

FACILITIES/RESERVES
INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS FAX
WEEK ENDING 28/3/03

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Proposed upgrade of Tauranga Domain Grandstand by BOP Rugby Union

This week the BOPRFU have now conveyed to Council that they are seriously considering the Bay Park Stadium as opposed to Tauranga Domain for NPC games. They have requested confidentiality at this stage.

The BOPRFU are considering a submission to the Annual Plan seeking Council support.

Staff suggest that some forms of immediate support could be storing the Tauranga District Council owned re-locatable outdoor stadium seats (1816 seats) and the crowd barriers (1 km of) in the Speedway carpark so that they can be used free of charge and relocated into the arena by Speedway staff. Another contribution would be free of charge specialist turf advice to the speedway within our agreement with the New Zealand Turf Culture Institute.

The speedway are considering locating the seats on the arena for games on Astrograss and a number of other enhancements to entice rugby, removing crash netting during the NPC season, etc.

Of further confidential significance is the potential split of the BOP Union by the NZRFU. This could see Rotorua amalgamating with the King Country Union, with a more focused BOPRFU operating from Tauranga. Discussions to this effect have taken place but may be lead by NZRFU in this instance.

Walkway Compliments

Many compliments from the Bethlehem area are being received for the new walkway link between the Belvedere Reserve and the St Andrews Drive Reserve. This will shortly also link to the large walkway and stormwater pond development south of Beaumaris Boulevard, known as the Millbrook ponds. The neighbourhood in the area is excited on the extent of walkway possibilities they now have.

Kopurererua Valley Project Evaluation

The Steering Group (Governance to Governance) met for their inaugural Hui at Huria Marae on Monday. Council was represented by s 7(2)(f)(ii)

The Rununga representatives praised Councillors for their commitment and understanding.

The project evaluation document is now complete and will be presented to Council shortly.

Of significance is an indication from EBOP that they are considering to fund the project directly. Council's direction on this will be sought at the consideration of the evaluation.

Mauao

Next week Contractors will undertake repairs to the 4WD track and the two other main walkway tracks. Rock fall damage has been widespread.

Next week spraying will take place over the burnt areas and others of Mauao to systemically kill emerging weeds, prior to an aerial application of grass seed the week after next.

The weedspraying will be applied with a harmless de-gradating red dye which for a period of a few days will allow spray coverage to be monitored during application as well.

Planting arrangements for May are nearly finalised.

§ 7(2)(a) - Privacy

A GP has written a brief medical certificate regarding the mental health of a patient being attributable to a tree on the street.

Another GP has written a similar diagnosis to a patient with a tree next door to their property on § 7(2)(a) - Privacy. The tree is part of an overall park planting of Golden Totara's.

These medical judgements will be included in tree reports for the April Evaluation and Monitoring committee.

Prior to this time the veracity of the tree policy intent with respect to 'Public Health' will be raised with Council again.

The earlier interpretation by Council that Public Health also included mental health of an individual, is now perhaps being stretched to an account of stress to the family GP.