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FOREWORD

Clubs are the beating heart of our communities. They are far more than just places to play the game – they are hubs for a diverse range of activities that bring people together, both on and off the greens. They welcome people of all ages and abilities, foster inclusion, and provide an invaluable thread in the wellbeing fabric of our city.

We often look back and romanticise the ‘good old days’, particularly when it comes to bowls. However, as this Plan illustrates, overall participation has not drastically declined — what has changed is how communities engage with their local bowling club.

To meet the changing needs of communities, facilities must be modern and fit-for-purpose, enabling growth rather than hindering it. The Bowls Auckland Facilities Plan has been developed in collaboration with clubs to achieve exactly that. It provides data-led insights into what a modern-day club can look like and sets out a pathway for guided improvements that will promote sustainable, thriving clubs built on a network of fit-for-purpose facilities.

Recognising the importance of this work, Bowls Auckland engaged Visitor Solutions to provide specialist analysis and industry expertise. Their input has ensured the Plan is not only data-driven but also supported by clear steps for implementation — where the rubber truly hits the road.

A Working Group, including representatives from Bowls New Zealand, Aktive, Bowls Auckland, and Visitor Solutions, was assembled to guide the process. Clubs were consulted throughout, with all 38 clubs completing a facilities survey. This served both as a stocktake and an opportunity for clubs to identify their facility needs.

Using agreed criteria and data, all projects were then assessed, resulting in a facilities priority project list. We acknowledge there is an extensive number and array of facility needs across our bowls network. Although each project has its own merit, there are not enough resources to do everything. This is heightened by the number of facility-related projects evident across the wider sport and recreation sector which are also seeking financial support from the funding sector.

By taking a prioritised approach, bowls will be in a better position to secure financial investment into the priority projects that will deliver the greatest impact for bowls collectively.

Bowls Auckland’s intent is to work with clubs to deliver these priority projects, bringing the Plan to life. This prioritised list will remain a live document, formally updated each year, ensuring clubs can communicate changes of significance and keep the Plan relevant, accurate, and actionable.

Bowls Auckland looks forward to working with clubs, Auckland Council, local boards, Aktive, and other key partners to deliver on this Plan — and to ensure bowling clubs continue to be at the heart of their communities.

Dean Bartlett

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Over the last two decades bowls clubs in Auckland have had to adapt and evolve their operations and facilities to respond to changing preferences and communities, weather impacts and increasing land pressures within a constrained financial climate.

There is strong strategic intent of Bowls Auckland and Bowls New Zealand for bowling clubs to remain the heart of communities – accessible to local communities with diverse offerings (reflecting community needs). This follows previous direction for rationalisation which resulted in the Auckland club network experiencing significant change over the last 15-years. This has seen 13 sites close, with 9 closing in the mid-2010's followed by a period of consolidation (two closures in the last 5-years).

Following a pronounced drop in membership between 2010 and 2022, membership has stabilised and increased slightly in 2024/25 (to 4,689 members). While formal membership was declining, this has been more than offset with substantial growth in casual participation (growth of 135% to 42,691 participations in 2024/25). This reflects the changing nature of demand and how people want to engage in bowls activity.

Bowls provides a unique social and active setting for a wide cross-section of the population to participate in physical activity and social engagement irrespective of skill-level and background (inclusive environment with a range of on and off-green facilities and offerings). It is these attributes which have led to strong ongoing demand and uptake in corporate/business function bookings and social bowls activities. This has broadened the user profile engaging with the sport and its facilities. Attracting new players and users to bowls through these initiatives provides opportunities for clubs to capitalise on i.e. programme and service offerings which are facilitated by fit-for-purpose greens and ancillary spaces.

The following key facility findings were identified:

- Increasing prevalence and desire for artificial and all-weather bowls facilities. Designed to:
 - a. Limit the impact of inclement weather on bowls activity.
 - b. Increase opportunities for all-year bowls activity.
 - c. Reduce green deterioration which can occur with natural greens.
 - d. Contribute towards revenue generation to support operations.
 - e. Overcome a lack of greenkeepers, volunteers and required skillsets.
 - f. Reduce operational costs.
- A relatively high percentage of natural greens have condition issues (with respect to the ability of hosting Centre-level events - 40%).
- A number of clubs require support with their natural greens.
- The network needs to carefully balance the reduction or conversion of greens which are located at strategically important sites for events.
- Due to the relatively recent installation of artificial greens, there are potentially a high number of greens up for theoretical renewal in 10-11 years. Clubs will need to develop sinking funds to support a high proportion of future renewals.
- There is wide geographic distribution of covered greens (including the two covers not currently online). Some geographic gaps and other opportunities exist, but bedding in the current network and understanding the impact is critical.
- Clubhouse facilities operate as community buildings, servicing groups and activities far beyond bowls-related use. With clubs citing a desire to increase their community presence and role further. As they are ageing, more ongoing maintenance and renewals are required, while some functionality improvements to optimise spaces are evident.

With a high number and wide range of needs present, a strategic approach is required to deliver quality outcomes – aligned with Bowls Auckland, Bowls New Zealand and other stakeholders. Key network actions have been identified and a Facilities Framework developed to prioritise projects to inform internal funding (Bowls Auckland) and to support bowls advocacy for third-party funding. It is designed as a live tool to remain relevant and reflect change that occurs.

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INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE

The Bowls Auckland Facilities Plan has been developed in response to the number and breadth of pressures and needs club facilities are experiencing within a constrained and competitive funding environment.

A strategic and evidence-based approach is required by Bowls Auckland, key stakeholders and funders to best position bowls for future investment and ensuring quality impactful outcomes are established.

Key focuses of the Plan include:

- a. Providing clarity on bowls participation over short and long-term periods (membership and casual).
- b. Demonstrating the community reach of bowls facilities.
- c. Highlighting the evolving nature of the bowls network.
- d. The network approach required for delivering bowls activity.
- e. Identifying what demand drivers exist for varying green developments.
- f. Transparent process for assessing and prioritising projects to inform Bowls Auckland and third-party investment – where is investment best placed?
- g. Clear direction for implementing the plan and securing investment for bowls facilities.

The Plan has been structured to address these focuses:

Part A: Scene Setting

Part B: On-Green Facilities

Part C: Clubhouse/Community Hubs

Part D: The Way Forward | Implementation Actions

1.2 SCOPE

The Bowls Auckland Facilities Plan is not intended to be a facility network plan which sets out the optimal bowls club network moving forward. However, the Plan has been designed with tools to profile possible opportunities or risks which may positively or negatively impact clubs and the wider bowls network.

The Plan focuses solely on facilities associated with clubs affiliated to Bowls Auckland (outlined in Section A.3). For clarity, this does not include other bowls providers in the geographic area i.e. retirement homes.

1.3 METHODOLOGY

A range of primary and secondary data sources were used to inform the Bowls Auckland Facilities Plan. These included:

- Green inventory list,
- Green condition assessment,
- Auckland Council lease information,
- Demographic data,
- Club mapping and drive-time catchments,
- Club survey (completed by all 38 clubs) and other engagement,
- Club financial accounts,
- Club membership data,
- Event schedules,
- Trust Deeds,
- Bowls and stakeholder strategic documents.

These were supplemented with Project Steering Group meetings and a meeting with Auckland Council.



A.1 DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY

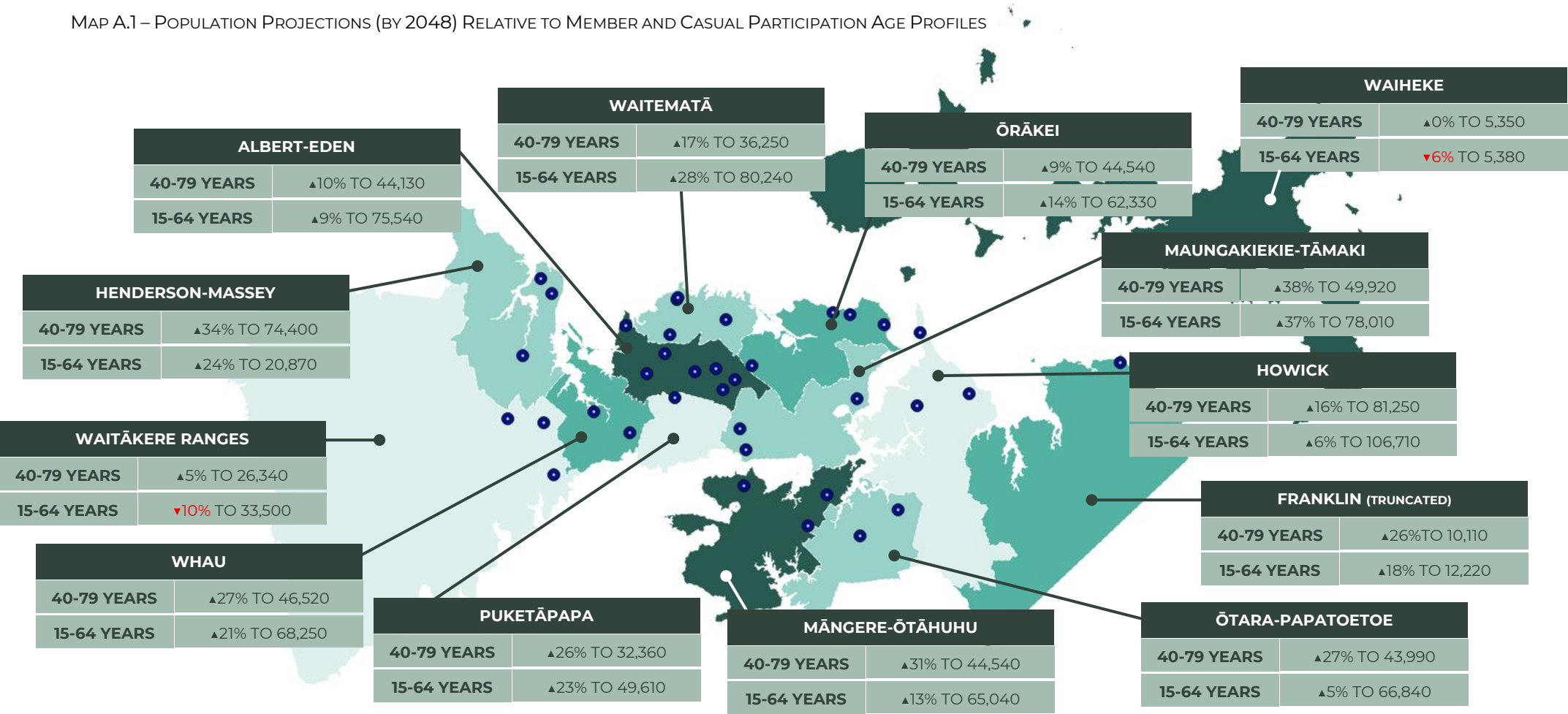
The map below highlights local board population changes (2023 to 2048) relative to the typical age profiles of bowls activity (see Sections A.4 and A.5 for more detail):

- a. Member Playing Age Profile – 40-79 age bracket (primary age profile).
- b. Casual Playing Age Profile – 15-64 age bracket which aligns with the traditional working age profile.

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MAP A.1 – POPULATION PROJECTIONS (BY 2048) RELATIVE TO MEMBER AND CASUAL PARTICIPATION AGE PROFILES

The data highlights growth potential across most local board areas, although this is not evenly distributed. In practice, population growth does not organically translate into increased membership or participation (as shown in Sections A.4 and A.5). Growing bowls participation is driven by a mix of quality facilities, appealing and diversified offerings (on and off greens), marketing and personnel. However, population growth in these age brackets indicates 'market potential' for bowls to capitalise on. More refined catchment analysis for each club is outlined in Section A.5.



Source: 2023 Census and 2018 Census Projections

A.2 STRATEGIC CONTEXT SUMMARY

The Bowls Auckland Facilities Plan has been developed, and will be implemented within, a broader strategic context outside of bowls. With emphasis placed on evidence-driven needs and clear identified priorities.

It will be important for bowls to continue diversifying and connecting with traditional under-represented groups (i.e. women, girls and rangatahi), while expanding on and off green offerings by creating more partnerships and facilitating social and active opportunities for our respective communities.



BOWLS CONTEXT



Rationalisation is no longer the intent of the Strategy. BNZ supports the future of the small bowling club that adopts a plan to become the local facility delivering a diverse range of activities (including lawn bowls) into its community.

"...we need more, not less, community facilities that are diverse and inclusive in their operation."



Provide support to enable clubs to thrive within their own communities whilst creating a vibrant and connected network.

Support enhanced, multi-use facilities that are accessible to the community all year round.

WIDER SPORT AND RECREATION SECTOR

The plan identifies three **long-term outcomes** being sought:

1. Increased frequency, intensity, time and type of participation.
2. Enhanced experiences for all.
3. Increased variety of culturally distinct pathways.

With **focus on:**

1. Maintaining physical activity levels of tamariki.
2. Reducing decline in physical activity levels of rangatahi.
3. Improving equity for tamariki and rangatahi who are less active.

Vision – "Enabling women and girls to realise their potential in and through sport and active recreation."

Three **key priority areas** that underpin the strategy:

1. Leadership – more women and girls are leading, working, coaching and volunteering at all levels.
2. Participation – more women and girls are physically active.
3. Value and Visibility – women and girls in sport and active recreation are valued and visible.

Outcomes from the framework include:

1. Strategic and robust decision-making around investment and resources (supporting good engagement, right spaces in the right locations, connected and complementary facilities, partnerships).
2. Smart investment to deliver priority projects, coordinated and aligned.
3. Diverse, equitable and inclusive facilities which are fit-for-purpose, well-utilised, accessible, climate resilient and participant focused.

Active – Strategic Plan 2024-2028

Vision: Tāmaki Makaurau – the world's most active city

Key priority groups identified include tamariki and rangatahi who are underactive or where historic inequities exist.

Focus Area: Active Environments – identified outcomes:

1. Fit-for-purpose facilities and open places that make it easier for Aucklanders to be active are delivered.
2. Public and natural environments for sport and physical activity are protected and strengthened.

The strategy includes focus on:

1. Our Backyard – enable safe, equitable access to open spaces.
2. Deliver innovative open spaces in high-density areas – optimise spaces to socialise and be active.
3. Enhance our response to climate disruption.
4. Protect and enhance our environment, biodiversity and heritage.
5. Support healthy, active lives.

There are four key investment principles adopted in the strategy (benefits-led to holistic wellbeing, needs based, honouring Te Tiriti & working together).

Sport New Zealand
Strategic Plan 2024-2028



COUNCIL

A.3 THE BOWLS NETWORK

KEY NETWORK FEATURES

Geographic (see Map A.2)

- There is wide geographic reach across the local boards serviced by Bowls Auckland affiliated clubs. With the highest concentration of clubs located centrally – with some overlapping catchments likely.
- Around 1 in 5 bowls clubs (8 in total) are located in the Albert-Eden Local Board – comprising 26% of active greens.

Land Ownership

- Council is the predominant landowner where bowls clubs are domiciled (22 clubs), while 14 clubs own their land.
- A majority of club owned land is located centrally (10/15 club owned land) and in the west, with Council land relatively well distributed to support wider geographic reach.




Leases of Council Land

- 17% of all club leases have expired (4 clubs). While lapsed, in some cases these do not necessarily present a risk for the network. It can be due to proposed facility developments whereby landowner approval and lease processes run in parallel, or the quantum of community leases which need to be processed across Auckland.
- A further 26% of leases are scheduled to expire in the next 5-years.
- Security of tenure is important, as otherwise it:
 - a. Creates a level of uncertainty which can lead to underinvestment in facilities from the lessee (minimise potential for sunken costs).
 - b. Is not attractive to third-party funders as prospective funds may not have lasting impact.
 - c. Potential impact on the overall bowls facility and delivery network.

