

Auckland Table Tennis Association

Tables in Communities Project



Introduction

There are over 40,000 juniors keen on table tennis within the Auckland Table Tennis Association boundary, along with numerous adults. The Association is committed to providing enough table tennis sites to meet demand and allowing everyone to access facilities when they wish to play. The Tables in Communities project serves to provide that access and links with the Association's development pathway.

Changing the Face of Table Tennis Access in Auckland



1) Tables in Communities Project (Creating New Permanent Indoor and Outdoor Participation Spaces)

Table tennis tables can fit into unused areas easily and permanently to grow playing capacity creating easy community access at low or no cost.

- **Creates Active Community Hubs** - turning public spaces into exciting community sporting hubs with tables in facilities, parks, schools and indoor facilities.
- **Gives Community Access** - access to the public all year round in communities and schools.
- **Grows Participation** - creating new playing sites across Auckland, in locations convenient for people to play.

2) Community Partnerships to Grow Participation – Coaching and Competitions

We will work with the local community groups and schools to run sustainable programs to give access to coaching and competitions on site.

- **Provides Community Roadshows** – fun displays of the sport at each site to promote the new tables and to register players.
- **Develops Coaching Camps and Tournaments** - local indoor and outdoor coaching camps, tournaments and events to give locals new skills.
- **Links to a Virtual Network** – promotes and links the tables and partners on a virtual network through the Seekapong app.

3) Project Delivery

We will roll out the program carefully to match it with increased capacity and ensure the project is safe and sustainable.

- **Has a Broad Roll Out Plan, Area and Schedule**
- **Increases Community Capacity** – grows our junior pathway capacity such as club and competition capacity.
- **Protects and Monitors Tables and Gear** – utilises community partners to monitor the table tennis tables and equipment.

1) Tables in Communities Project

Creating New Permanent Indoor and Outdoor Participation Spaces

Community Benefit
More Active Communities

The Project:

- **Creates Active Community Hubs**
 - **Based on a Successful International Model** - takes the lead from Project Ping in the UK.
 - **Brings Communities Closer Together** - provides active fun for people waiting in a shopping mall, train station or square encouraging people to add sport into their daily routine.
 - **Turns Un-used Sites into Active Community Areas** - we are working with partners to identify and convert sites and un-used areas into exciting social and sporting hubs.
- **Gives Free Community Access**
 - **Removes Cost as a Barrier** – many Tables in Communities project venues provide free access to table tennis.
 - **Provides Local Access** – table tennis tables will be placed into local community spaces and schools thereby reducing the barrier of transport.
- **Grows Participation**
 - **Regular Playing Groups** – regular playing groups meet at each table site.

Schools and Facilities



Shops and Squares



Tourist Spots



Parks



2) Community Partnerships to Grow Participation – Coaching and Competitions

Community Benefit
Transforms quiet unused areas into vibrant community social and sporting hubs

The Project:

- **Provides Community Roadshows** – Auckland Table Tennis Association players and coaches putting on an exciting table tennis exhibition games to draw crowds in parks, community spaces and schools to introduce coaching programmes.
- **Develops Coaching Programmes and Tournaments**
 - **Decentralised Coaching Delivery Model in Schools and Community Spaces** – moving coaches to meet demand at Tables in Communities project venues around Auckland.
 - **Community Coaching Programmes** – delivered inside and outside at Tables in Communities project venues to allow people to access coaching within their local community.
 - **Outdoor and Indoor Competitions** – fun events that are easy to access and great for the community and encourages them to play with their friends and get more people active.
- **Links to a Virtual Network** – Tables in Communities project venues are advertised through the Seekapong app. Seekapong allows anyone to connect to the sport, the tables network and broader community, at any time across Auckland.

Users of Seekapong are also able to arrange matches against other table tennis enthusiasts, record their scores, and learn more about the sport. Seekapong provides information on where users can access coaching, competitions, and other services in their local community.

Seekapong allows the Auckland Table Tennis Association to track demand and determine where additional table tennis resource is required.



3) Project Delivery

The Project:

- **Has a Broad Roll Out Plan, Area and Schedule**
 - **Broad Area** – our area covers Albert-Eden, Waitemata, Maungakiekie-Tamaki, Orakei, Howick, Puketapapa, Part of Mangere – Otahuhu, most of Whau Local Boards. We are signing Memoranda of Understanding with 40 x venues and Local Boards by December 2021.
 - **Roll Out Schedule** – we are distributing 100 table tennis tables into the community by December, 2021.
- **Grows Community Capacity**
 - **Local Resources** – the Auckland Table Tennis Association is adding table tennis tables and equipment, and growing coaching resource.
 - **Increases Facility Capacity** – increases facility capacity by placing table tennis tables into small unused spaces.
 - **Secure Gear Hosting** - at community facilities, schools, and businesses where the tables are situated.
- **Protects and Monitors Tables and Gear**
 - **Tables Integrated into the Local Community** – we are partnering with venues and Local Boards to monitor the table tennis tables and equipment.

Community Benefit
Grows the capacity of the local community to deliver and sustain access to the sport

