



Photo: Drone footage of the site during clearing works, 30 November 2021

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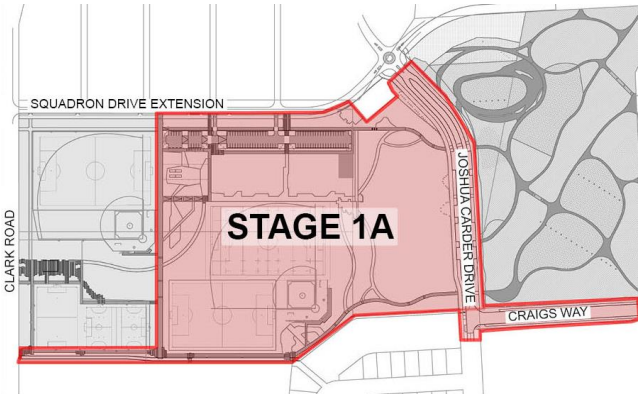


Scott Point Sustainable Sports Park

Project Update #1

Great news! Work has started on New Zealand’s first sustainable sports park in Hobsonville.

The park is a total of 16.4 hectares and will be developed in stages over the coming years. The first stage (stage 1a) will take approximately 14 months and includes two sports fields, a baseball diamond, carpark, shared paths, and toilet and changing facilities. We will also extend two roads: Joshua Carder Drive and Craigs Way.



What makes the park sustainable?

We have designed the park so that it uses less resources and has a lower carbon footprint.

Compared to a regular sports park of a similar scale, when completed the park:

- will use 36% less water than a regular sports park
- substitutes 100% of potable water for irrigation to non-potable, from rainwater capture and use of an on-site bore
- has a 13% reduction in whole of life carbon footprint.

We are using the Infrastructure Sustainability Council rating scheme (ISC) to measure the success of the sustainability aspects. Our design has been awarded a Leading rating; the highest achievable rating and the first for a sports park in Australasia.

We will continue to use the rating scheme throughout the park build to guide and measure sustainability.

Partnership with mana whenua

The masterplan has been a collaborative partnership with Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara and Te Kawerau Iwi Tiaki Trust, with input from key stakeholders and community groups. Te Aranga Māori Design Principles and council’s Service Principles have guided the process.

Prior to earthworks, kaumatua blessed the site at a small gathering on 7 December 2021.



Blessing held on site with mana whenua, Upper Harbour Local Board members, HEB Construction representatives and the project team.

Progress on site

Work started on site in October 2021 and we have been busy:

- transplanting the 'at risk' *Epilobium hirtigerum* plant species
- capturing and rehoming native Copper skink to a safe area on site
- weed spraying in works areas
- removing trees
- demolishing buildings
- collecting items for reuse (e.g. fence posts)



Left: Before clearing works. Right: After clearing works.

Ecology news

The native Copper skink has been found living within the park. We have worked with a qualified herpetologist to safely rehome the skinks to the ecological area of the site.

While rehoming the native skinks, we have found hundreds of Plague skinks. The Plague skink is not native to New Zealand and is often mistaken for the Copper skink - *Oligosoma aeneum*. The Plague skink (*Lampropholis delicata*) is known to invade our native skinks habitat, reducing their numbers.



Left: Copper skink. Right: Plague skink.
(Photo credit: David Brockernoff at Morphum).

To learn more about the Scott Point Sustainable Sports Park development, please watch our online [video](#)

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