

17th January 2011
Open Letter
Bombay Community

Dear members of the Bombay community,

Once again we thank those who attended the meeting at the Bombay Community Memorial Hall on 2nd August 2010. It was a good turnout with in excess of 120 people. Those attending included representation from the Council, Counties Manukau Sport, existing sports and recreational clubs, Bombay School and the wider community.

The meeting considered the merit of investigating the creation of a new multisport and recreational facility that would serve Bombay for the future. In this context it also considered the opportunity to acquire land that is available next to the existing rugby grounds. As you are aware at the end of the meeting it was agreed we form a Working Group that was reflective of the community and the existing sport and recreational clubs to take this matter further.

The Bombay Community Working Group has since achieved the following:

1. Engaged Visitor Solutions to develop a **Community Plan**.

Visitor Solutions have a lot of experience in the development of multisport facilities with the recently completed Papatoetoe facility one of significant note. You can visit their website at www.visitorsolutions.net

The key reasons for developing the Community Plan are to:

- Establish a foundation document to enable partner clubs and organisations to work together and to co-operate more efficiently as they investigate the potential of establishing and developing a community multisport and recreation facility.
- Establish an overarching entity that represents the interests of all the member clubs and organisations in order to provide a coordinated 'Bombay voice' to key decision makers and funders.

The purpose of the Community Plan is to:

- Provide a formal foundation for partner collaboration during the planning and potential development of a Bombay Community Multisport and Recreation facility.
- Articulate a shared vision and objectives for the proposed Bombay Community Multisport and Recreation facility.
- Articulate and document partners' requirements and concerns regarding the Bombay Community Multisport and Recreation facility so they can be addressed in future stages.
- Set out an agreed project 'road map'.

The cost of developing this plan was \$5,000 (plus GST). This was funded through the existing sporting clubs and organisations who have an interest in this project, including a small contribution from Council.

This Community Plan is now in a final draft form and being presented to the various clubs and organisations for their respective Board / Committee sign off. We will then be finalising the Bombay Multisport and Recreation Centre Community Plan and presenting it to the wider Bombay community in February / March 2011 for feedback.

2. Pre Feasibility Needs Analysis Study

We are now looking to undertake a Pre Feasibility Needs Analysis Study to support of Community Plan. This was identified as the next stage in the project "road map". Once completed we will be in a position to present this along with the Community Plan to prospective funders and other interested parties to gain a greater appreciation of where we stand. We are hopeful that we can progress this in the next 5-6 weeks. The total cost of this study will be \$9,000 (plus GST). We are currently seeking funding for this work from the clubs and organisations involved as well as from within the wider Bombay community. If you wish to assist or have any suggestions please contact us.

The proposal is to have the Community Plan and Pre Feasibility Study completed by the end of February with a view to arranging another community meeting in March. At this meeting we will provide a comprehensive update on work completed and a clear outline of where to from here.

In the meantime we ask that you help us disseminate this information throughout the community via email, word of mouth and the grapevine.

If you would like to be kept up to date with developments please e-mail us at bombaycommunityproject@gmail.com so we can include you on the database.

Our next update will be in February.

In the meantime if you have any question please contact us.

Kind regards

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Trustees of the Bombay War Memorial Sports Grounds Trust