



A weekly feature on the
communities in
Horowhenua & Kapiti

Caring for Our Community

This week's feature - Turf Trust

Sport in Kapiti is set to benefit from the work of the Kapiti Recreational Sports Turf Trust — a body set up by the Kapiti Hockey Club and the Kapiti Coast District Council to build an all-weather outdoor sports facility for Kapiti.

Spokesperson for the Hockey Club, Jamie MacDuff said the Trust board consisted of local identities Guy Weaver, Don Hunn and John Ryan and they had been the driving force behind the establishment of the facility. All three had played hockey themselves or had children who played, so brought a knowledge of the sport to their negotiations as well as considerable business and fundraising acumen.

The Trust's vision was to build a stadium-style venue with an artificial playing surface, Mr MacDuff said.

"It is to be a "stadium" style venue with an artificial playing surface constructed using the latest developments in synthetic grass turf and shock-pad underlay.

"Situated in Mazengarb Road, off Mazengarb reserve, the stadium will have high quality floodlighting, security fencing, seating, changing



Kapiti Primary School Girls Hockey team

facilities and water recycling systems.

"We had seeding capital of \$100,000 from the KCDC and local Rotarians have contributed \$5000, but to complete the facility which will have an all-weather surface and be floodlit for night games we will require around \$1 million. To acquire this additional funding we have been seeking money through grant applications, sponsorships and community fundraising.

"The Hockey Club has been doing the bulk of the community efforts and our major event will happen this weekend with a 24 hour Hockeython from Friday October 1 to at 5 pm to Saturday October 2 at 5 pm. Money will be raised through sponsorships based on the number of hours that a game of hockey can be continuously played by players and supporters.

For example, sponsoring a player \$1 an hour will provide an effective pledge of up to \$24 to the club. "All of our teams will be involved from the primary and secondary school players right through to the senior grades and the masters and we will have celebrity guests as well. These will include personalities from

Kapiti and we hope to showcase some major hockey representatives as well." Mr MacDuff said.

The event is being held at the Paraparaumu College mini turf.

While the hockey club would be the principal user of the all-weather turf, many other sports would also be able to use it, adding an important new facility to the sports grounds available in Kapiti.

To sponsor a player or make a cash donation to the cause please call Lance Chapman on (04 905 1373 or Onny Gajadhar (04) 904 8720 evenings.

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Adventure of the week

HOCKEY-THON

**24 hours of continuous play
5 pm Friday October 1 to
5pm Saturday October 2nd
PARAPARAUMU COLLEGE
MINI-TURF (next to the Gym)**

**A sale of second hand sports
gear will be held at the
college from mid day on
Saturday.**

Business Breakfast

**Wednesday 6th October 7.30am
SOUTHWARDS MUSEUM**

**Speaker: ROD ORAM - columnist
for the Sunday Star Times
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