

Comments

The questions 9 and 10 don't match, 9 asks if you are involved in community groups plural, but 10 only asks for the name of a singular community group. There doesn't appear to be space to include several groups.

I am concerned about what the cost of a new facility would be. Is the Memorial Hall up to earthquake standards.

The rates in our district are high now without a proposed increase, fix up the Memorial Hall so that it is more usable. Why does the Twin Rivers need to be funded by council when other community and sports groups have to fund and provide for themselves? We are looking at an increase in our rates once new valuations are done and we have already had increases this year.

Look up cleaning up and making the best of what we have first.

The ratepayers in Ngaruawahia have had several hits already this year and there are others in the pipeline, presentation from Gavin Ion to the Ngaruawahia Community Board 3% increase anticipated, 6% required, 9% just to stand still plus targeted rates pressures. In Ngaruawahia there are other more urgent concerns, the entrance ways are appalling, nothing has been done to the reserve on the main road, minimal maintenance is currently being done like the streets clean, walk over the bridge it needs painted and weeded, town clock has been damaged several months ago still not fixed, improvements to town pool would assist with keeping youth entertained, more seating along the main road in keeping

The residents of Ngaruawahia already pay a targeted rate for the Memorial Hall and it has been neglected for years, council staff seem to be waiting so that they can say it's not earth quaked so must come down. The problem seems to be that WDC staff are not part of our community so actually don't care how much our rates increase

Money was spent on the library in 2012 for earthquake strengthening and then again in 2015 for a "spruce up", why would ratepayers and residents want more money spent on pulling that building down for a new building while we are moving into a more digital society. This money better spent on giving the town a "spruce up" regular footpath washing, more park benches and tables along great south road opposite the shops, an inviting entrance to the town from the north and south. A town clock that goes and is maintained. Mowing of berms, especially on the main road and for the elderly or all Ngaruawahia residents. There has been talk of youth needing more support, if you read the data sports plays a greater and more important part in youth development wellbeing than art (there is some benefit in art but not as much as sport). With this in mind re-vamp Patterson Park develop the Point, increase the size of the skate bowl, create a basket ball area, work

If our funds will help and assist our community to move forward, for all tamariki/mokopuna, pakeke, whanau, and our elderly, we would have no issues with this payment.

Twin Rivers arts is a club/society with limited appeal and not a council entity, what's to stop all other clubs demanding the same level of financial support if the proposals are adopted.

Targeted rate up to \$50 would be acceptable.

As this is a low income area where many people don't have access to personal computer or own transport would be great to have good library and cultural service. With Hamilton growing so fast, above facilities are likely to be well used, it saves bus fares and costs to Hamilton for people with low income in Ngaruawahia. And culture and story of Ngaruawahia and including a cafe would revive centre as Hamilton spreads towards Ngaruawhai - see Perry site and housing being built between Hamilton and us.

We have just had properties revalued this as well as the tabled information at the Ngaruawahia Community Board about proposed increase of 9% to the rates, water meters, increased wastewater charges, how about WDC does what it should do and looks after the roads, footpaths and infrastructure. Spend money on how the town looks and works for the residents not building a mammoth building worth several million dollars as a monument to councillors who in all likelihood will get voted out next time around based on the current rack record and it might help to get rid of some of the

I am totally opposed to this facility. Every town and city should have access to a library and creative arts space but not at the cost this facility is proposed to cost. This project needs to be scaled back. The Library has been refurbished twice in the five years and has already cost ratepayers several thousand dollars. The one time I have been in the last week there was less than six people in there, one was using the venue as a place to sleep. The art centre should be self sufficient and separate from library. They are two different needs NOT one of the same. If my rates are going to increase again for services in Ngaruawahia I would like to see the entrance way into the town improved, the streets and footpaths cleaned up and tidied, the berms mowed and the town clock working. If services for youth are to be improved then use and update the Ngaruawahia swimming pool, Patterson Park and the skate bowl at the point. Sport has a greater reach and positive impact on youth than art and library spaces. Talk to all stakeholders not just those interested in a library and art centre. If it is tourism you plan to attract make it look like a town worth visiting, sort out the basics first.

