

Date: Thursday 16 May 2024
Time: 12.00pm
Meeting Room: Howick Local Board Meeting Room
Venue: Pakuranga Library Complex
7 Aylesbury Street
Pakuranga

Howick Local Board

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A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTOR TO HOWICK



THE RSA VISION

The Howick RSA wants to make a stronger contribution to welfare
and commemorative activities in our Region



BACKGROUND

- Decision to move out of the hospitality business
- Wellington St operation sold
- Three charitable welfare activities – Poppy, Community, Sale St
- They all assist citizens under financial strain
- Commemorative activities
- Work of the RSA welfare officer is very important



HOW WILL THE RSA MAKE OUR VISION HAPPEN

- **91 years of active welfare involvement & commemoration in Howick**
- **An extra \$200,000 pa from property sale for RSA's registered charities**
- **Increases our support ability by about 10 times**
- **We want the money to be used for charitable purposes, not real estate**



BENEFITS OF THE HOWICK WAR MEMORIAL HALL

- **RSA has no satisfactory base**
- **Needs a visible and easily accessible “shop front” to be successful, and contribute to the Howick community**
- **Howick War Memorial Hall is the most suitable Howick location for the RSA charities – it is after all a War Memorial Hall**
- **We see the Hall as a general welfare facility for the people of the region**
- **Used by other welfare related organizations as well**
- **RSA would permanently staff the facility**



SUMMARY

- **RSA has 10 times more charity money to support those in need in Howick region**
- **RSA has well established welfare brands and connections**
- **War Memorial Hall will provide a welfare shop front for the people of Howick**
- **The Hall will be used on a regular scheduled basis by other welfare organizations**
- **RSA has a fulltime welfare officer, and an admin manager to staff and manage the Hall**
- **Proposal minimizes ratepayer input & maximizes outputs and benefits to Howick**



IN CONCLUSION

This is probably a once in a generation opportunity to provide an accessible, combined, welfare and support shop front to the people of Howick, demographically an aging population



Thank you for your time