Changing Club Network (see Map A.3)

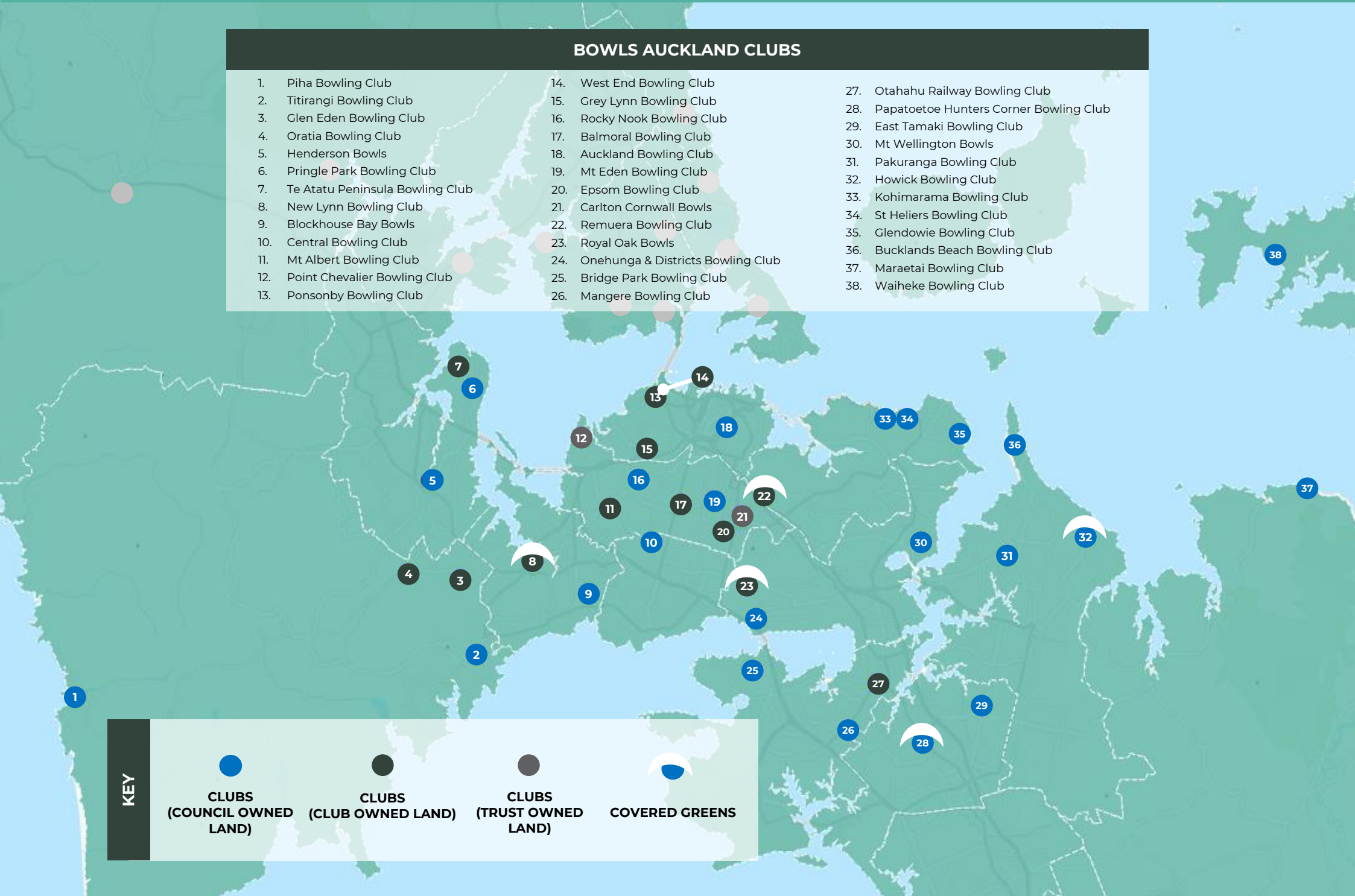
It is important to recognise the bowls club network has evolved significantly over the last 15-years responding to a mix of rationalisation opportunities and other challenges (shown in Map A.3).

- a. 13 bowls sites have closed (11 closures + 2 closures & mergers) – accounting for 23 greens.
- b. Of these, 8 occurred on Council-owned land (62% of closures).
- c. 9 closures occurred in the mid-2010's followed by a period of consolidation (2 closures in the last 5-years).

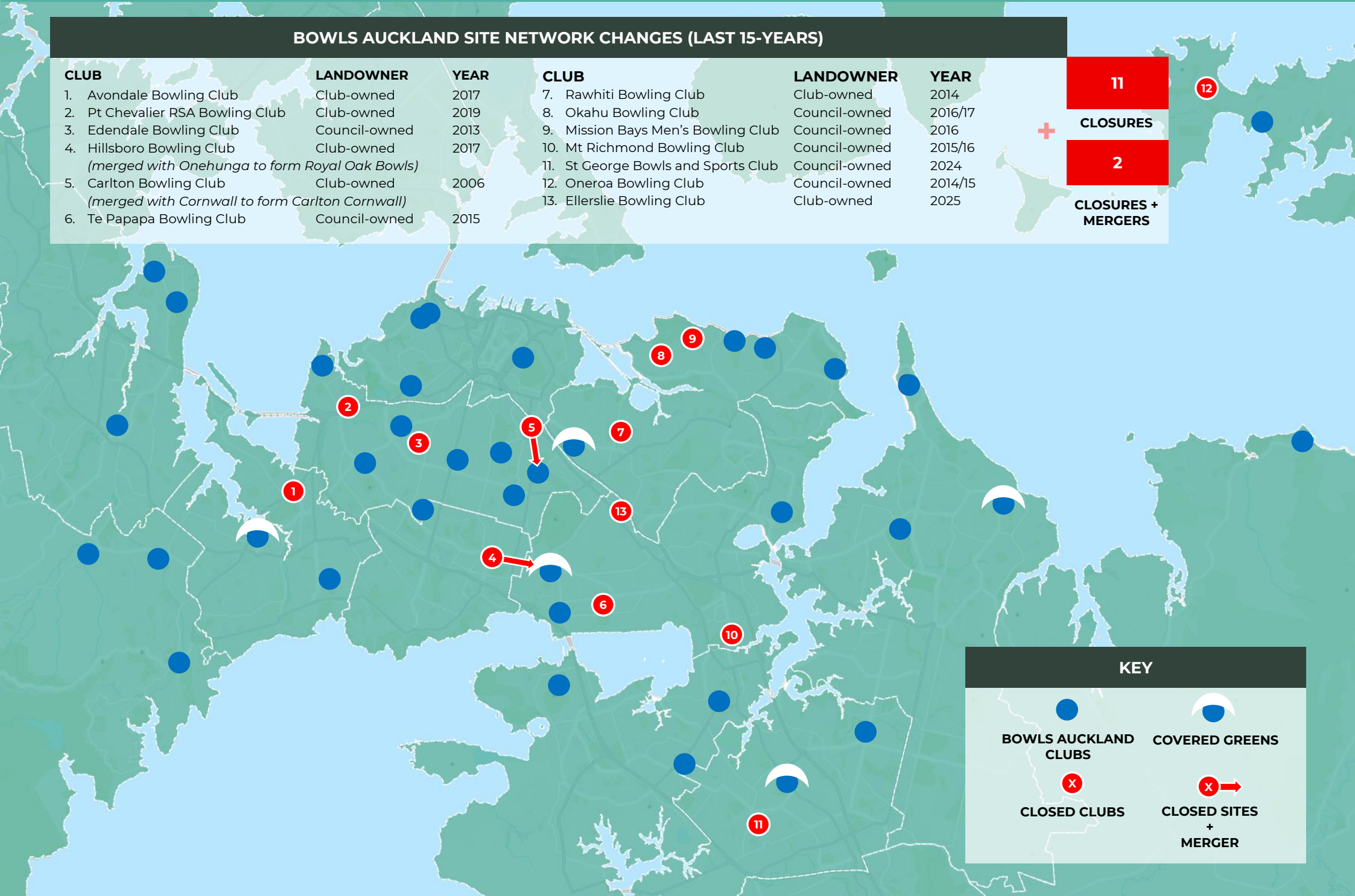
CLUB NETWORK			
	38		
	AFFILIATED CLUBS		
	LOCAL BOARD	CLUB(S)	ACTIVE GREENS
	Albert-Eden	8 (21%)	19 (26%)
	Franklin	1 (3%)	1 (1%)
	Henderson-Massey	3 (8%)	5 (7%)
	Howick	3 (8%)	10 (14%)
	Māngere-Ōtāhuhu	3 (8%)	4 (5%)
	Maungakiekie-Tāmaki	3 (8%)	5 (7%)
	Ōrākei	4 (11%)	8 (11%)
	Ōtara-Papatoetoe	2 (5%)	4 (5%)
	Waiheke	1 (3%)	1 (1%)
	Waitākere Ranges	4 (11%)	5 (7%)
	Waitematā	4 (11%)	7 (9%)
	Whau	2 (5%)	5 (7%)
LAND OWNERSHIP			
	COUNCIL	22	58%
	CLUB	14	37%
	TRUST	2	5%
SECURITY OF TENURE (LEASE EXPIRY)			
	EXPIRED	4	17%
	NEXT 5-YEARS	6	26%
	6+ YEARS	13	57%
	N/A	15	

More insights are available on the following Maps and in Appendices A & B.

MAP A.2 - SPATIAL NETWORK ASSESSMENT



MAP A.3 - BOWLS NETWORK CHANGES (LAST 15-YEARS)



A.4 BOWLS PARTICIPATION

The nature of bowls participation has evolved considerably over the last 15-years (shown in Figures A.1 to A.5 over the next three pages). This largely aligns and reflects changing preferences in how people want or are able to engage in sport and recreation activity.

Bowls as a sport, and the individual clubs, have had to recognise these evolving trends and effectively respond in order for bowls to remain a relevant and engaging activity of choice.

OVERALL INSIGHTS



CHANGING TRENDS

- While playing membership has shown notable decline (29% drop since 2010), this has been more than offset by the increase in casual bowls activity occurring across the club environment (135% growth since 2010). This includes attracting a mix of new participants to the game and former members engaging more socially.



DIVERSIFYING USE

- Overall bowls participation has a wider diversified profile through increased casual participation. While there is an older male member playing profile, casual participation is very diverse and closely reflects local community profiles (through a mix of local initiatives and bookings by corporate and community groups).
- Bowls presents as a unique social and active setting for a wide cross-section of the population to participate irrespective of skill-level and background (highly inclusive with on and off-green facilities and offerings). It is these attributes which have led to strong ongoing demand and uptake in corporate/business function bookings and social bowls activities.

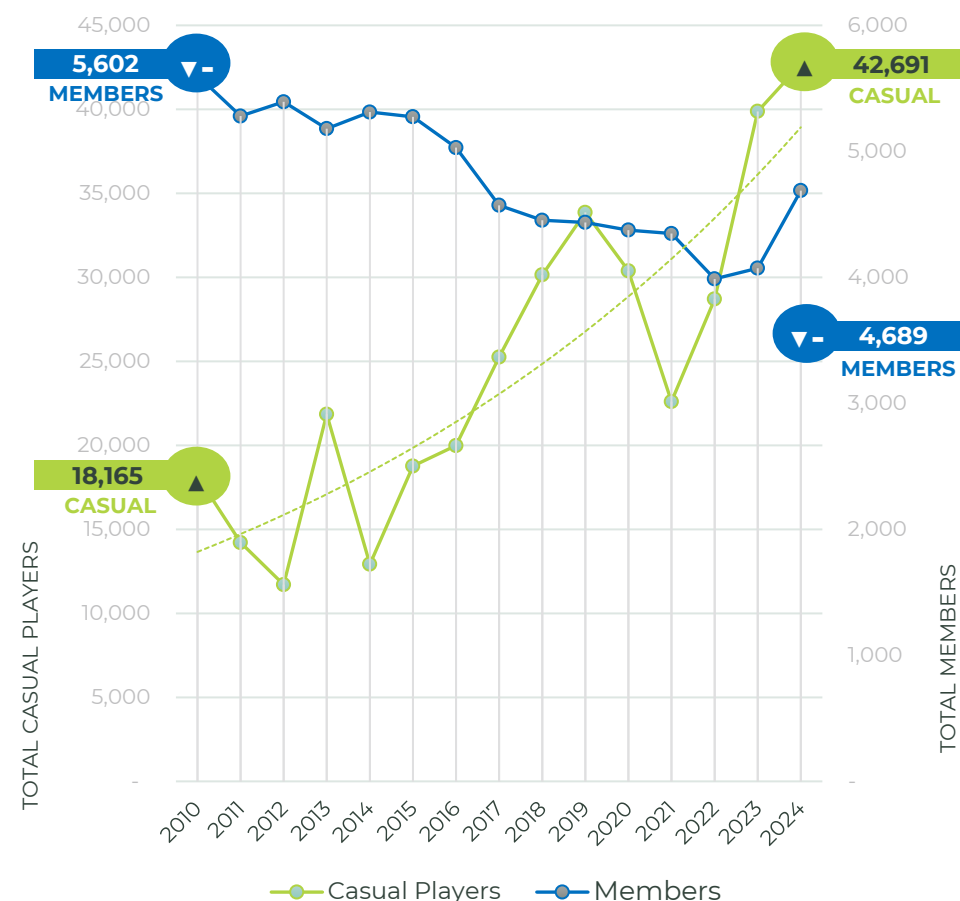


INCREASED USE THROUGH ALL-WEATHER GREENS

- More activity across the year is evident for both member and casual activity following the development of all-weather greens (most notably where covered greens have been installed). Summer remains peak demand time for bowls activity.

More insights are outlined on the following pages and club breakdowns included in Appendix A.

FIGURE A.1 – BOWLS PARTICIPATION (LAST 15-YEARS)



Includes casual non-member bowls activity such as:

Twilight bowls
Corporate/business functions
Barefoot bowls
Social/Friday night bowls
Have-a-go days
School programmes

Includes the following membership types:

- Full** – access to all facilities, events and club representation.
- Limited** – unable to play in club championships, represent the club and/or have no voting rights.
- Non-playing** social or associate members) – access to facilities, attend club social events and in some cases play social bowls.

MEMBERSHIP INSIGHTS



MEMBERSHIP STABILISING

OLDER MALE PLAYING PROFILE

CLUB GROWTH

- In the last 5 years, playing membership has stabilised and shown some modest growth in recent years (▲7% over the last 5-years), following notable decline between 2010 and 2018 (▼39%).
- The highest proportion of membership decline was associated with female playing membership. Although female membership has shown recent upturn (particularly for non-playing members which has increased by 18% over the last 5-years).
- Regional membership represents an older playing age profile with 60% older than 61 years and 83% older than 41 years. The majority of members are male (63%). Females represent 37% of membership (2024), which is the highest proportion of membership since 2012.
- Playing membership has grown across 17 clubs over the last 14-years (some as a consequence of the closures and mergers).
- 22 clubs (56% of clubs) have experienced growth over the last 5-years which has stabilised and provided some overall growth for bowls membership in 2024.
- The network playing profile is largely consistent across the club network, although some clubs are showing a younger club profile.

FIGURE A.2 – BOWLS MEMBERSHIP (LAST 15-YEARS)

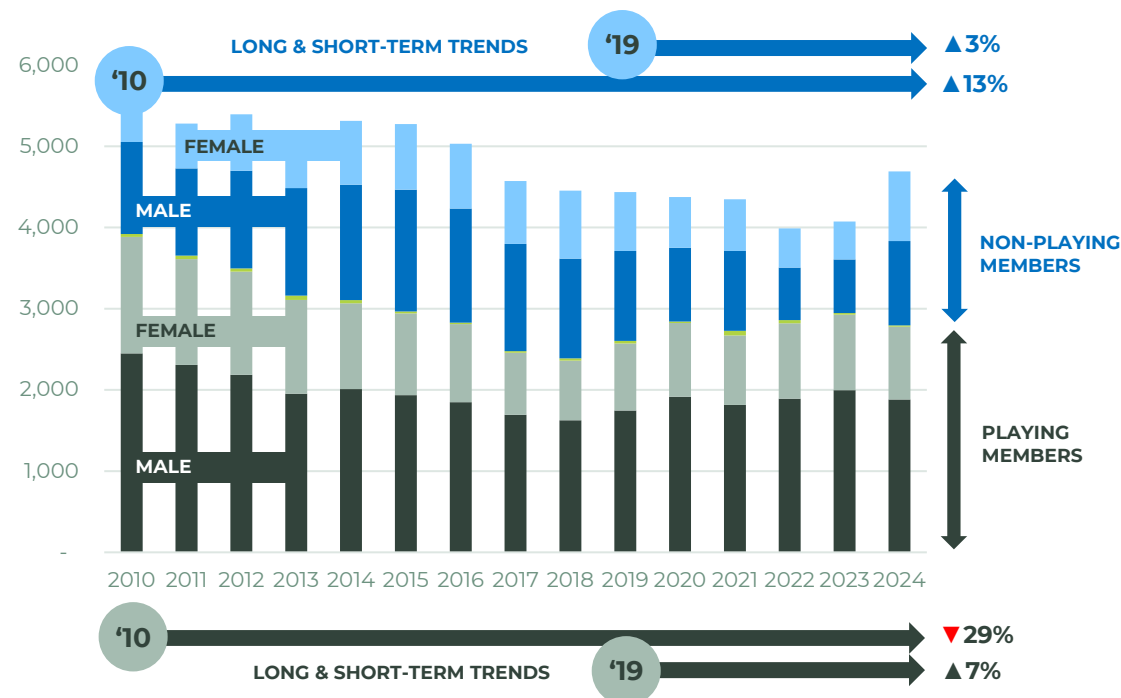
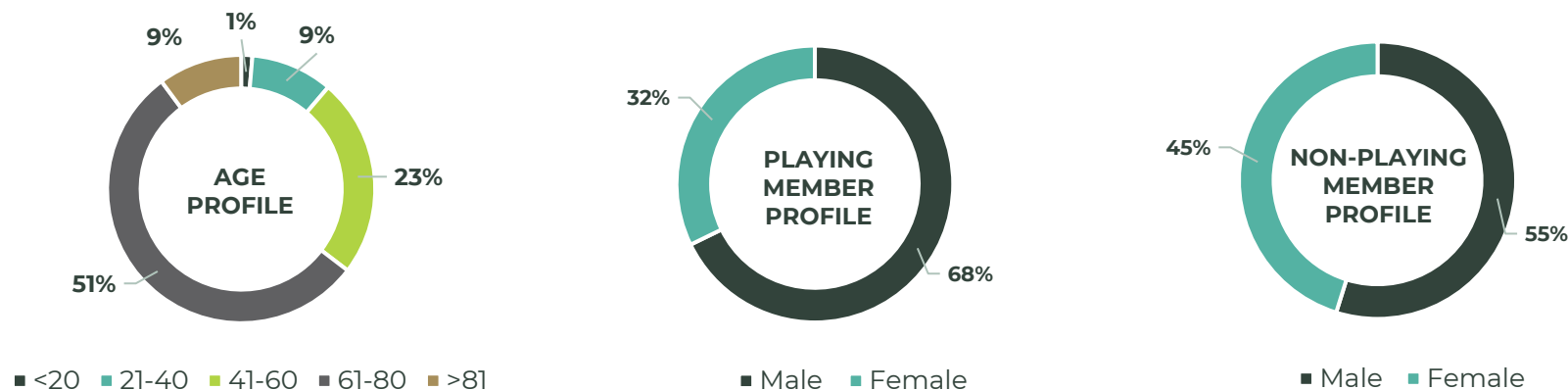


FIGURE A.3 – BOWLS AUCKLAND MEMBER PROFILE



CASUAL PARTICIPATION INSIGHTS



WIDE OFFERINGS

- A wide variety of casual participation opportunities are provided across the club network including twilight bowls, corporate/business functions, barefoot bowls, have-a-go-days and school programmes.