I love the idea of the shared space it makes perfect sense

would hate to see the library closing!

Our community does not need increased rates and a facility when we already have a memorial hall that needs improving, but a great space plus we have a raft of other halls available for community use. Twin Rivers have had years to find themselves a space, why should ratepayers pay for this when we don't pay for Community Care, TuTangata Trust, Nga Miro etc... and I suspect there are more users of these facilities than there are of the art centre, nice to have but not a

Twin Rivers make an amazing contribution to Ngāruawāhia and surrounding areas but they are being limited by their facilities. Please assist them to keep doing their good work.

Why can't the Memorial Hall just be fixed up, heating, better lighting and a renovated kitchen. Its a good facility just a bit tired. This feels like something that council staff want not the community.

I'm a regular user of the library, along with my family. I'm delighted that there may be a new home for it. I'm also very pleased that the proposed building would offer space to community groups. It is clear that the town needs to improve outcomes for residents and I think that a new facility encouraging this would help. I'm also an artist, always looking for places to hold events and exhibitions in, so I'm really pleased about this development. My only concern is what will happen to the rest of the dilapidated historic buildings in the town centre.

I welcome the new ideas, combining a Community Centre, Library, Arts Centre, GALLERY, Cafe under the ONE Roof is an Excellent idea on the current site...if you hide it around the corner (Memorial site) you are not going to attract the Extra Visitors/Tourist/Income that drive by everyday of the week...o current site YOU WILL☺👉

THIS IS VERY SUGGESTIVE///IF I BELIEVE WE NEED MORE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WHAT THE TOWN NEEDS CAN THIS HAPPEN BEFORE WE CHOOSE WHERE IT IS TO BE BUILT.

I think we need to foster and celebrate the creativity and enlightenment of current and future generations

I think if we get a new building to keep it simple and have it multi purposed, have a large area(like a hall) with multiple rooms (decent sizes) off the hall that can be used by all different groups/organisations. A basic kitchen but so it has enough in it for cooking classes and its also commercial.

I know plunket doesn't have anywhere at the moment, we could also have other community groups and a youth hub! We desperately need a new library for our youth who use the library all the time so why not embrace that and give them a destination to be proud of. I think the arts could use this space also having a gallery/cafe! which either cafe staff could man or the library staff. I feel strongly about who runs the gallery and think it needs to be ran by WDC staff as I don't think Twin Rivers is ideal for individual artists and keeping the gallery neutral would be best. Ngaruawahia needs a decent cafe something classy and with the gallery in the cafe you would get the 2 in 1 deal there. It would be perfect if we also had a sports facility! but i know we would probably be moving into another bracket to pay for it and the effect on our rates. If we had a YMCA why not have the Breakers play in Ngaruawahia or even the Magic netball etc.

What ever is the majority though I think Council needs a clear message out there on how this will effect our rates and what people will be expecting to pay.

Will the cafe be council run with the profits going to the community?

Will any jobs be created?

I think you have made this survey very hard to read.

Will we get a say in the plans/design?

