



Kaipatiki Local
Board
Deputation
March 2025

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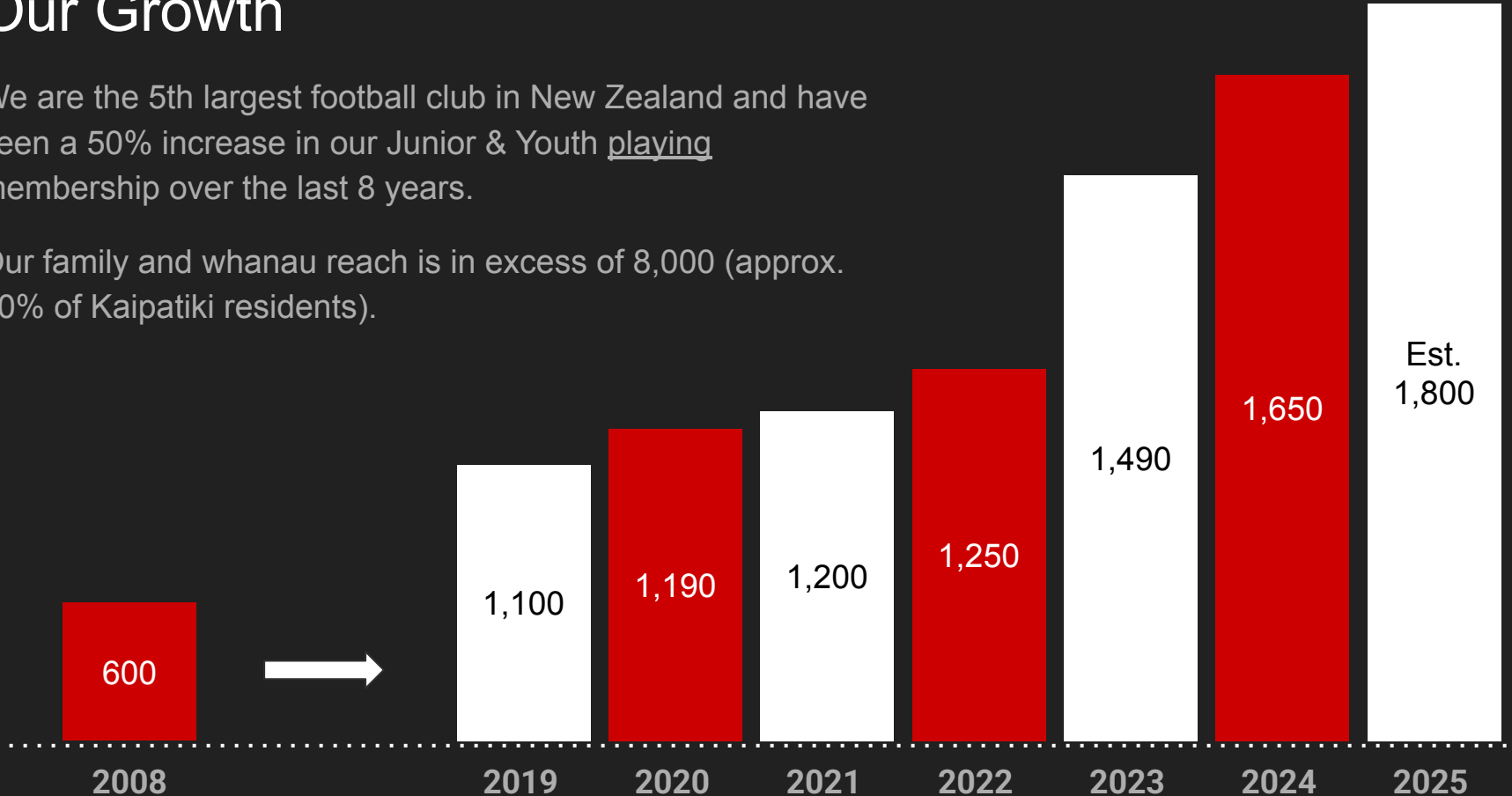
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Our Growth

We are the 5th largest football club in New Zealand and have seen a 50% increase in our Junior & Youth playing membership over the last 8 years.