INCREASING DEMAND

- 95% of clubs (36/38) provide casual bowls opportunities (outside of traditional membership) – up from 69% of clubs in 2010.
- Casual participation in bowls has shown exponential growth since 2010 (▲135%) and more moderate growth over the last 5-years (▲26%).

DIVERSE PLAYERS

- There is a relatively even distribution of male and female participation (55% male and 45% female).

PRIMARILY SUMMER DEMAND

- Casual participation primarily occurs in summer from November to February (66% of total casual participation). With 78% of this activity occurring in November and December – aligning with end of year activities for corporate and community groups.

FACILITIES SUPPORT MORE DEMAND

- Twilight bowls is most prominent in November, February and March.
- More participation is evident with longer and/or all-year use through the development of all-weather facilities (i.e. artificial and covered greens).

FIGURE A.4 – CASUAL BOWLS PARTICIPATION (LAST 15-YEARS)

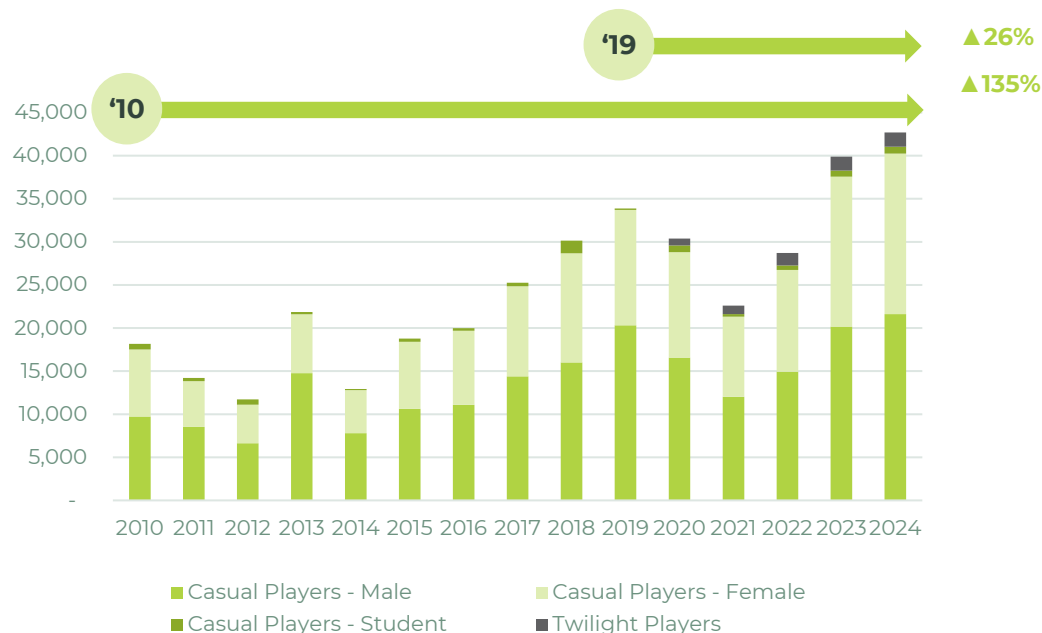
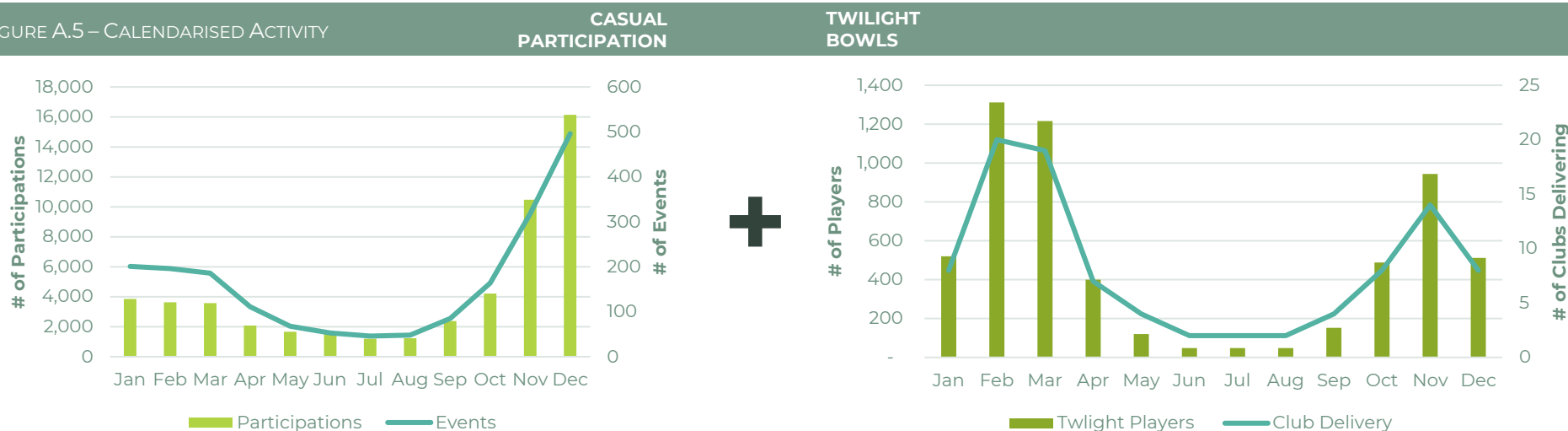


FIGURE A.5 – CALENDARISED ACTIVITY



A.5 PROJECTED DEMAND

While there are evolving trends evident across both member and casual bowls activity (as highlighted in Section A.4), it is important to understand potential growth opportunities based on population change across the network.

In lieu of having reliable regional address data, and not all local boards having a bowls club within their respective boundaries, a local 15-minute drive time has been used as a proxy catchment area for each bowls club (which may overlap multiple local board areas).

KEY ASSUMPTIONS USED

- **Member Playing Age Profile** – future demand thresholds have been assessed against population changes in the 40-79 age bracket (primary bowls membership age profile – 74% of total membership).
- **Casual Playing Age Profile** – future demand thresholds have been assessed against population changes in the 15-64 age bracket (aligned to the traditional working-age profile – large market for bowls activity).
- **Club Catchments** – a 15-minute drive time¹ was used as a proxy club catchment and current and future projected population for each playing-age profile above have been calculated within this drive time catchment.
- **Club Capture Rates** – 2024 member and casual participation figures for each club were used against the current club catchment population to establish ‘capture rates’ (i.e. member or casual players / playing-age residents within the 15-minute drive time catchment).
- **Future Demand** – it is assumed the current ‘capture rate’ of the population remains constant to understand potential growth opportunities based solely on population change by 2038 and 2048.

Note: the demand analysis provides high-level insights and does not consider overlapping catchments of clubs and the potential impact this may have on demand levels. More localised club analysis will be required at a specific project level.

¹ For a typical 6pm weekday arrival in summer.

KEY MEMBER DEMAND INSIGHTS

Figure A.6 shows current and projected member demand (2038 and 2048) by club. A wide gap between current and future demand markers highlights notable growth potential based on population change in the 40-69 age bracket within the 15-minute drive time area of the club.

- Although there are growth opportunities across most club catchment areas by 2048, growth is not evenly distributed (see Table A.1 and Figure A.1). The insights will help to understand where the playing age profile is projected to grow so plans can be devised to capitalise on this.
- While some catchments have high proportional growth relative to others, the increase in members varies noticeably due to the number of members in 2024 (i.e. there may be high % growth, but a small increase in members due to a low base level in 2024).
- In practice, participation growth does not occur organically from population growth. This can be seen by decreasing / plateauing membership trends over the last 15-years, against a backdrop of sustained population growth across the city. However, the growth thresholds do indicate ‘market potential’ for clubs to capitalise on – and should be considered maximum thresholds.
- Participation growth will require a mix of quality facilities, appealing offerings (on and off green), marketing and club drive to realise future growth opportunities. While this may not necessarily translate into more members, it may help retain the existing level and support the continued growth of casual participation.

FIGURE A.6 – FUTURE GROWTH POTENTIAL FOR BOWLS CLUBS

■ Current ■ 2038 ■ 2048



TABLE A.1 – PROJECTED MEMBERSHIP GROWTH THRESHOLDS (BY 2048)

CLUB GROWTH QUARTILES	CLUB (MEMBER # CHANGE, % CHANGE) BY 2048
Lowest Club Growth Quartile (<22%)	Piha (-8, -15%), Bucklands (1, 3%), Waiheke (5, 5%), Howick (14, 8%), Pt Chevalier (7, 12%), Pakuranga (8, 17%), Remuera (19, 17%), Ponsonby (9, 18%), West End (9, 20%), Kohimarama (23, 22%)
2nd Club Growth Quartile (23-33%)	Auckland (25, 22%), Rocky Nook (15, 22%), Mt Eden (11, 23%), Grey Lynn (5, 24%), Epsom (15, 25%), Maraetai (19, 26%), Carlton Cornwall (33, 27%), Balmoral (20, 29%), Oratia (19, 31%), Mt Albert (33, 33%)
3rd Club Growth Quartile (34-43%)	Central (12, 35%), Titirangi (21, 35%), St Heliers (52, 37%), Glen Eden (33, 38%), Te Atatu Peninsula (22, 38%), New Lynn (16, 40%), Henderson (45, 42%), Royal Oak (66, 42%),
Highest Club Growth Quartile (44-71%)	Blockhouse Bay (48, 44%), Pringle Park (38, 48%), Glendowie (41, 52%), Mt Wellington (15, 52%), Onehunga & Districts (18, 56%), East Tamaki (22, 57%), Papatoetoe Hunters Corner (26, 58%), Bridge Park (21, 64%), Otahuhu Railway (48, 64%), Mangere (31, 71%)

A.6 EVENTS

A majority of bowls activity carried out across Auckland are delivered in an ‘event-oriented’ format which is desirable for all levels of play (from social to high performance). There are various tiers of events which are delivered across the club network – these are summarised in Table A.2 (with varying levels of frequency, participation, green requirements and network considerations).

In line with the casual participation data outlined in Section A.4, the number of casual events and programmes has increased exponentially, while future demand potential exists for capitalising on this further.

While most club-hosted activity is bound by their respective facilities, Centre/Regional and National level events generally require a wider network approach. This is largely due to green condition, green type (i.e. carpet or natural), wet weather options and player demand (i.e. number of greens required).

CENTRE-DELIVERED EVENTS (BOWLS AUCKLAND)

The number of players entering into Centre events is increasing, against a backdrop of stable membership. This in part can be attributed to some new events coming online (particularly targeting mixed, social and secondary-age activity), as well as more events being played throughout the year as a result of additional covered greens being used. A high-level overview of player entries is shown in Figure A.7.

FIGURE A.7 – CENTRE EVENT ENTRIES

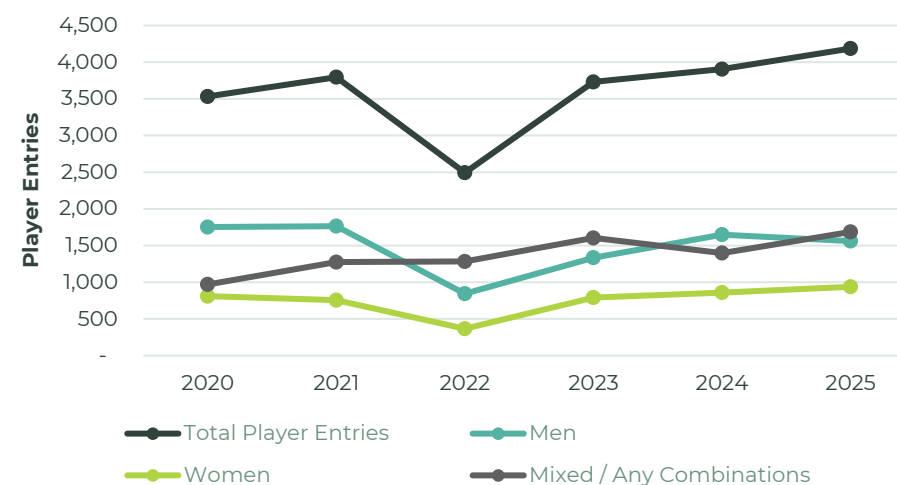


TABLE A.2 – OVERVIEW OF EVENTS/ACTIVITIES, INDICATIVE GREEN REQUIREMENTS AND NETWORK CONSIDERATIONS

EVENT / ACTIVITY TIER	EVENT / ACTIVITY EXAMPLES	INDICATIVE GREEN REQUIREMENTS	BOWLS AUCKLAND NETWORK CONSIDERATIONS
International (max. 1 event)	Test Matches Regional Championships (i.e. Asia Pacific Championships)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-2 greens (natural or carpet) – with 6-8 rinks Practice zones Lighting (minimum lighting lux of 300) + Spectator areas, toilets and food & beverage Changing rooms and medical areas Broadcasting and online streaming capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only 1 site needed to host these events. The site would typically need multiple greens, with provision of both natural and carpet greens to ensure continuity of play. Optimally the site would have a covered green to ensure play occurs without postponing or cancelling activity, or risk encountering logistical and technical issues with transferring play to another site.
National (4-6 events per year)	National Championships National Intercentre Championships National Interclub Championships National Age Group, Champion of Champion, Bowls3Five, Secondary Schools etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer: the number of greens varies across the different events, typically 2-6 greens (across 1-2 club sites) and up to 10-15 (~10 club sites) for the National Championships. Preferably natural greens are used. Winter: 2 covered carpet greens are typically required to meet the level of player demand. 	<p>Network Features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extremely important there remains a good quality network of natural green sites during summer (comprising at least 2 natural greens). <p>Supported by a series of single natural greens where additional capacity is needed to meet demand and/or when greens need to be alternated to maintain condition.</p> <p>Optimally, sites comprise a carpet green (alongside a natural green) for continuity of play when impacted by adverse weather.</p>
Regional (Bowls Auckland delivered activity)	Representative Level (6 events per year) Open Level (3 events per year) National Pathways (11 events per year) Centre Level (16 events per year) 1 to 5 Year (9 events per year) Social (2 events per year)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance Environment – typically 1 natural green or 1 carpet green if in preparation for international events being hosted on a synthetic. Covered carpet green in winter. Competitive Flagship Events – range from 1-2 natural greens in summer up to the Jarden Open requiring up to 20 greens across 3 days (qualifying and post section play). Pathways to National Events – up to 8 natural greens required (qualifying and post section play) Competitive Events – varies depending on format, but up to 8 natural greens for singles play. Competition Introduction - varies depending on format and any surface can be used). Social Events – Natural or artificial surfaces can be used. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to 6 covered greens across the network to meet tournament play needs – as required (i.e. for hosting winter scheduled events and for wet weather days during summer). This may include a second covered green at Remuera Bowling Club (as proposed) which would help service the wider central region and allow larger sized formats and/or more formats to be placed at one venue. This would improve logistics and potentially attract more higher tiered events to the region. National level events may include use of bowling greens in adjacent regional bowls territories to meet demand and access to high-quality venues (i.e. clubs located in North Harbour).










































EVENT / ACTIVITY TIER	EVENT / ACTIVITY EXAMPLES	INDICATIVE GREEN REQUIREMENTS	BOWLS AUCKLAND NETWORK CONSIDERATIONS
	Rangatahi Hubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Bowls Hubs – based at existing covered greens providing geographic coverage of the Bowls Auckland area. Emphasis placed on no cancellations. 	
Club <i>(# of events varies significantly between clubs)</i>	Club Championships Open Tournaments Club Days Social Bowls (i.e. twilight/corporate) – high participation demand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any surface type can be used for club delivery (depending on what is available and condition level). Surface Type - consider preference of play by members, rules and etiquette on natural greens (this can result in more social play on artificials as etiquette can be harder to manage with non-regular/casual players) and usage levels (often social activity use artificials – where there is a choice – to preserve condition of a natural green). 	The club network needs to work collectively to ensure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Greens can meet the overall changing trends for more casual bowls. All-weather greens (i.e. artificial and/or covered) are accessible across clubs for continuity of play and for meeting winter demand. Balancing a & b with maintaining a sufficient level of natural greens to meet higher level event requirements (see above).

Bowls Auckland have made a concerted effort to spread the load of green allocation for Centre events across the network. This is important as it best utilises available capacity/green types, rotates natural greens so they can be managed during summer, demand for certain events requires multiple sites being used, revenue opportunities for individual clubs, and to provide different settings for players.

