

**Date:** Thursday 20 March 2025  
**Time:** 12.00pm  
**Meeting Room:** Howick Local Board Meeting Room  
**Venue:** Pakuranga Library Complex  
7 Aylesbury Street  
Pakuranga

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## Howick Local Board

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## HOWICK RSA: A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTOR TO HOWICK



## BACKGROUND

- Founded in 1933
- All our operations have been in the Village precinct
- Covid and other issues lowered participation
- Membership shrank from 2300 to less than 400
- We continued to operate in Welfare & Commemoration



## RSA's VISION

**We will be the first port of call for Veterans**

**We will provide community and charitable welfare**

**We will be fully engaged with our membership and the wider Howick community in commemorative and welfare activities**



## SO, WHAT ARE WE DOING?

- Focus is on Welfare – veterans & our wider Howick community
- And on our vital commemorative and civic activities
- That means re-organizing for the future



## WHAT IS THE RE-BUILD?

- Welfare & administration roles have been filled
- Constitutions have been re-written to meet the 2022 Act
- All our entities will become registered charities
- Re-distributed cash assets to welfare trusts
- Engaged professional investment managers
- Completing a review of all levels of Governance
- Fixing our public facing activities



## A SUITABLE OPERATING BASE

- We have been at the welfare business in Howick for 92 years
- We have a strong asset & income base
- We have public standing and empathy
- We help veterans, servicepeople, dependents and the general public
- Our territory is Beachlands to Tamaki Estuary, South to Redoubt Rd
- We need somewhere to operate from that is central, accessible and visible



## BOOKINGS & USAGE HOWICK WAR MEMORIAL HALL

(Seven+ weeks ending 21 Feb 25 – 40 hour weeks)

Period	Available Hours	Booked Hours	Used Hours	% Usage of Avail
Mon to Fri	296	219.5	51	17%

- The Hall was well overbooked and seriously underutilized
- It was booked for 75% of the week, but only used for 17% of the week
- The usage is less than one day per week



## BOOKINGS & USAGE HOWICK WAR MEMORIAL HALL

(Seven+ weeks ending 21 Feb 25 – 8 hour days)

Period	Available Hours	Booked Hours	Used Hours	% Usage of Avail
Sat & Sun	112	63.5	58.5	52%

- The Hall was used 81% of time on Saturdays
- It was used for 23% of time on Sundays



## BENEFITS OF THE HOWICK WAR MEMORIAL HALL

- We see the Hall as a general welfare facility for the people of our region
- Used by other welfare related organizations as well – including HRRRA, Grey Power, Rotary, Community Hub, Ranfurly Trust, Veterans Affairs, all of whom support our initiative
- We would initially staff the Hall Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
- It would be available for other non-welfare related use Wednesdays and weekends



## Downsides

- If we are unable to utilize the Hall, our welfare assets will need to be spent in buying a property in the Village precinct
- This will significantly reduce the welfare support available to the community, by as much as half
- This is not in the public interest



## Action

- We submitted to HLB in May last year
- The development and welfare plans we talked about last year are now in place
- We look forward to concluding this important civic welfare step as soon as we can



**Thank you for your time**

**We have significantly moved the  
RSA forward**

**We now need HLB support**

**Our focus is to improve welfare  
availability in Howick**

