

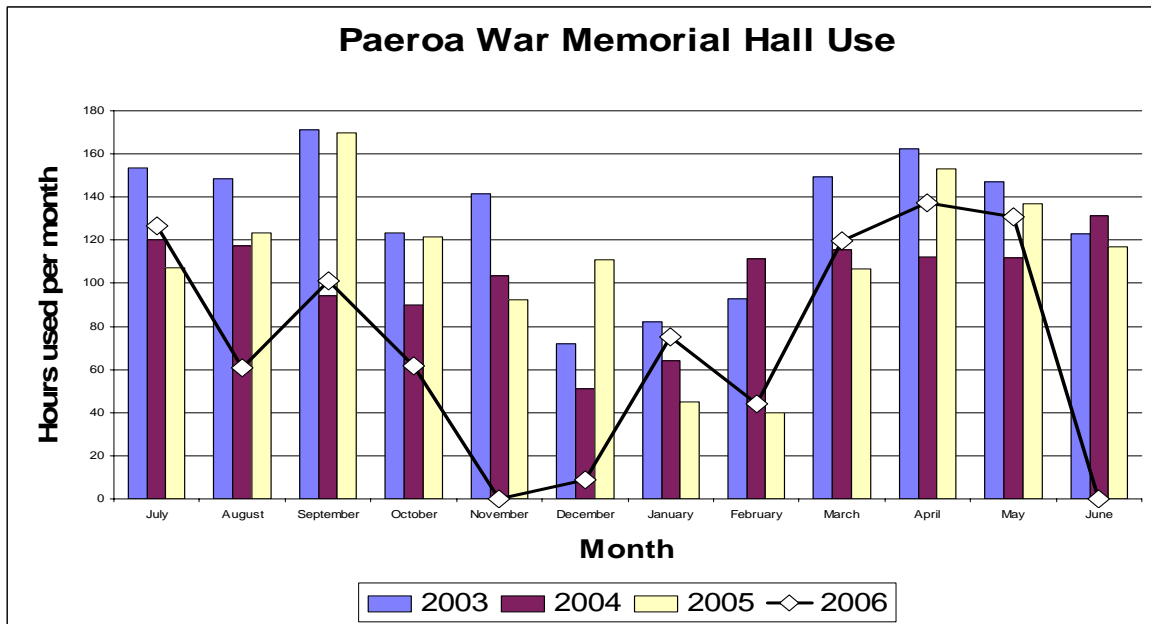
R E P O R T	TO	PAEROA WARD COMMITTEE
	FROM	COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT
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RECOMMENDATION

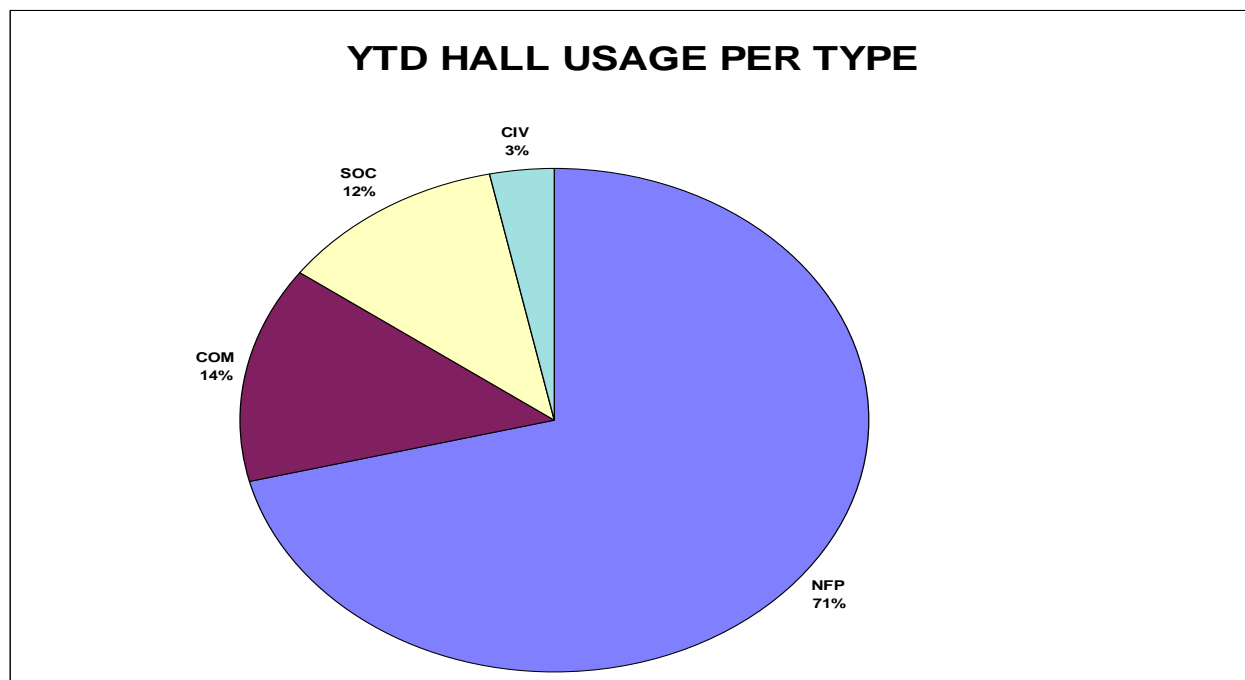
That the report be received.