Our family and whanau reach is in excess of 8,000 (approx. 10% of Kaipatiki residents).



Impacts of growth

More pressure on club resources - volunteers, management, communications, sports fields, equipment.

Impacts of field closures:

- Unbudgeted artificial turf hire (at Westlake Boys/Girls & Harbour Stadium) of \$20,000 in 2024.
- Income \$30,000-\$35,000 under operating budget for 2025.
- Capping of junior membership age groups. Clubs now operates with a waiting list.
- Social impact of not playing sport.
- Increased workload on volunteers re late comms.
- Impact on cost to participate.

Sports field supply & demand

The Northern Region Football (NRF) Football Facilities Plan (Feb 2025) identified a 20% growth in player numbers in the last five years, with over 37,000 club players currently registered in Auckland. 54% of players are juniors (aged 5-12 yrs).

42% of the network of football pitches in Auckland are floodlit, but the Facility Plan shows a current shortfall in the provision of floodlit hours of 1,108 hours per week across Auckland.

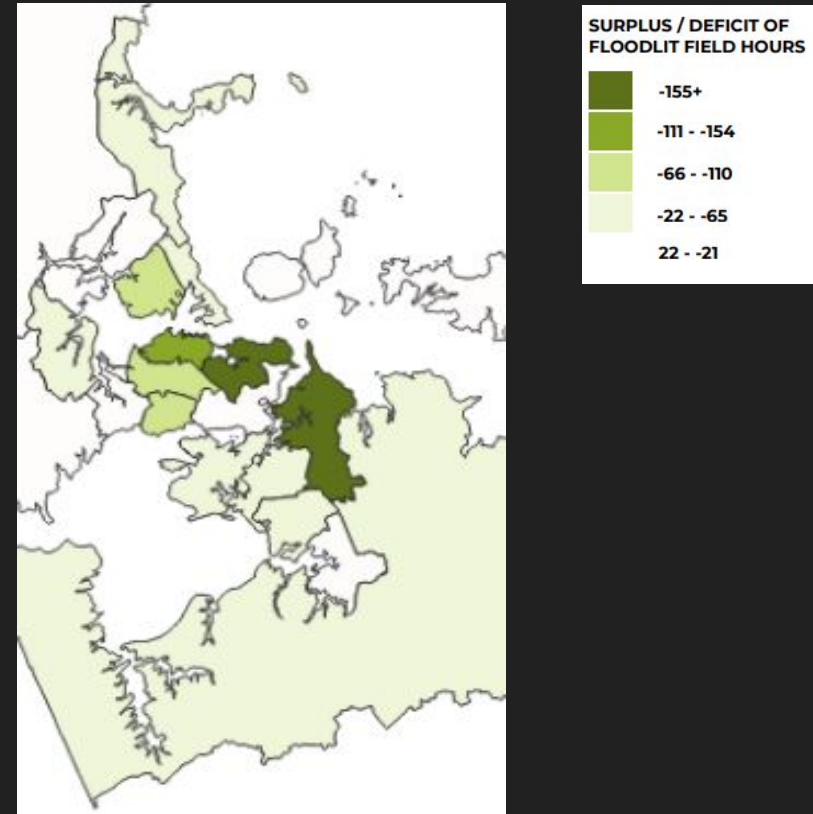
1,108 hours is the equivalent of 28 additional artificial football pitches, which will cost in excess of \$100million to deliver. Demand is forecast (based on local board age-related population growth projections) to increase to 39 turfs by 2043.

Kaipatiki has been identified as one of the local board areas with the largest current deficit in floodlit sports field provision. Our practical experiences regarding field supply & demand support this conclusion.

