

25th August 2010

Open Letter
Bombay Community

Dear members of the Bombay community,

Thank you to 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. We reviewed the successful development of the Moutere Sport and Recreational Complex and the key ingredients to its success. The most crucial elements were a clear and concise plan that had strong community and council support.

At the end of the meeting and after many positive and valuable suggestions and ideas were recorded 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.

In that sense the key objective of the meeting was achieved. We are now in the process of finalising a working group who will be focused on opening dialogue with the Council, consulting with the various stakeholders (i.e. existing clubs, school and other groupings) and wider community, assessing some potential options for the future and reporting back as part of a comprehensive process of consultation.

The ultimate objective is to develop a Plan that has stakeholder, community, Bombay School and Council buy in and support, is able to be funded and meets the sport and recreational needs of our community in the future.

We will be in touch shortly to announce the makeup of the working group and update you on progress.

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.

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