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# Recreation Facilities Utilisation Study Summary Report



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# 1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to summarise the Recreation Facilities Utilisation Study full report. Ashburton District is made up of a population of 33,423 (2018 Census), with a predominantly European populace with 83.4% affiliating as European. The district has a slightly higher population of males to females, with the prime life stage of residents being older adults (19.3%).

Major changes forecasted between 2018 and 2033 include a 2.4% decrease in the young family population, a 2.3% increase in the young retiree population and a 1.8% increase in the older retiree population. This suggests that the district will have an increased older age population in the future.

Most popular recreational activities for participation in the Ashburton District include:

1. Walking for sport or leisure (51.8%)
2. Jogging/running (24.3%)
3. Gardening (22.8%)
4. Inactive (22.8%)
5. Playing games (20.4%)

Including recreational activities which have organised sport aspects, the most popular sports in the Ashburton District include:

1. Jogging/running 24.3% (sits at #2 in overall activity participation)
2. Cycling/biking 15.7% (sits at #7 in overall activity participation)
3. Swimming 14.2% (sits at #8 in overall activity participation)
4. Mountain biking 7.2% (sits at #11 in overall activity participation)
5. Dance 7.1% (sits at #12 in overall activity participation)

Participation in these activities is shown in Table 1 below. The table shows the difference between expected national activity participation rates and Ashburton District expected activity participation for 2023. Activities that predict higher participation in Ashburton district include Swimming (0.7% higher), Cricket (0.3% higher) and Touch Rugby (0.1% higher).

Table 1: Difference between Ashburton District expected participation rates and National participation rates 2023.

Activity	Ashburton District	National	Participation difference
Athletics	1.3%	1.8%	-0.4%
Badminton	1.3%	1.6%	-0.3%
Basketball	3.2%	3.3%	-0.2%
Cricket	2.0%	1.7%	0.3%
Football	1.8%	1.8%	-0.1%
Futsal	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hockey	1.6%	1.6%	0.0%
Netball	3.0%	3.1%	0.0%
Pickleball	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rugby	2.0%	2.1%	-0.1%
Rugby League	0.3%	0.7%	-0.4%
Softball	0.4%	0.5%	0.0%
Squash	0.9%	0.9%	0.0%
Swimming	14.2%	13.5%	0.7%
Touch Rugby	2.7%	2.5%	0.1%
Volleyball	1.1%	1.0%	0.0%

When considering school sport participation in the Ashburton District, sports showing the largest **decline** in participation between 2018 and 2021 included:

1. Touch Rugby (-2.5%)
2. Athletics (-2.2%)
3. Football (-1.6%)

When considering school sport participation in the Ashburton District, sports showing the largest **increase** in participation between 2018 and 2021 included:

1. Netball (1.1%)
2. Squash (0.9%)
3. Basketball (0.7%)

Appendix A outlines wider school sport participation trends between 2005 and 2021 in the Ashburton District for sport activities relevant to this study.

## 2 Sport Overview

Maps have been pulled together to provide spatial awareness of on-site activities for facilities relevant to this study and can be found in Appendix B. There are some instances where there are more assets onsite, however only assets relevant to this study have been shown. For example, lawn sports, such as bowling and croquet, have not been shown on maps. It is noted that they are based at locations relevant to this study such as Allenton All Sports Club and Methven Domain.

Further sport and recreation activities which fall outside of this study need to be investigated in further studies to determine the utilisation of their facilities. An asset list and high-level assessment was undertaken in response to the requirements of this project for some facilities. Comments on facilities condition below are based on an in-person assessment and include survey feedback from clubs where an in-person assessment was not possible or not included within the project scope.

Engagement was completed for this project between December 2022 and February 2023.

Facility information has only been shown for sports relevant to this study and on Council or private land, school facilities under the Ministry of Education ownership have been excluded from this study.

Note: Overall organised sport within New Zealand has been showing a decline in participation, and the Ashburton District mimics this trend with a few exceptions in recent years; for example, basketball has experienced a significant increase in participation.

### 2.1 Athletics

Athletics has been declining in participation at a school sport level in the Ashburton district since 2018<sup>1</sup>. Athletics participation for the wider Ashburton District sits below the national participation average. Trends shown at a regional level (Canterbury) level shows an 11% decrease in interest in the sport since 2011.

There is 1 facility for Athletics located within Ashburton District<sup>2</sup> (Ashburton Domain). This project was unable to contact the Ashburton Athletics Club. Further investigation is required to determine utilisation of athletics facilities within the district.

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<sup>1</sup> Wider school sport participation trends between 2005 and 2021 can be found in Appendix A

<sup>2</sup> Facilities located on school grounds have not been considered within the scope of this project

## 2.2 Badminton

Badminton has seen declining participation at a school sport level in the Ashburton district since 2018. Badminton participation for the wider Ashburton District sits below the national participation average. Trends shown at a regional level (Canterbury) are unavailable.

There is 1 facility for badminton located within the Ashburton District with 12 courts (EA Networks Centre). Key messaging through engagement was that Covid-19 had a big impact on participation due to lack of international students and that the space they currently have is sufficient for participation now and into the future.

## 2.3 Basketball

Basketball has seen increasing participation at a school sport level in the Ashburton District since 2018. Basketball participation for the wider Ashburton District sits below the national participation average. Trends shown at a regional level (Canterbury) level shows an 3% decrease in interest in the sport since 2011, however likelihood to participate in the next 6 months showed a 2% increase.

There are 2 facilities for basketball located within the Ashburton District, 1 is privately owned with 5 courts across the network (EA Networks Centre and Oxford Street Stadium). Key messaging through engagement was that the sport is facing increases in participation and needs more court space allocation. An extension at the Oxford Street Stadium would be a significant cost and Mid Canterbury Basketball would support an extension of EA Networks Centre for more court space.

## 2.4 Cricket

Cricket has had stable participation with a very slow decline at a school sport level in the Ashburton District since 2018. Cricket participation for the wider Ashburton District sits below the national participation average. Trends shown at a regional level (Canterbury) level show no change in interest in the sport or likelihood to participate in the next 6 months since 2011.

There are 5 facilities for cricket located within the Ashburton District, 1 is privately owned (Allenton Rugby Football Club nets, Ashburton Domain, Coldstream Oval, Lauriston Oval and Methven Domain). This includes 9 outdoor nets, 2 indoor nets, 8 grass pitches and 4 artificial pitches across the network. Key messaging through engagement was that there is a lack of understanding of ownership of facilities at the Ashburton Domain, there also seems to be some level of conflict between cricket and football at the domain. Cricket is also engaging in early conversations with Allenton Rugby Club around expansion of cricket into their grounds.

## 2.5 Football and Futsal

Football (outdoor) has declining participation at a school sport level in the Ashburton district since 2018. Football (outdoor) participation for the wider Ashburton District sits slightly below the national participation average. Trends shown at a regional level (Canterbury) for football (indoor/outdoor) shows an 3% decrease in interest in the sport since 2011, however likelihood to participate in the next 6 months showed a 2% increase.

There are 4 facilities for football (Argyle Park, Ashburton Domain, Methven domain and Rakaia Domain) and 1 facility for futsal (EA Networks Centre) located within the Ashburton District. This includes 8 junior fields, 7 senior fields and 5 futsal courts (4 standard size and 1 international size).

Key messaging through engagement was that there is some level of conflict between cricket and football at the Ashburton Domain. MCUFC would support the development of Argyle Park into a hub for football. The fields are well utilised at the Methven Domain with no future room for expansion. The fields at Rakaia Domain are underutilised and may require future development.

## 2.6 Hockey

Hockey has had a slow decline in participation at a school sport level in the Ashburton District since 2018. Hockey participation for the wider Ashburton District sits in line with the national participation average. Trends shown at a regional level (Canterbury) for hockey shows an 4% decrease in interest in the sport since 2011, likelihood to participate in the next 6 months showed no change.

There are 2 facilities for hockey located within the Ashburton District (Ashburton Domain and Rakaia Domain). This includes 1 full-sized turf, and 1 half sized which is underutilised. Key messaging through engagement was that the carpet on the Ashburton Domain turf will need to be replaced within the next 2-3 years, the facility is currently at capacity in the winter and have previously explored a second turf option with Council. The development of a second turf would be supported by Mid-Canterbury Hockey.

