

To: Waihi Ward Committee.

From: Community Services Department

Date: 21 October 2011

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Meeting date 15 November 2011

Subject: **Monthly Report – November 2011**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received, and
 THAT the letter from Thames Music Group Inc be received, and
 THAT consideration be given the request from Thames Music Group Inc. and
 THAT the letter from Goldfields Railway Inc. be received

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE [CDV-30-100]

The Waihi Ward Committee has an allocation of \$8,218.00 for discretionary grants during this 2011/12 financial year. Grants have been made to the following:

Organisation	Amount Granted
BlueLight Committee (hall hire)	\$81.00
Girl Guides Waihi (hall hire)	\$272.00
Australian Mining History Assn (hall hire)	\$200.00
Waihi Ministers Assn (hall hire)	\$102.00
Hetherington House (hall hire)	\$17.00
CAPS Hauraki (hall hire)	\$107.00
Waihi Quilting Club (hall hire)	\$100.00
TOTAL ALLOCATED	\$ 879.00
BALANCE	\$7,339.00

There is one request for financial assistance this month.

Thames Music Group Inc [822985]

The Secretary for the group writes seeking sponsorship from Council for a “sing in” event to be held in Thames on the 24 March 2012. The writer advises that half of their members are from the Hauraki District with the soprano soloist and rehearsal accompanist being from Waihi and the rehearsal conductor being from Paeroa.

The writer has provided a budget and seeks a grant of \$600.00

Goldfields Railway Inc. [821602, 821603, 821604]

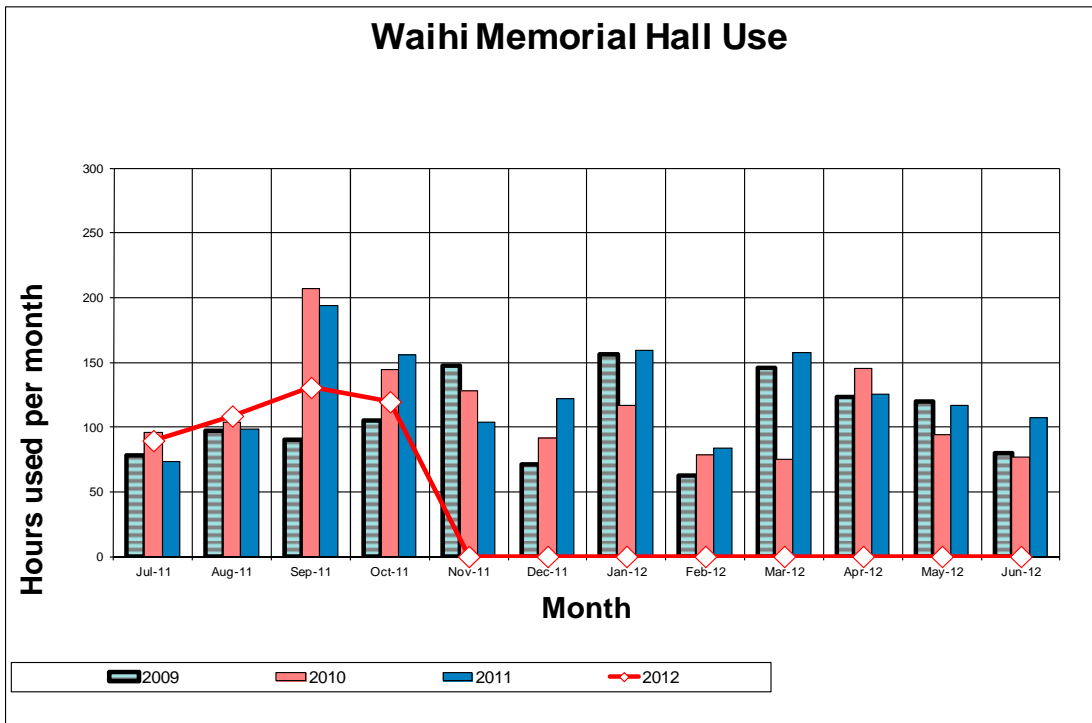
The President of the society writes advising that they have adopted a strategic business plan (copy attached) that highlights their aims and objectives along with a direction for the future.