A breakdown of centre events by clubs is shown in Table A.3. Key findings include:

- There are 25 individual clubs hosting Centre-level events (64% of all clubs across Bowls Auckland).
- Winter event delivery supports clubs which only have artificial greens.
- 46% of all winter green use is allocated to the three current sites with covered greens (New Lynn, Remuera and Royal Oak). This underscores the importance of having a covered green network to ensure continuity of play.
- During summer, Howick Bowling Club is the predominant host. This is largely due to the club's ability to utilise multiple natural greens concurrently (supporting event logistics).
- Other relatively high use sites during summer have multiple natural greens (underscoring their importance within the network – need to be maintained), while the covered greens were either used or held for wet-weather days.
- When overlaying the green requirements for events (outlined in Table A.2), it is critical that greens are used across the dispersed network.

TABLE A.3 – BREAKDOWN OF GREEN ALLOCATIONS

CLUB	WINTER GREENS USED	WINTER %	SUMMER GREENS USED	SUMMER %	TOTAL %
Auckland	 3	3%	 9	6%	5%
Balmoral	0		 7	4%	3%
Blockhouse Bay	 3	3%	 10	6%	5%
Bridge Park	 5	6%			2%
Carlton Cornwall	 5	6%	 10	6%	6%
East Tamaki	0		 8	5%	3%
Epsom	 8	9%	 5	3%	5%
Glen Eden	 2	2%	 4	3%	2%
Glendowie	 4	5%			2%
Henderson	 1	1%	 1	1%	1%
Howick	 3	3%	 37	24%	16%
Kohimarama	 3	3%	 1	1%	2%
Mt Albert			 5	3%	2%
Mt Eden			 12	8%	5%
New Lynn	 13	15%	 1	1%	6%
Otahuhu	 3	3%	 1	1%	2%
Pakuranga	 1	1%	 5	3%	2%
Papatoetoe			 2	1%	1%
Pringle Park	 1	1%	 4	3%	2%
Pt Chevalier			 11	7%	5%
Remuera	 11	13%	 2	1%	5%
Rocky Nook			 1	1%	0%
Royal Oak	 16	18%	 11	7%	11%
St Heliers	 2	2%	 4	3%	2%
Te Atatu	 3	3%	 5	3%	3%



PART B:

PLAYING INFRASTRUCTURE







B.1 GREENS OVERVIEW

Key overall findings of the playing greens are shown in the infographic with supporting insights below. Additional detail on condition, renewals, the covered green network and events are outlined in the following sections.

Key findings across the club network include:

- There are **85 greens in total across 38 sites** (on average just over 2 per site).
- There are **11 greens which are currently** inactive for bowls activity across the network – **presenting repurpose and partnership opportunities** to diversify activity and broaden community reach.
- There is an **increasing trend for installing all-weather greens** (artificial greens – either carpet or astro; and covered greens). Currently there is a slightly lower proportion of artificial greens (47%) to natural greens (53%).
- **45% of club sites (17) have mixed green types** (both natural and artificial greens). This supports differing player preferences while providing all-weather options for more continuity of play (less impact on cancelling member and social bowls activities and the potential for lost revenue).
- There are **very few greens which are floodlit**, which can limit evening activity after daylight savings ends. In total there are 16 greens with floodlights (14 on greens which are currently used) – **representing 19% of all greens**.
- There are currently **3 covered/enclosed greens providing all-weather floodlit greens** and **1 covered green currently without floodlights** (with Howick Bowling Club to also come online). All covered greens are relatively new with the first being installed in 2017.
- There are **23 greens** which are identified as having **condition issues** (against Centre play requirements) - excluding the 11 inactive greens. **65% are natural greens** (38% of online natural greens), while 23% of artificial greens have some identified condition issues.

GREENS OVERVIEW			
	38		85
	SITES		TOTAL GREENS
GREEN TYPE			
	NATURAL	39	NATURAL GREENS 53%
	CARPET31 (4 covered)		ARTIFICIAL GREENS 47%
	ASTRO	4	
	+ 11 GREENS WHICH ARE INACTIVE (All 11 NATURAL)		
FLOODLIT GREENS			
	NATURAL	4	10% OF NATURAL GREENS
	ARTIFICIAL	6	22% OF ARTIFICIAL GREENS
	COVERED	3	75% OF COVERED GREENS
GREEN CONDITION			
	GREENS WITH CONDITION ISSUES (excluding inactive greens)		
	NATURAL	15	38% OF NATURAL GREENS
	ARTIFICIAL	8	23% OF NATURAL GREENS

Condition is based on 2024 assessment by Bowls Auckland on the ability to hold Centre events. Note that some greens will still be usable for lower levels and social play.

B.2 NATURAL GREENS - INSIGHTS

CLUB OVERVIEW

Currently 27 clubs (71% of all clubs) comprise at least 1 natural green. Of these 27 clubs, 11 (41%) only have natural greens (no artificial).

CONDITION OVERVIEW

Bowls Auckland completed an independent assessment of all greens located across the 38 club sites. The regional condition assessment of natural greens is summarised in Table B.1.

It is important to note the assessment was taken at a point in time. As natural greens are living organisms they can improve or deteriorate relatively quickly based on several variables including use, weather, treatment and maintenance.

Key findings:

- The majority of greens are in good condition and suitable for most bowls use (including Centre events).
- There are currently 7 greens which need large renovations / have been placed into hibernation.
- A further 11 greens are currently inactive (across 7 sites).

TABLE B.1 – OVERVIEW OF GREENS CONDITION

SCORE ²	CONDITION	NATURAL	% OF TOTAL	% OF ACTIVE GREENS
4 to 5	Priority Use	13	26%	33%
2.5-3.9	Use as Required	11	22%	28%
1-2.4	Not Suitable	8	16%	21%
0	Renovation / Hibernation	7	14%	18%
	Total Used Greens	39		
	Not in Use	11	22%	-
	Total Greens	50		

² Based on 2024 assessment by Bowls Auckland on the ability to hold Centre events. Note that some greens will still be usable for lower levels and social play.

TABLE B.2 – GREENS IN NEED OF LARGE RENOVATIONS

CLUB	# OF GREENS
Blockhouse Bay Bowls	1
Carlton Cornwall Bowls	1
Central Bowling Club	2
Henderson Bowls	1
Mangere Bowling Club	1
Onehunga & Districts Bowling Club	1 (now completed)

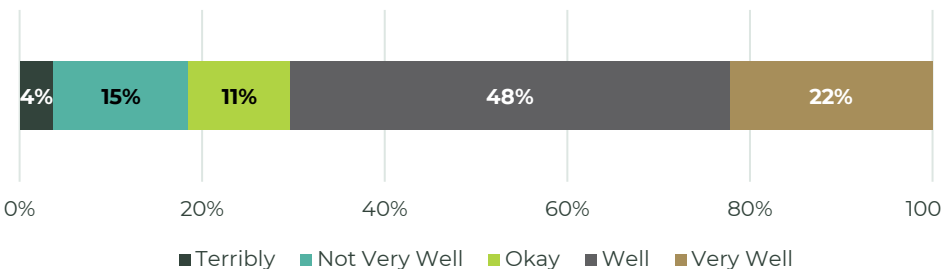
TABLE B.3 – OVERVIEW OF INACTIVE GREENS

CLUB	# OF NATURAL GREENS NOT IN USE
Glendowie Bowling Club	1
Mangere Bowling Club	2
Pakuranga Bowling Club	2
Henderson Bowls	2
Remuera Bowling Club	2
Point Chevalier Bowling Club	1
Te Atatu Peninsula Bowling Club	1 *Note this is located on a separate Council land parcel adjacent to the club

CLUB VIEWS ON THEIR NATURAL GREENS

70% of clubs have indicated the natural greens are currently meeting their needs either well or very well. While 19% of clubs view their greens as not meeting their needs. These views largely align with the independent green condition assessments by Bowls Auckland. Some club views are more positive where they have multiple natural greens with at least one being in good condition.

FIGURE B.1 – CLUB VIEWS ON HOW WELL THE NATURAL GREENS MEET THEIR NEEDS



GREENS MAINTENANCE

A meticulous maintenance programme needs to be established to deliver good quality standard greens suitable for play. Key components include:

1. Groundskeeping and labour,
2. Mowing and rolling,
3. Fertilising and spraying,
4. Irrigating,
5. Topdressing and maintenance (i.e. aerating),
6. End-of-season renovations (i.e. coring and seeding).

There is notable variance between clubs on how much they spend annually on maintaining their natural greens. Indicative expenditure ranged from \$3,500 to \$100,000 per green. On average, each club spends around \$27,000 per green/per year.

CONVERSION FROM NATURAL TO ARTIFICIAL

- 8** clubs have indicated they are considering converting a natural green into an artificial (carpet or astro). The eight clubs considering conversion include:

CLUB	GREEN #/ABC
Blockhouse Bay Bowls	1
Central Bowling Club	1
Henderson Bowls	D
Mangere Bowling Club	A
Mt Albert Bowling Club	2
Point Chevalier Bowling Club	B
Rocky Nook Bowls	A
Te Atatu Peninsula Bowling Club (adjacent Council-owned green)	3

These proposed conversions are cited where large renovations are required, greens are inactive and/or where a site only has natural greens (no all-weather green alternative).

PROPOSED FLOODLIGHT DEVELOPMENTS

Clubs have indicated that existing floodlights are mainly meeting their needs. Proposed club upgrades and installations are:

CLUB	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	INDICATIVE COST
Onehunga & Districts Bowling Club	Install new floodlights	TBC
Papatoetoe Hunters Corner Bowling Club	Floodlight renewals	TBC
Pringle Park Bowling Club	Floodlight upgrades are required. Materials and funding have been sourced.	N/A

SUPPORT REQUIRED

- 10** clubs have indicated they need support with their natural greens. Support cited by clubs include:

- **Greenkeeping** – availability of services, machinery and supplies.
- **Financial** – support greenkeeper salaries, water costs and large renovation works.
- **Advice** – independent assessment on the green(s) with direction on what is required to renovate and/or maintain the green(s), knowledge on how to mix and apply chemicals, supporting the conversion of a green into something else outside of bowls activity.

B.3 ARTIFICIAL GREENS - INSIGHTS

ARTIFICIAL GREEN TYPE

There are two types of artificial greens used across the club network:

1. Carpet (primary surface – 89% of artificial greens)

Composition: made from carpet-style synthetic matting (woven or tufted synthetic fabric).

Surface Expected Lifespan: around 15-20 years.

2. Astro (secondary surface – 11% of artificial greens)

Composition: typically made of artificial turf (polypropylene or polyethylene fibres) with a sand infill.

Surface Expected Lifespan: around 10-12 years.

CLUB OVERVIEW

Currently 27 clubs (71% of all clubs) comprise at least 1 artificial green. Of these 27 clubs, 10 (37%) only have artificial greens (no natural).

CHANGING LANDSCAPE

Artificial greens are becoming more prevalent across the bowls landscape over recent decades, as demonstrated in Table B.4 (with 66% of greens being installed since 2000). Over two-thirds of clubs currently have artificial greens while a further 5 clubs (Central, Mangere, Mt Albert, Point Chevalier and Rocky Nook) have signalled their interest in converting natural greens to artificial (this would equate to 82% of clubs having artificial greens).

TABLE B.4 – ARTIFICIAL GREEN DEVELOPMENTS

DECADE INSTALLED	#	%
1980s	3	9%
1990s	9	26%
2000s	9	26%
2010s	5	14%
2020s	9	26%
Total	35	

DEMAND DRIVERS

The **continuing demand for establishing artificial greens** has been driven by a number of factors including:



The need for all-weather surfaces to **limit inclement weather impacts** on bowls activity (reduce cancellations),



Increase opportunities for **all-year bowls activity** (not limited to the summer and shoulder-season periods),



Reduce usage impact/green deterioration which can occur on natural greens (ability to drive more participation outcomes),



The above attributes can contribute to **revenue generation** opportunities (on and off the greens) which support club operations,



Lack of greenskeepers and volunteers to maintain natural greens (skillset/knowledge shortage),



Relatively high costs incurred with preserving natural greens to a suitable playing level (greenskeepers, equipment purchase and maintenance, chemicals and water).

CONDITION OVERVIEW

Bowls Auckland completed an independent assessment of all greens located across the 38 club sites. The regional condition assessment of artificial greens is summarised in Table B.5.

Key findings:

- The majority of greens (74%) are in good condition and suitable for most bowls use (including Centre events).
- There are currently only 2 greens which are in poor condition.

TABLE B.5 – OVERVIEW OF GREENS CONDITION

SCORE ³	CONDITION	ARTIFICIAL	% OF TOTAL	% OF USED GREENS
4 to 5	Priority Use	19	54%	54%
2.5-3.9	Use as Required	8	23%	23%
1-2.4	Not Suitable	5	14%	14%
0	Poor Condition	3	9%	9%
	Total Used Greens	35		
	Not in Use	0	0%	-
	Total Greens	35		

SURFACE RENEWALS

The life expectancy of an astro green is around 10 years and a carpet green around 15 years. Note this may increase or decrease based on several factors including maintenance levels, use and weather conditions. A high-level renewal plan based on these life expectancies is shown below.

TABLE B.6 – OVERVIEW OF INDICATIVE GREEN RENEWAL PERIODS

RENEWAL PERIOD	# OF GREENS	% OF GREENS	CONDITION ISSUES (<2.5)	
Overdue	7	20%	6	86%
Next 1-3 Years	2	6%	1	50%
Next 4-6 Years	2	6%	1	50%
Next 7-10 Years	1	3%	0	0%
Next 10+ Years	23	66%	0	0%
Total Greens	35		8	

7 artificial greens have extended beyond their expected life (including one not currently in use). The condition of these greens are commensurate with their age, with 86% of the greens assessed as having condition issues.

2 artificial greens with condition issues are still within their expected life of expectancy.

³ Based on 2024 assessment by Bowls Auckland on the ability to hold Centre events. Note that some greens will still be usable for lower levels and social play.

TABLE B.7 – CLUB ARTIFICIAL GREEN OVERVIEW

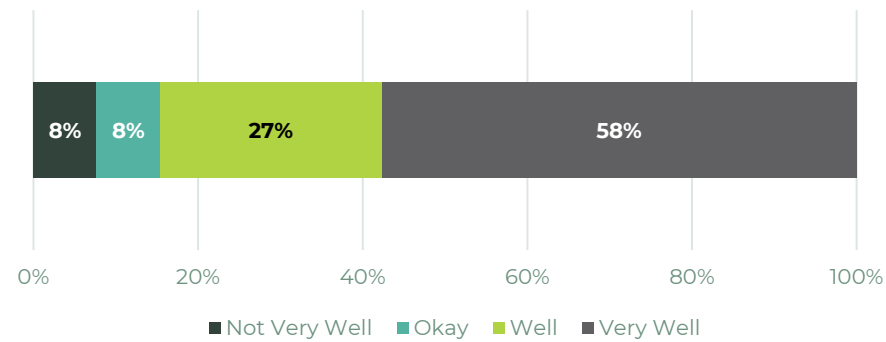
RENEWAL PERIOD	
OVERDUE (8)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bucklands Beach Bowling Club (2019 & 1990)* • Bridge Park Bowling Club (2019)* • Howick Bowling Club (2004) • Mt Wellington Bowls (2005)* • Papatoetoe Hunters Corner Bowling Club (2019 – under development)* • Pakuranga Bowling Club (2017)*
NEXT 1-3 YEARS (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiheke Bowling Club (2025) • Kohimarama Bowling Club (2028)*
NEXT 4-6 YEARS (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balmoral Bowling Club (2030)* • Ponsonby Bowling Club (2030)
NEXT 7-10 YEARS (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridge Park Bowling Club (2034)
NEXT 10+ YEARS (21)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blockhouse Bay Bowling Club (2036) • St Heliers Bowling Club (2036) • Te Atatu Peninsula Bowling Club (2036) • Auckland Bowling Club (2037) • Otahuhu Railway Bowling Club (2037) • Glendowie Bowling Club (2038) • Glen Eden Bowling Club (2038) • Henderson Bowls (2038) • Howick Bowling Club (2038) • Mt Eden Bowls (2038) • Royal Oak Bowls (2038) • Carlton Cornwall Bowls (2039) • Epsom Bowling Club (2039 & 2039) • New Lynn Bowling Club (2039) • Kohimarama Bowling Club (2039) • Ponsonby Bowling Club (2039) • Remuera Bowling Club (2039 & 2039) • Titirangi Bowling Club (2039) • Maraetai Bowling Club (2040) • Oratia Bowling Club (2040) • Pakuranga Bowling Club (2040)*

*Denotes greens assessed as having condition issues (as they relate to hosting Centre-level events). Some of these greens are identified by clubs as adequately meeting their needs. A watching brief should be maintained on these greens over the next 1-3 years to assess any potential deterioration.

CLUB VIEWS ON THEIR ARTIFICIAL GREENS

85% of clubs have indicated the artificial greens are currently meeting their needs either well or very well. While only 8% of clubs view their greens as not meeting their needs. These views largely align with the independent green condition assessments by Bowls Auckland.

FIGURE B.2 – CLUB VIEWS ON HOW WELL ARTIFICIAL GREENS MEET THEIR NEEDS



PROPOSED FLOODLIGHT DEVELOPMENTS

Clubs have indicated that existing floodlights are mainly meeting their needs. Proposed club upgrades and installations are:

CLUB	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	INDICATIVE COST
Bridge Park Bowling Club	Upgrade existing lights to LED	\$35,000
Maraetai Bowling Club	Install higher poles with permanent in ground wiring	\$30,000
Oratia Bowling Club	Installing lights to extend twilight bowls	TBC

B.4 COVERED GREENS - INSIGHTS

NETWORK OBJECTIVES

Key objectives sought from the covered green network include:

- Providing **wide geographic spread** across the region (avoiding unnecessary duplication),
- Driving participation outcomes** (both members and casual players) by being located in **high demand catchment areas** (now and in the future),
- Being accessible** to the wider club network and available for hosting regional and national tournaments to maximise play (reduction in cancellations and opportunities for year-round play/initiatives),
- Covered sites are **multifunctional** with **multiple greens**, and **optimally a mix** of natural and artificial greens, to meet playing and tournament demands and preferences,
- Each site is **financially sustainable** whilst being complementary to the wider network (not competing against one another).