## 2.7 Netball

Netball has been increasing in participation at a school sport level in the Ashburton District since 2018. Netball participation for the wider Ashburton District sits in line with the national participation average. Trends shown at a regional level (Canterbury) for netball shows an 10% decrease in interest in the sport since 2011, however likelihood to participate in the next 6 months showed a 2% increase.

There is 1 indoor facility (EA Networks Centre) and 7 outdoor facilities (Tinwald Domain, Mayfield Domain, Mount Somers Domain, Rakaia Domain, Methven Domain, Hampstead Rugby & All Sports club and Allenton Rugby Football Club) utilised for netball located within the Ashburton District. This includes 4 indoor courts and 17 outdoor courts (the majority of which are no longer utilised). Key messaging through engagement was participation has increased due to moving games indoors, however there is a lack of further indoor court space at EA Networks Centre. The sport is unable to continue to grow with current indoor court capacity issues.

## 2.8 Pickleball

Sport New Zealand does not currently collect data on pickleball; therefore, participation trends are unable to be provided.

There is 1 indoor facility utilised for pickleball located within the Ashburton District (EA Networks Centre). This includes 12 indoor courts. Key feedback through the stakeholder engagement phase was that there was a lack of available court space at EA Networks Centre during favourable times (after-work hours) which has had a negative effect on the expansion of the game.

## 2.9 Rugby

Rugby has been declining in participation at a school sport level in the Ashburton District since 2018. Rugby participation for the wider Ashburton District sits below the national participation average. Trends shown at a regional level (Canterbury) for rugby shows an 17% decrease in interest in the sport and a 9% decrease in likelihood to participate in the next 6 months since 2011.

There are 11 facilities utilised for rugby located within the Ashburton District, 5 are on privately owned land (1 leasing) (Allenton Rugby Football Club, Ashburton Celtic Rugby Football Club, Collegiate Rugby Football Club, Hampstead Rugby & All Sports Club and Ashburton A&P Showgrounds) and 6 are on Council owned domain land (Methven domain, Mount Somers Domain, Rakaia Domain, Tinwald Domain, Hinds Domain and Mayfield Domain). This includes 17 junior boys and 25 senior fields, of these fields 4 junior fields, 2 half fields and 16 senior fields are lit.

Key messaging through engagement was there are several rugby facilities located in Ashburton township with 3 in close proximity, some of these clubs are thriving and some are not. There is a high level of conflict between equestrian sport and rugby at the A&P Showgrounds. There is a growing desire for night rugby in the district however the lighting within the network is not fit for purpose. High level of disparity between lease fees for clubs on Council land and rates for clubs on private land.

## 2.10 Rugby League

Rugby league has recorded 0% participation at a school sport level in the Ashburton District since 2018. Rugby league participation for the wider Ashburton District sits below the national participation average. Trends shown at a regional level (Canterbury) for rugby league shows an 11% decrease in interest in the sport and a 1% decrease in likelihood to participate in the next 6 months since 2011.

There is 1 facility utilised for rugby league located within the Ashburton District (Robillard Park). This includes 1 senior field. Key feedback from the Ashburton Barbarians Rugby League club indicated that they are satisfied with their current facilities and are do not require further facilities to cater for demand.

## 2.11 Softball

Softball has seen relatively stable participation at a school sport level in the Ashburton District since 2018. Softball participation for the wider Ashburton District sits in line with the national participation average. Trends shown at a regional level (Canterbury) for softball shows an 6% decrease in interest in the sport since 2011, however there was a 1% increase in likelihood to participate in the next 6 months.

There are 2 facilities utilised for softball located within the Ashburton District (Hampstead Rugby & All Sports Club and Argyle Park). This includes 8 junior diamonds and 3 senior diamonds within the network. Engagement was limited for this sport and further engagement with Mid-Canterbury Softball would benefit and future changes to the softball network within the Ashburton District. Other sport stakeholders noted that softball is prevalent that Argyle Park (main location for softball) and could benefit from future development.

## 2.12 Squash

Squash has had a slow increase in participation at a school sport level in the Ashburton District since 2018. Squash participation for the wider Ashburton District sits in line with the national participation average. Trends shown at a regional level (Canterbury) for squash did not show trends between 2011 and 2020.

There are 7 facilities utilised for squash located within the Ashburton District (Ashburton Celtic Squash Club, Ashburton Squash Club, Collegiate South Squash Club, Hinds Squash Club, Mayfield District Squash Racquets Club, Methven Squash Club and Rakaia Squash Club) located on 3 domains (Mayfield Domain, Methven Domain and Rakaia Domain). This includes 19 courts within the

network. Key feedback from stakeholders indicated that there is one club with clubrooms that need extensive repair or demolition (affecting 4 courts) with a few of the other clubs planning minor upgrades/ repairs. None of the surveyed squash clubs recorded difficulty utilising their facilities suggesting that there is no need for additional facilities.

## 2.13 Swimming

Swimming has been slow declining in participation at the school sport level in the Ashburton district since 2018. Recreational swimming participation for the wider Ashburton District sits significantly above the national participation average. Trends shown at a regional level (Canterbury) for swimming shows an 4% decrease in interest in the sport since 2011, however there was a 3% increase in likelihood to participate in the next 6 months.

There are 7 facilities utilised for swimming located within the Ashburton District. This includes 1 indoor pool complex (EA Networks Centre) and 6 outdoor pool complexes (Tinwald Domain, Mayfield Domain, Ruapuna Domain, Hinds Domain, Mount Somers Domain and Rakaia Township) within the network. Key messaging through engagement was that the infrastructure in rural pools services the community however is becoming aged. The commonly used pools at EA Networks Centre and Tinwald Domain are often at capacity. Tinwald Domain pool is not fit for purpose for competitive training and learn to swim which means EA Networks Centre is the only pool in the district that provides these services to a high level.

## 2.14 Touch Rugby

Touch rugby has had declining participation at a school sport level in the Ashburton District since 2018. Touch rugby participation for the wider Ashburton District sits above the national participation average. Trends shown at a regional level (Canterbury) for touch rugby shows an 6% decrease in interest in the sport and a 3% increase in likelihood to participate in the next 6 months since 2011.

There are 3 facilities utilised for touch rugby located within the Ashburton District, 2 are on privately owned land (Celtic Rugby Football Club and Southern Rugby Club – Hinds) and 1 is on Council-owned domain land (Methven Domain). This includes 8 fields within the network. Key feedback through engagement was that most modules are focused on social family friendly games. 1 module has had a large increase in participation over the past 3 years and may require additional field capacity at Methven Domain. Argyle Park was previously utilised for touch rugby however the module run by Touch Canterbury has since been disbanded.

## 2.15 Volleyball

Despite a steady decline in participation since 2019, volleyball has seen steadily increasing participation at a school sport level in the Ashburton district since 2005. Volleyball participation for the wider Ashburton District sits in line with the national participation average. Trends shown at a regional level (Canterbury) for volleyball shows an 3% decrease in interest in the sport and no change in likelihood to participate in the next 6 months since 2011.

There is 1 facility utilised for volleyball located within the Ashburton District which includes 2 courts (EA Networks Centre). Key messaging through engagement was that there was some difficulty with booking court space at EA Networks Centre which was passed onto ADC staff to address.



## 2.16 Gym

Sport New Zealand did not collate participation trends for 'going to the gym' at a school level. Going to the gym participation for the wider Ashburton District sits below the national participation average. Trends shown at a regional level (Canterbury) for going to the gym/ working out shows an 8% decrease in interest in the activity since 2011, however there was a 1% increase in likelihood to participate in the next 6 months.

There is 1 Council owned gym facility located within the Ashburton District (EA Networks Centre) which includes: gym floor, group fitness classrooms, spin studio, changing facilities, toilets, outdoor gym area. Key feedback from stakeholder engagement was that the facility had attempted other fitness offering e.g., women's only nights. Due to the community well-being goals of the gym, it does not strive to be in direct conflict with other gyms in the Ashburton township. A gym extension was highlighted during consultation and that this could be included in an extension to court space at EA Networks Centre. However, further engagement with gym patrons to understand areas of high utilisation within the gym e.g., specific classes or equipment areas, would be required to support a future extension.