Football is the biggest team participation sport in Aotearoa New Zealand, according to *Sport NZ's Active NZ Participation Survey*, with over 180,000 players registered to play nationally in 2024.

Current sports field supply & demand

LOCAL BOARD	WEEKDAY UNLIT	WEEKDAY LIT	TOTAL WEEKDAY	SAT	WEEKEND
Ōrākei	55	-199	-145	-11	15
Howick	193	-172	22	53	96
Waitematā	44	-145	-101	-7	9
Puketāpapa	106	-96	10	10	25
Kaipātiki	45	-95	-50	-7	5
Albert-Eden	54	-73	-18	2	9
Henderson-Massey	79	-57	22	10	49
Hibiscus & Bays	56	-46	10	23	49
Devonport-Takapuna	45	-44	1	9	29
Ōtara-Papatoetoe	60	-41	19	14	22
Manurewa	29	-38	-8	11	15
Franklin	84	-27	58	50	59
Māngere-Ōtāhuhu	77	-27	51	35	37
Maungakiekie-Tāmaki	84	-20	65	37	47
Waiheke	15	-17	-2	2	4
Papakura	43	-15	29	30	44
Upper Harbour	125	-10	115	42	73
Waitākere Ranges	66	-6	60	6	30
Rodney	87	-5	83	57	69
Whau	156	22	178	76	109
TOTAL	1,505	-1,108	397	441	794



Potential solutions - Maximising what we have

Relationship with Freddie and maintenance contractors.

Education of our coaches and members about playing our role to look after what we have.



Understanding that full facility contract issues can't be resolved until 2027.

Network optimisation - working with council and other club/codes to maximise the existing sports field network.

Potential solutions - Beach Haven Sports Centre &/or DTA



2015 - multi-sport surface installed on four courts at the BHSC, with markings for tennis, hockey and futsal.

Football unable to use the turf due to H&S challenges (not boots) and drainage issues from grass bank.

The club would book a long-pile turf for 15 hours per week for 46 weeks of the year.

Potential shared lease with Shepherds Park Squash Club (who have outlined challenges of covering lease costs on their own).

Acknowledge impact of this option on tennis. Understand they have had option to lease but don't want too & aren't facing the same growth demands.