DEMAND DRIVERS

Factors driving the need for covered greens encompass:



Increasing **demand for bowls activity 12-months of the year**. This has been evident when reviewing utilisation of existing covered greens.



Weather impact on participation (impact of heat and direct sunlight on players during summer and disruption caused to bowls activity due to wet weather year-round),



Increases the lifespan of the artificial green surface (up to 20-25 years),



Increased **revenue opportunities** (during typical off-peak months and through guaranteed play/no cancellations),



Attract high profile **tournament hosting** to Auckland,



Increasing **participation across different demographics** (inclusive, accessible & controlled environment).

CURRENT NETWORK

There are currently three covered greens in operation across the geographic area of Bowls Auckland (as shown in Map B.1):

- New Lynn Bowling Club (2017)** – club-owned land
- Remuera Bowling Club (2019)** – club-owned land
- Royal Oak Bowls (2023)** – club-owned land

While there are two other canopies under construction:

- Howick Bowling Club** – council-owned land
- Papatoetoe Hunters Corner Bowling Club** – council-owned land

Shown in Map B.1 (page 29) when applying a 15-minute drive time to each site, the covered greens provide good geographic spread, as intended and directed by the Rawhiti Fund Trust Deed. The Trust Deed also identified a prospective covered green at either Glen Eden Bowling Club or Henderson Bowls to increase geographic coverage to the west of the city.

COVERED GREENS PLANNED

In addition to the current and under construction covered greens, the following clubs have indicated they are planning to install a canopy.

- Pakuranga Bowling Club** – council-owned land. Proposed development as part of the Lloyd Elsmore Community Hub with 5 greens reducing down to two (note only two are active greens currently). This configuration can accommodate 6 tennis courts, a gymnastics centre and table tennis facility.
- Remuera Bowling Club** (second green + new artificial) – Potential capital investment opportunities exist through the amalgamation with Auckland Bridge Club (land sale proceeds).
- Te Atatu Peninsula Bowling Club** – club-owned land.

GEOGRAPHIC GAPS

To provide wider geographic coverage across the area, when applying a 15-minute drive time⁴ there are possible gaps in provision in central, west and east Auckland – as highlighted in Map B.1. When applying a typical 30-minute drive time for regional level facilities, there is widespread coverage.

When applying insights from the Club Opportunity and Risk Profile (supplementary document prepared for Bowls Auckland), club-proposed covers, projected demand and land zoning across the possible geographic gaps, the following was determined:

West – Potential future provision could be considered in the west. Additional site analysis is required across the western sites to determine site suitability, club interest and viability. The Avondale Fund (available for ten ‘Inner-West’ Auckland clubs) currently allows for a total amount of \$1,000,000 to be allocated towards covered green(s) with a maximum application amount of \$350,000 (these thresholds act as a guide and subject to change by resolution).

Central and East – no prospective sites have been preliminarily identified based on club profile insights and the residential areas surrounding each site (likely consent constraints). Additionally, the provision of a second covered green at Remuera Bowling Club would likely provide sufficient coverage across the central and eastern bays area (as a premier bowls site serving a larger catchment area).

CENTRE EVENT REQUIREMENTS

Outlined in Section A.6, six covered greens are required across the network to meet Centre event delivery requirements. With five covered greens to be online shortly, a proposed sixth at Remuera Bowling Club would provide sufficient capacity. Two covered greens at Remuera Bowling Club would also improve event logistics by delivering larger or more formats at one site. Noting there are very few other sites across the Region which could potentially accommodate dual covered greens.

⁴ For a typical 6pm weekday arrival in summer.

BEDDING IN THE NETWORK

The covered green network is closing in on meeting the geographic distribution originally intended by the Rawhiti Fund Trust Deed. With two of these covers to come online within the next year, this will see the number of covered greens more than double within 3-years. It is important to understand what impact these facilities are having on the network (i.e. increasing utilisation, increasing player movement from other clubs, attracting new and diverse players, expanded delivery). Bedding in the network and best using the insights gained will help inform what is needed next – and shape how to go about it.

OVERVIEW OF CURRENT & PROSPECTIVE GREENS

STATUS	CLUBS
Current	1. New Lynn Bowling Club 2. Remuera Bowling Club 3. Royal Oak Bowls
Under Construction	4. Howick Bowling Club 5. Papatoetoe Hunters Corner Bowling Club
Proposed	6. Pakuranga Bowling Club 7. Remuera Bowling Club (second covered green) 8. Te Atatu Peninsula Bowling Club
Potential Geographic Gaps	9. West – to be investigated


Note: all prospective covered green developments are assessed in Part D. Inclusion in this Plan does not replace the need for more focused planning and analysis at a specific project level and does not indicate a project’s feasibility or sustainability.

SUNSHADE DEVELOPMENTS

Where sites are constrained to accommodate a canopy structure and/or there are capex constraints, but sun protection is required for the green, retractable shades could be explored in the future. The additional value of a retractable shade is that it could be installed over a natural green (it is not an all-weather shade option).

MAP B.1 – COVERED GREEN NETWORK

KEY



CURRENT

1. New Lynn Bowling Club

2. Royal Oak Bowls


3. Remuera Bowling Club



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

4. Papatoetoe Hunters Corner Bowling Club


5. Howick Bowling Club




CLUB PROPOSED

6. Te Atatu Peninsula Bowling Club

7. Pakuranga Bowling Club



OTHER BOWLS CLUBS



INDICATIVE 15-MIN DRIVE TIME FROM CURRENT & UNDER CONSTRUCTION COVERED GREENS

The map illustrates the distribution of bowling clubs and green spaces in Auckland. Current clubs are marked with white semi-circles over blue semi-circles, while clubs under construction are marked with yellow semi-circles over blue semi-circles. Clubs proposed for future development are marked with black semi-circles over blue semi-circles. Other existing bowls clubs are indicated by solid blue dots. Purple shaded regions represent the area within a 15-minute drive from the current and under construction covered greens. The map shows a high concentration of clubs and green spaces in the central and eastern parts of the city, with fewer clubs in the western and southern areas.



PART C:

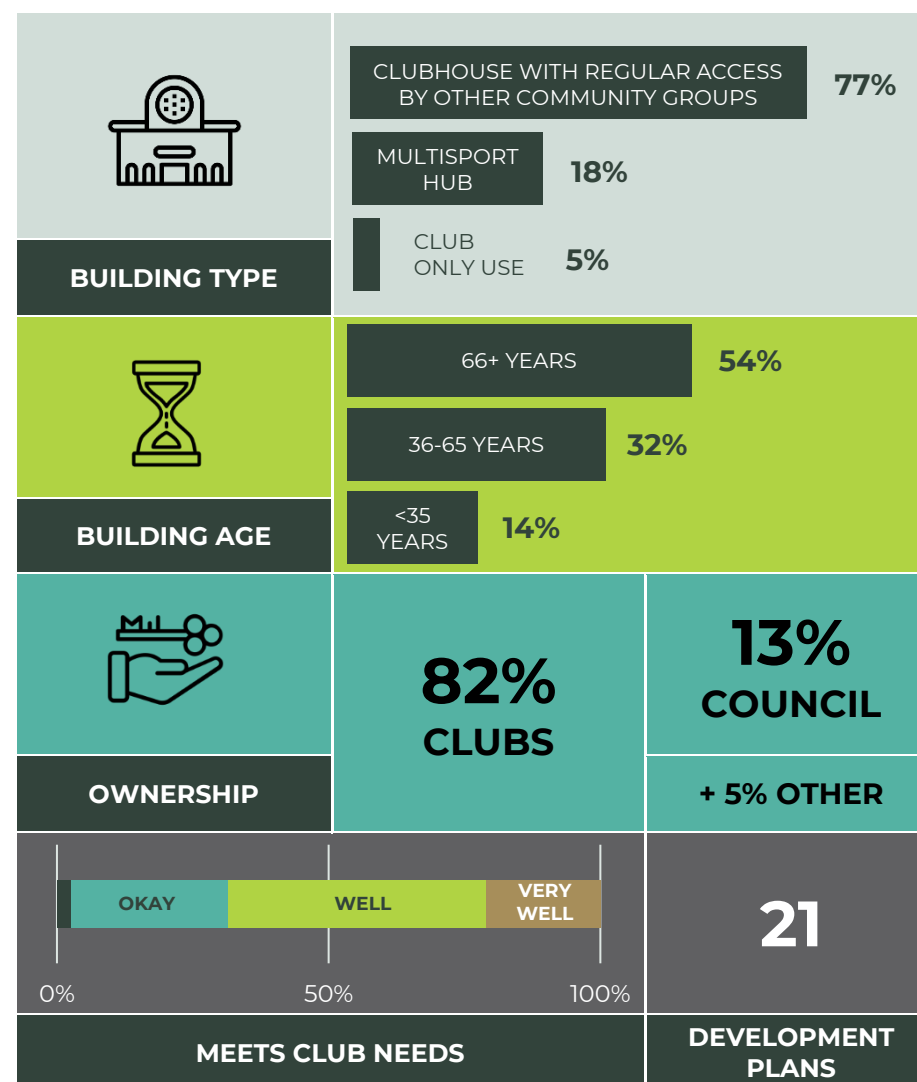
CLUBHOUSE / COMMUNITY HUBS



C.1 CLUBHOUSE OVERVIEW

Key findings relating to clubhouse/community hub buildings currently used by the bowls club network include:

- The **clubhouse buildings are ageing** with 54% being built before 1960 and 87% before 1990. Ongoing repairs and maintenance, earthquake strengthening and large renewals are key features that will be constant across the network of buildings to **remain code compliant and fit-for-purpose**.
- There is **strong collaboration and partnership** surrounding the use of the buildings. As evidenced with 95% of clubs having formalised hub/partnership agreements and/or the buildings are used extensively by a range of community groups.
- An outward reaching approach **supports community connection** whilst also supporting **revenue opportunities**.
- There is already **extensive use of clubhouse facilities** outside of bowls activities (highlighted in Section C.2). Community demand for spaces, alongside more casual and innovative bowls activities being offered, will place **extra emphasis on the provision of quality off-green facilities**. By doing so, it will **enhance club offerings** (more attractive proposition) and **meet wider community needs**.
- The buildings are **primarily owned by bowling clubs** (82%) – with 52% of these clubs having a Council ground lease.
- **Clubs are the primary manager** of the buildings (95%).
- Overall, the buildings are **largely meeting the needs of clubs** (68% - very well and well ratings), with a further 29% being rated as 'okay'.
- There are **21 clubs who have proposed plans** to either upgrade, repurpose/reconfigure or build new clubhouse/community hub facilities (varying levels of complexity and capital expenditure).



C.2 MORE THAN BOWLS

The attributes and environment of the clubhouse facilities are well suited to attract and facilitate a wide range of user groups outside of bowls. This is particularly important to realise the strategic intent of Bowls Auckland for “clubs to be the HEART of their community” and follow the direction of Bowls NZ to establish “community facilities that are diverse and inclusive in their operation.”

Some of the key attributes and features of clubhouse facilities are highlighted, while the breadth of activity hosted and/or delivered at club facilities are diagrammatically shown below. This demonstrates the key community enabling role bowls club facilities play. Regular and suitable access to fit-for-purpose facilities helps effectively service local community needs. It is expected future demand for these accessible spaces will remain high within the current financial climate.

FIGURE C.2 – SUMMARY OF CLUBHOUSE USE (AS HIGHLIGHTED BY CLUBS)

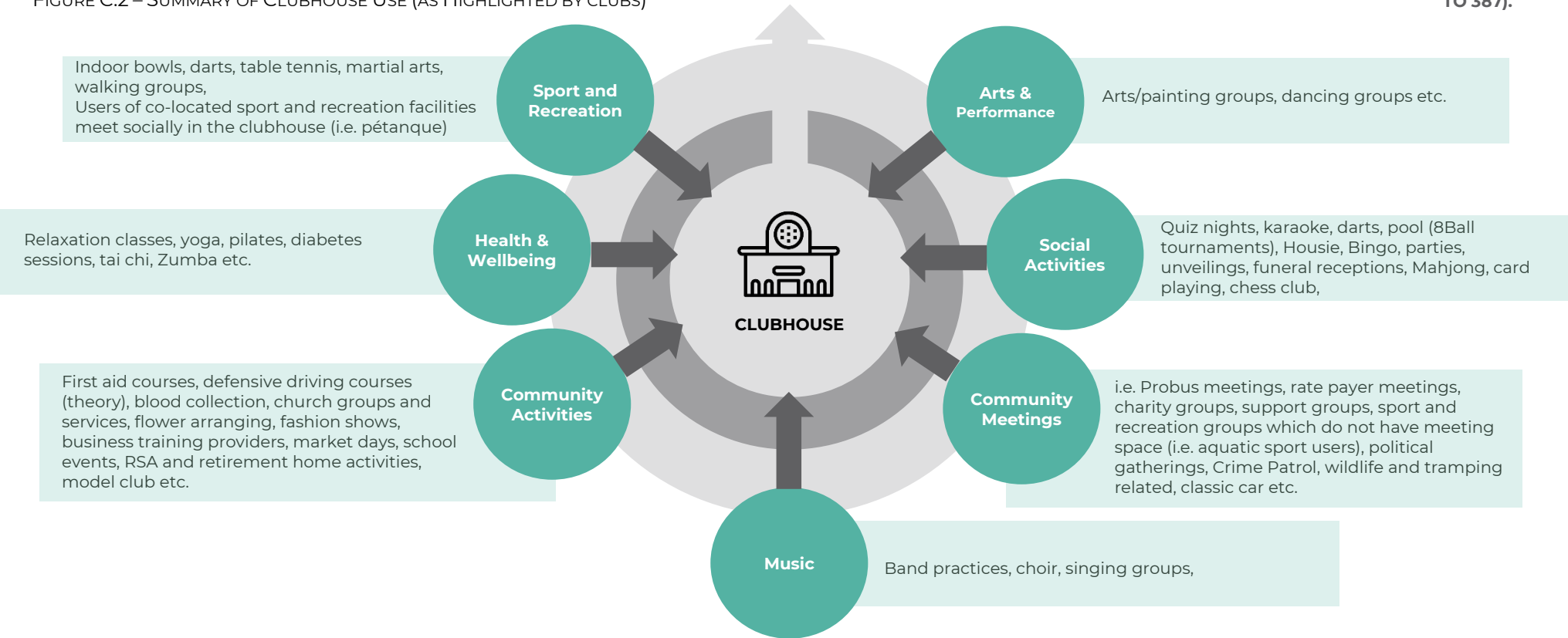
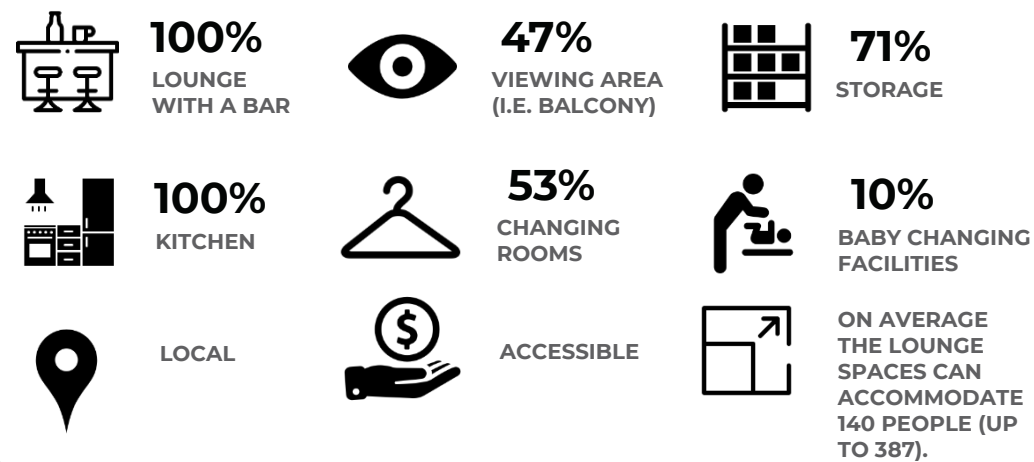


FIGURE C.1 – OVERVIEW OF CLUBHOUSE FEATURES



C.3 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS

21 clubs indicated their intention to undertake development works on their clubrooms. The scale of development varies markedly - as shown in the below table.