## 3 Recommendations

### 3.1 Priorities

After analysing feedback received through stakeholder engagement and analysing trends within the Ashburton District, the following actions have been prioritised. These priorities provide insight into future opportunities within the sport and recreation network which Council has direct influence on. The priorities presented within Table 2 are relevant to those on council-owned land and Council development opportunities. Where opportunities were outlined during engagement on land that was on private property, these have been listed in Section 3.2

Table 2: Priority action list

Activity	Actions	Level of priority	Council commentary
<b>EA Networks Centre Expansion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake analysis of court extension feasibility study to include additional space for current high demand sports (netball, basketball, volleyball, futsal and pickleball) and future demand sports (e.g., handball) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In parallel with this, investigate other services to add within court extension to provide for additional services e.g., TV screening of games.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	High	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrade two outdoor courts to include health and safety measures e.g., goal padding to provide additional court space in the short term.</li> </ul>	Low	There are health and safety measures already in place such as hoop padding. However, these are seldom used by clubs.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate potential interim solutions for court overflow into outdoor courts e.g., Interim upgrade to outdoor courts</li> </ul>	High	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate extension of line provision within current court space for additional space for minority sports.</li> </ul>	Medium	
<b>EA Networks Centre Hours Extension</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extending pool hours.</li> </ul>	Low	Pool hours were cut back initially due to COVID-19 restrictions. In the future additional opening hours will be subject to additional funding.
<b>Outdoor pool provision</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate extension of provision of learn to swim and casual swim within the Ashburton District swim network. Noting Tinwald pools requires upgrades, and the EA Network Centre is at capacity at times.</li> </ul>	Medium	Subject to decision being made on Tinwald pool development.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate toilet provision at rural pools.</li> </ul>	Low	

<b>Rural Pool Upgrades</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate safety of diving structures at rural pools.</li> </ul>	Closed	Outcomes from rural pools condition assessment have been addressed.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate upgrade of changing facilities at rural pools.</li> </ul>	In-progress	Changing facility programme in place as part of funding from government.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement recommendations within the 2021 Ashburton District Rural Pools Condition Assessment.</li> </ul>	Ongoing	Annual and ongoing subject to funding approvals.
<b>EA Networks Centre Cost</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate cost of court hire.</li> </ul>	Closed	For the 2023/34-year, council has instigated a fee hold to support key user groups. Fees and charges are reviewed and approved by council annually.
<b>EA Networks Centre Technology Upgrade</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Move booking system onto online live system where courts can be booked and made available in real time.</li> </ul>	Low	This type of system has been previously rejected by main user groups of the EA Networks centre.
<b>Sport network database</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide shared calendar within sports groups to outline big tournaments.</li> </ul>	Low	Sport Canterbury has been leading a piece of work in this area.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate moving sport field bookings online.</li> </ul>	Low	Council has discussed the possibility of using the Envibe system for field bookings. This is subject to funding and approvals.
<b>Outdoor Passive Recreation Opportunities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate development of additional outdoor hoops for passive recreation opportunities within the district.</li> </ul>	Low	
<b>Ashburton Domain Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate potential relocation of one sport from the Ashburton Domain. Perceived high level of conflict between current open space user groups.</li> </ul>	Medium	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support the re-development of cricket wicket movement on eastern fields to allow for new domain entrance.</li> </ul>	On-hold	Domain Development Plan has a 2030's timeline on this task.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarification of ownership of assets on domain communicated to domain user groups.</li> </ul>	High	Information has been passed on by Council property team. Information to be passed on to clubs as soon as possible.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indoor cricket nets require upgrading.</li> </ul>	TBC	This requires further discussion between Council and Mid Canterbury Cricket.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess opportunity for cricket ball capture within the domain oval.</li> </ul>	Club responsibility	Council previously aided mitigations at the domain oval. Any further development of

			cricket outfield would be at the cost of the user group.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support development of additional carparking within the Ashburton Domain development plan.</li> </ul>	On-hold	Domain Development Plan has a 2030's timeline on this task.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate condition of athletics pavilion to understand upgrade needs.</li> </ul>	Low	The trust that previously held this asset is winding up. This will become a Council asset to manage.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sport pavilion refurbishment.</li> </ul>	Low	The trust that previously held this asset is winding up. This will become a Council asset to manage.
<b>Hockey Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake needs assessment of Hockey second turf development</li> </ul>	Medium	There have been conversations held previously with Mid-Canterbury Hockey regarding a second turf development. The domain is not fit for purpose for a second turf and so future development would need to be offsite.
<b>Cricket Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential opportunity to provide more dual use facilities in Ashburton to allow for cricket expansion at Allenton Rugby Club.</li> </ul>	Club responsibility	Expansion reliant on inter-code conversations. Allenton is on private land and therefore is out of Council responsibility.
<b>Argyle Park Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reserve management plan to consider opportunity to create multi use-sports hub at Argyle Park for softball and football.</li> </ul>	Medium	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improvements to sports fields at Argyle Park for irrigation.</li> </ul>	Medium	Would require sports code outlining issues further to council.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop additional lighting infrastructure.</li> </ul>	Club responsibility	Mid Canterbury United Football Club have ownership of the lights at Argyle Park.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrade of current storage facility.</li> </ul>	TBC	This requires further discussion between Council and users on site.
<b>Rakaia Domain Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improvement of football fields.</li> </ul>	Low	Argyle Park field development more required at this stage.
<b>Rugby Field Divestment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate opportunity to support relocation of rugby clubs within Ashburton township.</li> </ul>	Medium	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support development of home base for Mid Canterbury Rugby within current rugby network.</li> </ul>	High	

<b>and Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate costs of club rates on private land.</li> </ul>	Medium	Clubs on private land qualify for a 50% reduction in rates charges as per the Council rates remission policy.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate possibility for female changing room fund to provide more opportunities for female participation.</li> </ul>	Low	Council supports this development. However, the cost of these facilities falls upon the club.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide clarification to clubs around terms of lease e.g., lighting, goal posts etc.</li> </ul>	High	Information has been passed on by Council property team. Information to be passed on to clubs as soon as possible.
<b>Hampstead Rugby and All Sports Club Sewer Improvement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve relief sewer facility installed by Council.</li> </ul>	In-progress	Council is aware of this issue and working to remedy this situation.
<b>Robillard Park</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrade goal posts.</li> </ul>	Club responsibility	The Ashburton Barbarians Rugby League club have ownership over this asset. Any future upgrades would be at the club's expense.
<b>Touch Rugby Growth</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Growth of the game at Methven Domain may require more field space.</li> </ul>	Low	Future issue if touch module continues to grow. Aware that there are more greenspaces not currently being utilised at Methven Domain.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allocate future space provision for touch within Ashburton township if the sport was to start again at Argyle Park.</li> </ul>	Low	Multiple green space areas available within the township.
<b>Overall network</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reassessment of fees and charges of fields within greenspace network.</li> </ul>	Medium	Development of sport field space dependent on allocated budget from fees and charges.

## 3.2 Club Development – Private Land

The below Table 3 outlines the proposed and in development projects within the Ashburton District for sports and recreation facilities on private land. This highlights what projects are occurring within the wider network (current or proposed future development) to understand investment in Council-owned infrastructure and potential partnership opportunities in the future.

The development listed in Table 3 is limited to the feedback that we received during consultation, there may be additional development planned on other sport and recreation facilities that is not listed here.

