

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

**Date:** Tuesday 19 May 2026  
**Time:** 9.45am  
**Meeting Room:** Tasman Council Chamber  
**Venue:** 189 Queen Street, Richmond  
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## Joint Saxton Field Committee

### Komiti Whenua Saxton

# AGENDA

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#### MEMBERSHIP

	<b>Tasman District Council</b>	<b>Nelson City Council</b>
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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 Joint Saxton Field Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 14 April 2026, 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

<b>Report To:</b>	Joint Saxton Field Committee
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	19 May 2026
<b>Report Author:</b>	Debbie Callaghan, Parks and Facilities Activity Planner
<b>Report Authorisers:</b>	David Light, Manager Asset Planning John Ridd, Group Manager – Customer & Community
<b>Report Number:</b>	RJSFC26-05-1

#### 1. Purpose of the Report / Te Take mō te Pūrongo



- 1.1 To provide the Committee with an update on capital projects, events, and operational activities at Saxton Field.
- 1.2 It is provided regularly to ensure the Committee is kept up to date about developments, activities and issues at Saxton Field.
- 1.3 The Saxton Field Development Plan has been reviewed, updated and is attached for approval.

#### 2. Recommendation/s / Ngā Tūhunga

**That the Joint Saxton Field Committee**

1. receives the Saxton Field Activity Report RJSFC26-05-1; and
2. approves the Saxton Field Development Plan in Attachment 1 to report R26-126/ RJSFC26-05-1 Saxton Field Activity Report.

#### 3. Attachments / Tuhinga tāpiri

1.   R26-126 Saxton Field Activity Report

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**Saxton Field Committee**

**19 April 2026**

**Report Title: R26-126 Saxton Field Activity Report**

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**Report Authoriser: David Light (Manager Asset Planning)**

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**2. Recommendation**

**That the Joint Saxton Field Committee**

- 1. Approves the Saxton Field Development Plan in Attachment 1 to Report R26-126.**

**3. Updates since the last Saxton Field Committee meeting**

Confidential workshop – 14 April 2026

- 3.1 A workshop was held on 14 April 2026 to provide background information to the Committee in relation to a range of issues and projects. The Committee visited sites within Saxton Field.

Radio New Zealand land

- 3.2 Confidential negotiations are ongoing between the parties.

Saxton Stadium Memorandum of Understanding

- 3.3 A separate confidential workshop to discuss the memorandum of understanding proposed by the original users of the Saxton Field Stadium is scheduled to take place on 19 May.

Saxton Stadium lighting

- 3.4 Lighting in the stadium has been upgraded to LED. The project is now completed and will result in energy and cost savings for the stadium. Old lights were offered to the community and removed by the contractor as part of the project.

Solar panel installation at Saxton Stadium

- 3.5 Solar panels with battery storage have been installed at Saxton Stadium and are now operational. This project received Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) grant funding and is expected to result in a facility that is more resilient during emergencies and deliver energy and cost savings.

#### **4. Capital projects update**

##### Basketball hoops renewal

- 4.1 Project is on track. Design work has been completed with LTP funding included in the 2026/27 year for construction.

##### Hockey #2 turf renewal

- 4.2 The #2 (eastern) turf is at the end of its useful life and is scheduled for renewal in 2026/27. Planning work is underway.

##### Regional skate park

- 4.3 Rich Landscapes has been engaged to develop a concept design in consultation with stakeholders, which will be used to form the basis of fundraising by Skate Nelson Bays (a dedicated branch of the Nelson Lions Club).

##### Inclusive play space

- 4.4 An inclusive play space is being designed for Champion Green, with funding included from 2024 to 2027. Commercial sponsorship is being investigated and further detail can be provided at the August Committee meeting.

##### Saxton Oval outfield and drainage renewals

- 4.5 The outfield at Saxton Oval is at the end of its useful life and requires renewal to enable continued first-class cricket and to meet the warrant of fitness to host international cricket matches.

- 4.6 A separate confidential report considered this matter and the committee's recommendation will be presented to each Council in early May for a decision.