<p>I think we should not pass up the opportunity to enhance the look of the entrance way into Ngaruawahia, especially when you come in by road. To convert the existing library and Waipa Hotel into a community facility would create (in my opinion) a more visually appealing 'first look' at Ngaruawahia as you approach.</p>
<p>There is an opportunity to create a community facility(s) on the ground floor and leasable spaces above with the vision that the leasable space would be income generating to sustain (or contribute to) the community facility operation budget</p>
<p>I would like to see opportunities for other expressions of creativity and knowledge accommodated in the facility, such as music, dance, speech, writing, media. Also, the current concept design for facility does not reflect the environment and locality of Ngaruawahia.</p>
<p>I think the building should reflect the heritage of Ngaruawahia. Not look like it has roller doors, the current artist impression is horrible and does not portray Ngaruawahia in a meaningful way. The decorative panels look like roller doors, we already have them on the main street and people already ridicule Ngaruawahia for being 'roller door city', they do not need another avenue to make fun of us.</p>
<p>We need more than an arts facility or a meeting/cafe place to visit we need to focus more on the needs of the people young and old in our community ie sports facility and not just an arts facility or the library.</p>
<p>The rating valuations have increased much more than the advertised 36% average. Ratepayers do not want more rates on top of this, on top of the waster water rises on top of the water billing! Is this really a desired facility of the community or for the existing users? ie the Art centre. The art centre is an exclusive club that shouldnt even receive funding. The library is fine as is and where it is and so is the war memorial Hall - we should not tear this down. What will happen to the green space behind it if you tear it down? so many people sit here on sunny days, have you even noticed? the community house has a kitchen and conference facilities and so does Nga Miro. Perhaps money would be better spent utilising and tidying up what we do have rather than trying to create a great white elephant in our already dilapidated town. All I can see is that the Art Centre want a space. How many people in the Waikato District or even Ngaruawahia lone use this service? a small handful at best. waste of money and time that can be spent fixing what we already have.</p>
<p>Why build a monstrosity when Monies could be spent elsewhere, why put additional costs onto already struggling that regard.</p>
<p>Ngaruawahia is a pretty community - with a pretty sad looking Main Street. Money better invested in making our wee town pretty, and attractive - and in capitalising on the fab highlights we have at our doorstep like the hakarimatas, river walks and the point.</p> <p>Support local swimming pool and funded water safety initiatives? Plant the wasteland ex dump site, create opportunities for youth. Develop a community garden?</p> <p>We don't need a new building as a priority.</p> <p>Unless it's a large sports facility? With accessibility for residents as sports is increasingly cost prohibitive for families on breadline.</p>
<p>Ngaruawahia is always the centre of poor jokes and distasteful remarks - largely because the Ngaruawahia seen from the I would pay to exhibited art, or donate/pay small entry fee to see a special exhibition or hire a meeting space.</p>
<p>I think there is some distrust with rates increases (TOTAL annual rates have increased significantly in last few years if you also include the increases to target rates and now the water is billed separately). Now the value increase is making people nervous (due to lack of understanding around how general rate is calculated - note this could be communicated better).</p>
<p>As part of this consultation Council needs to simplify communication and tell people exactly what their TOTAL rates would look like in Ngaruawahia with the proposed community facility charge added...plus the new average value, new wastewater & Stormwater targeted rates and average water use bill.</p>
<p>Can you plan to have a community pool/ indoor sports recreation facility ...instead..</p>
<p>I think we urgently need a better community facility/ies for our own residents as well as catering for new residents. Otherwise they will go elsewhere. Lately our town has been looking very sad, and a new build may inspire others to follow.</p>
<p>Rates and council costs (water, rubbish) have already been put up more over the past 2 years, how can putting it up even more for a building that 50% of people won't use be justifiable</p>
<p>I think this is a huge waste of money. Why is this money not being put back into the community that needs it.</p>

Build it! This town is filled with old folks. Judging by the comments, none of them are visionary leaders like the team in charge of this project. Plus most are broke and all they think about is the next "fix" or lack of milk, bread and/or butter. Why should their personal reasons affect the rest of the town? Just fence it off. Would hate for the delinquents of these "Debbie downers" to ruin it because they can't afford the hirage cost of the towns billboard to gain recognition. Build it! #Ngaruawahia #Capital of NZ

I cant see why we need it. There is already perfectly good facilities for all of this. Money should be spent on more I'm portent thing such as doing more for our local schools.

If this council a positive legacy for Ngaruawahia may be some social housing for the est \$6 million stated for this project. I am both a ratepayer and a resident.

Fix up what needs to be done in the community first. Maybe build some affordable housing for our mot vulnerable.

Great idea but how about using the money to upgrade the current buildings in Ngaruawahia. Commission some young and local artist from the high school to paint the waka taua and stuff on the roller doors in town again to show our uniqueness. New building for plunket and so on....

