

Notice is given that an ordinary meeting of the Saxton Field Committee will be held on:

Date: Wednesday 14 May 2025
Time: 1:30pm
Meeting Room: Tasman Council Chamber
Venue: 189 Queen Street, Richmond
Zoom
conference link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82488329720?pwd=6kFP5bJjJVN1nJJkMaD73wKMqhamUE.1>
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Saxton Field Committee

Komiti Whenua Saxton

AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Independent Chair	Mr D Shaw	
Members	Tasman District Council	Nelson City Council
	Cr J Ellis	Cr C Rollo
	Cr B Maru	Cr T Skinner

(Quorum 3 (min of 1 councillor from each council))

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AGENDA

1 OPENING, WELCOME, KARAKIA

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Recommendation

That the apologies be accepted.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

5 LATE ITEMS

6 CONFIRMATION OF [MINUTES](#)

That the minutes of the Saxton Field Committee meeting held on Thursday, 27 February 2025, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

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8 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Nil

9 CLOSING KARAKIA

7 REPORTS

7.1 SAXTON FIELD ACTIVITY REPORT

Report To:	Saxton Field Committee
Meeting Date:	14 May 2025
Report Author:	Debby Callaghan, Parks and Facilities Activity Planner (Nelson City Council)
Report Authorisers:	Richard Kirby, Group Manager - Community Infrastructure
Report Number:	RSFC25-05-1

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with an update on capital projects, events, and operational activities at Saxton Field.
- 1.2 It is provided to ensure the Committee is kept up to date about developments, activities, and issues at Saxton Field

2. Recommendation

That the Saxton Field Committee

- 1. receives the Saxton Field Activity Report RSFC25-05-1.**

3. Updates from last Saxton Field Committee Meeting

- 3.1 The following actions were recorded at the last meetings, with further context provided in the table below:

Meeting	Action	Notes
27 Feb 2025	Workshop planned for Wednesday April 16th	A workshop was held as planned. Discussion topics included basketball hoops, skate park, cricket media towers, Saxton Oval outfield and drainage, Indoor Cricket proposal and RNZ-owned land.

4. Workshop Summary (16 April 2025)

Six key projects were discussed at the workshop, and key points are summarised below:

- 4.1 Proposed skate park
 - 4.1.1 Circus Green was seen as having value as the preferred option.
Opposition from adjacent residents is noted and further information has been sought on cricket use. Nelson Cricket report that one to two junior games per week are played

at the venue during the junior season (it is noted that further cricket development is proposed at Harekeke Green including an artificial wicket). Pros and cons of several other potential skate park locations were considered. Officers will continue investigations into the Circus Green site.

4.2 Basketball hoops upgrade

4.2.1 Further investigation and monitoring is needed into assessing the impact of retaining the existing hoops for longer and when a new floor replacement is required. An updated price of wall mounted hoops was presented at the workshop and is within the budget for 2026/27.

4.3 Saxton Oval outfield renewal and drainage

4.3.1 The proposed Saxton Oval outfield and drainage renewal was discussed including the findings of the most recent reports and what the next steps could be. A decision will be needed soon to confirm the timing of this work.

4.4 Saxton Oval Media Towers

4.4.1 Veros Ltd is undertaking a feasibility study to determine the costs and benefits of the Cricket Media Towers, this will be shared with the Committee once completed.

4.5 Indoor Cricket proposal

4.5.1 A potential proposal from Nelson Cricket for commercial signage was discussed. However, this proposal is no longer being put forward.

4.6 Radio New Zealand land

4.6.1 Radio New Zealand (RNZ) has stopped broadcasting from Saxton Field and is planning to remove the tower within the next six months. Work will continue around retaining the land for recreation.

4.7 Staff will continue to work on the above topics and as required bring further updates to the Committee through operational reports or reports for decision as appropriate.

5. Capital projects

Kilikiti at Harekeke Green

- 5.1 NCC officers, together with NCC Councillors Tim Skinner and Matty Anderson, met with representatives of the Samoan community to discuss the use of Harekeke Green for Kilikiti, a form of cricket that originated in Samoa.
- 5.2 Kilikiti draws considerable numbers and is something of a community event. Currently the group use a temporary roll-out wicket, and officers are looking into the feasibility of developing the proposed artificial (concrete base with artificial turf) wicket at Harekeke Green earlier than planned in order to accommodate this growing and vibrant community group. This would also help mitigate the loss of junior cricket space should the skate park progress at Circus Green. An artificial block is relatively inexpensive and requires little maintenance. Installation could potentially be achieved by bringing forward some existing budget for the artificial block or using savings from other budgets.

