinics, lessons, schooling, and horses/ponies for lease. Heavily used in winter. Meets needs but maintenance is an ongoing issue.	Regional

Whanganui City	Springvale Stadium	Indoor Courts /Stadium	Main Hall - 2x Basketball Courts size, also marked for 2x netball, 3x volleyball, 8x badminton and multiple indoor bowls. Springvale Extension - 1x Basketball Court, also marked for 1x volleyball, 4x badminton and multiple indoor bowls. Part of shared complex with adjacent Jubilee Stadium, separate sports facilities and pool in hub area and Whanganui Collegiate.	Regional
Whanganui City	Jubilee Stadium	Indoor Courts /Stadium	Main Hall - set up for multiple roller sports (international standard) and also marked for 4x volleyball and multiple indoor bowls. Jubilee Extension - 12x table tennis tables (also capable for multiple indoor bowls). Part of shared complex with adjacent Springvale Stadium, separate sports facilities and pool in hub area, and Whanganui Collegiate.	Regional
Whanganui City	Cooks Gardens	Grass fields	Main rugby field, grandstand for 4000, lighting towers, corporate boxes, media and function rooms, inside the 400m artificial athletics track.	Regional
Whanganui City	Cooks Gardens	Athletics	400m artificial athletics track, surrounds main rugby field, grandstand for 4000, lighting towers, corporate boxes, media and function rooms. Part of wider event venue complex.	International
Whanganui City	Cooks Gardens	Cycling	250m wooden cycling velodrome, cycling clubrooms and support facilities, lighting towers, viewing areas. Plans to install a roof.	Regional
Whanganui City	Gonville Turf	Artificial Turf	Water-based hockey turf and association clubrooms, on Gonville Domain by golf course and tennis courts	Regional
Whanganui City	Braves Softball Park	Softball	2x enclosed diamonds and clubrooms, with viewing facilities	Regional
Whanganui City	Whanganui Croquet Club	Croquet	3x croquet lawns and clubrooms on Victoria Park	National
Whanganui City	Whanganui River Rowing Course	Outdoor Watersport	200m Rowing Course plus extensive training water along the river.	National
Horowhenua District	Donnelly Park (Halliway Turf)	Artificial Turf	Full water-based hockey turf, pavilion and lighting (needing upgrade). Horowhenua Hockey Association base. Well used for hockey, especially winter. Also, some football practice.	Regional
Horowhenua District	Horowhenua Petanque Club	Petanque	Large 25 terrain fenced facility and clubrooms by Western Park in Levin. Well used.	Regional
Horowhenua District	National White-Water Centre	Outdoor Watersport	Unique white-water slalom and recreational facility in channel below dam control gates. Wide range of community, club and commercial uses.	Regional
Manawatu District	Manfeild Park	Equestrian	Significant non-racing equestrian facilities serving the region. Part of a larger multi-use facility (e.g. motorsports). Lit, indoor riding arena, outdoor gravel riding arenas, jumps, stables and stand areas. Significant planned upgrades to the main entrances, arena areas, motorsport areas and agricultural areas. Previously held Horse of the Year.	National
Manawatu District	Johnston Park Western Riding Arena	Equestrian	Large gravelled riding area in Johnston Park for Western Riding activities only. Uncovered, unlit and no yards/sheds. Currently hold significant regional meets.	Regional
Taranaki District	Dannevirke A&P Showgrounds	Equestrian	Large space and facility mix. Hosts a range of events, including equestrian events, and the Dannevirke Social Riding Club. Has hosted NZ show jumping contests.	Regional

Tararua District	Rangatira Croquet Club	Croquet	6x croquet lawns in Dannevirke, summer seasonal use. Has held national championships and some international events.	National
Ruapehu District	Hillary Outdoors Centre	Outdoor Adventure	Outdoor Education Centre with 155 beds and multiple support facilities (including a 30m canoeing pool). Heavily used mostly by school groups. Upgrade planning underway. Open to community groups using facilities subject to main uses.	Regional
Rangitikei District	Marton Swim Centre (Rangitikei Active)	Aquatic/Pool	Seasonal complex with indoor 50m pool and smaller learners pool. Planning a splashpad. Well used by public, clubs, local schools and national swim schools in season.	Regional