



# Auckland Regional Netball Facilities Plan

## Implementation Plan

### January 2018

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#### Overview

Netball Northern and the Auckland based netball centres, Netball New Zealand and Auckland Council developed the Auckland Regional Netball Facility Plan in 2010 to identify the future netball facility needs for the Auckland Region. In 2015 the plan was updated to provide a refreshed view on demand and supply.

Netball is a growing sport in Auckland and it is critical that sufficient quality facilities are provided in a network across the Auckland region. These facilities must be sustainable and accessible to the region's population of current and potential netball players.

The facility plan focuses on the current and future demand for netball within the Auckland region. The plan also considers changes in netball participation, the impact of the 2013 census data on the regions demographics and future population growth.

#### Purpose of the Implementation Plan

Outline how the six strategic priorities in the 2015 Auckland Regional Netball Facilities Plan will be implemented by the Netball Facilities Working Group, including the responsibilities and priorities.

Strategic Priority 1 - Unified voice for netball facility development

Strategic Priority 2 - Supporting a regional hierarchy

Strategic Priority 3 - The sustainable operation of the current netball centres.

Strategic Priority 4 – Key facility developments

Strategic Priority 5 – Securing access to additional courts required by 2031

Strategic Priority 6 – Access to indoor and covered courts

## Strategic Priority 1 – Unified voice for netball facility development

- 1.1 Northern Netball and the centres engage with Auckland Council and the local boards to raise awareness of the facility strategy, key regional priorities and the sustainable club model.

	Actions	Who	Priority
1A	Prepare a Communication Plan to identify how to engage with key stakeholders including local boards, netball centres and funders	CNM + Feedback from Working Group	High before February 2018
1B	Prepare an information paper/template on the Long-term Plan which provides a sport perspective, netball needs, centre priorities and members to be able to submit to the Long-term Plan.	CNM + Aktive input	High before February 2018
1C	Provide an update on the regional netball facilities plan as part of the Zone Forum	CNM + CEO	March 2018
1D	Review the Terms of Reference and composition of the regional facilities working group to ensure both are relevant	Working Group	June 2018

## Key Strategic Priority 2 – Supporting a regional hierarchy

- 2.1 No additional regional facilities or netball centres are required. The priority is maintaining existing network of facilities.
- 2.2 Future access to courts should be developed through a satellite based approach to provide accessible courts. Additional courts should align with the network based approach [Figure 2.1] and should be developed to align with Netball NZ and the Netball Northern strategic plan.

	Actions	Who	Priority
2A	Develop the best practice models for the development and operation of satellite facilities. Look at Auckland Netball Centre / Windmill Park model Otara Scorpions model Te Puru model	CNM + Working Group	2019
2B	Summarise the Voice of Participant Survey and the impact that netball facilities have on participant satisfaction and provide this information to netball centres	CNM	2018
2C	Advocate for sustainable access to quality school facilities to supplement the netball facility network.	CNM	On-going

## Key Strategic Priority 3 - The sustainable operation of the current netball centres.

- 3.1 In considering the regional priorities for the future facility developments, the first priority is to ensure that each centre is able to provide for a minimum standard of play. All netball facilities should be provided to a standard which allows netball to be played in a safe environment. The first priority is to maintain and utilise existing facilities before developing new ones and ensure a minimum standard of play.

- 3.2 Develop an asset management plan with a maintenance programme of court replacement to include all centres within the region wide basis. Once developed a regional netball facility working group should engage with Auckland Council on a partnership basis to secure on-going investment in the netball centres.
- 3.3 Netball centres should explore options to increase the flexibility and utilisation of existing courts (outside core netball times marking up a minimum of 2 courts for multisport (tennis, futsal, basketball etc).

	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Priority</b>
3A	Complete an audit of all netball sites in the Auckland Region to determine the current condition and safety of facilities.	CNM with Netball Centres	By June 2018
3B	Working with the netball centres, develop a regional asset management requirements and responsibilities for all netball sites in Auckland.	CNM with Netball Centres	By December 2018
3C	Prioritise the Asset Management Plan for the netball facilities and engage with Auckland Council on the ongoing funding opportunities and alignment of priorities	Working Group	December 2018
3D	Promote in any remarking, resurfacing or construction of new courts, the inclusion of sports markings for other sports.	Working Group	On-going
3E	Develop a best practice resource for multi-sport court surfaces and multi-marking hard-courts both indoor and outdoor.	Working Group with Auckland Council	Medium

#### **Key Strategic Priority 4 – Key facility developments**

- 4.1 Undertake detailed investigations into the remedial work required at North Harbour Netball Centre.
- 4.2 Undertake a needs assessment and detailed feasibility into the development of a Netball NZ and Northern Mystics training venue co-located with high performance sports facilities at AUT Millennium.
- 4.3 Undertake a detailed investigation to identify and secure access to additional courts (minimum of 6 to 8 courts) in the Whau and / or Puketapapa Local Boards. (These should be considered in addition to the 6 courts at Avondale College where funding has been recently secured).
- 4.4 Undertake a feasibility study into the development of 2 covered courts at Howick Pakuranga netball centre.

	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Priority</b>
4A	Support the remedial work at North Harbour Netball Centre	North Harbour	High
4B	Complete needs assessment for development of high performance training venue at AUT Millennium	Performance Manager	Low
4C	Support Howick Pakuranga Netball Centre in ongoing investigation of indoor courts at their netball centre including partnership opportunities with other sports and low-cost building options	CNM with Working Group	Medium

## Key Strategic Priority 5 – Securing access to additional courts required by 2031

5.1 In establishing demand potential new courts the following parameters should be considered:

- Accessibility: Courts should be considered to be operating at capacity when there are 25 teams per court.
- Quantity: For every 7,000 population a participation based court should be easily accessible within the community area (15 minute catchment area).
- Quality: Existing courts should be in a good state of repair. The priority should be given to courts with high levels of existing utilisation.

