

# FACILITY UPDATES



## Michaels Ave Reserve - Lower Fields

As you will be able to see, the floodlighting towers are in the process of being installed around the exterior of the lower fields, with the infrastructure for the internal temporary towers due to be installed at start of the Winter 2018 season.

This will mean that sometime in July, if the rest of the install goes to schedule, we will be able to conduct floodlit training on the lower fields. However, this comes with some risk!

These fields need protection from over-use – particularly on wet days/evenings. The club is asking the people take note of the following:

- No warming up on the fields prior to games, particularly in the goal boxes as they are high use areas – there are designated warm up areas, so please use those!
- No spectators on the fields or right on the sidelines of fields. This is a big cause of damage, particularly in the younger grades where there is lots of great family support – all we ask is that you stay 1m back from the sideline, so the lines don't get trampled.
- Please take care with your rubbish, and take your bottles, tape etc with you to the nearest bin!

We will keep you updated with a more accurate timeline for the lights once we know more from the contractors.



## **Michaels Ave # 1 (Turf)**

We realise that we are operating a busy football club in the middle of a dense residential area, so we support Council in their efforts to try and reduce some of the noise generated from the pitch for our close neighbours – so from the 24<sup>th</sup> July there will be contractors onsite between roughly 7am and 4:30pm to install a number of sound barriers required under the recent Environment Court decision.

Essentially, they are extending the existing sound barrier fence that runs along the southern sideline around the corner and to the edge of the school. At that end of the field, they are also installing a plexiglass/mesh wall on top of the existing turf fence to go behind the goal, which will double up as a sound barrier and ball fence to reduce the amount of footballs flying into the school.

At the opposite end of the field, they will be building a new sound barrier from the property just behind the YMCA almost the entire width of the field, just stopping after the retaining wall in the North-Eastern corner.

The Council is investigating the installation of a net to go behind the goal at the Eastern end of the field as well to stop footballs hitting the sound barrier. If installed, this will be put on the top of the existing turf fence.

*With all that work going on, we highly recommend extra care with children, and where possible, to park down in the lower car parks, or on neighbouring streets.*

If anyone is interested in knowing more about these projects, please don't hesitate to flick our Communications Manager, Tim Adams an email on [chairman@ellersliefootball.org.nz](mailto:chairman@ellersliefootball.org.nz)

17 July 2017