



Pinelands Hockey Club (est 1937)

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The Oval Sportsgrounds

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Pinelands Hockey Club Statement - 20 March 2026

Pinelands Hockey Club (PHC) recognises that The Oval Sportsgrounds are an important community space for Pinelands residents and resident sports clubs. Our intention is to invest in sports infrastructure that strengthens the facility while preserving its accessibility.

Pinelands Hockey Club has been part of the Pinelands Community for almost 90 years established in 1937. PHC has 175+ members (in formal teams) and is growing fast. We have youth and masters sections with players from 5 to 65+ years old. Our sport is an Olympic sport and equal gender. PHC proudly has 40-45% women members.

PHC moved to The Oval in the 1980s where we prepared, maintained and played on FOUR grass fields. We also installed and paid for floodlights on the Top Oval field to allow club sport after work hours (a game-changer). The last official WPHU club hockey match played on grass at The Oval was in 2015 vs Stellenberg Hockey Club. From four fields we went to zero fields.

This is Sports evolution - All club hockey is now officially played on astro turf. We require a home field as renting multiple third party facilities is expensive, difficult and has zero stability that other clubs enjoy. Only hockey clubs with their own field will survive long term.

This is a City-wide infrastructure issue - there are no other fields or land available to PHC to lease as confirmed by the Dept of Recreation and Parks. This is a community investment opportunity with leases allowing structured community use.

Our proposal is to secure a lease and to invest R9mil in an astro turf hockey field and floodlights. This investment into a public sports asset will effectively be owned by the City and serve the broader Pinelands community. This represents changing 20% of The Oval surface from grass to hockey astro turf with 80% remaining for community access and usage.

We have addressed community concerns regarding access, environmental laws, lights, parking etc. Soccer and frisbee have been invited to continue their usage.

Clubhouse / field access - we have asked to lease a portion of land next to the Top Oval to help players safely connect and walk down from our clubhouse to the Lower Oval safely and easily.

The Oval has long served both organised sport and informal recreation, and this proposal aims to preserve that balance while upgrading the sports infrastructure. Pinelands has fallen behind many other neighbouring communities in terms of facilities and this will be the single biggest investment into community assets Pinelands has seen in decades

Please find attached:

- Appendix A showing four possible positions of the turf based on geological surveys which will inform the final position of the turf
- Appendix B showing the draft site plan of our proposal

Yours faithfully in community sport,

Issued by The Pinelands Hockey Club Committee on behalf of The Pinelands Hockey Club