The writer considers Goldfields Railway as an asset of the community and seeks the Ward’s support to Council so that they can proceed with its strategic direction.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

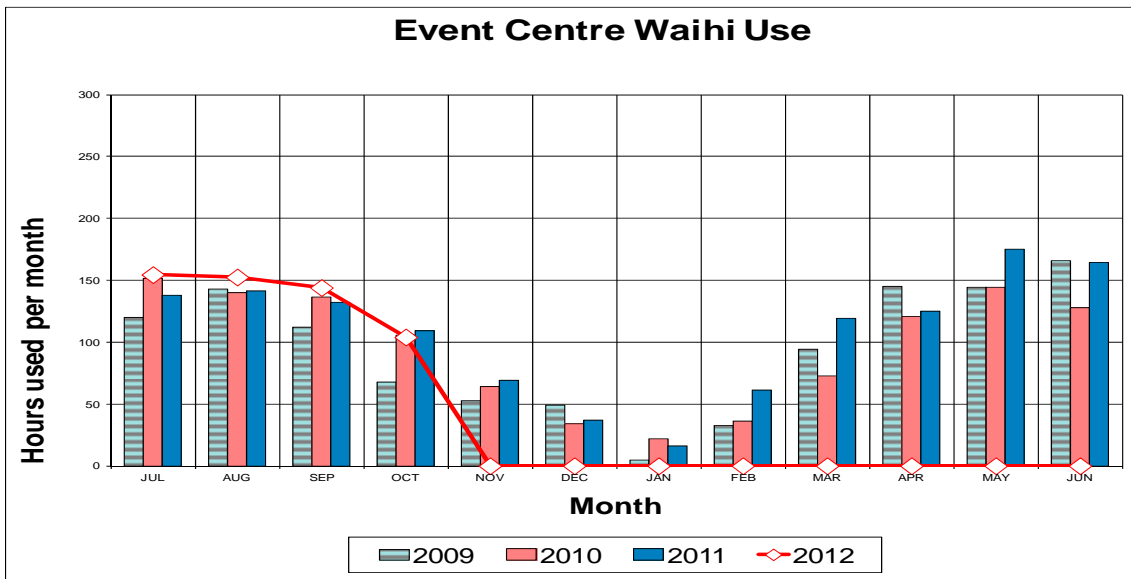
War Memorial Hall (365282)

A comparison of hours of use per month over a period of four years



EVENT CENTRE WAIHI (365183)

A comparison of hours of use per month over a period of four years



CAPITAL PROJECTS SUMMARY

PROJECTS CARRIED OVER	WORK INTENDED	\$ ALLOCATED	\$ EXPENDED	PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION DATE	PROPOSED COMPLETION DATE	STATUS OF PROJECT
Town Centre Indicators	Internal town indicators / Signage	5,000	-	2012	2012	Need to ensure the signs are consistent with pending Council policy on Communication
Pump House Retaining Wall	Town Beautification	40,000	6,000	2011	2011	Design / Engineering completed. Tech Services Project Managing construction.
PROJECT FROM 2011/12	WORK INTENDED	\$ ALLOCATED	\$ EXPENDED	PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION DATE	PROPOSED COMPLETION DATE	STATUS OF PROJECT
Pohutukawa Reserve	Upgrade	55,000	-	March 2012	2012	Project Planning Underway.
Waihi Cemetery	New ashes garden	6,000	-	April 2012	May 2012	Not started
	Internal signs	3,000	-	TBC	TBC	Need to ensure the signs are consistent with pending Council policy on Communication

Whiritoa Reserves	Picnic Tables	7,000	-	Nov 2011	Dec 2011	Completed
Gilmour Lake	Picnic Table	4,000	-	Nov 2011	Dec 2011	Not Started
Victoria park	Car parking area	20,000	-	Oct 2011	Nov 2011	Planning Underway
Waihi Town Entrance	Welcome signs	6,000	-	TBC	TBC	Need to ensure the signs are consistent with pending Council policy on Communication
Waihi Town centre	Christmas lighting	20,000	-	Nov 2011	Dec 2011	Lights ordered power supply being installed
Waihi Pool	1/3 share in pool toy	3,000	-	Sept 2011	Sept 2011	Ordered
	Seating and shaded area	15,000	-	Sept 2011	Oct 2011	Not Started
	Painting Pool interior	13,000	-	Sept 2011	Oct 2011	Completed
Whiritoa Toilets	Renewals	20,000	-	Oct 2011	Nov 2011	Not Started