PAEROA WAR MEMORIAL HALL (02.303.999)

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REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Paeroa Ward committee has been allocated \$8000 for discretionary grants during this financial year. The committee has allocated \$500 towards the Plunket Society, \$600 to the Girl Guides, \$920.21 to the Thames Valley Deerstalkers Assn., \$1000 to the Paeroa Pipe Bands & Tattoo Inc., \$1733.33 towards the Paeroa & District Museum Historical Society, \$500 towards Parents Inc., \$200 towards the Paeroa Basketball Association, \$50 to the St. Johns Ambulance, \$500 to the Salvation Army, \$100 to the Paeroa Baptist Church and \$100 to the Thames Valley Special Olympics leaving a balance of **\$1,796.46**.

PAEROA NEIGHBOURS (IM247951)

The coordinator writes advising that they in the financial year to March 2006 they have provided 139 food parcels to families struggling financially in the Paeroa district.

They request funding to help purchase the food requirement for food parcels.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT consideration be given to this request.

PAEROA CROQUET CLUB (IM243975)

Attached is a letter seeking the Ward committee to fund the construction of a new implement shed at the croquet court. A quote for a colour steel 5.4 x 4.2 metre shed is \$9200 plus GST which includes a concrete base and building consent but not Resource Management consent. The latter would be approximately \$300. If the concrete base is not installed and the shed is smaller in area (4.8 x 4.2 m), the cost will be \$5880 plus GST.

The Club is prepared to contribute \$2000. The Ward could consider \$1000 from discretionary grants account and the balance from the Paeroa Community Facilities Recreational Development Fund.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Ward Committee gives consideration to the request.

REQUEST FROM PAEROA CROQUET CLUB FOR SEATS AROUND CROQUET COURT

Attached is a request from the above club requesting the Ward committee to install seating around the croquet court nearest to the corner of Willoughby and Arney Streets?

Presently, seating is provided on the pathways within the Domain but they are not positioned adequately to allow players and public to view croquet games. There is a players' shelter on the eastern side of the respective court but that is assumed to be insufficient for the Clubs purpose. The LTCCP does not have any provision to install new seats that would satisfy this request. A copy of an aerial photograph is also attached showing the location of existing seating in the near vicinity of the court.

At present, staff does not have a detailed estimate of what the proposal would cost, however a rough guess would indicate each seat to be approximately \$900 using similar work as a guide.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the request be considered.

PAEROA INFORMATION CENTRE SIGNAGE

It was reported to the February meeting of the Ward that the sign outside the Paeroa Information Centre was vandalised and, with other discussions concerning the centre, a replacement was not made. Signs indicating the location of the centre are to be found on each main highway and within a kilometre of the centre, with the exception of the Puke/Belmont Road entrance to town. That sign was removed when the new street lighting poles were erected and there is no provision on these poles for signage. However, the centre can easily be seen in the reserve by visitors travelling from the north. The centre has 2.4Mx1.8M plywood painted "i" signs on their north and south facing walls.

Nevertheless, there has been concern expressed for the loss of the sign and replacement of the same is currently under way. The font (western type) used on the previous sign is considered outdated and, other than the need to keep the colour scheme for the "i" the same as the industry standard, it is proposed to keep the replacement sign as simple as possible i.e. white with blue writing, black shading for visual effect, and include our current "Welcome to the District..." branding as the district promotions link. Council's website address is also included for those travellers that may prefer to 'surf the net' for information.





Two different styles are presented here for your comments.

There is also an opportunity to utilise the rear of the sign for (say) other advertising e.g. advertising of particularly high profile events such as the tattoo and the bike race. Such 'annual' events attract significant numbers of visitors to our community.



REQUEST TO INSTALL REFUSE BIN : TAYLOR DRIVE, MACKAYTOWN (ROADWAY BY DOMAIN)

Cr Meyers was asked at the recent meeting of the Mackaytown Domain Committee if a refuse collection bin could be installed in the road leading off SH2 down to the swimming pool behind the Domain. Refuse is left by those who frequent to the pool and locals have to pick up the mess.

The bin could be positioned at the end of the flat section of road (just before it dips off onto the river bank shoulder. By installing it there it will be more convenient for staff to drive in and collect it avoiding the risk of getting the vehicle stuck or having to walk for it.