Table 3: Club development action list for private land

Location	Group	Development	Implementation
<b>Argyle Park</b>	Ashburton United Football Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrading field lighting</li> </ul>	In-development
<b>Oxford Street Stadium</b>	Mid Canterbury Basketball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future development on site for additional courts (if new courts aren't developed at EA)</li> </ul>	Future development (unplanned)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General maintenance</li> </ul>	Ongoing
<b>Ashburton Domain</b>	Mid Canterbury Hockey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carpet replacement.</li> </ul>	Short term development (2-3years)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pavilion cosmetic repairs.</li> </ul>	Short term development (2-3years)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lights upgrade to LED.</li> </ul>	Mid-term development (3-5years)
<b>Hampstead Rugby and All Sports Club</b>	Hampstead Rugby and All Sports Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Netball court asphalt is in need of repair in some places.</li> </ul>	Short term development (2-3years)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Netball court lines need to be repainted.</li> </ul>	Short term development (2-3years)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lighting upgrade.</li> </ul>	In-development
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kitchen upgrade.</li> </ul>	Future development (unplanned)
<b>Allenton Rugby Football Club</b>	Allenton Rugby Football Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lighting upgrade.</li> </ul>	Short term development (2-3years)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms and changing room facilities general maintenance.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Septic tank upgrade.</li> </ul>	Future development (unplanned)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Main field upgrade.</li> </ul>	In-development
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interior toilets upgrade.</li> </ul>	Short term development (2-3years)
<b>Ashburton Celtic Rugby Football Club</b>	Ashburton Celtic Rugby Football Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional changing rooms currently under construction.</li> </ul>	In-development
	Ashburton Celtic squash club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bathrooms upgrade.</li> </ul>	Future development (unplanned)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Windows upgrade.</li> </ul>	Future development (unplanned)
<b>Collegiate Rugby Football Club</b>	Collegiate Rugby Football Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changing rooms development (no longer fit for purpose).</li> </ul>	Future development (unplanned)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubrooms general maintenance.</li> </ul>	Ongoing

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clubroom roof replacement (long-term).</li> </ul>	Future development (unplanned)
<b>Methven Domain</b>	Methven Rugby Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clubrooms roof upgrade.</li> </ul>	Short term development (2-3years)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Field upgrade.</li> </ul>	In-development
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changing rooms and indoor shed development.</li> </ul>	In-development (consenting phase)
<b>A&amp;P Showgrounds</b>	Mid Canterbury Rugby Union	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilities in need of redevelopment.</li> </ul>	Future development (unplanned)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changing rooms remodel and refurbish.</li> </ul>	Future development (unplanned)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lighting upgrade.</li> </ul>	Future development (unplanned)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Office space and meeting areas refurbish.</li> </ul>	Future development (unplanned)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grandstand refurbished.</li> </ul>	Future development (unplanned)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site fencing installed.</li> </ul>	Future development (unplanned)
<b>Mount Somers Domain</b>	Mount Somers Rugby Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plans to extend and remodel the clubrooms.</li> </ul>	Mid-term development (3-5years)
<b>Rakaia Domain</b>	Rakaia Rugby Football Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New clubrooms anticipated completion by 2024 season.</li> </ul>	In-development
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lighting upgrade.</li> </ul>	In-development
<b>Tinwald Domain</b>	Tinwald Rugby Football Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kitchen upgrade.</li> </ul>	Short term development (2-3years)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lighting upgrade.</li> </ul>	Short term development (2-3years)
<b>Hinds Domain</b>	Southern Rugby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kitchen upgrade.</li> </ul>	Short term development (2-3years)
<b>Mayfield Domain</b>	Southern Rugby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changing room general maintenance.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
<b>Allenton Squash Club</b>	Allenton Squash Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In need of extensive repairs or demolition.</li> </ul>	Future development (unplanned)
<b>Hinds Squash club</b>	Hinds Squash club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changing room upgrade.</li> </ul>	Future development (unplanned)
<b>Methven Squash club</b>	Methven Squash club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courts repainted.</li> </ul>	Short term development (2-3years)
<b>Robillard Park</b>	Collegiate Rugby Football Club/ Collegiate South Squash Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential redevelopment of clubrooms to include rugby.</li> </ul>	Future development (unplanned)

### 3.3 Timeframes & Budget

Table 4: Timeframes and budget for priority action list

Activity	Actions	Level of priority	Estimated Timeframe (depicts delivery within the next x years)	Opex Investment (staff and/ or consultant time)	Capex Investment (structures)	Commentary
<b>EA Networks Centre Expansion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake analysis of court extension feasibility study to include additional space for current high demand sports (netball, basketball, volleyball, futsal and pickleball) and future demand sports (e.g., handball)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In parallel with this, investigate other services to add within court extension to provide for additional services e.g., TV screening of games.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	High	1-2 years	40-60k	NIL	Cost to include concept design of court extension.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrade two outdoor courts to include health and safety measures e.g., goal padding to provide additional court space in the short term.</li> </ul>	Low	2-3 years	NIL	5-10k	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate potential interim solutions for court overflow into outdoor courts e.g., Interim upgrade to outdoor courts</li> </ul>	High	1-2 years	10-20k	NIL	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate extension of line provision within current court space for additional space for minority sports.</li> </ul>	Medium	1-2 years	5-10k	5-10k	
<b>EA Networks Centre Hours Extension</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extending pool hours.</li> </ul>	Low	1-2 years	Dependant on hours chosen	NIL	



<b>Outdoor pool provision</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate extension of provision of learn to swim and casual swim within the Ashburton District swim network. Noting Tinwald pools requires upgrades, and the EA Network Centre is at capacity at times.</li> </ul>	Medium	2-3 years	20-30k	NIL	
<b>Rural Pool Upgrades</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate toilet provision at rural pools.</li> </ul>	Low	3-5 years	5-10k	NIL	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate safety of diving structures at rural pools.</li> </ul>	Closed	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate upgrade of changing facilities at rural pools.</li> </ul>	In-progress	In-progress	In-progress	In-progress	In-progress
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement recommendations within the 2021 Ashburton District Rural Pools Condition Assessment.</li> </ul>	Ongoing	5-10 years	208k	1.27m	
<b>EA Networks Centre Cost</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate cost of court hire.</li> </ul>	Closed	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete
<b>EA Networks Centre Technology Upgrade</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Move booking system onto online live system where courts can be booked and made available in real time.</li> </ul>	Low	1-2 years	5-10k	100k <sup>3</sup>	
<b>Sport network database</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide shared calendar within sports groups to outline big tournaments.</li> </ul>	Low	1-2 years	5-10k	NIL	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate moving sport field bookings online.</li> </ul>	Low	1-2 years	5-10k	NIL	
<b>Outdoor Passive Recreation Opportunities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate development of additional outdoor hoops for passive recreation opportunities within the district.</li> </ul>	Low	2-3 years	5-10k	NIL	
<b>Ashburton Domain Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate potential relocation of one sport from the Ashburton Domain. Perceived high level of conflict</li> </ul>	Medium	2-3 years	20-30k	NIL	

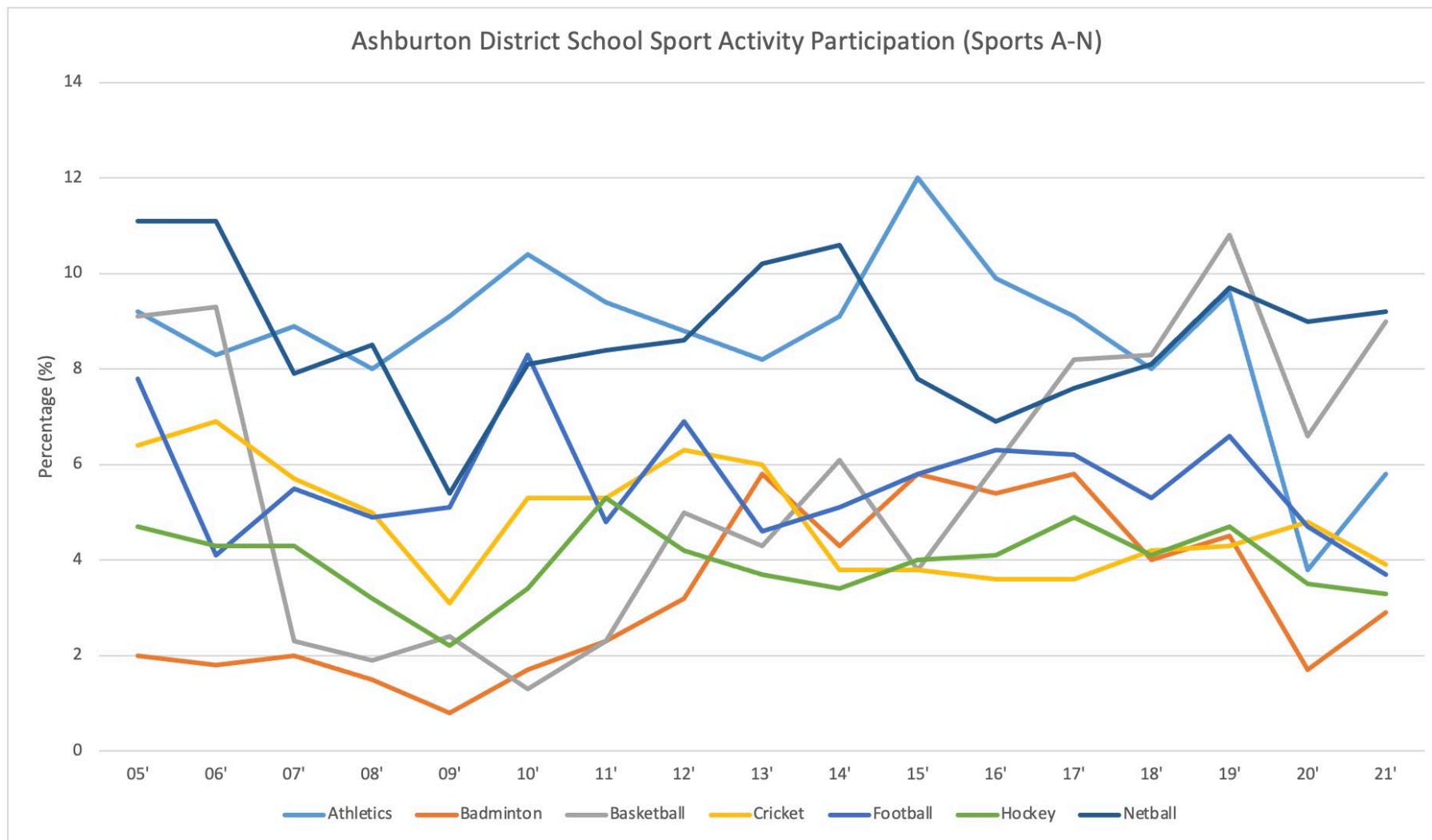
<sup>3</sup> Based on figures taken from other Councils using similar systems

