



## GREAT LAKE (TAUPO) HOCKEY CLUB INC

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Taupo District Council  
Attention: Neil Ward

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To Neil,

### TURF REPLACEMENT

The Great Lake Hockey Club (Taupo Hockey) leases the Taupo Hockey Turf from the Taupo District Council as per agreements dated 2002 and 2003, being when the facility was built.

The Turf, after 15 years of use, has now got to the stage where it has to be replaced in its entirety, due to the wear and tear of usage. A Turf has a life expectancy of 10 years. This Turf has survived for 15 years due to low usage in the first few years as there were low player numbers, and by very careful maintenance over the next 10 years.

The cost of a replacement turf is \$255,540 + GST

Taupo Hockey Club is able to contribute \$151,400 towards the replacement.

We enclose the quote from Polytan. Please note there are only two turf providers in New Zealand and Polytan is the recommended provider as:

- The turf will have Olympic Standard certification (we can play internationals)
- They have the proven record (they have 17 turfs lined up to do at this point in time)

The state of the turf at this stage means that we will not be able to use the turf this year for secondary school, representative level, and high performance play. Due to this, Polytan have advised that as we have a commitment from Taupo Hockey by 27 January 2017, they can schedule the "works" to be done by Mid-March – thus being available for the 2017 hockey season.

As per background information

Taupo Hockey was formed in 2004, following the building of the Taupo Facility. Taupo Hockey leases the facility from the Taupo District Council

Since 2004, Taupo Hockey has:

- Built its own clubrooms
- Built its own practise Turf
- Grown player numbers to 534 registered members (this does not include social hockey players)
- Taupo players now make up 38% Bay of Plenty age group representative teams (in 2008 it was 5%)
- Taupo Nui Tia College won the Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Tournament in 2015 (Boys) and 2015 (Girls)
- In 2014 Taupo hosted a two test series between NZ vs China (women) which was very successful on all fronts.
- Taupo hosts a national secondary school tournament every year in "Tourney week". Taupo is the only BOP association that this is awarded to. This has an economic benefit to Taupo of \$120,000 (source NZ Hockey)
- Taupo hosts a round of the NHL competition (NZ Hockey premier hockey competition). It is the only BOP association that this is awarded to.
- "Have A Go Hockey" a Taupo Hockey Club initiative to encourage juniors to take up the sport has been used as a template throughout New Zealand
- We are a sport that is open to the whole Taupo Community. It is a sport in which males and females have equal "ranking". Also it is very popular in our Maori Community, with the Kura, being the school to beat in the junior grades. There has been developments in this field, as Kura for the first time put players forward for representative teams, and the result was 6 players got into the BOP under 13 Tournament teams (the Boys travelled to Christchurch), which was a great source of pride for the Kura, and their community.
- We are successful. We have more BOP representation from Taupo than any other team sport.
- We have Robyn Harrison and Chris Brasell in New Zealand Masters teams
- The facility is well utilised. In the hockey season (April to September) it is busy from 3.00pm to 9.00pm every week day, and on Saturdays and Sundays. In the off season it used for social hockey. In the peak season our biggest problem is securing turf time.

If you would like any other information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Robyn Harrison  
Chairperson