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**Open Meeting**

<b>To</b>	Huntly Community Board
<b>From</b>	Tim Harty Service Delivery General Manager
<b>Date</b>	15 March 2017
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<b>Chief Executive Approved</b>	Y
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**1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council engaged GMD Consultants to undertake initial engagement with community groups across Huntly to understand their requirements and thoughts for any future community facility and to report back to the Huntly Community Board on the results of this engagement.

The initial engagement with community groups has been undertaken. A full summary of the discussions is attached. This information outlines the general feeling of the community towards existing community facilities, Council investment and potential options for Huntly Community Facilities in the future.

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**2. RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the report from the **Service Delivery General Manager** be received;

**AND THAT** the **Huntly Community Board** supports the **Huntly Community Board** members being the working group to consider the feedback from the community;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the group report back to the **Infrastructure Committee** in June 2017 for consideration as part of the **2018-28 Long Term Plan**.

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**3. BACKGROUND**

At the 13 September 2016 Council meeting staff reported on the community engagement undertaken in relation to the reports and community feedback on the Huntly Memorial Hall. The report proposed to further explore the future of the Huntly Memorial Hall through the formation of a community group to investigate the future facility needs of the Huntly

community. As a result of the staff report, Council resolved to form a working group to explore the community facility needs of the wider Huntly community. The working group was required to report back to Council in time for the outcomes of any study to be considered as part of the 2018-2028 long term plan process (WDC 1609/07/3/2).

GMD Consultants were engaged to undertake the initial contact with community groups across Huntly to gain an understanding of their requirements and thoughts with regards to any future facility and to report back to the Huntly Community Board to progress.

This report outlines the results of the initial discussion and proposes a way forward.

## **4. DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

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### **4.1 DISCUSSION**

Following the GMD discussions, the feedback can be summarised as follows:

- Actual and perceived division between Huntly East and West. Community are very aware of the division on many levels, the community living to the West identify various instances where inequality of treatment is occurring. Of the opinion that any investment in facilities must occur in the West.
- Increased facilities at Lake Puketirini would benefit the community.
- Education facilities tend to be self-catering in terms of their requirements. On occasions the schools will use the town pool.
- The schools do identify the lack of an indoor facility that could cater for such activities as basketball and double as a large venue for productions and formal assemblies. Huntly College don't require such facilities as they have these on site.
- A reoccurring theme is that there is a lack of things to do for children and youth. Many are of the opinion that there is a correlation between this lack of options and the increasing anti-social behaviour in town.
- In general, there is a belief that Huntly has sufficient community facilities in the town, but there is a lack of coordination of these facilities and some require significant upgrade.
- Main Street needs work. Intimidating place to walk around, with both idle youth presence and a gang element regularly visible.
- The Memorial Hall triggers a divided response from the community. In general, the community see the Memorial Hall as a 'nice to have' but question the amount of use it was having and what potential users there would be if it was re built. Furthermore, the general response to repairing the hall is yes, but not at any cost, if it requires a large amount of money this would be better invested in a new facility or the updating of a currently utilised facility.
- Many responses were received to the point that the Memorial Hall 'hangs over the community' and is quite divisive. A decision on its future must be made.
- Some facilities and services in Huntly duplicate effort and 'compete' with each other.
- Consideration should be given to the aging community. A shortfall already exists for aged care facilities; this is likely to grow in the future.
- A lack of employment opportunities has resulted in a number of issues in Huntly.
- Some coordination of healthcare services and facilities would be a positive. Volunteer drivers have to duplicate effort around Huntly and into Hamilton.

#### **4.1.1 POTENTIAL PROJECTS OR ISSUES**

With the above feedback in mind, the following is a summary of potential projects and/or issues for any working group to consider as part of their works:

1. The development of a facility at Lake Puketirini to accommodate Waka Ama and other events.
2. Huntly Thistle Football Club is a growing club with Juniors through to Senior teams. Their facilities are woefully inadequate.
3. A decision to be made as to the future of the Huntly Memorial Hall.
4. An 'audit' of community facilities, as to the condition and the availability for hireage to other community groups.
5. A coordinated approach to the future of the main street. Huntly is not identified in the District Plan as requiring a structure plan but the community are keen to understand what the future of the town is once the Huntly Bypass is finished.

