

Notes from Sport and Recreation Organisations ZOOM call

22 April 2020



Agenda:

1. Impact survey summary update
2. Regional Facilities Strategy
3. E sailing racing as a response to Covid-19
4. Rātā funding update
5. General discussion

1. Impact survey summary update

Andy gave an update of responses from the impact survey. Summary slides are attached with these notes. Sport NZ have asked all RSTs to provide them with COVID-19 impact response information so they can utilise the findings as they advocate for the sector.

Thanks again to all who have shared your information with us, both through responses to our initial questioning about how you were being impacted prior to lockdown and to our follow up survey once lockdown was in force.

2. Regional facilities Strategy

David Allan of Global Leisure Group gave an update on the Regional Facility Strategy

There are several regional plans which have been completed already across the country. Although the structures are similar, they reflect regional differences.

The purpose of the strategy is to provide an inventory of all facilities in the region, to identify what we have and what we are missing. It also aims to highlight any over supply in facilities. In planning for future requirements, the strategy aims to identify a hierarchy of provision from community through to International facilities and has developed robust facility planning principles and criteria to improve future decision making when investing in sport and recreation facilities.

Priority projects will be identified with a requisite implementation schedule for each. Facilities up for development along with funding required for these will be identified. Both regional and sub regional facilities will be reviewed where the latter is defined as a facility that is used by people from more than one district, for instance Saxton Fields.

Where the project is at currently: A draft document is before Councils and a Steering Group for feedback. The Steering Group comprises council representatives and Sport Tasman (Brent Maru) being supported by Sport NZ.

Te Tau Ihu is in a better place in terms of cost of projects than other regions who have multi million dollar projects identified. Aquatics facilities in Nelson are seen as the biggest cost challenge.

A question that is being asked through this process, is what is defined as sport and recreation in NZ and therefore what is the need versus supply.

Next steps: Once the draft document has been reviewed it will go out to stakeholders for review before finalising and being sent to Councils. Feedback from as many sports and recreation organisations as possible will be valuable at this stage, so we would encourage everyone to read and comment when available please.

3. E sailing racing as a response to Covid-19

Tim Fraser-Harris of Nelson Watersports Inc explained how they have canvassed their membership to understand what they might want the club to look like once normality resumes. This has involved conversations and surveys.

Tim gave an overview of E sailing, being an alternate offering they are providing on behalf of Nelson Yacht Club and highlights a different way of working. This is by a Virtual Regatta app which is readily available. It is simple to use and is great for sailing tactics. Saturday sailing racing has been replaced with e sailing.

A college team sailing group has been organised and a virtual national regatta has been planned.

4. Rātā Foundation funding update

Leighton Evans, CEO of Rātā Foundation gave an update focusing on: 1. Rātā specific and 2. What he is seeing at a national level.

Rātā funds \$5m into the Nelson/Marlborough region. Budgets are locked in this financial year. They rely on financial market returns and investment portfolios have been performing well.

They have seen an increase in applications and expect this to continue. If an organisation currently holds a grant this will be maintained and they will not be asking for anything back. They accept the landscape is now different so there may be some differing funding usage needs. The Rātā team can work individually with organisations so contact them if needed.

They will maintain a focus on participation and community based participation programmes.

At a national level there is more alignment and coordination with national bodies who are getting direct support from government. Given the class 4 gaming trust situation, organisations are wanting to secure new funding. A reliance on the class 4 model suggests the model needs to change. Moving to on line gambling does not help the sector as these platforms are offshore owned. The landscape to funding has changed and will be further influenced by whether the government recovery will be led by a financial or well being focus.

Indications this may be financial. Community groups are more likely to benefit from a well being focus.

Leighton pondered what might happen if an organisation is unable to move online to continue to engage members? This is about purpose and if purpose is about a means of socialising, alternate thinking may be needed. Level 2 is unlikely to allow much of community sport to operate and may be in operation for an appreciable amount of time. Thus the message is prepare for change and disruption to continue. Governance and leadership will be key, clearly aligning activities with purpose.

The Rātā website has access to their updated position. <https://www.ratafoundation.org.nz/>

Nigel stressed that communication and sharing of ideas is key

Sport NZ are providing weekly updates to the RST CEO group. This includes scope around funding, including Kiwisport and what could be available as a replacement. News is expected with regard to this in the next fortnight.

In regard to changing what happens at different alert levels, more information is expected in the next few days

How to make shared services possible is something to consider (and is a topic from our impact responses that many organisations are keen to pursue).

5. General Discussion

Kiwisport funding was discussed but unknowns exist until Sport NZ can announce what an alternative may be. Acknowledged that there will be a huge gap currently between end of this last round and a possible alternative in July 2021, which is a concern to the sector.

Saxton Field user survey: Where relevant, it would be great if you could complete the Saxton Field survey and share it with your friends and family who may also use the facility. Anyone who has not completed, the link is below and should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. The survey closes at the end of April.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DTWYPVD>

Marlborough District Council are offering a \$0.5m COVID support package through community grants. Details are here: <https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/your-council/latest-news-notices-and-media-releases/media-releases?item=id:29rjpx7kh1cxbyh09c8x>

Keep up to date with Sport NZ regular sector updates. To register to receive go here: <https://sportnz.org.nz/covid-19/sector-advice/sector-updates/>. For the latest update including information on Level 3: [*Sector Update - 22 April*](#)

John Kirwan's Mementia app link here: https://www.mentemia.com/covid-19?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIwuKkkMz96AIVAxypCh3rJARrEAAAYASAAEgLNj_D_BwE