



**STATEMENT FROM THE PRESIDENTS OF  
BOULCOTT AND HUTT GOLF CLUBS  
June 23 2009**

The Presidents of both the Boulcott and Hutt Golf Clubs wish to advise their respective members that a working party consisting of three representatives of each club has been established to consider the potential merging of golfing interests between the two entities. This action includes investigating the best future usage and utilization of the existing land area of the Hutt and Boulcott Golf Clubs and their surrounding areas.

The primary consideration is to provide golfing facilities and courses to members at fees that are affordable, meet current and potential member needs and be attractive in encouraging new entrants to the game of golf.

Both clubs wish to use this exercise to ensure that the impact of the proposed flood protection work achieves a long-term positive outcome for golf, other potential sporting opportunities and Lower Hutt flood protection. Both clubs also want to ensure that golf can continue to be played and enjoyed during the stopbank construction period.

Aspects being considered by the working group include:

3 x 9 hole golf course; 18 hole and 9 hole golf course; 4 x 6 hole golf course; merging of the two clubs; retaining separate clubs and or shared club rooms – equipment etc. Night golf; junior training facility; driving range; increased practice facilities. Location of facilities - new or old; inclusion of other compatible sports; inclusion of other community/service clubs; long-term future use and direction.

The group's mission is to develop potential options - fully costed - and then present these to the Committee and Board of the two clubs no later than September. The ultimate aim is to provide a superior facility encompassing future opportunities and meeting potential challenges that not only the golfing clubs can use, but Hutt Valley can be proud of.

Members of the group are: Mike Brown, Lyncia Podmore, John Freer, John Anderson, Colin Carter and Max Flowers. We welcome any constructive ideas from members, councils or the general public.

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