#### **4.2 OPTIONS**

Following collation of the comments and issues from the community, there are two possible options moving forward.

**Option One:** Use the Huntly Community Board as the working group to workshop the feedback and report back to the Infrastructure Committee.

**Option Two:** Request the community groups whom have already been engaged with, to put forward representatives to be part of the working group to workshop the feedback and report back to the Infrastructure Committee. This process will take time.

The preferred option is Option One (to use the Huntly Community Board as the working group).

### **5. CONSIDERATION**

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#### **5.1 FINANCIAL**

The 2015-2025 LTP budget for the Memorial Hall in the 2016/17 year includes the following:

- \$113,775 for a toilet upgrade
- \$19,951 for capital renewal works
- \$4,428 for operational Repairs and Maintenance works.

These budgets are funded through the Huntly Halls Targeted Rate. The Council resolution WDC1609/07/3/2 stated that the funds be repurposed to cover interim maintenance costs and to support the formation of a working group.

All recommendations to the Infrastructure Committee will need to have funding requirements and options attached to them for consideration in the Long Term Plan process.

## 5.2 LEGAL

Depending on recommendations, there may be legal implications around use of land and/or facilities – these will be explored as part of the working group brief.

## 5.3 STRATEGY, PLANS, POLICY AND PARTNERSHIP ALIGNMENT

Depending on recommendations, the working group will ensure alignment with relevant strategies, plans, policies and partnerships.

## 5.4 ASSESSMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICY AND OF EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS

Council has involved the Community in the process to ensure concerns and aspirations are understood.

Council's Significance and Engagement Policy requires Council to consider the significance of the proposal and appropriate level of engagement. Factors to consider include that degree to which the issue will impact rating levels, community interest levels, relative increase in expenditure and proportion of people impacted.

State below which external stakeholders have been or will be engaged with:

Planned	Ongoing	Complete	
	x		Internal
	x		Community boards/Community committees
	x		Waikato-Tainui/Local iwi
x			Households
	x		Businesses
	x		Schools

Comment: Households will be consulted with as part of the Long Term Plan process.

## 6. CONCLUSION

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There are two options for the formation of the working group and the community have indicated that there are a number of potential projects and or issues that they would like to see resolved in conjunction with any Long Term Plan process and in particular there is a divide in regards to works that could or should be undertaken in relation to the Memorial Hall or any other council owned facility.

## 7. ATTACHMENTS

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- Attachment I – Discussion document record

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
Tui Medical Centre	Dr Navan Rajan – 07 8289503	Emailed 11/1 and called. Failed to attend meeting.
Rahui Pokeka Maatua Whangai Trust	07 8289712	Rang 11/1 no dial tone.
Huntly Primary School	Heather Ayerst – 07 8287198	<p>Emailed 14/12, meeting 22/7.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School is also always above 200 pupils. Full primary.</li> <li>• School has its own pool but the older, capable swimmers use the town pool 4 times a week. Pool facility is not very accommodating.</li> <li>• School has its own hall so no use or connection to the memorial hall. Believe a decision needs to be made on the memorial hall.</li> <li>• The only space that would be potentially utilised would be an indoor sports a space that could double for large performances.</li> <li>• School uses the domain and reserve. Sometimes the playground.</li> <li>• School has its own library. Some students use the town library after school for the computers.</li> </ul>
Huntly West Primary	07 8288371	Emailed 14/12, no response
Kimihia School	Pamela Dunn – 07 8287495	<p>Emailed 14/12, met 15/12.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need a youth focused facility.</li> <li>• Indoor recreation facility required.</li> <li>• The school has recently covered the school court, is utilised by neighbouring families outside of school hours into the night.</li> <li>• Nothing to do in town for kids.</li> <li>• School has a hall.</li> <li>• Only use the town pool, would use an indoor rec facility.</li> </ul>
St Anthony's Catholic School	Dr Kevan V.C. Kannan – 07 8288516	<p>Emailed 14/12, met 16/2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only Decile 1 Catholic School in New Zealand.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very poor catchment.</li> <li>• Maintain own buildings.</li> <li>• Most struggle with school fees.</li> <li>• Take all free resources possible: breakfast in schools, fruit in schools, milk in schools, clothing programmes, DHB nurse etc.</li> <li>• No hall at school, prize giving at workingman's club.</li> <li>• Would support an indoor recreation facility, it could be used for performing arts and staging as well as sports.</li> <li>• School has a pool.</li> <li>• School restarting library, would like librarian training for part time teacher. (Organised resource and staff assistance from WDC).</li> </ul>
Te Wharekura O Rakaumanga School	John Heremia (Principal) 07 8289013	<p>Emailed 14/12, meeting 22/2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Largest school in Huntly with 450 students.</li> <li>• Not overly impressed with the performance of WDC in relation to community facilities, particularly on the west side.</li> <li>• Significant lack of investment in the western part of town, the west pay rates just like the east.</li> <li>• People on the West don't generally use the facilities on the east that much.</li> <li>• School has a pool, use the town pool twice a year for middle and senior school swimming carnival.</li> <li>• School owns grounds and recreation area on Harris Street. No council contribution to this recreation space.</li> <li>• The school doesn't use the Memorial Hall. Would not support large investment in</li> </ul>

