

LINKWATER SETTLERS & HALL COMMITTEE COVER LETTER

INTRODUCTION:

The Linkwater Memorial Hall is located in the Queen Charlotte Drive alongside the Linkwater School and the Linkwater Fire Station (FENZ). Linkwater Settlers & Hall committee is a charitable entity.

The Linkwater Settlers & Hall committee have the following objectives.

OBJECTS:

The objects of the Hall Committee shall be:

- (a) To maintain and improve the facilities available at the Linkwater Memorial Hall for the benefit of all community groups, clubs and individuals requiring such facilities
- (b) To make the facilities available to individuals, clubs or groups at affordable rates.

BACKGROUND:

1. Current users include:

- CERC Community Emergency Response Centre (Linkwater Emergency Response Team (ERT)
- Linkwater Playcentre
- Senior Net,
- Quilters group
- Indoor Bowls,
- Yoga class
- REAP
- Newslink
- Community Library
- Linkwater School
- Judo
- Hall committee community social and fundraising events
- Private functions – local individuals – eg weddings, funeral

2. Rationale:

- Safety/condition of supper room woodwork, structural issues
- Building assessment report (attached)
- ERT hub and facilities for Civil Defence Centre (CERC)

3. The committee members are a fair representation of the local farming, small businesses, residential communities and clubs throughout the region.

4. Financial statements/minutes are attached

5. The community hub serviced by the Linkwater Hall includes rural and residential communities located along the Queen Charlotte Drive which runs from Havelock to Picton (RD 1) and the Pelorus, Kenepuru and Mahau Sounds which is the road access through to the Outer Sounds (RD 2).

6. Plans for the building project have been finalised (attached) and a quote received from Haack Construction Ltd (attached). Further quotes from local builders are being requested. Haack Construction have completed previous works on the hall including an upgrade to the front entrance, renovation of the toilet block and the upgrade to the new septic system.

7. Recent ongoing improvements include the removal of tree stumps impacting on the drainage system. The supper room now needs to be upgraded to meet current legislative standards. The only part of the building that remains to be renovated is the supper room and kitchen facilities; and increase storage capabilities.

Structural defects were found during the installation of the fire doors leading from the supper room. Maintenance has included re-flooring of the main hall. The outside of the building has been reclad.

A shipping container is currently being used to store chairs and trestle tables due to a lack of storage within the hall. For example the gym-mats are currently stacked in the supper room.

8. The high usage of the Hall indicates the need for this to remain as a sustainable and valued resource for the community.

The Hall is an integral part of this community due to the many and varied activities held here and it is a vital component for the Civil Defence capabilities for the region.

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Secretary

Linkwater Settlers & Hall committee