CLUB	LANDOWNER	BUILDING OWNER	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	INDICATIVE COST
Bridge Park Bowling Club	Council	Club	Refurbishment of toilets and repaint interior.	\$150,000
Central Bowling Club	Council	Club	Replace carpet and repaint the internal walls of the clubhouse.	Up to \$6,000 for carpet replacement
East Tamaki Bowling Club	Council	Club	Internal renovations to modernise the clubhouse (following recent completion of the bathroom - repair and remodel).	TBC
Epsom Bowling Club	Club	Club	Upgrade of the bar area and improvement of the chillers and storage space, upgrade and improve use of the locker area, toilet renovation and upgrade, and office improvements.	\$37,000
Glen Eden Bowling Club	Club	Club	The club is investigating the practicality and costs of a variety of projects * Carpet replacement, roof replacement, mediate subsidence behind the club, installing a lift, downstairs kitchen. This work is to be staged.	~\$275,000
Glendowie Bowling Club	Council	Club	To repurpose the existing building into a multisport hub. The existing building will be reconfigured to make it functional for multiple domiciled and external users. This includes a new bar and kitchen, new deck, and optimised function spaces. Most of the clubhouse works is proposed for in Stage 1.	~\$1.1 million
Henderson Bowls	Council	Council	Upgrade/refurbishment of the bar.	\$20,000-50,000
Howick Bowling Club	Council	Club	New floor covering on the balcony.	TBC
Kohimarama Bowling Club	Council	Council	New bar, kitchen upgrade, additional toilets (including an accessible toilet) and storage room.	TBC
Mangere Bowling Club	Council	Council	Clubhouse works to be scoped ahead of the club's Centennial Year.	TBC
Maraetai Bowling Club	Council	Club	Open-up the lounge with flow onto an outdoor patio / viewing area, upgrade the bar area and carpet replacement (this follows recently completed large renovation works).	\$50,000
Mt Albert Bowling Club	Club	Club	Upgrade of toilets and bar, new outdoor screens, retractable awnings & shade sails for the bottom green.	\$65,000+
Mt Eden Bowls	Council	Club	Bathroom upgrades.	\$50,000

CLUB	LANDOWNER	BUILDING OWNER	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	INDICATIVE COST
Oratia Bowling Club	Club	Club	Replace toilets to add accessible toilet and an additional toilet (responding to the diverse range of use and growth of the club). Expand kitchen to include bistro cooking facilities.	TBC
Pakuranga Bowling Club	Council	Club	Extensive renovations including a re-clad, new windows, roof and toilets, with demolition and rebuild of a small part of the building. The development is part of the Lloyd Elsmore Community Hub and will also service Pakuranga Tennis Club, Howick Gymnastics Club and Auckland Table Tennis.	\$2 million
Papatoetoe Hunters Corner Bowling Club	Council	Council	New carpet in lounge area.	TBC
Point Chevalier Bowling Club	Trust	Club	Internal refurbishment and rearrangement. External improvements i.e. new roof.	\$1 million
Remuera Bowling Club	Club	Club	Rebuild the clubhouse on the Remuera Bowling Club site following the amalgamation with the Auckland Bridge Club.	TBC
Royal Oak Bowls	Club	Club	Bathroom and lighting upgrades and general refurbishment.	TBC
Waiheke Bowling Club	Club	Club	Renovate toilets, paint the dining room and renovate the storage shed.	\$30,000
West End Bowling Club	Club	Club	Roof replacement	\$60,000



PART D:

THE WAY FORWARD



D.1 THE NETWORK

The Bowls Auckland Facilities Plan is not intended to be a facility network plan which sets out the optimal bowls club network moving forward. Supplementary documentation for Bowls Auckland has been designed with tools to profile possible opportunities or risks which may positively or negatively impact clubs and the wider bowls network.

High-level club profiles have been collated to help identify and inform where support or possible interventions maybe required by Bowls Auckland or other third-parties to drive sustainable quality bowls and community experiences and outcomes. The club profiles consist of:

- a. Participation trends (membership and casual participation),
- b. Green number and condition,
- c. Tenure (security of tenure),
- d. Flood risks,
- e. Proximity to other bowls clubs,
- f. Clubhouse suitability,
- g. Financial position.

NETWORK CHANGES

Clubs signalled they are or may consider the following:



14 BECOMING A MULTISPORT COMMUNITY HUB



3 CO-LOCATING OR MERGING WITH ANOTHER BOWLS CLUB (2 SEPARATE CONCEPTS)



2 LAND SALES (FULL OR PARTIAL LAND SALE)

Some **key considerations** and **actions** relating to the network include:

1. **Community Reach:** there is strong intent from clubs to increase their community connection and breadth of offerings and partnerships (i.e. through greens, building access or partnerships).

Inactive greens present opportunities for optimising and utilising space and creating greater community connection for bowls clubs (particularly through clubhouse facilities).

Action: explore how inactive greens could be repurposed and used by other community groups which are complementary in nature and support community outcomes. Some of these are already progressing with repurposing including the development of tennis courts, batting cages/hitting range, beach volleyball courts, covered cricket nets etc.

Who: Clubs, Bowls Auckland and Active (where applicable)

2. **Complementary:** where there are overlapping catchments between clubs there needs to be complementary and diverse offerings (bowls and other) to ensure they are viable and returning maximum community benefit.

Action: ensure offerings are complementary between clubs by reducing conflicting activity and scheduling – or seeking to increase the capture rate or market (participants to the population catchment).

Who: Clubs and Bowls Auckland (where applicable)

3. **Rationalisation:** while club rationalisation is not a desired outcome, where club profiles indicate club network interventions maybe required, it is best for bowls to take a proactive approach to exploring opportunities. A reactive approach typically leads to a cascade of issues and potentially miss seizing opportunities as they present – impacting bowls activity.

Potential benefits from network changes can include reinvesting into improved bowls facilities, increased participation, pooling resource and volunteers, and an increased catchment area with reduced competing demands. Whilst not impacting the accessibility of bowls.

Action: Bowls Auckland regularly review club profiles and initiative early engagement with clubs to provide support (as required).

4. **Balancing Club and Network Needs:** while an individual club may want to change their green provision, this needs to be balanced with what the wider network may need (i.e. multiple natural green sites). The rationale for change needs to be fully understood, and if status quo is deemed critical, functional and viable, possible alternatives may need to be tabled to identify how club and network outcomes can be collectively achieved.

Action: Bowls Auckland review network needs alongside club green proposals as they arise and undertake an options assessment to determine the suitable mix of greens (to meet club and network needs).

Who: Bowls Auckland and Clubs

5. **Green Reviews:** continue reviewing the condition of greens annually to determine where support or investment maybe required. This is particularly critical for natural greens whereby 10 clubs have signalled the need for support through advice, greenkeeping services and financial assistance. Actioning and keeping aware of this need will help maintain quality greens, share knowledge and skillset and in some cases reduce financial burden.

Action: Bowls Auckland and Bowls New Zealand to complete annual green condition reviews and identify and support clubs in need.

Who: Bowls Auckland and Bowls New Zealand

6. **West Auckland Covered Green** – although not an immediate priority, explore the future provision of a covered green in West Auckland. Additional site analysis is required across western sites to determine site suitability, club interest and viability in alignment with the Avondale Fund.

Action: Complete options assessment and feasibility analysis.

Who: Bowls Auckland, identified West Auckland club(s) and/or Aktive.

BOWLS AUCKLAND'S 'OUR HOME'

Although outside the immediate scope of this project, the following is outlined in Bowls Auckland's Strategic Plan under Key Focus Area One: Capability:

Continue to develop 'Our Home' to create spaces and places (both physically and digitally) that our people, clubs and players can come together."

Bowls Auckland remains committed to placing clubs at the centre of its operations, while also recognising the need for dedicated facilities to support its wider responsibilities. These include (but are not limited to) office space for staff, a meeting place for clubs and their leaders, as well as greens to host centre and representative events.

To achieve both current and future strategic objectives—and to continue effectively serving its member clubs—Bowls Auckland acknowledges the importance of remaining open to venue opportunities that enhance its operations and complement the wider facilities network.

Bowls Auckland will continue to explore and monitor such opportunities to ensure alignment with strategic goals, future-proof the organisation, and reinforce its position as a leading regional sporting body.

D.2 BOWLS FACILITIES FRAMEWORK

The Bowls Facilities Framework has been developed to identify the key areas of facility focus for Bowls Auckland and to create a consistent and transparent assessment framework for prioritising where investment is best placed.

The Framework and Assessment Criteria (outlined on the following pages) has been designed to directly align with and inform decision-making relating to the Avondale and Club Investment Funds.

Furthermore, it will be used as an advocacy tool to highlight bowls' priorities for leveraging investment from third-party funders.

BOWLS AUCKLAND FACILITIES FRAMEWORK



VISION: A COMMUNITY FOR ALL, A GAME FOR LIFE

STRATEGIC INTENT: SUPPORTING CLUBS TO BE THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

BOWLS AUCKLAND FACILITIES PLAN - FACILITY FOCUS AREAS

PLAYING INFRASTRUCTURE		OFF-GREEN FACILITIES
Maintain Quality Greens Maintaining our existing greens so they remain fit-for-purpose to support quality participation outcomes.	Increase Playing Capacity Upgrading green-related features to increase participation opportunities and enhance playing experiences at key identified sites which complement the wider bowls network.	Establishing 'Community Facilities' Maintaining and/or enhancing existing buildings to support bowls and wider community outcomes. Creating a sense of place and being a focal point in the community.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Artificial green surface renewals (carpet and astro), Large natural green reconstructions (i.e. removing the turf and soil layers, regrading the surface, install new drainage and re-establish the green), Upgrade floodlighting to LED. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conversion of natural greens to artificial, Installation of new floodlighting, Installation of covered greens, Installation of sunshade covers, Development of indoor centres. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large building renewals (i.e. roof, re-cladding...), Renovation of existing spaces to establish a multiuse facility (i.e. new kitchen, internal configuration...), Large renovation of an existing building (i.e. extensions) or new development of a community hub.

PROJECT ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

IMPACT CREATING QUALITY EXPERIENCES & COMMUNITY CONNECTION	PRACTICALITY BRINGING THE PROJECT TO LIFE
Member Participation Demonstrated Need Community Reach	Tenure Capital Funding Project Complexity Management Financial Sustainability

PROJECT PRIORITISATION



IMPACT – CREATING QUALITY EXPERIENCES AND COMMUNITY CONNECTION



15%

MEMBER PARTICIPATION – LEVEL OF IMPACT THE PROJECT WILL HAVE ON BOWLS MEMBERSHIP

Considerations

- A relatively low number of existing bowls members will benefit from the proposed development.
- The project is unlikely to attract new or returning players.
- Low relative utilisation is anticipated.
- Will not support or enhance tournament hosting.



Considerations

- High number of existing members will be positively impacted and retained by the development project.
- The project is likely to attract a high number of members (either new, returning members and/or converting casual players into members).
- Notable increase in green utilisation through increased weekly activity, all-year and/or all-weather use.
- Likely to support and enhance tournament hosting.

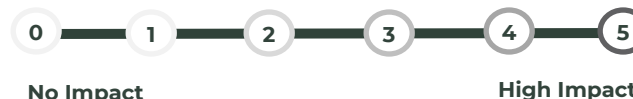


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COMMUNITY REACH – ABILITY TO CONNECT WITH THE WIDER COMMUNITY (ON AND OFF THE GREENS)

Considerations

- No or little evidence of community partnerships being established as a result of the development.
- There are other facilities in the immediate area of the club providing similar functions to what is proposed.
- Most benefit from the project is likely to be gained by traditional bowling members.
- The project is unlikely to have benefit beyond a small number of prospective users.



Considerations

- The development is likely to encourage increased casual and social use of the greens (reaching wider markets).
- The project is likely to extend community use beyond the greens to promote social connectivity.
- Strong evidence of partnerships or relationships being formed (i.e. establishing a hub facility, wide range of community user groups and other sport and recreation codes will prosper from the development...).
- There are limited facilities in the immediate area which are providing similar functions to what is proposed (avoiding duplication of services and spaces).

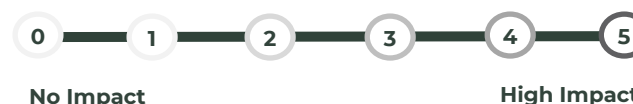


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DEMONSTRATED FACILITY NEED – ALIGNMENT WITH BOWLS FACILITY NETWORK ANALYSIS

Considerations

- Analysis shows investment is not required in the next 1-3 years.
- There would be low network impact if the project was not undertaken in the immediate term.
- No alignment with the Bowls Auckland Facilities Plan.



Considerations

- Maintains and enhances a critical site in the bowls network – high detrimental impact to the network if the project was not undertaken.
- Analysis shows investment is required in the next 1-3 years (driven by condition, use and/or network importance).
- Strong alignment with the Bowls Auckland Facilities Plan.

PRACTICALITY – BRINGING THE PROJECT TO LIFE

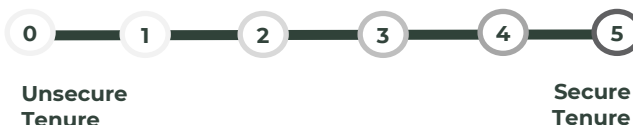


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TENURE – LEVEL OF CERTAINTY FOR LAND USE

Considerations

- Lease has lapsed and has not been renewed.
- No letter of comfort or in-principle support for a new lease from the landowner.
- No access or use rights appear protected.



Considerations

- Long-term lease secured.
- Land ownership with low or little debt levels.
- Access and use rights are protected.

PRACTICALITY – BRINGING THE PROJECT TO LIFE

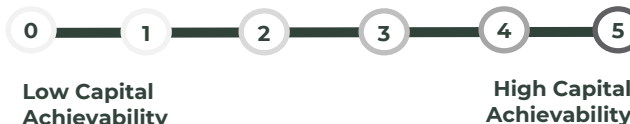


CAPITAL FUNDING – ABILITY TO RAISE THE REQUIRED FUNDS

10%

Considerations

- Low funding leverage for the project.
- Small proportion of the project's cost have been secured.
- No or little evidence supporting the achievability of the funding plan.
- Project is not aligned to sector funder priorities.



Considerations

- The project has high funding leverage available (i.e. through a sinking fund, reserves, asset sales).
- A high proportion of the project's cost have been secured (>50%).
- There is clear and logical evidence supporting the project's funding plan.
- Project is aligned to sector funder priorities.



PROJECT COMPLEXITY – HOW COMPLEX THE PROJECT IS TO DELIVER

10%

Considerations

- Landowner approval for the project is tenuous and unlikely.
- Consent processes appear challenging.
- Site resilience risks are present.
- Planning and design mitigations have not been clearly identified where risks exist.



Considerations

- Landowner approval for the project is secured or likely.
- Resource or building consents do not appear challenging or have already been approved.
- The site has strong resilience and not located in high-risk areas (i.e. flood prone, liquefaction, coastal inundation, stable soils).
- Planning and design mitigations have been clearly identified where risks exist.

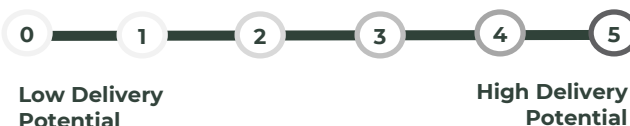


MANAGEMENT – ABILITY TO DELIVER THE PROJECT & TO MANAGE FACILITY

5%

Considerations

- No strategic plan is in place.
- Skillset and capacity appear limited to drive the project and to facilitate use.
- Evidence of lack of facility maintenance and oversight.
- Poor track record in delivering projects.
- No or limited planning evident on how the project will be delivered, who will benefit and how it will be activated.



Considerations

- Strategic plan is in place and being activated.
- Staff, contractors and/or key volunteers with the required skillset and knowledge are supporting the club (and others where applicable) to deliver the proposed project and to facilitate use.
- Strong track record of successful project delivery (where applicable).
- Strong track record of asset management is evident.
- Track record of optimising the facility and community reach. And/or clear planning with actions are devised and resourced.

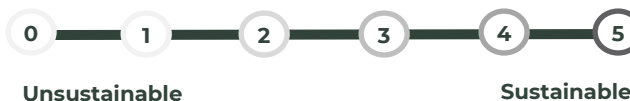


FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY – ABILITY OF THE CLUB TO OPERATE EFFECTIVELY OVER THE LONG-TERM

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Considerations

- Operating deficits are common.
- No or limited evidence of investing in maintenance and upgrades.
- Reliance on grant funding.
- No or limited assets or cash resources to draw upon.

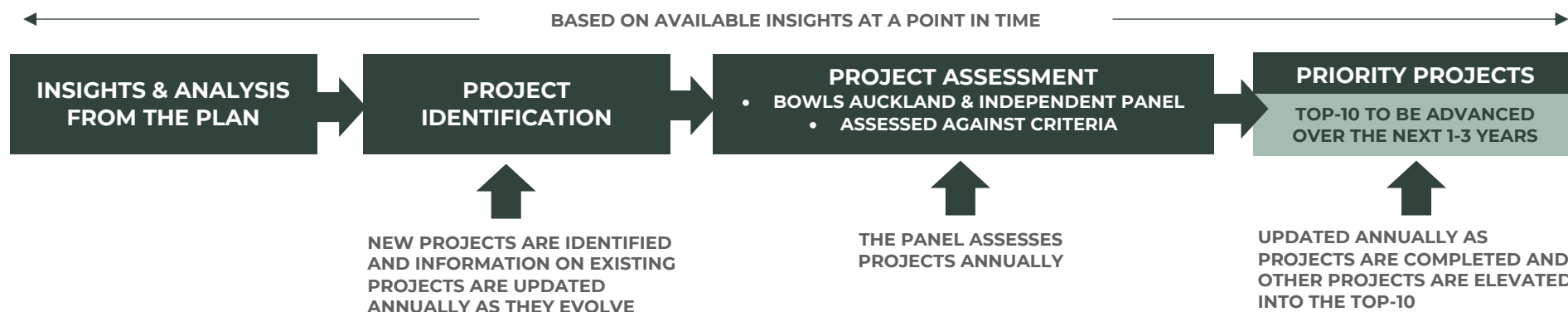


Considerations

- Operating costs are consistently covered.
- Proven track record of investing in maintenance and upgrades.
- A range of funding sources contribute to revenue generation, no or limited reliance on grant funding.
- Capacity to access and use cash resources.

