



WARKWORTH TOWN HALL
RESTORATION TRUST

9 December 2017

Dear Beth and Rodney Local Board members

The Warkworth Town Hall Restoration Trust is pleased to include a cheque for \$50,000.

The trust is also pleased to advise that as a result of recent discussions that several organisations and individuals have taken up sponsorship agreements for room naming rights for some of the rooms in the town hall. These agreements, as follows, have been negotiated over a five year timeframe with regular payments over five years;

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| Withers Family Trust; | the upstairs mezzanine room |
| New World Warkworth; | the kitchen |
| Rhodes for Rhodes; | the stage |
| Warkworth Rotary; | the upstairs balcony |

The trust has found fundraising a challenge, particularly as fundraising for the Warkworth Hospice project coincided with our efforts during the restoration itself. Local board members are no doubt aware that the trust was able to secure a \$300,000 grant from Lotteries. The trust submitted an Expression of Interest to Foundation North for a grant but unfortunately we were not invited to submit an application on the basis that the hall was the responsibility of local government and the project was not a strong fit with its criteria due to the ownership and management of the facility by Auckland Council. The trust has found it extremely difficult to apply to other agencies for grants for the same reason.

The trust is conscious of the fact that the Rodney Local Board underwrote \$675,000 of the funds for the restoration of the hall and that \$250,000 remains outstanding as per the Memorandum of Understanding signed in December 2015. At the time of signing, the trust had paid \$75,000 towards the kitchen removal and became responsible for paying the remainder of \$600,000 within two years, due to expire in December 2017. It has become apparent that it is highly unlikely that we will be able to pay the local board the full remaining underwritten amount of \$250,000. We kindly ask that the local board look favourably on adjusting and updating the MOU so that the timeframe for what payments we may be able to achieve be extended to five years.

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Following the completion of the hall Cunitia Wilkinson handed in her resignation due to health reasons, leaving four trustees. The trust recently met with potential new trustees and has appointed Peter Henderson, Bill Rayner and Lisa Outwin as trustees. The new trust will be considering options for the potential management and operational aspects of the hall for the future.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink. The name 'Ilona' is written in a cursive style, followed by 'Rodgers' in a more blocky, slightly cursive font. A large, sweeping flourish extends from the end of the signature, curving upwards and to the right.

Ilona Rodgers
Chairperson, Warkworth Town Hall Restoration Trust



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Date 9 / 12 / 2017


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