



Facilities Levy Report – Turf 2 Resurfacing at Gallagher Hockey Centre

Our Community Investment in the Future of Hockey

The Waikato Hockey Charitable Trust (“WHCT”) wishes to thank every player, school, and club for their continued support through the Facilities Levy. These contributions are collected on behalf of the entire Waikato hockey community and are vital to maintaining and upgrading our shared facilities for everyone’s benefit — now and in the years ahead.

“The Facilities Levy is our community’s way of investing in its own future. Every dollar collected goes directly toward keeping our turfs and infrastructure in top condition”

— Truman Wee, WHCT Chair

How the Levy Was Used in 2024 – 2025

In 2024–2025, WHCT applied levy funds to one of the most important capital projects at Gallagher Hockey Centre — the completion of the Turf 2 resurfacing project in May 2025.

The previous turf had reached the end of its life and required replacement to maintain safe, high-quality playing conditions that meet national competition standards.

Project funding included:

- \$55,000 from the Facilities Levy collected across the hockey community
- Targeted grants and donations from community funders, namely Grassroots Trust, The Bobby Foundation, North & South Trust, Pelorus Trust and The Lion Foundation - \$135,000
- Individual donors via Givealittle funding initiative
- Contribution by Hamilton City Council - \$133,000
- Allocations from WHCT’s existing funds - \$110,000

The total project cost was approximately \$484,000 (including GST), and the completion of the new Turf 2 surface was achieved without the need for debt financing — a strong reflection of careful planning and community backing.

The scheduling of the turf renewal did disrupt the beginning of the season, and WHCT sincerely appreciates everyone's patience and understanding during this period. To delay the project further would jeopardize the external funding already secured for the work.

Accountability and Safeguards

WHCT recognises the serious responsibility of collecting and managing these funds on behalf of the community. The balance of the collected levy funds is ring-fenced in accordance with WHCT's Capital Development Reserve Policy and all future Levy collections will continue to be ring-fenced for turf renewals and other prioritised facility developments. The dedicated policy ensures:

- Transparent reporting
- Spending aligned with long-term asset-renewal plans
- Responsible financial management for future capital needs

These safeguards are in place to give confidence that the funds contributed are managed with integrity and foresight.

Looking Ahead

The successful resurfacing of Turf 2 is an investment in both our players and our community's legacy. It ensures the Gallagher Hockey Centre continues to be a premier venue for regional and national hockey, supporting participation from grassroots through to high performance, today and for generations to come.

"Together, we're building the future of hockey in the Waikato"