The existing buildings in NGA should be repaired and used first and foremost. There is more of a market for a sports centre and community & internet hub for our youth. I would be prepared to pay extra rates to fix existing buildings and offer facilities that better suite our community and most importantly our youth who are bored and getting into trouble

I don't think an ugly modern eyesore will fit with the historic charm of the town and I'd hate to see charming character buildings demolished to build it. I also think the money could be much better spent elsewhere but this council seems to just do what it wants regardless of what the ratepayers want. I am sick of paying exhorbatant rates and seeing that money wasted on things we don't need or want. People are allready selling up and leaving the area because of the ridiculous costs involved now. Why don't you use some of the money instead to build a parking structure for your council staff so they're not clogging up our roads everyday. Or fix some of the existing buildings and facilities we allready have.

I say No to new building.

By the time those new roads kick into full play this project idea will be a waste of time and money. In that I meant it may only be on show.

The communtiy we be better if with doing up the community hall that is standing there today. You members of the council need to consider what was once upon a time a thriving community hall. Put that hall that sits there today into what yous project to be. Save the Ngaruawahia community their \$100 p/a. Thinking future generations. Do up the old hall.

The existing library should be turned into a place for the kids. Where they can share build upon their talents in: art, music, building, dress making, sewing, wood/metal work, cooking and much more.

Second time voting because that's how much I want it! Plus I added that Wintec could use the space too. I ♥ Wintec- even though I suck at essay writing

We have a library to which considerable funds have already been spent. Why on earth is the War Memorial Hall even a consideration for this project. I am AGAINST any removal or alteration of the War Memorial Hall. This is a connection to our fallen hero's that fought for our country. The current Art Centre only accommodates a select few. Personally my wife and I feel something for our youth would be more beneficial for our town

Seriously...for what St John does for our community we need to involve and encorporate them at the hub of our

Where is the Heritage and Cultural aspect that has been at the forefront of Community discussions for 10+ years. Why has the information on the website differed to what was available at the open day Saturday? Why were the print iuts headed Art Centre?

Why is there 50% of the focus group involved from Twin Rivers Art Centre?

Where are sports group reps, community groups reps i.e. scouts.

I have submitted twice as I am very passionate about my town and do not want to see a white elephant committed to that has little bearing to the whole community.

We are already bent over from the councils wanting too much money.

<p>The money that will be used to build this new building should be used on the builds we already have to make them more appealing and useful for twin rivers arts, the library is fine where it is and we need a youth centre. As for other community groups needing facilities to use why not make our many sports club we have available for them to use as they don't offtened get used enough unless their sports season is on</p>
<p>Why build another building when you can upgrade the Ngaruwahia memorial hall</p>
<p>Ratepayers do not need added council venue seeking costs we already pay enuf. If you want to do a community project that will actually appease do a restoration of building we do have there's the old shops Durham street turn it into memory lane of days past show history relics of our town our main road shops do those up to draw new businesses instead of those 2 dollar stores, we used to have good selection of shops back in the day. Get ur staff there own carpark instead of using ones by medical centre, think of what community need instead of council wants</p>
<p>not in favour of such a big annual rate. \$20 but not \$100. library for me is priority. not in favour of building a new art centre - this is a very small user group. we have heaps of sports clubs, church halls, the marae in Ngaruwahia these facilities could be utilised more.</p>
<p>Ngaruwahia has a lot of artistic talent in the community. It is a positive creative outlet for our youth. This could be a start of a huge cultural shift for our community as youth become engaged in positive activities rather than left to find their own mischief on the streets. I would love to see our town as a destination where people visit for the art! But we need a good cafe or restaurant too.</p>
<p>I was in the company of the Twin Rivers Art Centre Chairperson on Friday and this topic as being discussed. She stated that unless the Art centre has space in this facility that is at a peppercorn rent or less the art centre would not be a part of this facility. What is the point of this consultation when one of the main stakeholders are not committed to the project or the cost of the project. Shouldn't this be sorted before anything is started.</p>
<p>Ngaruwahia does not need it lower the rates and take away paying for rubbish bags and water rates when is enough enough people still have to to eat</p>
<p>The rates in the district are already to high. Why is the Art Centre not building something themselves and why should ratepayers have to pay for them we don't pay for the rugby, league and other groups in Ngaruwahia people that are interested support and help fund these what makes the art centre different? The council should improve the Memorial Hall so that it is able to be used more we already pay a rate to cover fixing up the Memorial Hall. Aren't libraries funded by central govt? Why should ratepayers have to foot the bill for a larger library that not used by everyone.</p>
<p>As a ratepayer we already pay for the library as part of the UAGC and our rates are high enough with an expected increase having received the latest CV's on our property and there will be an annual increase in the wastewater as the WDC did not listen to the community. If we pay for the Art Centre are we then going to be asked to pay for Nga Miro, Sports clubs, Community House why does one organisation get special treatment from WDC. Is it not up to the arts and crafts community to sort themselves out and as we have several arts and crafts outlets within Ngaruwahia many of them already appear to be doing so without having to have a ratepayers driven handout. It has taken the art centre nearly 2 years to do a fence in Jesmond st and its still not finished so I don't see the organisation as reliable, committed or</p>
<p>We need a Youth Recreation/sports centre or spaceis (time zone) Something to keep the kids/youth ocupied,,, then maybe all the thieving would stop, because they are simply BORD!.</p>
<p>More concerned around the \$300k paid to HCC for library resources. Fell that this money could be better used in Ngaruwahia for the library here.</p> <p>Impact on rates a major concern</p> <p>Support improvements to the library as long as rates aren't impacted</p>
<p>Current community house is more than adequate, welcoming and not costly to ratepayers</p> <p>Concern about new plan for library and art centre is going to cost</p> <p>Library as it currently is, is adequate</p> <p>Very concerned about increase in rates</p> <p>Council should put more money into the point and the Huks - cafe at the walk</p>

