



SIX MONTH PARTNERSHIP REPORT

July 2025 - December 2025





ABOUT SPORT MANAWATŪ

Sport Manawatū is a not-for-profit organisation established in 1987. We work alongside regional sports organisations, schools, clubs, community groups, local government, and local businesses to help people of all ages and abilities be more active.

Our work is guided by the needs of our communities, a commitment to equity and inclusion, and strong local partnerships. Through leadership, advocacy, influence, and the delivery of targeted initiatives, we support healthier lifestyles, stronger communities, and improved wellbeing across the region.

Local delivery in the Manawatū district is supported by the full Sport Manawatū team, providing regional expertise and capability behind the scenes.



RST STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

KEY TAKEAWAYS

OVERALL PERFORMANCE
RATED VERY GOOD OR
EXCELLENT



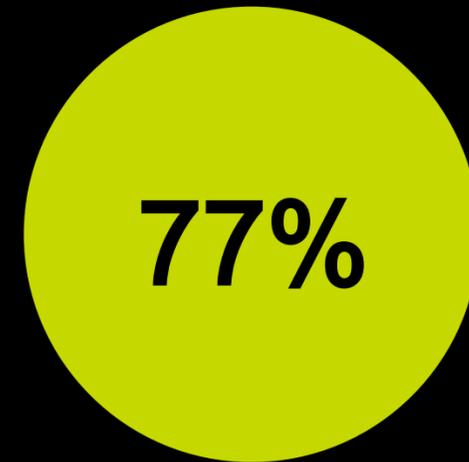
RST national average 71%

WORKS IN PARTNERSHIP TO
ACHIEVE SHARED OUTCOMES



RST national average 70%

SHOWS LEADERSHIP
IN PARS



RST national average 70%

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Disability Sports Festival – Inclusive activity opportunities strengthening community connection.
- Saint Dominic’s sessions – Building staff capability to deliver quality physical activity experiences.
- Hato Pāora Rangatahi Activation – Rangatahi-led co-design activation strengthening school and community connection.







FUNDING SNAPSHOT

- NZCT Manawātū Active Communities Fund – \$100k fund supporting participation in physical activity across Manawātū. *(2,122 people impacted / 7 – 73 years)*
- Tū Manawa – \$22k invested locally to support young people to overcome barriers. *(530 young people supported)*





HEALTHY ACTIVE LEARNING

- What is Healthy Active Learning?
- Sanson School and REPLAY NZ

Coming up:

- Mt Lees activations



MDC Healthy Active Learning Schools:

- Sanson
- Bainesse
- Tangimoana
- Lytton Street
- North Street



RSO AND ACTIVE RECREATION PROVIDER CAPABILITY

- Sector pressure:
 - CEO churn across NSOs and RSOs
 - Impact on Sport Manawātū workload and support demand.
- Online Casino Gambling Bill
- Incorporated Societies Act 2022 – update



NEXT 6 MONTHS

CYCLE SKILLS PROGRAMME

- CONNecting with rural Manawatū schools to build confidence and safe riding skills.

SPLASH AND DASH

- Partnering with Makino Aquatic Centre, we'll deliver a fun, inclusive run-and-swim event.

WORKPLACE CHALLENGE

- Evolving the programme to improve the experience and increase participation across workplaces.

REGIONAL SPORTS AWARDS

- Relaunching a unified regional awards event to celebrate excellence from grassroots through to high performance and rebuild regional pride in sport.



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tātou.
everyone
active.**

THANK YOU.