

### **Why are you consulting on the future of the hall again when you did so last year?**

Since that consultation, things have changed. The other Council-owned facility in town, the Huntly Civic Centre, has been earmarked for use by the Waikato Coalfields Museum.

This means there would be no Council-owned community facility available in Huntly if the Memorial Hall is not refurbished and is removed.

It has also emerged that a local community group is interested in helping refurbish the Huntly Memorial Hall to an acceptable standard for it to be used. This may help reduce any potential cost of refurbishment.

### **Does the Civic Centre component of the targeted rate come off now that the Coalfields Museum is using the civic centre?**

Targeted rate still needed for upkeep of the Civic Centre building. Put call through to Donna Rawlings if they need further explanation.

### **What would be the cost of refurbishment with the involvement of a community group?**

Unknown at this stage but it would be less than consultant estimates (this was between \$1.1mil and \$1.6mil).

### **Why did Council vote to demolish the Memorial Hall without public consultation?**

Council was concerned that the overall costs of refurbishing the hall were not sustainable for the Huntly community.

### **What are the costs of demolition?**

It was estimated in 2015 that demolition of the hall will cost around \$200,000 - \$300,000.

### **If Council was to pay for the repair and refurbishment of the hall, to a safe and useable state, how much would it cost the Huntly ratepayer per year and for how long?**

It has been estimated that between \$1.1 million and \$1.6million would be needed to complete seismic (earthquake) strengthening, roof replacement, accessible bathrooms and ramps and general repairs, costing each ratepayer up to **an extra \$45** per year for 25 years in targeted rates on top of the current \$42 (this is made up of \$26 for the hall and civic centre and \$16 for the aquatic centre).

### **If Council was to demolish the hall and build a new facility how much would it cost the Huntly ratepayer per year and for how long?**

It was estimated in 2015 that \$2.1million would be needed to demolish and rebuild a similar-sized but reasonably basic facility costing each ratepayer an extra \$60 per year for 25 years in targeted rates on top of the current \$42. Note: This would be for a 'like for like' compliant building scenario and the cost to hire the hall would also increase.

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### **What has been done with past money earmarked for repair of the Memorial Hall?**

All funds collected in targeted rates in Huntly are put towards depreciation costs and the maintenance and operation of Huntly facilities. The hall was closed in 2015 due to the extent of the work required to bring it up to a usable standard. The portion of this targeted rate for the Huntly Hall has gone into a Huntly Community Facilities reserve fund, the balance of which can be used as part of refurbishment cost but is well short of the amount required to refurbish the hall.

### **What has happened to money paid to Waikato District Council for hall hireage?**

Money from hireage goes into a reserve which contributes towards the operating costs. Due to the low usage rate up to the hall's closure the amount of money acquired from hireage was minimal (\$3000+- a year)

**A past engineer's report has said Huntly Memorial Hall is "robustly built compared with other buildings of a similar age" and it should be able to be "strengthened relatively easily". So, why the large cost?**

"Easy" doesn't necessarily translate to low costs. The large costs are due to health and safety regulations, potential presence of asbestos in the building and costs of materials and labour at market rates.

### **On average how much does it cost per year to maintain a hall in the Waikato district?**

It costs \$52,000 per year to maintain a hall in the Waikato district. This includes depreciation and operating costs only (for halls in Huntly, Ngaruawahia, Raglan and Tuakau). Capital upgrades or renewals are not included in this.

### **What were the usage statistics of the Huntly Memorial Hall? [In hours per week]**

Five groups booked the hall on a regular weekly basis, with the hall in use for seven hours per week. On average there were only three "one-off" bookings per year, which saw the hall in use for an additional day per booking.

### **What other facilities are in the area for the public to use?**

There are a number of other facilities in Huntly that have rooms available for hire. These include:

Anglican Church Hall (Friendship House), Huntly Hotel (Essex Arms), Huntly Workingmen's Club, Huntly RSA, Trinity Church Hall, Huntly West School and The Metcalfes.

Any other questions direct to Donna Rawlings – ext 5858

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