Insulation of Pensioner Units

In April 2011 the Community Facilities Manager applied for funding under the Government EECA insulation programme for a subsidy to insulate all of the pensioner units. The program entitles Council to a 60% subsidy for insulation of the pensioner units. As part of this application all the pensioner units were inspected by a nominated service provider to see what was required to bring the insulation of the units up to an acceptable standard and to provide a cost to do this project. Last week Council was finally given approval by EECA to go ahead with the insulation. The 40% contribution by Council will come out of the renewal budget.

The feedback from other Councils that have completed this project has been very positive and provides an overall increase in winter temperatures inside the units

The following table shows the breakdown of the insulation for the units in Waihi

Units	Ceiling Insulation	Under floor insulation
Upper Moresby Ave	0	7
Lower Moresby Ave	4	0
Seddon St	6	
84 Kenny St	2	2
73 Kenny St	2	

Waihi Swimming Pool

The refurbishment and repainting of the Waihi Pool was budgeted in the 2011-12 Annual Plan with \$13,000 allocated to complete this job, and an additional \$15,000 allocated to provide some additional seating and shade for the facility.

This is the first re-paint that the pool has had under the management of Hauraki District Council. Staff underestimated the preparation work that was required to complete this job with the removal of the old layers of paint a significant undertaking.

Final and complete costs of the pool painting and refurbishment are yet to be finalised, but staff are aware that the budget provided for the painting will be insufficient. Staff will report back to the ward with options once this is completed.

Waihi Town Centre – Xmas Lighting

The 2011-12 Annual Plan has a budget of \$20,000 dollars to provide Christmas lighting for the main street of Waihi. Establishing multiple power outlets down the main street to enable the trees on Seddon Street to be illuminated has been one of challenges of this project.

Councillor Baker has obtained permission from the main street shop owners that are adjacent to these trees that will require power supply for Xmas lights. Contractors are completing this work at present.

Whiritoa – Beachcare

The Parks & Reserves Manager has met with locals at Whiritoa to discuss plans from Waikato Regional Council requesting approval for another walkway to the beach catering exclusively for foot traffic to the beach. The current main access that is beside the Surf Club has become busier over time with vehicle traffic from the Surf Club and any boat launching activities to the beach.

The new walkway location is approximately 60 metres south of the play ground adjacent to the surf club.

Staff and locals have also identified an area of dune that has been planted with flowering plants. These will be replaced with natives that will better contribute towards dune stability. The replanting shall be completed prior to Christmas.

Pohutukawa Reserve Whiritoa

Staff has received initial feedback from Landscape Designers and shall meeting with Councillors to finalise concept drawings for the reserve. Once this meeting has been completed, the formation of any access over or through the reserve may be finalised.

CEMETERY STATISTICS

Casket and Ash burials per month, including available plots

Casket	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
2008-09	3	3		3	4	3	3	3	1	3	2	3	31
2009-10	2	8	5	2	2	3	1	4	2	1	4	2	36
2010/11	2		3	4		2	7		1	2	2	2	25
2011-12	2	3	2	4									11

Ashes	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
2008-09			2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1		11
2009-10	3			4		1	1	4	4	2	1	2	22
2010-11	3	3	3	5		2	4		2	4	3	2	31
2011-12				2									2

Caskets	Jul 2011	Aug 2011	Sep 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2011	Dec 2011	Jan 2012	Feb 2012	Mar 2012	Apr 2012	May 2012	Jun 2012	Total
Plots Purchased	1	1	2	1									5
Total Available	2	2	3	3									10

Ashes	Jul 2011	Aug 2011	Sep 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2011	Dec 2011	Jan 2012	Feb 2012	Mar 2012	Apr 2012	May 2012	Jun 2012	Total
Plots Purchased	1												1
Plots Available	106	106	106	106	106	106	106	106	106	106	106	106	105

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