	between current open space user groups.					
	• Support the re-development of cricket wicket movement on eastern fields to allow for new domain entrance.	On-hold	TBD	TBD	TBD	Dependent upon full adoption of the domain plan.
	• Clarification of ownership of assets on domain communicated to domain user groups.	High	1-2 years	0-5k	NIL	
	• Indoor cricket nets require upgrading.	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	Dependent upon ownership of assets.
	• Assess opportunity for cricket ball capture within the domain oval.	Club responsibility	NIL	NIL	NIL	Club responsibility.
	• Support development of additional carparking within the Ashburton Domain development plan.	On-hold	TBD	TBD	TBD	Dependent upon full adoption of the domain plan.
	• Investigate condition of athletics pavilion to understand upgrade needs.	Low	3-5 years	10-15k	NIL	
	• Sport pavilion refurbishment.	Low	3-5 years	5-10k	20-30k	
<b>Hockey Development</b>	• Undertake needs assessment of Hockey second turf development	Medium	2-3 years	20-40k	NIL	Cost would be at the higher end of estimate if site feasibility and concept design was included.
<b>Cricket Development</b>	• Potential opportunity to provide more dual use facilities in Ashburton to allow for cricket expansion at Allenton Rugby Club.	Club responsibility	NIL	NIL	NIL	Club responsibility.
<b>Argyle Park Development</b>	• Reserve management plan to consider opportunity to create multi use-sports hub at Argyle Park for softball and football.	Medium	2-3 years	40-50k	NIL	
	• Improvements to sports fields at Argyle Park for irrigation.	Medium	2-3years	0-5k	180-240k	

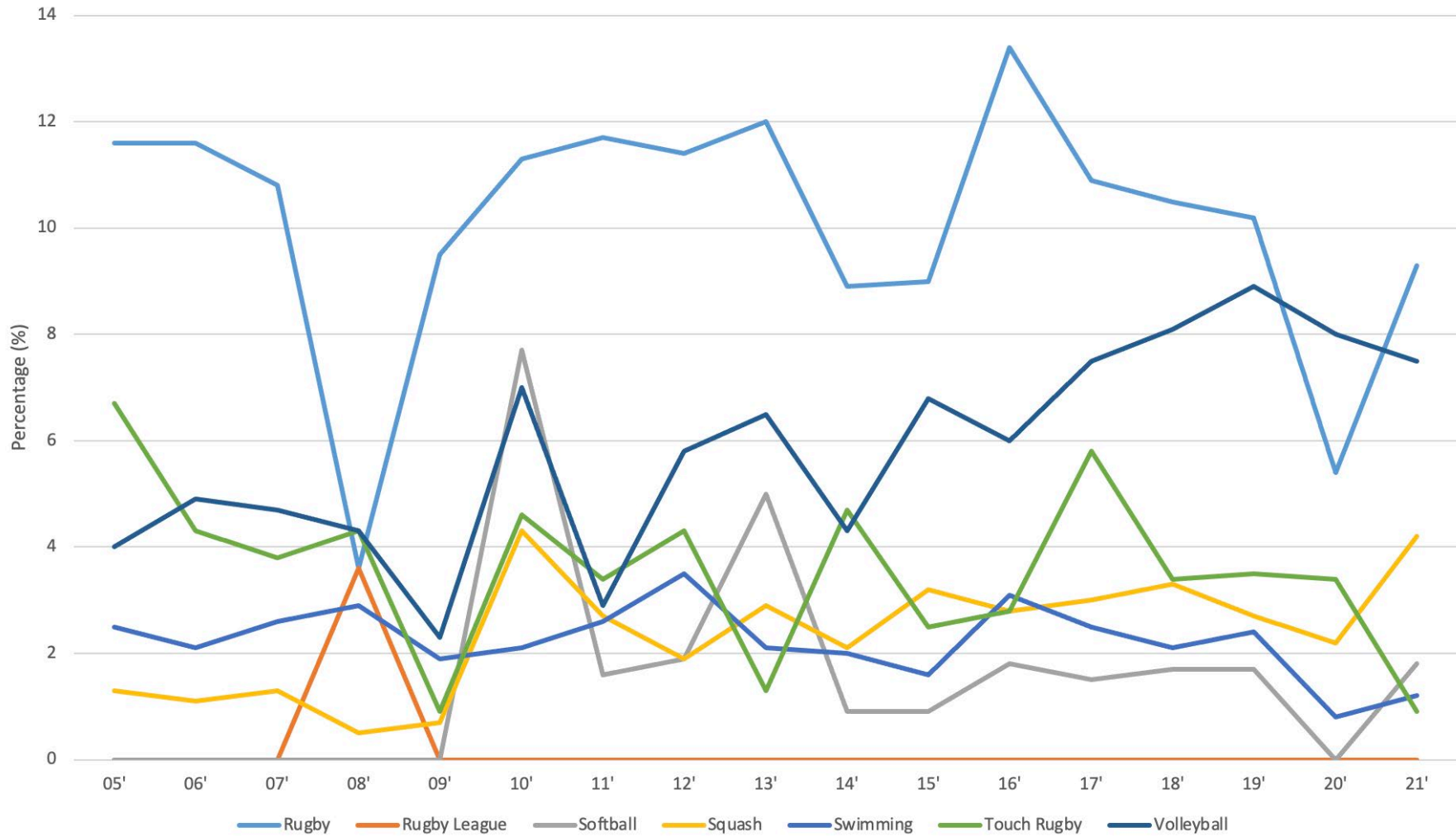
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop additional lighting infrastructure.</li> </ul>	Club responsibility	NIL	NIL	NIL	Club responsibility.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrade of current storage facility.</li> </ul>	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	Dependent upon ownership of assets.
<b>Rakaia Domain Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improvement of football fields.</li> </ul>	Low	3-5 years	NIL	100-250k	
<b>Rugby Field Divestment and Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate opportunity to support relocation of rugby clubs within Ashburton township.</li> </ul>	Medium	2-3 years	15-25k	NIL	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support development of home base for Mid Canterbury Rugby within current rugby network.</li> </ul>	High	1-2 years	TBC	TBC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate costs of club rates on private land.</li> </ul>	Medium	1-2 years	NIL	NIL	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate possibility for female changing room fund to provide more opportunities for female participation.</li> </ul>	Low	1-2 years	NIL	NIL	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide clarification to clubs around terms of lease e.g., lighting, goal posts etc.</li> </ul>	High	1-2 years	NIL	NIL	
<b>Hampstead Rugby and All Sports Club Sewer Improvement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve relief sewer facility installed by Council.</li> </ul>	In-progress	1-2 years	NIL	5-10k	
<b>Robillard Park</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrade goal posts.</li> </ul>	Club responsibility	NIL	NIL	NIL	Club responsibility.
<b>Touch Rugby Growth</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Growth of the game at Methven Domain may require more field space.</li> </ul>	Low	NIL	NIL	NIL	Not realised growth yet.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allocate future space provision for touch within Ashburton township if the sport was to start again at Argyle Park.</li> </ul>	Low	2-3 years	NIL	NIL	