		<p>hall.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School has developed Lake Puketirini. Used for Waka Ama.</li> <li>• Rahui Pokeka Waka Sports targets waka ama club in New Zealand with 500 members.</li> <li>• Facilities need developing, only 1 toilet. Host large events with no showers or changing rooms.</li> <li>• Something like the yacht club would be good. Improvement of facilities at Puketirini would be significant for the west.</li> <li>• Council should look to undertaking some beautification in the west, it could be as simple as bringing street sweepers through the area ie the carpark at the reserve on Harris Street.</li> </ul>
<p>Huntly College</p>	<p>Tim Foy (Principal) 07 8287152</p>	<p>Emailed 14/12, meeting 9/2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any new facilities should be developed in Huntly West, lack of development on this side of town.</li> <li>• Gym underutilised, happy for the community to use. Currently used on Saturdays for basketball, Karate have previously used.</li> <li>• Open to the idea of council buying the gym and the school will rent it back, the up keep is becoming unaffordable.</li> <li>• The school has a lot of facilities that are underutilised.</li> <li>• Coordination of facilities around town and the college needs to improve. School has a specific sports coordinator.</li> <li>• Basketball should be utilised as a tool for participation in the town.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Memorial Hall needs a decision, nice to have but costs appear prohibitive.</li> <li>• West Huntly needs support.</li> </ul>
Huntly Community Advice Trust	07 8289500	<p>Phoned 11/1, meeting 17/11.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide full range of social services.</li> <li>• Charitable Trust.</li> <li>• Also a food bank.</li> <li>• Do a lot of fundraising, run the cooperative store next door to pay for the essentials.</li> <li>• All volunteers.</li> <li>• Understand the history associated with the memorial hall, not sure the usage demands an expensive repair job. Would like to see the memorial hall for youth programmes and education if possible.</li> <li>• See up to 50 clients per day.</li> <li>• Lack of facilities targeted at youth. Nothing to do which leads to disorder and vandalism.</li> <li>• 9 affiliated gangs in Huntly.</li> <li>• Would like to know what is being done with the Baker Block Park? Potential for skate park?</li> </ul>
Waahi Whaanui Trust	07 828 9695	<p>Phoned 11/1, request call back after 23/1. Discussion, awaiting time to meet.</p>
Friendship House	Victoria Kemp	<p>Phoned 13/2, meeting 15/2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the neighbouring Church hall for big events.</li> <li>• Provide similar services to Community House Ngaruawahia.</li> <li>• Have previously used Memorial Hall.</li> <li>• Not aware for regular users of Memorial Hall outside of Badminton and Line Dancing.</li> <li>• Would like to see the development of a multi-</li> </ul>