##### Bell Island Irrigation

- 4.7 Treated wastewater from Bell Island WWTP may be able to be used as irrigation at Saxton Field, budget is available in 2026/27 for initial investigation. Timing of the project will need to align with NRSBU and their plans to bring the pipe to the Saxton Field boundary. This is being investigated through the development of the 2027-37 AMP/LTP.

#### **5. Health and safety update**

- 5.1 A member of the public reported that a pathway near the Main Road Stoke entrance was narrow with a steep drop off and potentially a risk for mobility scooter users. Improvements are planned to resolve this matter.
- 5.2 Following an accident near the Main Road Stoke underpass between a cyclist and an electric scooter, a contractor is improving line markings and clearing vegetation to improve sightlines.

- 5.3 Golf has been reported as being played in some areas which creates a safety issue for other users. The contractor has been asked to educate golfers on rules and additional signage will be considered if the issue persists.
- 5.4 Speed humps have been designed and costed to reduce speeds on Kerry Marshall Drive, no timing has been confirmed for installation.

## **6. Operational Update**

- 6.1 Pre-season field renovation work is completed and winter sports have started. Post-season cricket renovation work is underway.
- 6.2 Bollards are going to be installed shortly along Kerry Marshall Drive to the football fields to reduce risk of vehicle damage.
- 6.3 The Bike Hub has had vandalism and break-ins and has had to carry out repairs.
- 6.4 The floor of the Saxton Stadium has been sanded and re-coated, with line marking completed.
- 6.5 Discussion with baseball and softball codes is ongoing to encourage greater use of the softball facilities.
- 6.6 Emergency services have asked for unnamed roads within Saxton Field to be named (e.g. the road that goes past the Velodrome). The process for this is currently being investigated.

### Leases

- 6.7 The Top of the South Athletics Club Lease is being varied to extend the current term by a further 10 years. The lease covers the gear shed and the area they occupy at the Saxton Pavilion.
- 6.8 A new lease with Sherwood Archery Club for storage is being entered into for one of the changing sheds in the Old Hockey Softball Pavilion.

### **Fees and charges for 2026/27**

- 6.9 A CPI increase will be applied to Nelson City Council fees at Saxton Field for 2026/27.

### **Saxton Field Activity Management Plan**

- 6.10 The stand-alone Saxton Field AMP is produced every three years to coordinate with the two councils' LTPs. Draft AMP budgets were discussed at the April workshop and the Saxton Field AMP will be discussed at a joint Council workshop in June.

## **7. Updated Saxton Field Development Plan**

- 7.1 The Saxton Field Development Plan is a living document that shows both completed and future developments at Saxton Field.
- 7.2 A version of the Plan was last approved by the Committee in November 2024, and a new version is attached for approval by the Committee (Attachment 1).

- 7.3 The updated plan includes the following changes.

Removed Radio NZ aerial

- 7.4 Transmission mast has been removed.

Changes to proposed indicative artificial wickets

- 7.5 Officers have been working with Nelson Cricket for some time on a strategy to reduce clay/grass blocks and replace them with artificial wickets, which can pay for themselves in one or two years due to the cost of maintaining grass wickets. Avery Field and Transmitter Field provide excellent opportunities for new artificial wickets, which would add to the region's organised and informal cricket capacity and reduce demand for clay blocks.

- 7.6 An exception is Harakeke Green. Nelson Cricket consider Saxton Field would benefit as being planned as the region's senior cricketing hub and have proposed that when Harakeke Green is developed (which is likely to be phased), both wickets should be clay/grass instead of one artificial. This clustering of activities is considered good practice and would be offset by retiring several clay blocks elsewhere in the wider region.

Updated location of proposed Regional Skate Park

- 7.7 On 8 August 2023 the Saxton Field Committee resolved SFC23-08-22:

*2. Directs officers to update the Saxton Field Development Plan to indicate a regional skate facility be located on the Circus Green (to be reviewed in August 2026 to consider satisfactory development progress having been demonstrated), and to regularly report to the Committee on progress of the regional skate facility development through the Saxton Field Activity Report.*

- 7.8 The location was therefore initially shown at Circus Green. Following engagement with residents who voiced considerable opposition, officers continued to explore other options and investigations have focussed on Avery Field which is now deemed the most suitable location, including meeting the necessary Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) requirements. This change in location was reported to the Committee in August 2025 when it was signalled that the Development Plan would require updating.

