

30 September 2008

Mr Graham Campbell
Greater Wellington Regional Council
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WELLINGTON

Dear Graham

We write seeking the assistance of your council for \$45,000 to enable the club to raise its clubrooms and develop the building into a community, educational and recreational facility.

As most people are aware, the Otaihanga community is very fortunate to have a facility like the Waikanae River which now and in the future can be enjoyed and shared with others.

The work upstream by John Topliff, Greater Wellington Regional Council, KCDC, Rotary Club of Kapiti and others is fantastic and, to compliment this, there is soon to be another walk bridge.

Downstream DOC in the next couple of years has some exciting plans for the scientific reserve and the Greater Wellington Regional Council has budgeted for river protection.

In the centre of this the Otaihanga Boating Club is situated. It suffered substantially in the great flood of 2004. Late last year the Club which had been in recess since the flood held its Annual General Meeting. It was agreed that a complete upgrade of the community facility was desirable. A strong committee of local people and others were elected to undertake this project. With considerable voluntary input from an engineer and architect assessed at cost of \$20,000.00 we have been able to lodge the plans for consent with the council. Along with this through the personal support of the Mayor we were able to have the consent fees of \$6,000.00 waived. The council has also indicated it will assist with the removal of the concrete once the building is lifted. This week we have obtained the council's approval for the project and plans are now in hand for it to proceed.

The building will be used for:

- a) Boating Club - meetings, dinghy races, Father Christmas activities for young people, and management input into improving the river and the environment.
- b) Local and government authorities for meetings and other activities.

- c) Support for the very active Otaihangā Progressive Association.
- d) Educational purposes by school groups, recreational groups. As the site is zoned residential and this could involve groups staying overnight.
- e) Centre for Civil Defence emergencies, eg flooding, earthquake, fire.
- f) Fly Fishing Club *meetings etc.*
- g) Marine Safety Courses run by Commander (retired) John Granville.

The Club has the following funds available:

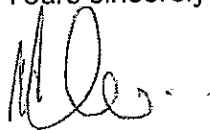
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| Boating Club | \$19,000 |
| KCDC guaranteed | \$45,000 |
| State Insurance- Flood Proceeds | <u>\$35,000</u> |
| | <u>\$99,000</u> |

To complete the project a substantial amount of voluntary labour will be required from the talent on the committee and others who have indicated their support. A number of trades have indicated that they will supply materials at cost or free of charge.

With the existing funds and hopefully with the assistance of \$45,000 from the Greater Wellington Regional Council we will be able to finish the exterior. The balance of the project will need to be financed from funding organisations such as the Lotteries Commission.

We trust that the council will look favourably on our request for a project that will be of considerable benefit to the community at large.

Yours sincerely



Roy Opie
Commordore

Cc Nigel Wilson