

THE KAIPAKI CENTRE

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THE KAIPAKI DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The Kaipaki Reserve Development Project was initiated by interested Kaipaki community people during a community gathering in Kaipaki Hall in June 2009.

The project was focused on upgrading the Kaipaki reserve into a realistic 'Community Centre' type facility that is appropriate to this growing Kaipaki community.

Existing facilities were to be upgraded and some additional facilities added that will enable all ages to have some opportunity to participate.

The focus will be community activity rather than the development of clubs only.

KAIPAKI HISTORY

Kaipaki History

The history of the Kaipaki district goes back many years and was predominantly a farming area with the Kaipaki Reserve being developed through the goodwill of many people in the district at the time. The Hall was built in 1913 but unfortunately the minute books from 1913-1927 were lost in a house fire and so the history of events soon after the opening are not known.

What is known is an incorporated society was formed in 1933 to manage the facilities and the five acres surrounding the Hall were purchased from Charlie Weal in 1936 and the Tennis Courts and Cricket ground were developed later the same year.

The Hall 'Title' was vested to the Waipa District Council in 1962 after alterations to the Hall had been completed in 1961 and the official opening on 20 October 1962.

A new brick frontage was added to the Hall in July 1972.

The 'Title' for the sports ground and courts were vested with Waipa District Council in 1982 allowing the Board to spend the community rates on the upkeep of all the facilities.

Over the years there have been many people who contributed significantly to cricket clubs, tennis clubs, athletic clubs and many other sports clubs, sports and events.

Bert Goodwin was the backbone of the cricket club for over 30 years, the Cunninghams ran the tennis club for over 30 years and many other families had huge input into this facility on behalf of the community. Some of those families (and we apologize if we have missed any) are the Boyds, Goodwins, the McElDownneys, Kites, Knudsens, Speakes, Akehursts, Cowleys, Ganleys, Bones, Wilkins, Bradleys, Verytts, Dela Rues, Claytons, Scott, Farrell and the Garmonsway family.

Kaipaki was seen as a prosperous country sporting centre and an example of good practice amongst rural communities. People traveled from Taupo to play cricket at Kaipaki who at one stage had four cricket teams. The tennis club also was extremely active and an example to other clubs.

Unfortunately farms became less in number as farms grew in size and family numbers decreased and clubs ceased to operate in 1997 and the facilities were left.

However over the last five years a steady increase in the population of Kaipaki is occurring. This appears to be due mainly to a focus on lifestyle blocks and Kaipaki's proximity to Hamilton, Cambridge and Te Awamutu.



PROJECT SPECIFICS PROPOSED USAGE

Project Specifics

The focus of the development was to:

1. Upgrade the three existing tennis courts for netball, hockey, soccer, tennis and general activity
2. Put lights up around the tennis courts
3. Upgrade the existing cricket field for cricket, athletics, children's football and touch in the winter
4. Provide a practice area for cricket
5. Have audio speakers and electrical cable available around the ground
6. Relocate and grow the children's play area
7. Develop a small artificial chip and putt area
8. Develop a Petanque area
9. Extend the eastern side of the Hall to cater for viewing and hosting of people related to the outdoor activities – a type of 'pavilion' but attached to the existing Hall
10. Add changing rooms to the pavilion that will service the Oval and the court area.

Proposed Usage

The focus of this project was to have a facility that the community can use and be proud of:

- Inter community participation days – where Kaipaki invites another district over for 20/20 cricket, tennis, table tennis, Petanque, cycling, BBQ, athletics and general gala type activities.
- School holiday programs for five to 13 year olds
- Cricket for all ages and stages
- Social tennis evenings
- Netball evenings for all ages
- Sport Waikato to be approached to run activity classes - Pilates, low impact exercise classes etc
- Social cycling groups
- Children's athletic nights
- Community picnics
- Funders days where funders of the project use the facility for their own purpose
- Plus usage by community groups.

Most of the above has happened over the first three months of the facility being opened and for more information relating to activities, events and available facilities go to www.kaipkai.com.



OUR PURPOSE FUTURE FUNDING MODEL

Cost of Project

Commercial value of between \$7- 800,000.00 and was completed for around \$320,000.00. This was able to be achieved through working bees and contributions from businesses and local people.

Our Purpose

1. To provide and maintain the best possible facilities at 530 Kaipaki Road for people, mainly of the district and surrounding areas, to participate in activities and events that focus on sport, art, culture and music
2. To provide and manage these opportunities that focus on families, children and mothers being the primary priority
3. To gain ongoing funding in such a way that all possible are encouraged to participate with money not being a barrier. Alcohol and a bar shall not be a focus nor a primary method of raising funds
4. The Board to create an atmosphere and environment where positive people are welcome and encouraged to participate
5. Where people are part of one organisation rather than breaking off into separate entities
6. To abide by the principles and intentions of the Constitution/Rules as of 2011.

Future Funding Model

Participants don't pay fees at Kaipaki as this could be a barrier to participation and is a model that has not worked in the past.

Instead we have approached local companies and individuals to contribute \$1000 or more each year to cover the costs of running the facility and putting a little aside for future development. (Fieldays are providing funds each year for an initial term of three years with a view to increasing the amount and extending the term).

In return these supporters receive:

- A day a year where their company or family can use the facility free for events/ activities that might involve staff, clients or extended families. Already one corporate supporter has used the facility three times (by agreement) within the first six months
- Listing in the Kaipaki Business Directory on the Kaipaki website www.kaipaki.com This Directory lists all the Kaipaki Centres business supporters and encourages all the local community to support the listed businesses when they have projects at home and at work
- Attend appropriate functions/activities during the year as they are in the communications system and therefore know what is happening
- Gain a weekly exposure in turn on the scoreboard at the facility that is viewable from the road
- Gain tax benefits when contributing to The Kaipaki Centre who has been granted Donee Organisation status by the IRD
- Have the satisfaction of being a good community supporter by supporting this facility and helping make it available to future generations just as people did for us as far back as 1913. This is the way rural communities work.

We also gain funds from hireage, holiday programs for children and functions designed to raise funds etc.