D.3 PRIORITY PROJECTS

The following process was used and will continue to be used for prioritising identified bowls projects (over \$100,000):



Important Note: the inclusion of a project in the Top-10 list within this Plan (and in subsequent priority list updates) does not replace the need for additional focused planning and analysis (where applicable) or guarantee financial support from Bowls Auckland or other funders.

Priority Focus: is placed where large strategic investment is required by Bowls Auckland and/or other prospective capital funders. For the purposes of this plan, strategic investment relates to projects with capital requirements greater than \$100,000.

TOP-10 PRIORITY PROJECTS

The following Top-10 priority projects have been assessed for advancing over the next 1-3 years:

#	SCORE (/100)	CLUB	FACILITY TYPE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	RATIONALE	INDICATIVE COST (\$)	ACTION(S)
1	91	Howick Bowling Club	Covered Green	Installation of a covered green.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High participation. Strategic priority for a covered green / services a large catchment area. Good tenure. Highly leveraged funding 	\$1.6 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete funding drive Complete installation
2	85	Howick Bowling Club	Artificial Green Renewal	Artificial green renewal relating to the green which is being covered.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current green has reached beyond the typical life expectancy. Needed to facilitate the level of demand being activated by the canopy. 	\$220,000 - 250,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete funding drive Complete installation

#	SCORE (/100)	CLUB	FACILITY TYPE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	RATIONALE	INDICATIVE COST (\$)	ACTION(S)
3	84	Papatoetoe Hunters Corner Bowling Club	Artificial Green Renewal	Artificial green renewal relating to the green with the new canopy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current green has reached beyond the typical life expectancy and is in poor condition. Needed to facilitate the level of demand being activated by the canopy. Highly leveraged funding. 	\$220,000 - 250,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete installation
4	83	Carlton Cornwall Bowls	Natural Green Renovation	Undertake large renovation of a natural green.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High participation. Condition issue evident. Fully funded to complete works. Key site with multiple natural greens. 	\$TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete renovation
5	80	Papatoetoe Hunters Corner Bowling Club	Floodlighting	Floodlighting for the covered green.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required to activate and optimise use of the new covered green (alongside green renewal). The installation and cost of the covered green did not include lighting. 	\$80,000-100,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm lighting design Secure remaining funds Complete installation
6	76	Mt Albert Bowling Club	Green Conversion	Explore the conversion of the number 2 green from natural to carpet.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently have two natural greens (no mix or all-weather carpet option). Good levels of participation and demonstrating growth. The overall benefits of an artificial green for driving participation outcomes. 	\$300,000-350,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine network implications of potentially losing a site with 2 natural greens Consider cost benefit of conversion.
6	76	Mt Wellington Bowls	Artificial Green Renewal	Artificial green renewal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current green has reached beyond the typical life expectancy and is in poor condition. Potential for Ellerslie members to relocate following closure. Large and growing catchment area. 	\$220,000 - 250,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grow participation initiatives. Undertake funding drive.
8	75	Pakuranga Bowling Club	Artificial Green Renewal	Artificial green renewal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current green has reached beyond the typical life expectancy and is in poor condition. Serves a wide catchment area. 	\$220,000 - 250,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm overall green configuration and development approach for the site. Complete renewal.
9	72	Kohimarama Bowling Club	Artificial Green Renewal	Artificial green renewal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current green has reached beyond the typical life expectancy. High membership. Lease is up for renewal. 	\$220,000 - 250,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor condition over the next 1-3 years and prepare renewal funding plan.
9	72	Mangere Bowling Club	Green Conversion	Explore the conversion of the natural green (A) to carpet (with	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All three natural greens are in poor condition – with only 1 actively used. Current condition is impacting use. 	\$300,000-350,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider the consolidation of greens on the site. Consider if optimisation of the bowling site can contribute to

#	SCORE (/100)	CLUB	FACILITY TYPE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	RATIONALE	INDICATIVE COST (\$)	ACTION(S)
				consideration of green consolidation and site optimisation).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to consolidate greens on the site. • Potential to activate/optimise space as part of the Walter Massey Master Plan. • Required to drive participation outcomes (potential for growth in the catchment and through considered design and operations of the park). 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the wider outcomes being sought within the Walter Massey Master Plan. • Review future site governance and management to unlock participation opportunities and maintain facilities. • Devise participation objectives and strategies. • Undertake funding assessment.
9	72	Point Chevalier Bowling Club	Green Conversion	Explore the conversion of natural green B to carpet.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently have two natural greens (no mix or all-weather carpet option) + 1 inactive natural green (on adjacent Council land parcel). • Some potential uncertainty around the site and future development. • High casual participation with recent growth. • The natural greens are in good condition and there is strategic network priority on having 2 natural green sites. • The overall benefits of an artificial green for driving participation outcomes. 	\$300,000-350,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain clarity on the future of the site. • Determine network implications of potentially losing a strategic site with 2 natural greens. • Consider cost benefit of conversion.
9	72	Rocky Nook Bowls	Green Conversion	Explore the conversion of natural green A to carpet.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently have two natural greens (no mix or all-weather carpet option). • Very high casual participation. • Long and short-term growth across membership and casual players. • The overall benefits of an artificial green for driving participation outcomes. 	\$300,000-350,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm cost and site preparation works required. • Complete works.

COMPLETE PROJECT LIST – CAPITAL PROJECTS OVER \$100,000

A complete list of projects identified and assessed are outlined in Appendix B. This list will be updated annually as projects are completed, new projects emerge, and existing projects evolve.

PROJECTS UNDER \$100,000

Projects under \$100,000 are primarily associated with smaller clubroom upgrades and green surrounds. A majority of these projects can be funded by a mix of club reserves, club connections (i.e. sponsors, in-kind products or materials, pro-bono work) and local Class IV funders. These projects are still recognised as being important for the general upkeep and functionality of facilities. For completeness, identified items are provided in Appendix B.

IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH

STRATEGIC

1. **Adopt and Socialise** - adopted by the Bowls Auckland Board as a strategic document and socialised with clubs and stakeholders.
2. **Inform Investment** - future grants from the Avondale and Club Investment Funds are aligned and directly informed by the Bowls Auckland Facilities Plan (identified priority projects).
3. **Strategic Partnerships** - Bowls Auckland to meet annually or biannually with other key stakeholders and funders. Outlining where bowls investment is being directed to promote leverage opportunities and to demonstrate Bowls Auckland's' strategic and financial commitment to driving quality community outcomes.

IN PRACTICE

4. **Live and Relevant** - background data and information are updated annually to ensure the priority list remains relevant and impactful (with the Facilities Plan and priority list recognised as being living documents).
5. **Club Communication** - Bowls Auckland to be kept regularly informed by clubs on their facility needs so this information can be considered during annual updates of the priority list.
6. **Independent Assessment** - The panel assessing projects each year includes both Bowls Auckland and independent stakeholder representation (i.e. Bowls New Zealand, Aktive etc.).
7. **Assessment Timing** - it is recommended the above components are undertaken after the summer bowls season when event delivery reduces and facility needs post-season are fully known.

This provides a suitable window for:

- a. Understanding new needs, prospective projects or wider network implications (i.e. proposed closures or amalgamations),
- b. Understanding the status of existing projects,
- c. Re-assessing projects,









- d. Determining potential funding allocations,
 - e. Socialising funding decisions with other funders and stakeholders,
 - f. Preparing applications for other key large facility funds i.e. Auckland Council's Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund (November-February), Lottery Community Facilities Fund (~November and February funding rounds) and Foundation North's Community Building Project (~April – biennial fund).
8. **Plan and Funds Aligned** - it is recommended the Avondale and Club Investment Funds are non-contestable and linked directly to the priority projects identified in the Facilities Plan. This will create transparency and clear understanding for clubs and key stakeholders, whilst delivering greatest impact across the network.
 9. **Club Support** - Bowls Auckland works alongside clubs with identified priority projects to understand where they are placed, what is needed and what potential role Bowls Auckland can play.









Noting although some projects may have a high priority, implementation may still be years away. Bowls Auckland therefore need to be pragmatic with their available resource in a given funding cycle (i.e. are there other high priorities that can be invested in, or should funding be carried over to another year).
 10. **Non-Capital Responses** - the club opportunity and risk profiles should be used by Bowls Auckland to support clubs where non-capital responses are required. If not addressed, this may impact the wider bowls network (i.e. for event delivery, providing geographic coverage and accessibility). This may include greenkeeping support (i.e. advice and shared resources), management personnel, programme offerings or support for amalgamation.
 11. **Direction** - Bowls Auckland's resource should be primarily focused on the identified Network Actions (Section D.1) and Top-10 Priorities (Section D.3).



APPENDIX A - CLUB NETWORK

CURRENT NETWORK

Bowling Club	Local Board												
		Land Ownership	Lease Expiry	Green # and Type					Artificial Green(s) Built or Last Renewed	Covered Green Installed	Clubhouse Owner	Clubhouse Management	Decade Built
				1	2	3	4	5					
Auckland Bowling Club	Waitematā	Council	31/03/2033	C	N				2022		Club	Club	<1950s
Balmoral Bowling Club	Albert-Eden	Club		N	N	C			2015		Club	Club	<1950s
Blockhouse Bay Bowls	Whau	Council	31/08/2032	N	N	C			2021		Club	Club	1960s
Bridge Park Bowling Club	Māngere-Ōtāhuhu	Council	30/08/2043	C	A				2019 2009		Club	Club	1980s
Bucklands Beach Bowling Club	Howick	Council	31/05/2030	C	A				2004 1980		Club	Club	1990s
Carlton Cornwall Bowls	Albert-Eden	Trust	31/12/2026	N	N	C			2024		Club	Club	2010s
Central Bowling Club	Albert-Eden	Council	30/04/2028	N	N						Club	Club	<1950s
East Tamaki Bowling Club	Ōtara-Papatoetoe	Council	31/03/2014	N							Club	Club	<1950s
Epsom Bowling Club	Albert-Eden	Club		C	C				2024 2024		Club	Club	<1950s
Glen Eden Bowling Club	Waitākere Ranges	Club		C	N				2023		Club	Club	1970s
Glendowie Bowling Club	Ōrākei	Council	31/12/2024	N	C	N			2023		Club	Club	1970s
Grey Lynn Bowling Club	Waitematā	Club		N	N						Club	Club	<1950s
Henderson Bowls	Henderson-Massey	Council	30/11/2025	C	N	N	N		2023		Council	Club	1980s
Howick Bowling Club	Howick	Council	30/04/2035	N	N	N	C	A	1994 2023		Club	Club	1990s
Kohimarama Bowling Club	Ōrākei	Council	31/05/2025	C	C				2024 2013		Council	Club	<1950s
Mangere Bowling Club	Māngere-Ōtāhuhu	Council	31/07/2033	N	N	N					Council	Club	<1950s
Maraetai Bowling Club	Franklin	Council	30/06/2041	C					2025		Club	Club	1970s
Mt Albert Bowling Club	Albert-Eden	Club		N	N						Club	Club	<1950s
Mt Eden Bowls	Albert-Eden	Council	30/06/2030	N	N	C			2023		Club	Club	<1950s

Bowling Club	Local Board												
		Land Ownership	Lease Expiry	Green # and Type					Artificial Green(s) Built or Last Renewed	Covered Green Installed	Clubhouse Owner	Clubhouse Management	Decade Built
				1	2	3	4	5					
Mt Wellington Bowls	Maungakiekie-Tāmaki	Council	18/02/2034	N	C				1990		Club	Club	<1950s
New Lynn Bowling Club	Whau	Club		C	N				2024	2017	Club	Club	<1950s
Onehunga & Districts Bowling Club	Maungakiekie-Tāmaki	Council	30/06/2032	N							Club	Club	1980s
Oratia Bowling Club	Waitākere Ranges	Club		C					2025		Club	Club	<1950s
Otahuhu Railway Bowling Club	Māngere-Ōtāhuhu	Club		C					2022		Club	Club	<1950s
Pakuranga Bowling Club	Howick	Council	2035	N	N	N	C	C	2002 2025		Club	Club	
Papatoetoe Hunters Corner Bowling Club	Ōtara-Papatoetoe	Council	30/11/2030	N	N	C			2004	2025	Trust	Trust	<1950s
Piha Bowling Club	Waitākere Ranges	Council	30/06/2053	N							Club	Club	1960s
Ponsonby Bowling Club	Waitematā	Club		C	C				2015 2024		Other	Club	2000s
Pringle Park Bowling Club	Henderson-Massey	Council	4/09/2033	N							Club	Club	2000s
Point Chevalier Bowling Club	Albert-Eden	Trust		N	N	N					Club	Club	<1950s
Remuera Bowling Club	Ōrākei	Club		C	C	N	N		2024 2024	2019	Club	Club	<1950s
Rocky Nook Bowls	Albert-Eden	Council	31/10/2025	N	N						Other	Other	1960s
Royal Oak Bowls	Maungakiekie-Tāmaki	Club		C	N				2023	2023	Club	Club	<1950s
St Heliers Bowling Club	Ōrākei	Council	30/11/2027	C	N				2021		Club	Club	<1950s
Te Atatu Peninsula Bowling Club	Henderson-Massey	Club		C	N	N			2021		Club	Club	<1950s
Titirangi Bowling Club	Waitākere Ranges	Council	31/12/2030	C					2024		Council	Club	1960s
Waiheke Bowling Club	Waiheke	Club		A					2015		Club	Club	1960s
West End Bowling Club	Waitematā	Club		N							Club	Club	1970s

CLOSED & MERGED

CLUB NAME (ORIGINAL NAME IF PREVIOUSLY CHANGED)	ACTION	CHANGE YEAR	ORIGINAL LOCATION	NUMBER OF GREENS	CHANGE LOCATION	LANDOWNER	NOTES
STRAIGHT CLOSURES							
Edendale Bowling Club	Closed	2013	5 Cabbage Tree Swamp Drive, Sandringham	2	n/a	Council	Lease ended and club dissolved 2013. Located on Gribblehurst Park it is now the Gribblehurst Community Hub venue.
Rawhiti Bowling Club	Closed	2014	14 Rangitoto Avenue, Remuera	3	n/a	Club	Sold for \$8.1m with land redeveloped for housing and proceeds were used to establish the Rawhiti Fund.
Oneroa Bowling Club	Closed	2014/15	1A Mako Street, Oneroa	1	n/a	Council	Old site now used by the Waiheke Sustainability Centre and the Waiheke Croquet & Petanque Club.
Te Papapa Bowling Club	Closed	2015	138A Captain Springs Road, Onehunga	2	n/a	Council	Lease expired 2015 and the club officially dissolved in 2021.
Mt Richmond Bowling Club	Closed	2015/16	645 Mt Wellington Highway, Mount Wellington	2		Governed by: Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority	Lease on Bert Henham Park ended in 2015. All buildings and structures have been removed and site is now open green space.
Mission Bay (Mens) Bowling Club	Closed	2016	6A Nihill Crescent, Mission Bay	2	30 Melanesia Rd, Kohimarama	Council	Closed the site on Tagalad Reserve.
Okahu Bay Sport & Recreation Club (Okahu Bay Bowling Club)	Closed	2016/17	40 Reihana Street, Orakei	1 (originally 2*)	n/a	Council	On Orakei Domain. The older green* had been converted to a carpark years before. Site is currently proposed for the Hauora, Sports & Recreation Centre.
Avondale Bowling Club	Closed	2017	15 Highbury St, Avondale	2	n/a	Club	Members decided to sell in 2017. Sale funds used to establish the Avondale Fund.
Point Chevalier RSA Bowling Club	Closed	2019	1136 Great North Road, Point Chevalier	1	n/a	Club	Dissolution Date for Bowling Club section 2019, suggested greens were closed sometime before that. Land for overall RSA site sold to New World in 2023 for about \$10 million.

CLUB NAME (ORIGINAL NAME IF PREVIOUSLY CHANGED)	ACTION	CHANGE YEAR	ORIGINAL LOCATION	NUMBER OF GREENS	CHANGE LOCATION	LANDOWNER	NOTES
St George Bowls & Sports Club (Papatoetoe RSA Bowling Club)	Closed	2024	86 Cambridge Terrace, Papatoetoe	2	n/a	Council	Land incorporated (for housing) into plans for rejuvenation of Old Papatoetoe by Eke Panuku with housing and community facilities.
Ellerslie Bowling Club	Closed	2025	20 Kalmia Street, Ellerslie	1	n/a	Club	Mortgagee sale in 2025.
MERGER CLOSURES							
Carlton Bowling Club	Merger	2006	13A Alpers Avenue, Epsom	2	126 Market Rd, Epsom,	Club	The Carlton Bowling Club site at Alpers Avenue was sold in 2009 to an investor but was undeveloped and derelict until a current 2025 sale process was initiated. The club used the proceeds of the original sale to develop new facilities in a merger with the Cornwall Park Club at its 126 Market Rd site (leased from Cornwall Park Trust).
Hillsboro Bowling Club	Merger	2017	16 Hillsborough Road, Hillsborough	2	38 Neilson Street, Onehunga	Club	The Onehunga and Hillsboro clubs have merged to become Royal Oak Bowls which used the proceeds of the sale from the Hillsborough site for new facilities in Selwyn St, Onehunga.

Note: some mergers have occurred (i.e. men's and women's clubs), however, this has not resulted in site closures.