Added cross-country route (trial)

- 7.9 A cross-country route is proposed to be included in the Plan; however, no physical development is proposed. The route is shown solely to prevent other developments from encroaching upon it. It follows the below Saxton Field Committee resolution from the 6 Aug 2025 meeting (SFC25-08-13):

*2. requests officers to update the Saxton Field Development Plan to include the cross-country course (shown in Attachment 1 to the agenda report) as a route to be protected from encroachment by other development, contingent upon:*

- 2.1 *inclusion in the Development Plan being subject to satisfactory outcomes of engagement with relevant stakeholders having occurred (to be approved by the Nelson City Council Group Manager Community Services);*
- 2.2 *an understanding that inclusion will be on a trial basis with a review being undertaken within five years to determine any impacts on turf and users;*
- 2.3 *bookings for the course would be required and acceptance would be subject to variables including (but not limited to) other events, weather, turf condition etc.*

Add completed shared paths, and car parking areas adjacent to Champion Green

- 7.10 These developments have been completed and the changes simply convert those assets from displaying as proposed to completed on the Plan.

Administrative corrections and updates

- 7.11 A number of corrections and minor updates to the plan have been made, e.g:
- add labels to Harakeke Green, Transmitter Field and Tangaroa Trail
  - show the small parking area on Kerry Marshal Drive
  - correct displayed orientation of artificial wicket
  - corrections to where some vegetation was incorrectly showing
  - corrections to legend
  - remove BMX track (this was investigated together with the BMX Club but was not feasible)
  - update underlying aerial photo
- 7.12 The Saxton Field Development Plan is attached for approval.

**8. Upcoming events**

- 8.1 Winter sport seasons commencing
- 8.2 Nelson Netball - Geraldine Hodgson tournament – 19 April
- 8.3 Club Basketball season starts 28 April
- 8.4 Saturday netball starts 2 May
- 8.5 Indian food festival at Saxton Oval – 16 August
- 8.6 NISA Winter Tournament – 20 and 31 August
- 8.7 Netball Finals – 22 August
- 8.8 Matariki Festival – Te Huihui-o-Matariki 2026 – Friday 10 July 5pm to 9pm

