

Date: Tuesday 17 May 2022
Time: 4.00pm
Meeting Room: Held via Microsoft Teams
Either a recording or written summary will be uploaded on the Auckland Council website.

Henderson-Massey Local Board

OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

ITEM	TABLE OF CONTENTS	PAGE
8.3	Deputation: Leataata Preschool - renewal of lease for community hall	
A.	17 May 2022, Henderson-Massey Local Board Item 8.3: Leataata Preschool - renewal of lease for community hall - Letter from Leataata Preschool to dated 7 April 2022	3
8.2	Deputation: Te Atatu Bowling Club and Te Atatu Marae Committee - Māra kai proposal	
A.	17 May 2022, Henderson-Massey Local Board Item 8.2: Te Atatu Bowling Club and Te Atatu Marae Committee - Maara kai proposal - presentation	13

7 April 2022



Mayor of Auckland Mr Phil Goff
Auckland Council
Private Bag 92300
AUCKLAND 1142

Copy: Chairperson, Henderson/Massey Local Board

Fakalofa lahi atu, Talofa lava and Tena Koe Mr Mayor

RE: REQUEST TO RENEW THE LEASE ON THE AUCKLAND COUNCIL COMMUNITY HALL AND RESERVE LOCATED AT 91-93, MOIRE RD, MASSEY EAST

We trust this letter finds you well and in good health.

We are writing to formally request a renewal of our lease for the Auckland Council community hall and reserve located at 91-93 Moire Road, Massey East. This letter provides you with background to the request and a plan about our intentions for use of the facilities into the future.

Main points of this correspondence

1. Established in 1999 Leataata O le Lumana'i Samoa Trust (trading as Leataata Preschool, Education and Wellbeing Hub and hereafter referred to as "Leataata Trust") is a non-profit organisation providing Pacific families in West Auckland with education and community support services.
2. The lease term is 2018 to 2022 and expired on 18 September 2022.
3. We wish to renew our lease agreement for the community hall and reserve. Due to community priorities that have arisen through the COVID-19 pandemic we do intend to progress with our plans for building a new facility in the foreseeable future.
4. We wish to make a formal request to conclude our previous discussions on the transfer of the community hall to the Leataata Trust. This will provide security for the organisation given the significant investment we intend to make into refurbishing the premises.
5. The community hall has become a hub for Pacific communities accessing essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic.
6. The services delivered from Leataata Trust align with the Henderson/Massey Local Board aspirations of:

Leataata O Le Lumana'i Samoa Trust | Address: 91-93 Moire Rd, Massey, Auckland | Telephone: (09) 832-3616 | Email: leataata@xtra.co.nz

- a. An education Hub: After School Literacy and Numeracy for Primary - Secondary
- b. Adult Learning preparation for skilled workforce
- c. Culture and Language.

About Leataata and its services

Leataata o le Lumana'i Samoa Trust has been providing total immersion early learning services to the Samoan community of West Auckland for more than 20 years. We are licensed to provide early learning services for 50 children. While we provide early learning services, we have adapted our operating model over the years to ensure our children and their families have the support they need to participate and succeed early on in their learning journey. This has included the establishment of afterschool care, a homework centre, school holiday programmes, literacy and numeracy for parents, and offering intergenerational programmes between children and their grandparents. Our programmes are all delivered full immersion in the Samoan language.

Since COVID-19 we have begun to provide many Pacific community groups with essential support services through care packs, food parcels, and important information to help families access the services they need. We also offer wraparound support to families to help keep their children and young people engaged in education. The community hall has become a central point for these community activities.

The community hall

The community hall was leased to Leataata o le Lumana'i Samoa Trust in 2011 to enable us to deliver programmes that worked in connection with the pre-school. The agreement between the Auckland Council and Leataata Trust was that we would provide access to community initiatives that benefited those in the area.

COVID-19 has disrupted some of our face-to-face engagement, but we are pleased to have started up several of our programmes again in recent months.

Since the pandemic, the Hall has become a wellbeing hub for our communities, helping to provide essential services to support families. The community hall has become a coordination centre for information dissemination, and for working closely with other organisations to help deliver necessities such as food and health packs to our communities. We have also been the lead for our Pasifika communities to deliver education/ health initiatives with staying safe and reduce the risk of contracting COVID-19.

Why we need an extension to the current lease

Our intention was to build a new community facility at the end of the current lease term that would enable the delivery of our existing initiatives and allow for an expansion in our education and community services. Unfortunately, with COVID-19 this has not been possible as we have had to put our focus into supporting the immediate needs of our community. We have decided not to continue with our building plans and to prioritise investment into meeting community needs. We are now seeking to refurbish the current facility and enter into a long-term lease for the community hall and reserve land, and, to transfer the asset ownership of the community hall to the Leataata Trust.

