

Memorial Park Artificial Gets Sign Off 30 May 2012

Capital Football, NZ Football (representing FIFA) and Hutt City Council are pleased to announce that the contract for the artificial turf at Memorial Park, Petone, has now been signed. It is expected that work will commence within the next month.

The development of an artificial turf in the Hutt Valley is exciting and will further strengthen the Memorial Park complex as the 'Home of Football' for the Capital Football region. It will see clubs increasing the number of games able to be played on artificial turf, thus ensuring that teams can be confident that their matches won't be postponed because of adverse weather conditions. The evidence from the experience on artificial grounds already in use in Wellington is that the quality of the surface is contributing to a corresponding increase in the quality of the football. The new turf will provide a quality centralised venue for Capital Football's Talent Programmes and is likely to enable more regional and hopefully, national tournaments to be hosted in the Hutt Valley.

Aaron Marsh, Sportsgrounds Assets Manager at Hutt City Council said they are also looking forward to the development of the turf getting underway, with its completion being a major contribution to top sporting facilities in the Hutt Valley.

Funding has come from Hutt City Council, Capital Football, Petone Football Club, FIFA, Wellington Community Trust, Southern Trust, Infinity Foundation, Lion Foundation and Pelorus Trust. Construction of the turf is expected to take approximately four months to complete.

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