Inclusive Playground

- 5.3 Officers have engaged Kūmānu Environmental to conduct the consultation phase of this project and provide the Committee with a needs analysis and concept plan in readiness for

the tender process. Officers hope to provide a report with an initial concept for consultation to the August 2025 Committee meeting.

Entrance development

- 5.4 The NCC Arts and Heritage Team continue to develop a new process to commission and build new artworks. Once this new process has been finalised officers will engage with iwi on the entrance development proposal.

Saxton Stadium renewals

- 5.5 Officers have been investigating issues with the macerator pump at the Saxton Stadium. \$25k for electrical upgrades is planned for this financial year and pending budget availability another \$20k may be required in 2025/26 for pump replacement.
- 5.6 There is budget to renew stadium lighting in 2025/26 by replacing the existing lights with LED. This work is planned for December 2025.

Athletic Archery Corner

- 5.7 A concept plan has been developed for this area and work is expected to be completed in mid-2025. Work includes putting in a pathway to connect the existing paths at each end of the area, levelling the site and tidying the adjacent esplanade planting.

Saxton Culvert upgrade

- 5.8 The Saxton Culvert upgrade project has been completed and handed over to Nelson City Council for ongoing maintenance.
- 5.9 Part of the asset is on TDC's land and discussions continue between the two councils to find the best way to formalise management of this culvert by NCC contractors.

Bell Island wastewater

- 5.10 There is a future opportunity to provide treated wastewater from Bell Island as water suitable for irrigation at Saxton Field. Officers are planning to get further advice on the feasibility and scope for this project to be able to present to the Committee prior to the next LTP. There is \$15k in the current budget to complete this investigation.

<h2>6. Proposed Annual Plan 2025/26 changes</h2>

- 6.1 Annual Plans for 2025/26 are being prepared for both Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council, noting the tight fiscal constraints both councils currently face. The suggestions considered at the last Saxton Field Committee meeting are being proposed, including:
- 6.1.1 Bringing forward the Saxton Oval outfield renewal funding from future years (proposing \$315K in 2025/26), and
- 6.1.2 Deferring the walkways line from 2025/26 (\$150K) one year.
- 6.2 These proposed changes are on Nelson City Council land so would have a capital impact on Nelson City Council budgets and an operational impact on Tasman District Council budgets. The changes are currently 'proposed' and yet to be finalised by both councils.

7. Operational activity**Fees and charges for 2025/26**

- 7.1 Nelson City Council fees and charges for activities on Nelson City Council land at Saxton Field are set annually. Fees for 2025/26 were proposed to be increased by CPI of 2.2%, with the following new fees introduced:
- 7.1.1 A hire fee for the Netball Pavilion kitchen of \$160 per day
 - 7.1.2 A casual fee per person for casual hoop shooting at Saxton Stadium when the facility is available of \$5 per person
- 7.2 These fees were approved by Nelson City Council at their March 2025 meeting and will be introduced from 1 July 2025.
- 7.3 Tasman District Council fees and charges are reviewed annually and will be adopted on 25 June 2025 and take effect from 1 July 2025.
- 7.4 All relevant fees have been held at the same rate or adjusted for inflation.
- 7.5 No new fees have been proposed.

Traffic safety assessment

- 7.6 A traffic safety assessment has been carried out, following a committee discussion about safety concerns at Saxton Field. The assessment included a speed and traffic count and resulted in some recommended actions that were presented in the February Saxton Committee report.
- 7.7 With the allocated budget for 2024/25 road markings are being repainted including two intersections and one new Give Way sign to be installed at Saxton Road East. Further traffic safety improvements will be made in the next financial year as budget allows.

8. Events**Recently held events:**

- 8.1 4 April 2025 - Te Ipukarea – Regional sports day
- 8.2 6 April 2025 – Geraldine Hodgson Netball Tournament
- 8.3 26 April 2025 – International Tug of War

Upcoming large events

- 8.4 None currently scheduled for the next quarter.

9. Attachments

Nil