<b>Overall network</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reassessment of fees and charges of fields within greenspace network.</li> </ul>	Medium	1-2 years	NIL	NIL	
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## Appendix A. School Sport Participation Trends 2005 – 2021



Ashburton District School Sport Activity Participation (Sports M-Z)





*Appendix B. Site Maps*

**B.1 ALLENTON ALL SPORTS CLUB**



## B.2 ALLENTON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB





### B.3 ARGYLE PARK



	Football senior field
	Football junior field
	Senior softball
	Junior softball
	Changing rooms
	Lighting
	Site boundary
	Storage

B.4 ASHBURTON A&P SHOWGROUNDS

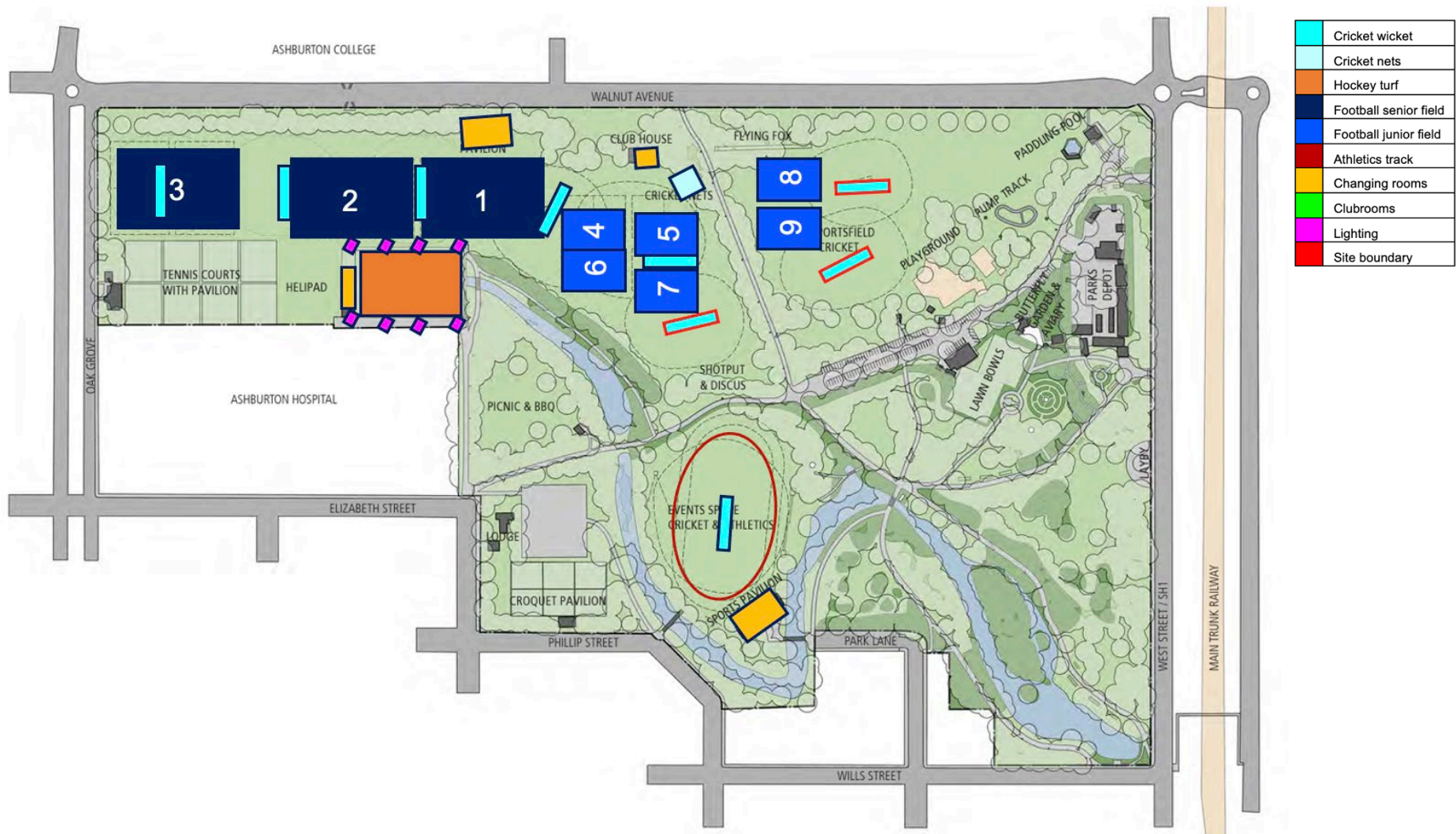




B.5 ASHBURTON CELTIC RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB



## B.6 ASHBURTON DOMAIN







### B.7 CENTENNIAL SPORTS CLUB

**Indoor single concrete court** – Concrete floor with paint not used by Mid Canterbury Basketball, only recreational use i.e., book clubs, gymnastics, children's show etc.