The cost to install a bin is \$575 plus it will cost \$15 per pickup (poly bag included). Say, one pick up per week for half the year then two for the balance i.e. 26 + 52. Therefore, there would be 78 pickups at \$15 making an annual cost of \$1170. The estimate takes into account the allowance for there being a vehicle passing the site to other work. Of course the Ward can reduce the pick up frequency as it considers appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Ward Committee approves to the installation of a refuse collection bin at Mackaytown.

PAEROA DOMAIN LIGHTING PROPOSAL: THAMES VALLEY RUGBY UNION

This item is basically a heads up notice. During the 2006/16 LTCCP Hearing Council heard a submission from the Thames Valley Rugby Union giving support to the sub surface drainage proposal for the No 1 Playing Field and asking that part of the lighting proposal for 2007/08 be brought forward to light No 2 field. Council agreed to bring forward approx \$10,000 of the \$154,000 project.

At the time of writing this report, the Council is to meet on 1 June 2006 to approve recommendations made at the Hearing of Submissions to the LTCCP 2006-16 held on 16/17 May 2006. Assuming that the recommendation dealing with the lighting matter does not change, staff will have started work evaluating the advanced part of the overall lighting project.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES: PAEROA

At the 2006 LTCCP hearings the Council resolved to construct new public toilets in Paeroa at the Post Office property and at Ohinemuri Park.

The proposal to construct toilets in Paeroa Town Centre has been in the Annual Plan and LTCCP for some time. Council, during various consultation processes, has received public submission that the toilets be at Ohinemuri Park rather than town centre. However, guided by the type of toilet installed recently at Gilmour Reserve Waihi, and the price, Council has agreed to construct two cubicle toilets at each location using the \$150,000 budget allowance.

As is most always the case, there are going to be consenting issues to overcome, more so at Ohinemuri Park as the only area of land, on which the toilets can be sited, belongs to Transit NZ. Placement of a building on state highway and traffic issues will most likely be the main concerns.

Because public toilet facilities are funded by the District, Council will have the final approval of both sites but the Paeroa Ward recommendation will be sought beforehand.

Staff are presently gathering the relative information to further the project but a great deal of the evaluation and design will depend on the approved chosen sites. Services for power, water and sewer will be required plus external lighting if the facility is a 24 hour service provider.

Previously, it was suggested that the new toilets (and only the Post Office site was in the 'frame' at that time) would be open only during daylight hours, say 8am to 6pm / 7 days, and that the Belmont Road toilets would serve as the 24/7hour facility.

Thoughts for the Post Office toilets are to create a lockable compound (similar to existing domain fencing) around the two toilet structures with plantings and obligatory access paths.

The Ward Committee also needs to determine what level of service the Ohinemuri Park toilets will offer, taking into account site vicinity sensitivities. The Committee needs to make a recommendation on the continued role of the Willoughby Street toilets. Are these toilets to cease being a 'public' toilet and become only available during Domain events? Or, will they be opened during daylight hours similar to what might be the case for the new Post Office toilets? In considering these questions, thought has to be given to the fact that the domain is not solely an events hosting venue, it has other features, mainly the passive type, that are available for use on a daily basis such as the children's playground. Casual

domain patrons would need to travel to the Post Office should the Willoughby Street facility be unavailable.

Operating costs are approximately \$15, 000 per site. Simple arithmetic adds \$30,000 to the Districts annual costs following the inclusion of the two new sites. Should the Willoughby Street toilets become closed to the public then any cost relating to them will transfer to the Domain Account.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Paeroa Ward Committee recommends to Council, the following:

- That two new toilets of a type similar to those at Gilmour Reserve Waihi, be installed in the Paeroa Post Office premises along the boundary with Normanby Road as per the site plan attached;
- That two new toilets of a type similar to those at Gilmour Reserve Waihi, be installed at Ohinemuri Park subject to permission from Transit NZ, and as per the site plan attached;
- That the two new sets of toilets be operated on a 7am – 6pm / 7 day basis;
- That the Willoughby Street toilets continue to be available to both Domain users and the public on a 7am – 6pm / 7 day basis.

RAILWAY RESERVE FOOTPATH ADDITION

In the LTCCP for 2005/06 there is an allowance of \$12,000 to add more path way into Railway Reserve. When this project was placed in the LTCCP by the Paeroa Ward, it was envisaged that a path way traverses from William Street to the path nearest the Band Rotunda. The addition of the path was to provide an exercise trail for visitors taking a break from travelling when they visited the Information Centre and public toilet parking area, and to provide a link with the path that the Paeroa Rotary Club have installed along the top of the Ohinemuri River stopbank. The path was also considered as a possibility during the landscaping project that formed the Reserve back in the late 1990's.

A copy of an aerial photograph is attached showing the siting of the new path as a bold black line starting at the William Street end of the reserve.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the new pathway be sited as shown in the aerial photograph attached, and that it be installed as soon as practical.

John McIver
Community Liaison Officer

Gary Paterson
Community Services Manager