We have made progress with plans to upgrade the current facilities. In July 2021 we raised \$20,000 from a community fundraiser to kick start the work to refurbish the hall. Due to COVID-19 we had to pause our facility management planning but are now ready to progress.

We have started to have conversations with funding agencies to enable the Leataata Trust to implement a new facility plan that meets our vision of a prosperous education and wellbeing hub for West Harbour / Massey community.

We are currently developing a maintenance schedule for immediate works to be undertaken and have engaged with an architect to support our planning and design process. We have sought quotes from builders and are awaiting updated quotes to finalise our budget requirements and facilities plan and timelines. We now need to confirm with Auckland Council the renewal of the lease agreement prior to any works being started. It is a significant investment for the Leataata Trust to upgrade the community hall and we hope that you will be amendable to include in a new agreement between us the asset transfer of the Council owned hall to Leataata Trust.

Final Comments

We understand the original intention of our agreement to lease the Hall was based on Leataata Trust starting a new build on site from 2022. With the impacts of COVID-19 and the important role the community hall plays as a hub for essential services, we are unable to commit to a new building when we need this building now to support the COVID-19 community response. We are in the process of applying for grants and in-kind support with important stakeholders to start the work. The disruption of a new build for 24 months in the current environment would have a detrimental effect on our ability to support our local community.

We are therefore seeking to refurbish the current facility and enter a long-term lease for the reserve land, and, to transfer the hall ownership to the Trust. As a non for profit Trust we have had to pivot the focus from getting a larger Hall and focus a new build/ refurbishment of the current Hall that is more efficient and effect for our community . We do not anticipate progressing with our previous building plans that were discussed with Auckland Council in the foreseeable future rather, the focus is on either, building using the current footprint of the hall or upgrade and refurbish the current Hall.

We are most grateful for the use of the community hall over the past 15 years. On behalf of my Board members, founding Director Toeolesulusulu Laine Tipi, and Co-Director Fa'amalua Tipi, I would like to personally thank Auckland Council for providing us with the use of this facility. It has been a critical enabler of our vision and during COVID19 times it has proven to be a beacon of hope and an answer to prayer for our community.

I also acknowledge the Massey Local Board for their endless support to the Leataata Preschool Education and Wellbeing hub. We have been blessed with the support of individual board members such as Councillor Linda Cooper, and Councillor Shane Henderson, also both co-chairs Vanessa Neeson and Chris Cater. They have been fantastic in terms of their support with our goals of the Leataata Trust and the Hall.

We look forward to your continued support going forward. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the co-Director Fa'amalua Tipi on mobile 027-4949286 or email malua@leataatapreschool.co.nz.

We would welcome the opportunity to present to the Massey Local Board on how the building has been used and our exciting plans for the future.

Yours sincerely

		
Taha Fasi Chairperson/Trustee	Laine Tipi Co-Director/Trustee	Faamalua Tipi Co-Director/Trustee



Proposal

Long term renewal of the Leataata o le Lumana'i Samoa Trust Community Hall and Reserve Lease

Submitted to Auckland Council

7 April 2022

Contact Person

Taha Fasi – Chairperson

Fa'amalua (Malua) Tipi - Co-Director

Address: 91-93 Moire Road, West Harbour, Massey East 0614
Postal Address: PO Box 84075, Westgate, Auckland
Phone: 027 494 9286
Email: ttfasi56@gmail.com or malua@leataatapreschool.co.nz

1. Proposal

This proposal is submitted under the name of the name of Leataata O Le Lumanai Samoa Trust to seek approval for a long term lease agreement for the Auckland Council community hall and reserve located at: 91-93 Moire Road, Massey East.

2. Our Vision

To advance the abilities of parents, extended families, and communities to care for their children and families by:

- a. Providing quality care and education in a warm, loving, caring and safe environment offered from Samoan Christian and Cultural perspectives the English and Samoan languages as the medium.
- b. To help children to grow up as confident and competent learners and communicators, healthy in mind, body and spirit, secure in their sense of belonging and in the knowledge that they make a valued positive contribution to society.