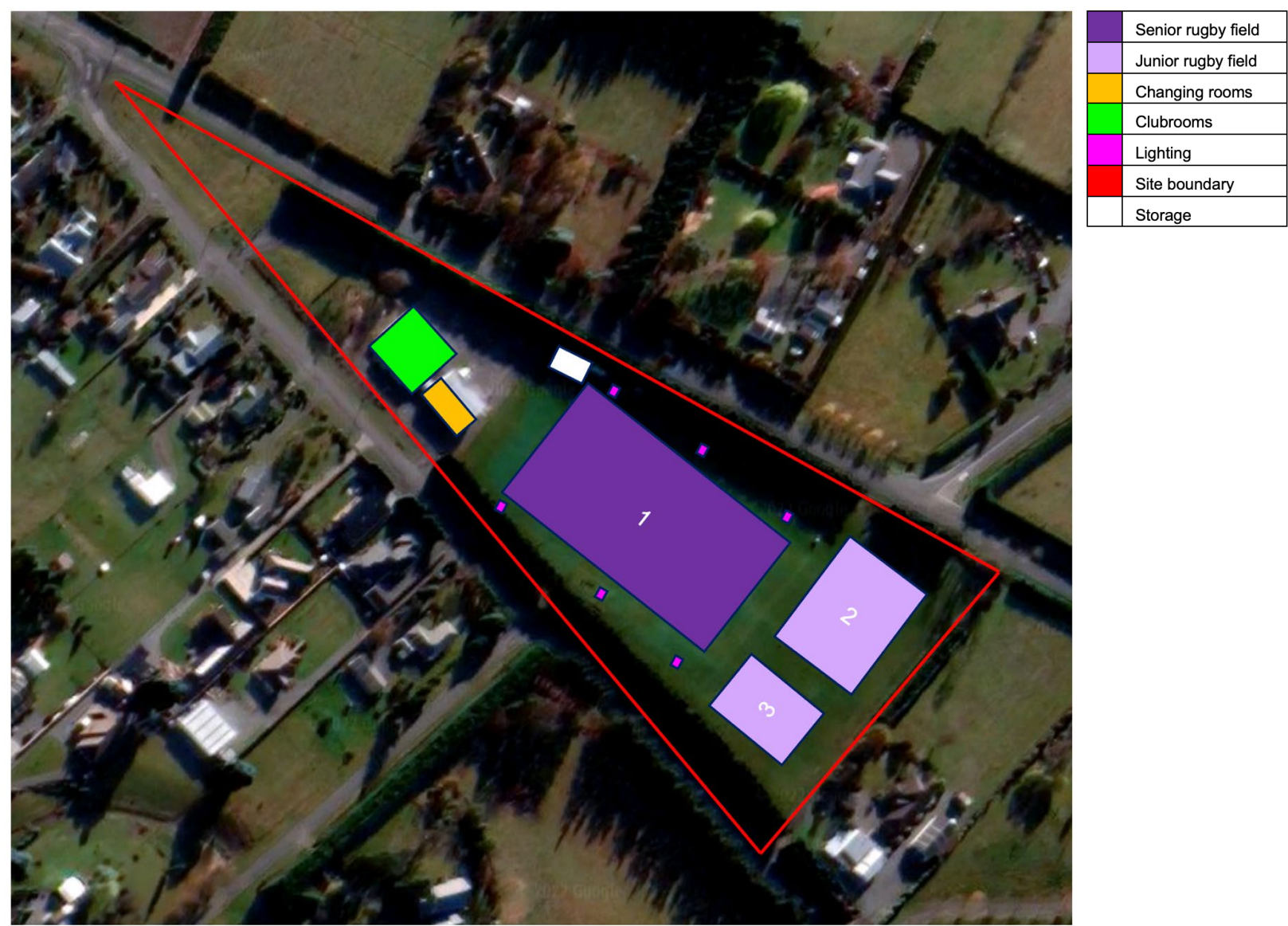
	Facility
	Site boundary

**B.7 COLDSTREAM OVAL**

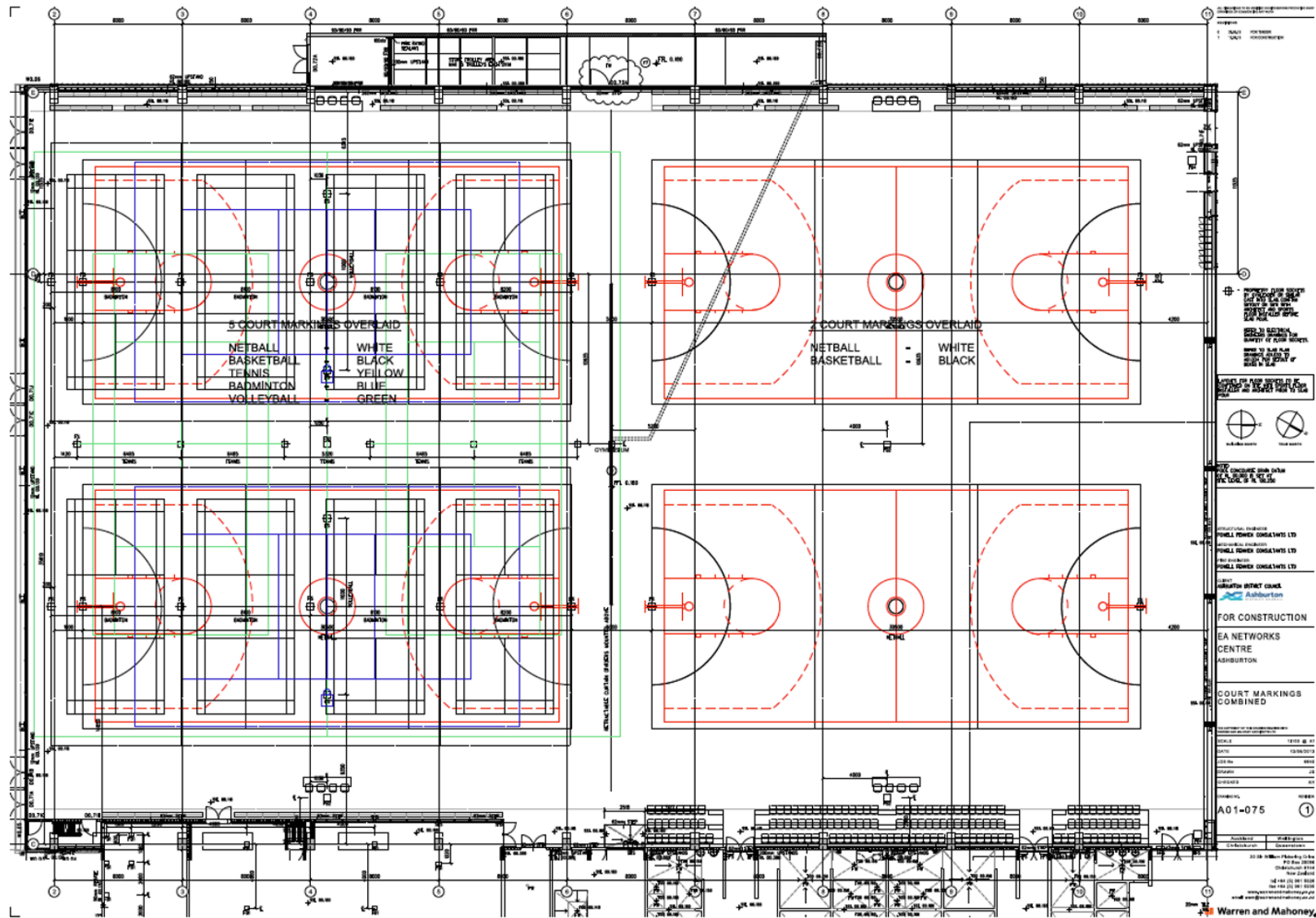




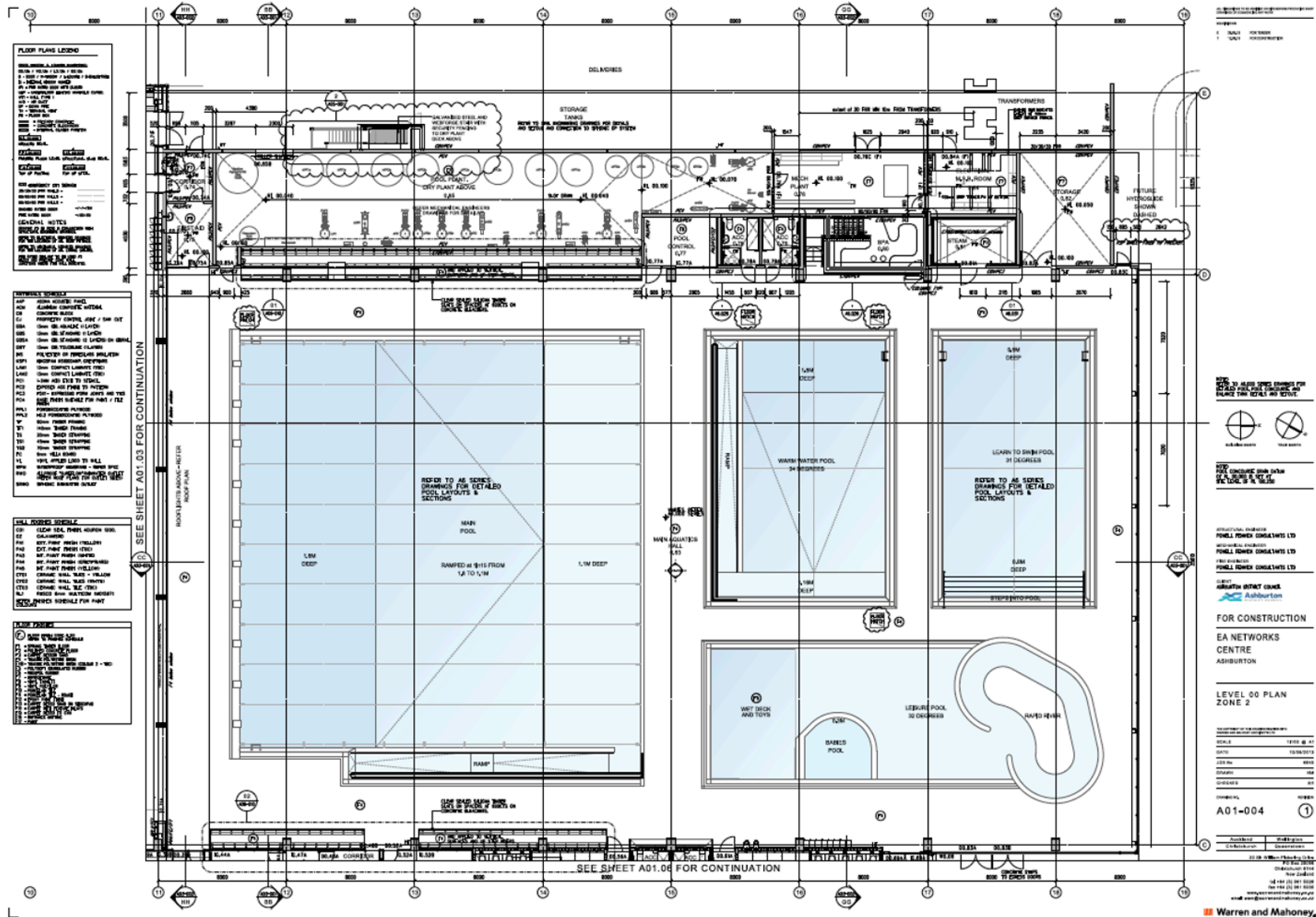
**B.8 COLLEGIATE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**



