

# Surrey Park Grandstand



## What is the project?

Council will invest in upgrading the Grandstand at Surrey Park. The Surrey Park Grandstand is not earthquake safe and needs to be replaced with a covered seating area in order to meet the needs of users of the facility. The existing grandstand will be replaced with a basic covered seating area for 300 people. The existing athletics club rooms will be retained.

## Why is Council proposing this option?

The Surrey Park Grandstand was built in 1964 and has a seating capacity of 850 people on the bleachers. The clubrooms underneath the stand have a fire crowd loading of 500 people.

An Initial Seismic Assessment (ISA) has been carried out which found the structure to be less than 34% New Building Standards (NBS). This has led Council to erect condition warning signage and to consider its future. This is now the main issue limiting its use and function. Replacing the athletics grandstand with a covered seating area for 200 to 300 people is a requirement by Athletics NZ to be able to host major national events like the Colgate Games, and support regional athletics meets and school athletics carnivals.

Invercargill is in a Medium Risk Area and through previous structural reports this building has been determined as earthquake prone. However, it is not

a priority building (as defined in section 133AE of the Building Act 2004) based on the number of times throughout a week / year it is occupied and the total occupancy rates when it is used. Council, as the owner of the building, is required to carry out building work to ensure that the building is no longer earthquake prone (seismic work) by 27 May 2044.

## When would it be delivered?

The new grandstand will be opened in 2022.

## How much will it cost?

Council has budgeted \$1.5 million for the project.

## How can I find more information?

[Otium Planning Group Surrey Park Future Redevelopment Business Case February 2021](#)

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