## 9. Options

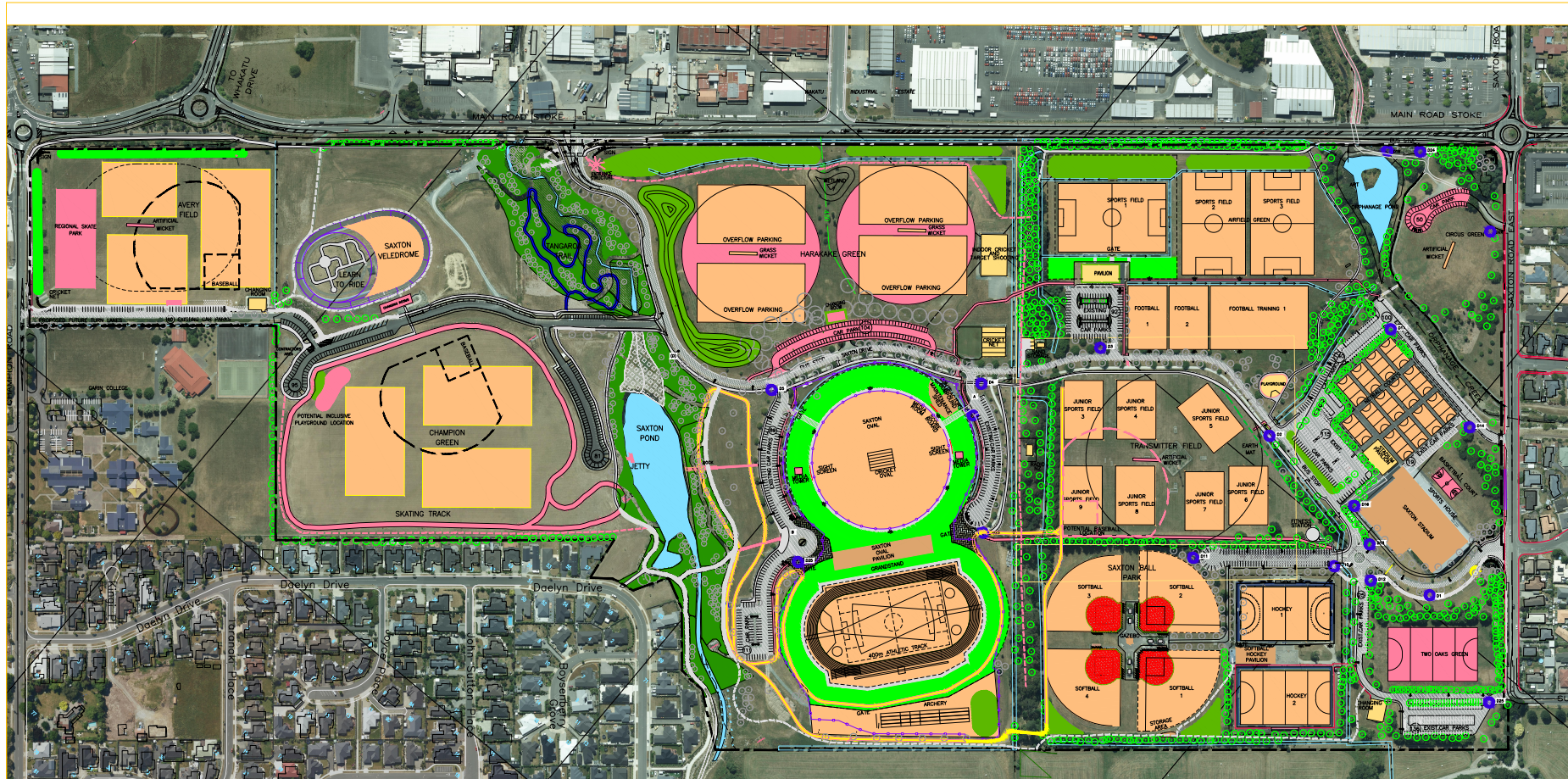
- 9.1 The Committee can approve the Saxton Field Development Plan as is, make further amendments to it before approving or not choose to approve it. Approving the Plan today does not commit the councils to any particular projects nor limit further amendments to the Plan if they are required in the future.

<b>Option 1: Approve the Saxton Field Development Plan (Attachment 1)</b>	
Advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides guidance for the development at Saxton Field and gives certainty to land use and activities at Saxton Field.</li> <li>Supports preparation of Activity Management Plan and Long-Term Plan.</li> <li>Supported by Saxton Field Reserve Management Plan.</li> <li>Further changes can be made in the future.</li> </ul>
Risks and Disadvantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community may seek further changes in the future.</li> </ul>
<b>Option 2: Do not approve the Saxton Field Development Plan (Attachment 1)</b>	
Advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows time for further changes to be made, if needed.</li> </ul>
Risks and Disadvantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No further changes are expected at this time.</li> <li>Does not provide certainty to community on uses of Saxton Field.</li> <li>Does not give effect to the Reserve Management Plan.</li> </ul>

## 10. Conclusion and next steps

- 10.1 The Saxton Field Development Plan has been reviewed and updated and is now to be approved prior to the development of the 2027-37 Long Term Plans.

## Attachments



- PROPOSED FUTURE DEVELOPMENT
- EXISTING FACILITY
- EXISTING EARTH MOUND
- DIRECTIONAL SIGNS
- EXISTING BUILDINGS
- PROPOSED GRAVEL PATH
- EXISTING GRAVEL PATH
- PROPOSED CONCRETE PATH
- EXISTING CONCRETE/SEALED PATH
- PROPOSED CROSS COUNTRY ROUTE - LOCATION ONLY, TO BE PROTECTED FROM ENCRoACHMENT (TRAIL)
- TANGARA TRAIL

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