## B.9 EA NETWORKS CENTRE







B.10 HAMPSTEAD RUGBY & ALLSPORTS CLUB



	Senior rugby field
	Junior rugby field
	Softball
	Netball courts
	Changing rooms
	Clubrooms
	Lighting
	Site boundary
	Storage

B.11 HINDS DOMAIN

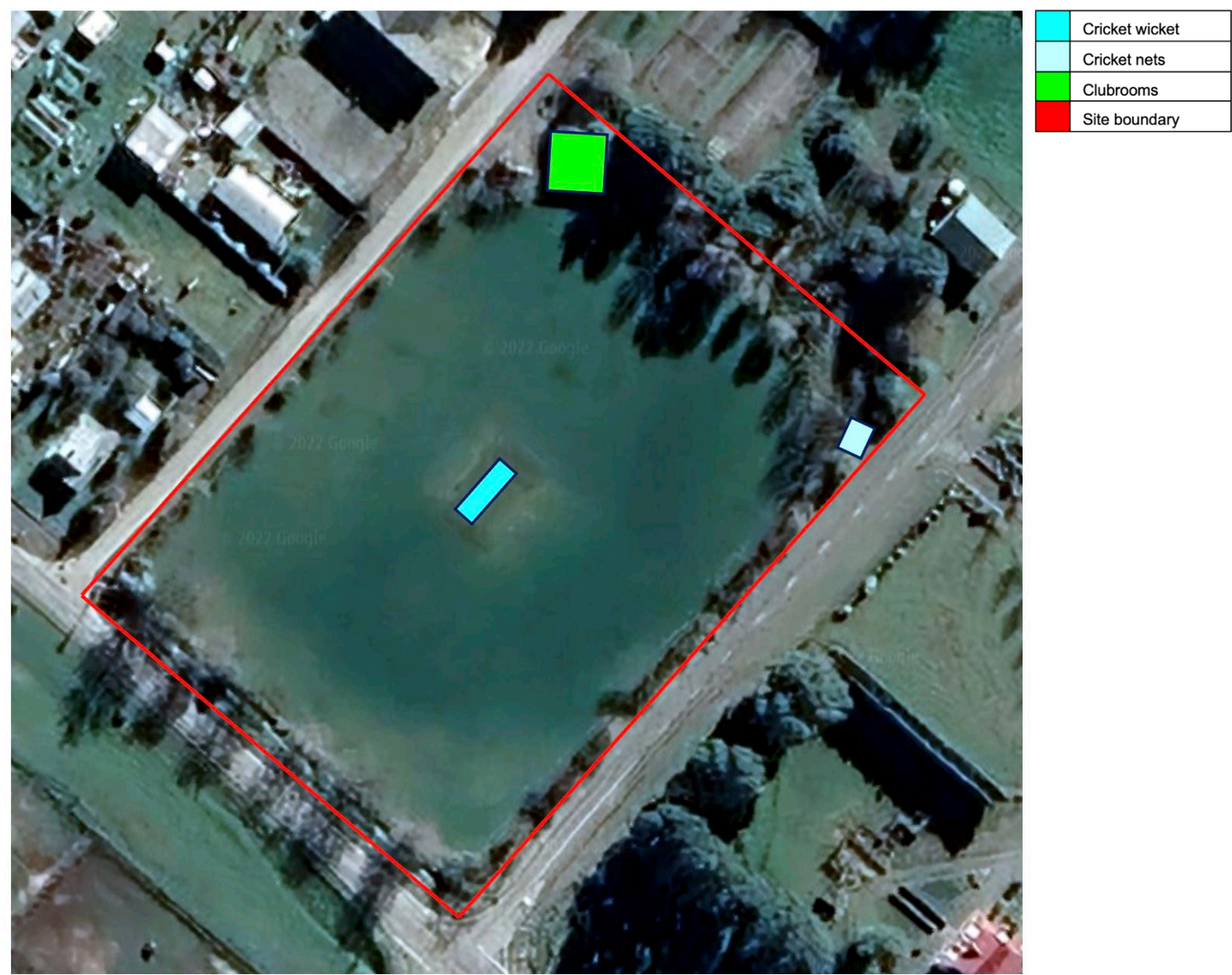




B.12 HINDS SQUASH CLUB



B.13 LAURISTON OVAL





B.14 MAYFIELD DOMAIN



## B.15 METHVEN DOMAIN





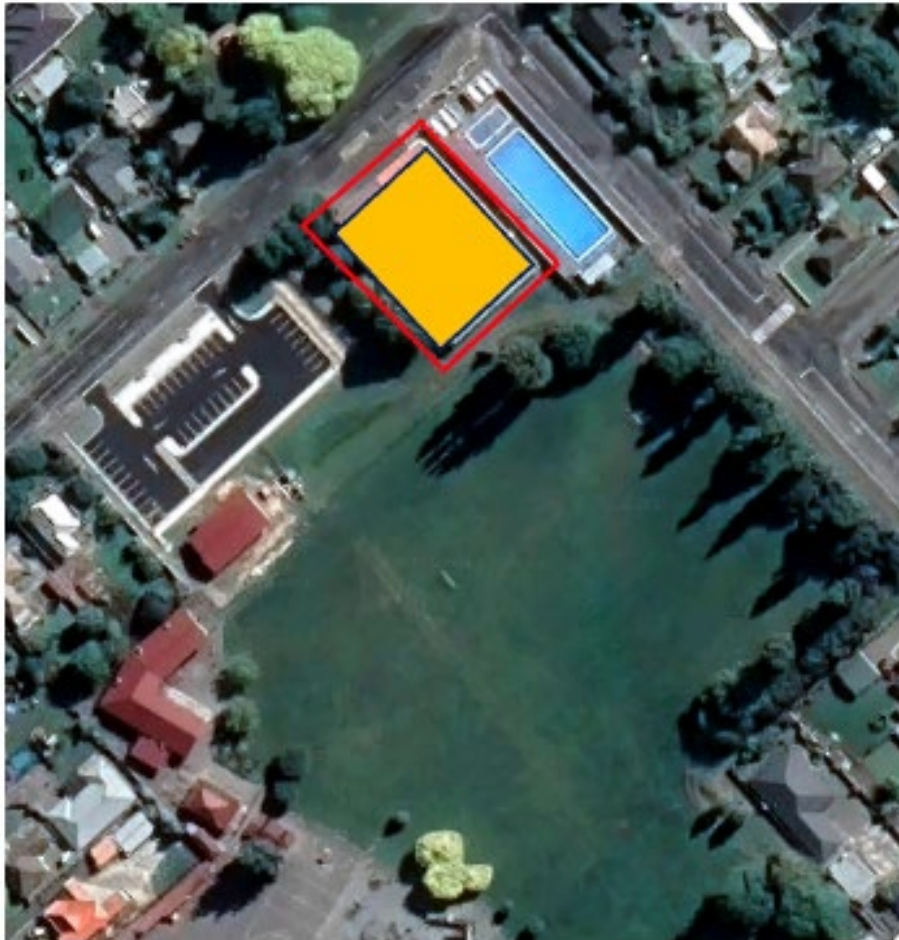
B.16 MOUNT SOMERS DOMAIN





### B.17 OXFORD STREET STADIUM

**Indoor single wooden basketball court** – Full sized senior indoor court owned and utilised by Mid Canterbury Basketball



	Facility
	Site boundary

B.18 RAKAIA DOMAIN



**B.19 RAKAIA POOL**



Pool
Site boundary



B.20 ROBILLIARD PARK



B.21 RUAPUNA POOL



	Tennis courts
	Pool
	Pavilion
	Site boundary



## B.22 TINWALD DOMAIN



	Senior rugby field
	Junior rugby field
	Netball courts
	Pool
	Changing rooms
	Clubrooms
	Lighting
	Site boundary
	Storage