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Kāpiti Coast District Council
Te Newhanga Kāpiti Community Centre
Social and Community Needs
Assessment
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1: Executive Summary

1.1 Background

Te Newhanga Kāpiti Community Centre began operating in 1996, having been built for the community by the community following a significant community fundraising effort. The name Te Newhanga was gifted by the Te Uri o te Ngārara hapu in recognition of the original landowners.

Te Newhanga operated as a space from which community programmes were delivered; social and community sector services organisations offered services, as well as offering rooms for hire to a range of community groups and individuals needing space for meetings and other activities. While the building was gifted to Council, it was originally run by an independent community organisation. In 2018 Council became the kaitiaki of the Centre until it closed in June 2021 due to watertightness and mould issues.

The Council is now investigating the re-development of a space for the community which is inclusive and responsive to existing and future community needs. Council commissioned a social and community needs assessment in order to gain a detailed understanding of what the community wants and needs from a community space, as well as to develop a comprehensive understanding of the gaps in the sector, and the current and future needs of the community that could be met by a refreshed community space. The needs assessment will ensure that any future development of Te Newhanga Kāpiti Community Centre is fit for purpose for the community, supports the appropriate outcomes and is responsive to community needs.

1.2 Approach

The approach undertaken for this needs assessment was mixed method and comprised desk research, interviews with Kāpiti Coast District Council staff members, a community survey, intercept and in-depth interviews with members of the Kāpiti community, and a survey and in-depth interviews with social and community organisations. The catchment area in scope for this study included: Paraparaumu, Paraparaumu Beach, Raumati Beach, Raumati South, Waikanae, Waikanae Beach, PekaPeka and Paekākāriki. Ōtaki was excluded because of its distance from Paraparaumu and the lack of public transport access. Ōtaki residents were not excluded from participating in the community survey however should they have wanted to do so.

- Interviews and meetings were held with Kāpiti Coast District Council staff members including the business areas of Parks, Property, Economic Development, Libraries, Strategy (housing developments) and Research and Policy
- A workshop was held with Elected Representatives
- N=615 members of the Kāpiti community participated in an online survey
- N=58 intercept and in-depth interviews were conducted with members of the community (residents) in the core catchment areas for this study
- N=45 interviews were conducted with social and community organisations (including previous users of Te Newhanga Kāpiti Community Centre) and other stakeholders
- N=25 social and community organisations provided feedback via a short online survey
- Engagement was undertaken with Te Ati Awa-ki—Whakarongotai (a workshop/hui and interviews).