Potential solutions - Lighting of fields 3-4 @ Shepherds

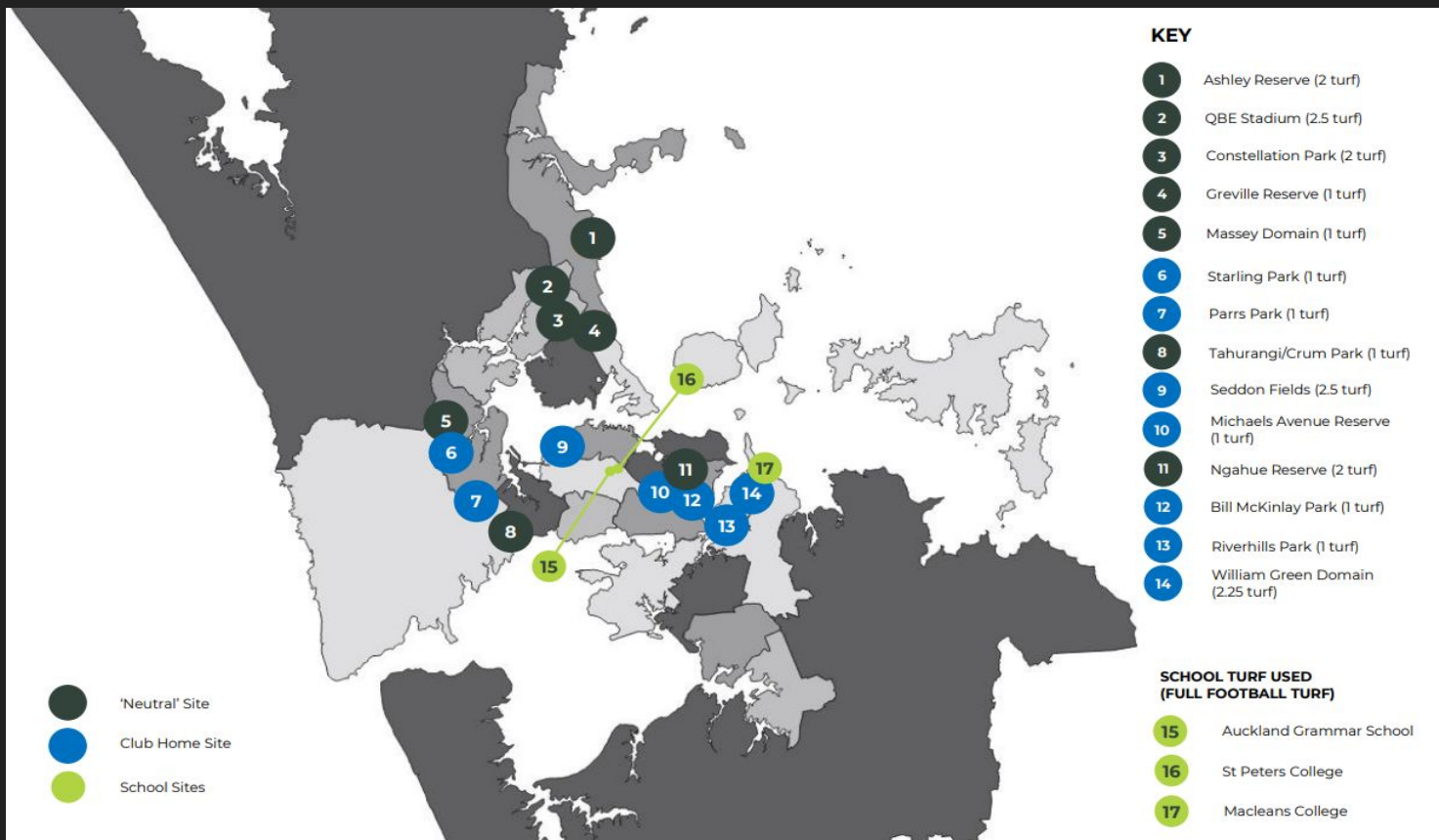
We have an underutilised grass asset at Shepherds Park on field 3-4. 45% of the park is unlit.

Consent work completed through lighting of no. 1 field in preparation for FIFA World Cup. Much of this work is relevant to fields 3-4.

Retirement village a potential noise consenting challenge to work through.



Current Artificial Turf Network



Potential solutions - Artificial Turf



There is no artificial turf in Kaipatiki LB area.

A key rationale is to absorb pre-season training and games (Jan - Apr) and national competition training (Sep-Dec) that put pressure on council contractors and grass field renovation windows (notably Mar & Sep).

Shepherds Park is a jewel in the crown for Beach Haven, used by the whole community, not just football. We feel developing an artificial turf at the park (unless it's the DTA) would take something away from it.

Our preference would be for a turf to be developed in a 'neutral venue' (for all Kaipatiki clubs to access), ideally in partnership with one of the local schools to maximise use of the turf and share operating costs, if not capital costs.

Birkenhead or Northcote College?

Our ask

We are seeking local board guidance regarding the options proposed to meet sports field shortfalls for the whole Kaipatiki community.

Specifically:

1. Appointment of a Council Sport & Recreation Lead (and others as required) to help prioritise the options presented in line with community impact, funding levers and achievability. And subject to the above:
 - a. Council to lead the consenting application for the lighting of fields 3-4.
 - b. Council to undertake a site options analysis to determine which school or council venue in Kaipatiki would be most favourable for turf development. And support/lead partnership conversations with MOE/schools.
 - c. Council to confirm it's preferred long-term plan for the Beach Haven Sports Centre in respect to leases and service life of the building.



Thank you for your time. Questions?

