

Development of the Hugh Hayward Domain Layout

The **Hauraki Plains Community Hub**, in cooperation with the Hauraki District Council and Hugh Hayward Domain users, continues to plan best use of the playing area and amenities on the Hugh Hayward Domain.

NOTES:

- The Hauraki District Council will not consider the building of any new facilities on the existing green area
- Nationwide there is a push for all codes to share more of their resources to ensure their long-term survival
- Currently Hockey is the only regional facility on the domain, all other codes are local only
- The land is susceptible to drying out in summer and becoming very wet in winter

As a result of surveys conducted in 2024 with the user groups, several options of the domain layout have been produced for each of the summer and winter codes.

Taken into account:

1. Area of land suitable for use
2. Playing numbers of each code (Rugby, Netball, Soccer, Hockey, Touch, Cricket, Athletics)
3. Days and times of use required by user groups
4. Anticipated growth/decline of playing numbers
5. Particular major events requiring special attention e.g tournaments, finals days
6. Allowing for other activities to be introduced in the future e.g Rugby League, softball, pickleball, pétanque, PUMP/BMX track, 3on3 basketball

Hockey, Netball and swimming are set in their positions with purpose-built facilities and their usage is to be managed by each of these codes independently.

Meetings have been held with the major field users (Rugby, Soccer, Cricket, Touch) to work together to make the area best used for all parties.

Areas of Consideration:

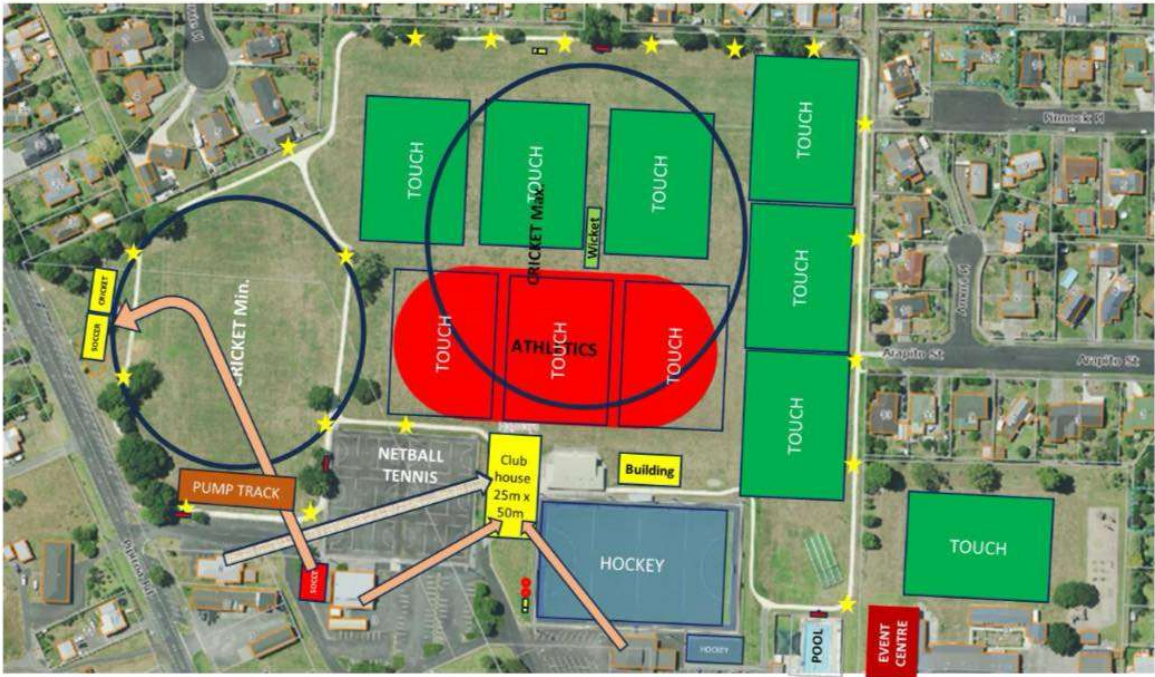
- a) Size and number of fields required to accommodate each sport (including senior and junior codes)
- b) Overlapping of the summer and winter codes and field requirements
- c) Suitable areas for training
- d) Days & hours of use
- e) Lighting
- f) Ground conditions
- g) Facilities

As a result the following was accepted as necessary steps moving forward:

- i. Field placement may need to change annually depending on playing numbers of each code
- ii. Combined fields may be an option in the future e.g. combined soccer/rugby goals
- iii. Communication between the Winter and Summer Code groups to ensure acceptable and smooth transitions
- iv. Training areas to be agreed between codes and respected to ensure playing surfaces are protected
- v. Codes to meet annually to discuss their needs for usage days/times and find solutions to overlaps
- vi. Improved lighting for training only
- vii. Planned continued improvement of the playing surfaces
- viii. Ongoing discussions regarding best usage of existing facilities on the domain

Respect and good communication between each of the codes management, players and supporters is critical to the success and best use of the Hugh Hayward Domain for all groups. The **Hauraki Plains Community Hub** is there to coordinate as required for the best overall outcome.

Hugh Hayward Domain - Summer Sports



Hugh Hayward Domain - Winter Sports