5.2 The demand and gap analysis indicates potential areas of shortfalls by 2031 are in:

- Northern (23 courts)
- West (18 courts)
- Central (23 courts)
- Southern (9 courts).

5.3 The priority for additional courts should be to meet the demand for training, junior and localise competition. New courts should align with an existing netball centre to ensure additional competitions are under the administration of the current centre and provide a seamless transition of members. Options for securing access to new courts include:

- Maximising use of school / public courts (establishing a formal agreement for use).
- Securing access to new courts as part of multisport developments in growth areas.

5.4 In current and future growth areas, where netball facilities do not currently exist consideration should be given to ensuring the 1 court per 7,000 population is achieved. The priority for securing new courts in growth areas should be as part of multi-sport developments

5.5 New courts should consider all delivery models however ensure that they align with the Netball New Zealand and Northern Netball strategic plans.

	Actions	Who	Priority
5A	Complete upgrade of Windmill Park Netball Courts to provide increased capacity through new court markings providing one additional court and new lighting providing additional playing capacity	Auckland Netball Centre with Auckland Council	High 2017
5B	Work with Auckland Council to design and develop 9-12 netball courts in partnership other sports (tennis, basketball, futsal) at MetroPark East in Silverdale Auckland. Auckland Council has committed \$1 million but additional capital funding is likely. Work with Netball North Harbour and Hibiscus Coast Netball to determine the operational model.	CNM with North Harbour, Hibiscus Coast	High 2018
5C	Engage with Tennis Northern on the development of Albany Tennis Park and the potential for netball courts as part of the future development of this site	CNM	Ongoing
5D	Work with Netball Waitakere to contribute to the Auckland Council design and development of 6 netball courts at Scott's Point in Hobsonville. Work with Netball Waitakere on the future operational model.	CNM with Netball Waitakere	Medium 2020
5E	Undertake a scoping study of the central-west to	CMN	Medium 2019

	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Priority</b>
	determine the demand and supply of future netball courts. Linked to action 13		

### **Key Strategic Priority 6 – Access to indoor and covered courts**

6.1 Securing access to covered outdoor(s) as should be considered a medium term priority. Following the completion of the covered courts at Pukekohe netball centre, Howick Pakuranga is the only large netball centre (with a sub-regional focus) without access to covered courts. Consideration should be given to undertaking a feasibility study to develop 2 covered courts.

6.1 It is considered unsustainable to develop additional netball only indoor courts. Indoor courts provide for a higher quality environment and opportunities should be explored to develop access to additional indoor courts where:

- A sustainable business case can be demonstrated
- They are part of a multisport complex
- Where netball is identified as a core user.

	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Priority</b>
6 A	Participate in the Auckland Regional Indoor Courts Facility Plan and ensure the needs for netball are considered in the overall demand and supply of indoor courts	CNM	High
6B	Support netball centres with developing investment proposals for indoor courts provided they meet the criteria outlined in the Auckland Sport Sector Facilities Priorities Plan.	Working group	On-going

## Communication Approach

### Purpose

The Auckland Regional Netball Facility Plan identifies the future netball facility needs for the Auckland Region and prioritises actions to ensure facility supply meets demand. This communication plan identifies the key stakeholders, their respective interests and how to effectively communicate with them.

Stakeholder	Current Interests	Key Messages	Communication Tactics	Priority
Auckland based Netball Centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Funding availability for facility projects</li> <li>- Priorities for facility projects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Capacity/facility issues in Auckland</li> <li>- Regional priorities for netball facility projects</li> <li>- Robust planning and support for facility projects</li> <li>- Coordinated approach to Long-term Plan submission</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Six monthly update at Netball Centre Collaboration meetings</li> <li>- Include updates within Zone newsletter</li> <li>- Personal contact to educate and support</li> </ul>	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provide Long-term Plan Information</li> <li>- Coordinated Long-term Plan submission</li> </ul>	
Non-Auckland based Netball Centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Development of other netball facilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Link to other strategic facility plans</li> <li>- Robust planning and support for facility projects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provide support around Long-term Plan submissions</li> <li>- Personal contact to educate and support</li> </ul>	
Auckland Council – Environment and Community Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Allocation of Sport Infrastructure Development (SID) funding for netball facilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On-going capacity/facility issues for netball</li> <li>- Regional priorities for netball facilities</li> <li>- Equity issues for maintaining netball facilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation to Environment and Community Committee at an appropriate time</li> <li>- Report back on progress made in the plan to date</li> </ul>	
Auckland Local Boards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Investment in netball facilities within their local board area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Capacity/facility issues in Auckland</li> <li>- Regional priorities for netball facility projects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Collective presentations from Working Group to key local boards at appropriate times Eg Upper Harbour, Henderson-Massey, Papakura</li> </ul>	

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Funders – Foundation North, NZCT, Lion Foundation, NZCT, TTCF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Priorities for investment in netball facilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Capacity/facility issues in Auckland</li> <li>- Regional priorities for netball facility projects</li> <li>- Seeking advice from Netball Northern on funding applications to ensure robust planning has occurred</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Facilitate key messages through Auckland Council’s Funder’s Forum</li> </ul>	
Netball Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Quality of netball facilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Upcoming projects to improve netball facilities</li> <li>- Feedback on how netball facilities can be improved</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Coordinated communication through netball centres</li> <li>- Potential for future survey of netball participants to gain feedback on facility issues (amongst other issues)</li> </ul>	