		<p>purpose indoor facility in town that could accommodate sport, festivals and large gatherings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordination of facilities is an issue.</li> <li>• More youth activities.</li> <li>• Services come and go in the town depending on funding.</li> <li>• Health shuttle has filled a hole in the services for health.</li> <li>• Greater promotion of facilities that are available at Huntly College needed.</li> </ul>
Waikato Enterprise Agency	Kim Broderick	Phoned 14/2, discussion and awaiting a date.
Sport Waikato	Fiona Devonshire – 0272926329	<p>Emailed 11/1, meeting 18/11.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domain has the potential for a sports and community hub.</li> <li>• No real base for youth groups.</li> <li>• A lot of underutilised facilities in town. Some outdated.</li> </ul>
Huntly Badminton Club	David Key – david@fivekeys.co.nz	<p>Emailed 11/1, email response 11/1 and 12/1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No facility since the Memorial Hall was shut.</li> <li>• Have had many requests from people who want to play.</li> <li>• Investigated using the school gym but the costs were prohibitive.</li> <li>• Disgusted by the prices quoted by council to repair the hall.</li> <li>• A purpose built indoor sports facility like that in Te Kauwhata at TK school would be ideal.</li> <li>• Council appear to not want to do anything and hoping it will decay beyond repair.</li> </ul>
Huntly Junior Rugby	Ben Steiner – 07 021310517	Emailed 11/1
Huntly Thistle AFC	Huntly Thistle AFC – Ashlee Dunsmuir.	<p>Emailed and met 26/01.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Club is growing including a female team.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junior section is also growing.</li> <li>• Priority project is to upgrade the hot water system as it is still manually heated.</li> <li>• Main pitch is due an upgrade. Lighting is limited to 1 filed.</li> <li>• Witness high usage of the tennis courts / turf next door. Basketball is very popular on it also. An upgrade to this facility would benefit the football club also.</li> </ul>
Huntly Bowling Club Huntly Lions Club	Bill Walker – 07 8288842	<p>Phoned 11/1, Met 11/1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports the restoration of the Memorial Hall.</li> <li>• Hall wasn't having a lot of regular use outside of Badminton.</li> <li>• Lions have their meetings at the RSA.</li> <li>• Bowling club membership growing, Auckland retirees increasing. Club 32 members.</li> <li>• Run a popular business house bowls comp.</li> <li>• Huntly West Bowling Club down to 6 members.</li> <li>• Club maintains the Greens.</li> <li>• Lions has 30 members.</li> <li>• Lions have to affiliate to New Zealand and US.</li> <li>• \$70 of the \$75 sub goes to Waikato and NZ Bowls.</li> </ul>
Taniwharau Rugby League Club	Moeroa Devonshire – 02108365443	Emailed 11/1.
Huntly RSA	Claire Cormack – 07 8289732	<p>Emailed 11/1, met 13/1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools use RSA for large events like prizegiving's.</li> <li>• Host 21<sup>st</sup>.</li> <li>• 750 members. Steady.</li> <li>• Own the building and site.</li> <li>• Committee are neutral on the memorial hall. More than half wouldn't expect</li> </ul>

		<p>or want the hall to be restored at great expense.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RSA never use the hall.</li> <li>• Amalgamation of the sites around the lake makes sense.</li> </ul>
Huntly Rotary Club.	Jeanette Cook – 027 4938968	<p>Emailed 11/1, met 16/9.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have 17 members. Do a lot of fundraising for the community.</li> <li>• Huntly has a lot of duplication of services, especially in the Health sector. On health hub would make a lot of sense.</li> <li>• Aging population and the coordination of services is needed. Not sure if the town is ready for the number of retirees that will be arriving.</li> <li>• A lot of the services and facilities need combining.</li> <li>• More facilities for kids/youth.</li> <li>• Affiliation fees are high.</li> </ul>
BPW Huntly	Trish Foy - Chair	<p>Emailed 11/1, 17/1 call. Met 24/01.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilities and activities for youth required.</li> <li>• Police need greater presence, intimidating – cycling on footpaths.</li> <li>• Physical appearance of the town needs work, driving through town leaves a bad impression.</li> <li>• Maintenance contracts need review.</li> <li>• Main Street is physically dirty.</li> <li>• Money better spent on new facilities than large amounts going into Memorial Hall.</li> <li>• Lack of jobs in town.</li> </ul>
Kimihea House and Hospital	07 8289396	<p>Phoned 16/1, met 18/1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Run 18 unit retirement village and hospital for the residence.</li> <li>• Believe the aging nature of the Huntly population</li> </ul>

		<p>requires greater consideration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Huntly population seems to be young and then a large gap the elderly.</li><li>• Run a men's shed for residents to undertake woodwork, increasing requests by non-residents to participate.</li><li>• 30 on the waiting list for the retirement village.</li><li>• More youth facilities required, although there seems to be a lot of facilities duplicated.</li><li>• Understand comments made around needing a large multi-purpose indoor facility.</li></ul>
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