3. Programmes and Services delivered from the community hall

The venue is the centrepiece of our aspiration for a holistic "Pacific Education and Wellbeing Hub". Examples of current and past programmes that were initiated for over 15 years and delivered in the Hall include:

- *Local students/pupils:* Leataata homework centre caters to local primary and secondary children. Leataata Trust run the Homework support group each week on Tuesday and Thursday. In the event of a public health announcement of a lockdown we adjust our supporting systems from face-to-face helping through online using videos.
- *Grandparents:* since 2002 we have run workshops in Samoa weaving, crafts, arts and language. The latter in the form of songs and performances. These sessions are part of the learning activities for the enrolled children to participate and experience Samoa culture.
- *Young mothers:* we provide support to mothers on how to bring their children up using positive caring solutions. We have worked with other agencies like Heart foundation to educate parents on healthy eating.
- *Literacy and numeracy for adults:* Leataata has had workshops going with two full days per week (Mondays and Wednesdays) in partnership with other Private Training Establishment (PTE).
- *Other activities delivered at the hall:* drivers licenses, cooking classes. Being positive role models to our families. Tamaloa lens. This year targeting men son / fathers/ grandfathers that their role in their Samoan families.
- *Tertiary education:*
 - (i) The past 15 years Leataata has worked with ICL Business School: to support learning through literacy and numeracy programs.
 - (ii) Mothers who have participated in literacy and numeracy programmes from ICL Business School have gone on to tertiary study to become qualified ECE Teachers.

Leataata has supported over 25 mothers since 2002 into tertiary studies who have all graduated with a Bachelor of Education and are now working at other ECE centres in and around New Zealand as well as Australia.

- *Wellbeing Hub*: Since the arrival of the Corona virus to New Zealand shores the hall has been transitioned into a essential service for our Massey/ West Harbour area coordinating food parcels, COVID-19 care health packs, health promotion, support for local youth and their education needs during COVID.

4. Our plans

Due to the pressures of COVID-19 on our community we have decided to defer our original building plans for establishing a new community facility for the foreseeable future. As a Trust Board we believe the focus should be on helping our community at this difficult time. We cannot afford the type of disruption to business continuity that a major building project would bring when we are in the middle of a pandemic and economic downturn. An upgrade of the existing premises within the current footprint of the building is now what the Trust Board is seeks to achieve. To do this we will require:

- a. Immediate agreement to a long-term lease for the community hall and reserve
- b. Discussion the option of transfer of ownership of the community hall to the Leataata Trust
- c. Agreement between the Leataata Trust and Local Board on plans for serving our local community – enabled by the use of the community hall.
- d. Finalise facilities plan and budget
- e. Confirm funding streams for immediate maintenance and works schedules and fit out
- f. Execution and reporting.

Any assistance by Auckland Council regarding the upgrade of kitchen facilities and the lighting or fire safety, painting and roof repairs, would be greatly appreciated. However, we have started to acquire funding opportunities with national agencies to help our goal of upgrading the community Hall.

We are aiming to complete the upgrade work to the Hall prior to winter 2022.

5. Funding

This communication is our formal submission to Council to invest and support the Community Hall upgrade as a key Council asset for the Pacific and Henderson/Massey community.

We are currently in the process of securing quotes for the upgrades to the hall as they are needed as part of our applications to potential funders and/or partners. We welcome the Auckland Council to inspect the premises and also quote for an agreed scope of works between us. We know that Auckland Council is very skilled in facilities management and any support or guidance you can provide our Leataata Trust we would appreciate.

6. Conclusion

In Conclusion our request is to secure a long term lease agreement with Auckland Council and to seek support for formalising ownership of the Council assets (the community hall) to Leataata Trust. COVID19 has changed the level of need in the Massey/West Harbour community and it has been our privilege to partner with Auckland Council to serve the Massey community. We look forward to hearing back from the Massey Local Board regarding our proposal submission.

Thank you for your consideration in these matters.

Korero mo te hui

Henderson-Massey Local Board meeting 17 May 2022



Kaupapa mo tenei hui

**Manaaki ki nga hapori
kei Te Atatu North**





Me Pehea

**Working together to provide a
Maara Kai solution**

Ko wai

- Recovery First – working with whanau in need (Hone Pene)
- Te Atatu Marae (Dave Tanenui)
- Te Atatu Bowls (Marion Hakaraia)



He aha te Korero

- What is the councils plan for the land next to Te Atatu Bowling club?
- Te Atatu leased this until four years ago and until now there has been no activity
- We have a proposal to work with you and the community for this piece of land in the short to medium term



Nga painga

- Maara Kai to support kaumatua, kuia and whanau in need as result of high Kai costs
- Promote community gardens to whanau
- Support whanau to raise maara in their own whare / whenua.
- Educate community on maara kai and Maramataka and Matariki
- Promote whanau oranga



Haere whakamua

- If it works in Te Atatu it will work anywhere!



