

**Date:** Tuesday 4 April 2017  
**Time:** 6.00pm  
**Meeting Room:** Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Chamber  
**Venue:** Takapuna Service Centre  
Level 3  
1 The Strand  
Takapuna

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## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Community Forum**

### **OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS**

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# Presentation to Devonport Takapuna Local Board

Development of the Allen Hill/Dacre  
Park Sportsfields

## Noise Pollution

- Noise from current usage already invasive
- Proposed intensification, including floodlighting, together with proposed usage for training on two fields, till 8pm Monday to Thursday and 8.45 Friday, will increase noise to an intolerable level for residents
- Desired outcome if development proceeds:  
imposition of lower levels of permitted noise along with reasonable hours of use.

# Compromised Access to the Site

- Unsuitable site due to its topography (amphitheatre effect) and proximity to residential housing
- No formal legal access to the site
- Possible contamination of site

# Community Football

- Modest training shortfall for adult training after dark
- In Devonport, the grassroots and youth football challenge is playability due to condition of some of the fields
- Upgrade of only Allen Hill/Dacre Park will not address this issue
- Possible partnerships with local schools
- Main beneficiaries will be 1<sup>st</sup> teams, elites and academy teams
- Inappropriate use of rate payers money as all training now conducted by a profit oriented commercial organisation

## Concerns about NSUFC's aspirations

- Allen Hill/Dacre Park not a suitable venue for National League home games
- Lake Road is already at capacity, no ability to handle event traffic
- Ensuing noise, traffic and parking issues will severely impact quality of life of immediate neighbours
- Trust the Local Board share these concerns.

## Desired actions

- Properly assess the need for this upgrade
- Consider low cost reallocation
- Consider more modest development e.g one pitch, no lights, better design
- Ensure development doesn't drive additional waves of traffic down Lake Road and into a small site
- Restrictions on hours of operation
- Fuller understanding of commercial relationship between NSUFC and Wellington Phoenix
- Ensure Council spending benefits local community and grassroots soccer





Presentation to Local Board – 4 April 2017  
The Rose Garden Community Centre & Theatre

### **Introduction**

We seek further Local Board support through a discretionary grant to align the Centre with the Devonport Takapuna Local Board vision and plan. We vision that we can be the humming heart of Belmont Bayswater and a centre for the Devonport-Takapuna area.

### **Historical Background**

Much growth and success in:

- Restructuring the Preschool
- Upgrades to the theatre e.g. audience seating
- Initiation of the building repairs

### **Present Day Story**

Different issues to confront at present are:

- The Centre seeks to develop alongside the changing needs of our community
- Lack of human resourcing required to provide the opportunities for growth and alignment
- Loss of income due to the building works

### **Finding Solutions**

Firstly, matching the needs required to sustain and grow the Centre by:

- Instating assistance to help with the day to day running that is required in managing such a community asset
- Keeping up with the renewal of procedures and policies due to requirements by legislation and law
- Resource and time needed to create, sustain and grow

Secondly, the Centre being identified as a leaky building the implications of this are:

- The major building works started on the Centre late January 2017 with a projected completion as the end of February 2017, but unforeseen further problems have escalated completion to mid-May
- The building works create both issues to be managed on a daily basis and an opportunity for the Centre to plan and reshape



- Subsequently, the Centre Board and management made the decision to partially close the Centre until the end of the building works due to health and safety issues, as at Wed 29 March, which affects our income.

#### **How can the Local Board assist?**

The grant would give the Centre the ability to increase community participation by giving time to shape what increased participation requires. On the positive side of the building works we will have a building that is fitter, where we would like to continue to embrace what we currently offer and build stronger and clearer identifiable alignment and connections.

#### **Aspirational Outlook**

All of these activities need a plan and time to implement. To do this we are asking for the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board's support to keep up with change and to grow.

Through more resources on the ground we have a better change of delivering:

- a facility that enables community well-being for all users and employees
- planning and programming for diversity
- planning and programming opportunities to be inclusive of our business community further strengthening our economy
- a platform to align our unique Maori and European heritage
- a space that can withstand more regular neighbourhood and community-led initiatives that are well-supported and encouraged; enabling an active, connected and supported neighbourhood
- activity that will create an innovation hub in the local board area that encourages opportunities

#### **Conclusions**

We would like to thank the Devonport Takapuna Local Board for the support that has been given over the years and request this further assistance. The Centre has a well-regarded reputation in our area and we would like to continue in this way.