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Consultation planned on a sports and community pavilion at Weedons

Community consultation will soon get underway on a proposal to develop a new sports and community pavilion at Weedons.

Peter Holmes, Chair of the Weedons Reserve Committee, says the process will be an important opportunity for Weedons residents to decide whether they support the construction of the new facility which is proposed to include space for tennis and cricket, public toilets and a community meeting and activity space.

“We are very excited about the project and see the pavilion as a great asset to the Weedons area. The population of Weedons has grown significantly in recent years. The existing pavilion is outdated and too small for the community. We need a community facility which can be used by community groups for meetings, local events and social occasions and by sports groups,” he says.

The Weedons Reserve has a long history dating back to 1856 and the Cricket oval and club is one of the oldest in New Zealand. The tennis club is of a similar age, and this history forms an important part of Weedons heritage.

The pavilion would also provide the community with new public toilets which have been planned and budgeted for some time.

Consultation on the proposal to develop the pavilion will begin in September. Local residents and groups who may use the facility will be invited to attend two drop in sessions at the Weedons Reserve to find out more about the concept and share their views.

The estimated cost to develop the pavilion is \$600,000. The Committee is proposing that a third of the cost of the project be funded from Development Contributions and \$133,000 from a loan to be repaid by properties who contribute to the Weedons Reserve rate. Of the remaining amount the Committee is proposing that \$164,000 come from club funds and grant applications, \$60,000 from a grant from the Council, and the balance from funds held by the Reserve Committee and earthquake insurance funds.

The proposal to fund part of the facility from the Weedons reserve rate recognises the benefits of having a community meeting and activity space available for Weedons residents to use.

The Weedons Reserve Committee is made up of five community representatives plus a member of the Selwyn Community Board who is appointed to sit on the Committee. Three representatives of sports groups who use the reserve are also on the Committee. Mr Holmes says the Reserve Committee has strong community representation, as two thirds of its members are community representatives. "Our Committee has always welcomed people to our meetings. We invite anyone with an interest in the Reserve to come along to a meeting."

The Committee will next meet on 14 October at 7.30pm at the Weedons Reserve Pavillion.

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Drawing attached: Artist's impression of the new sports and community pavilion at Weedons Reserve.

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