APPENDIX B – PROJECT LIST

PROJECTS UNDER \$100,000

CLUB	TYPE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	INDICATIVE COST
Bridge Park Bowling Club	Floodlights	Upgrade existing lights to LED	\$35,000
Maraetai Bowling Club	Floodlights	Install higher poles with permanent in ground wiring	\$30,000
Oratia Bowling Club	Floodlights	Installing lights to extend twilight bowls	TBC
Central Bowling Club	Clubrooms	Replace carpet and repaint the internal walls of the clubhouse.	Up to \$6,000 for carpet replacement
East Tamaki Bowling Club	Clubrooms	Internal renovations to modernise the clubhouse (following recent completion of the bathroom - repair and remodel).	TBC
Epsom Bowling Club	Clubrooms	Upgrade of the bar area and improvement of the chillers and storage space, upgrade and improve use of the locker area, toilet renovation and upgrade, and office improvements.	\$37,000
Henderson Bowls	Clubrooms	Upgrade/refurbishment of the bar.	\$20,000-50,000
Howick Bowling Club	Clubrooms	New floor covering on the balcony.	TBC
Kohimarama Bowling Club	Clubrooms	New bar, kitchen upgrade, additional toilets (including an accessible toilet) and storage room.	TBC
Mangere Bowling Club	Clubrooms	Clubhouse works to be scoped ahead of the club's Centennial Year.	TBC
Maraetai Bowling Club	Clubrooms	Open-up the lounge with flow onto an outdoor patio / viewing area, upgrade the bar area and carpet replacement (this follows recently completed large renovation works).	\$50,000
Mt Albert Bowling Club	Clubrooms	Upgrade of toilets and bar, new outdoor screens, retractable awnings & shade sails for the bottom green.	\$65,000+
Mt Eden Bowls	Clubrooms	Bathroom upgrades.	\$50,000
Oratia Bowling Club	Clubrooms	Replace toilets to add accessible toilet and an additional toilet (responding to the diverse range of use and growth of the club). Expand kitchen to include bistro cooking facilities.	TBC
Papatoetoe Hunters Corner Bowling Club	Clubrooms	New carpet in lounge area.	TBC
Remuera Bowling Club	Clubrooms	Rebuild the clubhouse on the Remuera Bowling Club site following the amalgamation with the Auckland Bridge Club.	TBC
Royal Oak Bowls	Clubrooms	Bathroom and lighting upgrades and general refurbishment.	TBC
Waiheke Bowling Club	Clubrooms	Renovate toilets, paint the dining room and renovate the storage shed.	\$30,000
West End Bowling Club	Clubrooms	Roof replacement	\$60,000
Maraetai Bowling Club	Other	Replace eastern fence line	\$50,000
Maraetai Bowling Club	Other	Seal the carpark (note the cost will likely exceed \$100,000, but this is not a key focus area for the Bowls Auckland Facilities Framework.	\$100,000+
Royal Oak Bowls	Other	Add artificial turf to the surrounds around the natural green.	\$16,000

FULL PROJECT LIST

#	SCORE (/100)	CLUB	FACILITY TYPE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	RATIONALE	INDICATIVE COST (\$)	ACTION(S)
1	91	Howick Bowling Club	Covered Green	Installation of a covered green.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High participation. • Strategic priority for a covered green / services a large catchment area. • Good tenure. • Highly leveraged funding 	\$1.6 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete funding drive • Complete installation
2	85	Howick Bowling Club	Artificial Green Renewal	Artificial green renewal relating to the green which is being covered.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current green has reached beyond the typical life expectancy. • Needed to facilitate the level of demand being activated by the canopy. 	\$220,000 - 250,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete funding drive • Complete installation
3	84	Papatoetoe Hunters Corner Bowling Club	Artificial Green Renewal	Artificial green renewal relating to the green with the new canopy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current green has reached beyond the typical life expectancy and is in poor condition. • Needed to facilitate the level of demand being activated by the canopy. • Highly leveraged funding. 	\$220,000 - 250,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete installation
4	83	Carlton Cornwall Bowls	Natural Green Renovation	Undertake large renovation of a natural green.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High participation. • Condition issue evident. • Fully funded to complete works. • Key site with multiple natural greens. 	\$TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete renovation
5	80	Papatoetoe Hunters Corner Bowling Club	Floodlighting	Floodlighting for the covered green.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required to activate and optimise use of the new covered green (alongside green renewal). • The installation and cost of the covered green did not include lighting. 	\$80,000-100,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm lighting design • Secure remaining funds • Complete installation
6	76	Mt Albert Bowling Club	Green Conversion	Explore the conversion of the number 2 green from natural to carpet.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently have two natural greens (no mix or all-weather carpet option). • Good levels of participation and demonstrating growth. • The overall benefits of an artificial green for driving participation outcomes. 	\$300,000-350,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine network implications of potentially losing a site with 2 natural greens • Consider cost benefit of conversion.
6	76	Mt Wellington Bowls	Artificial Green Renewal	Artificial green renewal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current green has reached beyond the typical life expectancy and is in poor condition. 	\$220,000 - 250,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grow participation initiatives. • Undertake funding drive.

#	SCORE (/100)	CLUB	FACILITY TYPE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	RATIONALE	INDICATIVE COST (\$)	ACTION(S)
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential for Ellerslie members to relocate following closure. Large and growing catchment area. 		
8	75	Pakuranga Bowling Club	Artificial Green Renewal	Artificial green renewal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current green has reached beyond the typical life expectancy and is in poor condition. Serves a wide catchment area. 	\$220,000 - 250,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm overall green configuration and development approach for the site. Complete renewal.
9	72	Kohimarama Bowling Club	Artificial Green Renewal	Artificial green renewal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current green has reached beyond the typical life expectancy. High membership. Lease is up for renewal. 	\$220,000 - 250,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor condition over the next 1-3 years and prepare renewal funding plan.
9	72	Mangere Bowling Club	Green Conversion	Explore the conversion of the natural green (A) to carpet (with consideration of green consolidation and site optimisation).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All three natural greens are in poor condition – with only 1 actively used. Current condition is impacting use. Opportunity to consolidate greens on the site. Potential to activate/optimize space as part of the Walter Massey Master Plan. Required to drive participation outcomes (potential for growth in the catchment and through considered design and operations of the park). 	\$300,000-350,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider the consolidation of greens on the site. Consider if optimisation of the bowling site can contribute to the wider outcomes being sought within the Walter Massey Master Plan. Review future site governance and management to unlock participation opportunities and maintain facilities. Devise participation objectives and strategies. Undertake funding assessment.
9	72	Point Chevalier Bowling Club	Green Conversion	Explore the conversion of natural green B to carpet.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently have two natural greens (no mix or all-weather carpet option) + 1 inactive natural green (on adjacent Council land parcel). Some potential uncertainty around the site and future development. High casual participation with recent growth. The natural greens are in good condition and there is strategic network priority on having 2 natural green sites. 	\$300,000-350,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gain clarity on the future of the site. Determine network implications of potentially losing a strategic site with 2 natural greens. Consider cost benefit of conversion.

#	SCORE (/100)	CLUB	FACILITY TYPE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	RATIONALE	INDICATIVE COST (\$)	ACTION(S)
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall benefits of an artificial green for driving participation outcomes. 		
9	72	Rocky Bowls Nook	Green Conversion	Explore the conversion of natural green A to carpet.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently have two natural greens (no mix or all-weather carpet option). Very high casual participation. Long and short-term growth across membership and casual players. The overall benefits of an artificial green for driving participation outcomes. 	\$300,000-350,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm cost and site preparation works required. Complete works.
13	70	Remuera Bowling Club	Covered Green	Planning for the development of a second covered green.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity exists to develop a second covered green on the site. Presents as a strategic site for event hosting (and attracting higher level events to Auckland). Investment opportunities exist through amalgamation with the Auckland Bridge Club. 	\$1.5-2.0 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm concept approach and timeframes.
14	69	Bridge Park Bowling Club	Artificial Green Renewal	Artificial green renewal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current green has reached beyond the typical life expectancy. 	\$220,000 - 250,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor condition over the next 1-3 years and prepare renewal funding plan.
15	67	Pakuranga Bowling Club	Green Conversion	Investigate the conversion of an artificial green into a natural green.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conversion is required/proposed as part of the Lloyd Elsmore Park Community Hub project. Required for the site to have a mix of natural and carpet greens. 	TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drive participation initiatives with the renewed green. Confirm the development concept and associated timelines.
15	67	Pakuranga Bowling Club	Covered Green	Investigation into the development of a covered green.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed as part of the Lloyd Elsmore Community Hub Multisport project. Opportunity for more bowls activity through greater activation of the existing site. Located on the edge of the Howick Bowling Club 15-minute catchment area. Membership has been declining, but casual participation has been increasing. 	\$1.2 – 1.5 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drive participation initiatives with the renewed green. Confirm the development concept and associated timelines.

#	SCORE (/100)	CLUB	FACILITY TYPE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	RATIONALE	INDICATIVE COST (\$)	ACTION(S)
15	67	Waiheke Bowling Club	Green Renewal	Artificial green renewal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Artificial green is up for renewal in the next 1-3 years. High membership and moderate levels of casual players. Services its own catchment area. 	\$220,000 - 250,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor condition over upcoming years and prepare renewal funding plan.
15	67	Pringle Park Bowling Club	Green Conversion	Explore the conversion of the natural green into artificial.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only have one green. The membership have approved conversion. Currently relatively low membership and no casual players. Opportunities for the artificial to lead to increased participation – reduced demand and damage on the carpet. In relatively close proximity to another bowling club. The overall benefits of an artificial green for driving participation outcomes. 	\$300,000-350,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Devise participation plan for increasing use. Confirm costs for conversion.
19	66	Glendowie Bowling Club	Clubhouse	Planning and investigation to repurpose the existing building into a multisport hub.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optimising existing buildings on the site between existing users and future operators. The existing bowls building needs reconfigured to make it functional for multiple domiciled and external users. Greater connectivity and utilisation of the site may translate into more bowls participation. New governance and management will help support future longevity of the site and facilities. 	\$1.1 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue design and consent phase.
20	64	Kohimarama Bowling Club	Clubhouse	Explore clubhouse upgrades including additional toilets (with an accessible toilet), kitchen upgrade, new bar and storage room.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need for upgraded functional spaces. High relative membership. Low relative casual participation. 	TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue planning and costing exercise.
21	63	Henderson Bowls	Green Conversion	Investigate the conversion of a natural green to artificial.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assists with the vision for having a 2 natural 2 artificial green site. 	\$300,000-350,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete grass renovations and then explore conversion costs.

#	SCORE (/100)	CLUB	FACILITY TYPE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	RATIONALE	INDICATIVE COST (\$)	ACTION(S)
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategically, this vision would support event hosting and create a premier site for Bowls Auckland. High membership and low casual players. Services a large catchment area. Located in a flood plain. 		
22	62	Auckland Bowling Club	Other	Complete planning for the replacement of the existing concrete embankment with timber retaining wall and decking.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing embankment is failing and requires extensive remedial works. Presents as a slippage risk to the all-weather green. Allow for better utilisation of the site through eight bays for seating and fixed umbrellas. Large casual use of the site. Landowner approval has been received and the Domain Board is supportive of the project. 	~\$400,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete resource and building consent process.
22	62	Pakuranga Bowling Club	Clubhouse	Continue planning and investigations for renovating and developing the current clubhouse (to establish a community hub).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The building is in need of large renewals and renovations. Development is proposed as part of the Lloyd Elsmore Community Hub project. The clubhouse would service bowls, tennis, gymnastics and table tennis (as part of the wider site development). A hub development will help increase foot traffic to the site and create more exposure and opportunities for bowls participation. 	\$2 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue consent and planning work.
24	61	Oratia Bowling Club	Clubhouse	Explore the replacement of the toilets (including an accessible toilet) and expanding the kitchen to include bistro cooking facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In response to diversifying needs. Moderate membership, with growth. Low number of casual players. 	TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm costings.
24	61	Point Chevalier Bowling Club	Clubhouse	Investigate clubhouse improvements including internal refurbishment and reconfiguration and external improvements (i.e. new roof).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required building renewals. Need for improving functionality to meet current and prospective users. Large number of casual players. 	\$1 million+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm scope of works and associated costings. Gain clarity on the future of the site.

#	SCORE (/100)	CLUB	FACILITY TYPE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	RATIONALE	INDICATIVE COST (\$)	ACTION(S)
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent growth in membership. 		
26	59	Remuera Bowling Club	Clubhouse	Planning and investigation of rebuilding the clubhouse with Auckland Bridge Club.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amalgamation with the Auckland Bridge Club. Large investment attributed to the sale of the Auckland Bridge Club. 	TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm costings and potential timeframes. Coordinate work programme with green upgrades.
26	59	Central Bowling Club	Green Conversion	Investigate the conversion of a natural green to carpet.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Condition issues. No current greenkeeper. Low membership. Low number of casual players. Not a strategic network site for 2 natural greens. The overall benefits of an artificial green for driving participation outcomes. 	\$300,000-350,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Devise participation plan for increasing use.
27	58	Mangere Bowling Club	Natural Green Renovation	Investigate undertaking a large renovation of natural green B.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently an inactive green. Would enable a mix of artificial (with new conversion) and a natural green to meet bowler preferences. Moderate membership and low casual players. Uncertainty around the site (subject to the Walter Massey Park Master Plan). Priority to be placed on installing a carpet. 	TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus to be placed on installing a carpet. Review future site governance and management to unlock participation opportunities and maintain facilities. Develop a renovation and maintenance plan for the green.
28	57	Balmoral Bowling Club	Green Renewal	Artificial green renewal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The green is up for renewal in 4-6 years. Currently has some condition issues for hosting Centre events. Relatively high membership and large number of casual players. Declining participation trends. 	\$220,000 - 250,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep a watching brief on condition and prepare renewal funding plan.
28	57	Blockhouse Bay Bowls	Green Conversion	Investigate the conversion of the natural green into carpet.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The site currently comprises 2 natural greens and 1 carpet green. Large relative membership and high number of casual players. Some green condition issues exist for hosting Centre events. 	\$300,000-350,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine network implications of potentially losing a site with 2 natural greens. Consider cost benefit of conversion.

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall benefits of an artificial green for driving participation outcomes. 		
28	57	Te Atatu Peninsula Bowling Club	Covered Green	Explore the installation of a covered green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relatively low membership and number of casual players (although showing recent growth). Club-owned site. Relatively small catchment area. 	\$1.2 – 1.5 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Involvement in exploring future West Auckland covered green provision.
31	56	Glen Eden Bowling Club	Clubhouse	Investigating practicality and costs for undertaking clubhouse upgrades i.e. carpet replacement, roof replacement, mediate subsidence behind the club, installing a lift, downstairs kitchen.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need for building renewals. Increasing appeal. Potential for reinvestment from land parcel sale. Relatively high membership and large number of casual players. 	TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm, cost and prioritise building renewals and upgrades.
31	56	Ponsonby Bowling Club	Green Renewal	Artificial green renewal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The green is up for renewal in 4-6 years. Moderate membership and low casual participation. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep a watching brief on condition and prepare renewal funding plan.
33	54	Bridge Park Bowling Club	Clubhouse	Refurbishment of the toilets and repainting the interior.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General building renewals and upgrades. Low membership and moderate number of casual players. 	\$150,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure funding. Complete works.
33	54	Bucklands Beach Bowling Club	Green Renewal	Artificial green renewal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low membership. Low number of casual players. Green is in poor condition. Serves a large catchment area. 	\$220,000 - 250,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep a watching brief on condition and prepare renewal funding plan.
33	54	Henderson Bowls	Natural Green Renovation	Investigate undertaking a large renovation of one natural green.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority focus on artificial green conversion. Renovation will support having two usable natural greens – creating a strategic site for Bowls Auckland. 	TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow green development plan for the site.
36	53	Oratia Bowling Club	Floodlights	Explore the installation of floodlighting for one green.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority focus is on clubhouse upgrades. Moderate membership, with growth. Low number of casual players. 	TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

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37	52	Central Bowling Club	Natural Green Renovation	Investigate undertaking a large renovation of one natural green.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Condition issues. No current greenkeeper. Low membership. Low number of casual players. 	TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm scale of works required.
38	46	Bridge Park Bowling Club	Green Renewal	Artificial green renewal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up for renewal in the next 7-10 years. Other priority focuses for the club in the short to medium term. 	\$220,000 - 250,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on other proposed developments. Start developing a renewal plan.
39	42	Onehunga & Districts Bowling Club	Floodlighting	Investigate the installation of new floodlights on the green.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low membership. Low casual participation. Single natural green. 	TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Devise participation plan for increasing use. Priority expenditure should be placed on maintaining the green.
40	41	Papatoetoe Hunters Corner Bowling Club	Floodlighting	Explore floodlighting renewal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ageing floodlighting. A number of higher priorities for the club to focus on, including floodlight provision of the covered green. 	TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prioritise covered green development.
41	29	Te Atatu Peninsula Bowling Club	Green Conversion	Investigate converting the natural green located on adjacent Council-owned land into an artificial green.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderately low membership and number of casual players. The club's site already comprises 1 carpet and 1 natural green. Both greens are in good condition. Wider possible opportunities exist for use of the site which could benefit bowls (attracting a diversified user profile to the precinct). The overall benefits of an artificial green for driving participation outcomes. 	\$300,000-350,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate alternate opportunities for the green.



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