My understanding is there was \$1.6m allocated to a 'community facility' - against this proposal, design is hideous and there is no relationship to our cultural heritage which has been a focus for 20 years. A refurbishment of the Memorial Hall with extn should be the maximum expense. I object to your designs being headed Ngaruawahia Art Space. The headlining should not be for a twin rivers art centre - this is a very small group % wise in the community. Indoor sports has not been taken into consideration. If this is it - i am totally against it.

Input into gallery space needs to be from artists who will use the space

I like to have a new library on the existing site as it would be nice to have a new modern building on the main street of Ngaruawahia as it currently looks a bit tired/old and not as inviting. A new library and community centre would be great

Empty shops should be used for community groups as well

I support a new building for the library

Not a good time to be building this facility

Good idea to establish a community facility but NOT the right time financially. This town has many people on fixed incomes. This facility and wastewater, rates increase etc could force people out of their homes. Make do with what we have until the community can afford to spend money unnecessarily

A multi purpose facility for indoor sport and youth activities is ideal, as well as a creative space for innovation, design thinking or social enterprise.

No use having another arts space or a facility for meetings as there is ample amounts of current space to do that i.e. community house, Anglican hall, war memorial hall, school halls, sports clubs, library, Nga Miro and marae etc.

And don't need another library, the current one is sufficient enough

This is a total waste of money!! We need something for the youth of this town to keep them out of trouble.

I like the idea of a community hall but do not wish to have it added to my rates - I pay enough now and even 100 dollars a year is extra to an already tight budget - why not ask the various organisations who may wish to use it and get them to fundraise with the rest of the community - it is okay for those working to have extra funding added in the form of rates - Why not extend the back of the memorial hall as there is quite a bit of space there - and parking can be along the streets or on Great South Road - similar to where all the WDC cars are parked daily - if it was by the library where would people park - especially if there were sports organisations who wish to use it - i would leave the library there - parking space next to it needs sprucing up as it looks a mess. Why not have it tarsealed? That would make it more attractive. The library pretty well serves a good purpose and if inadequate a later date can be extended IF the parking space belongs to the WDC At what of the Waipa Hotel - that is unused but may be unusable unless earthquake and other safety conditions are met.

The addition of a Ngaruawahia Museum would be an asset that the town is currently lacking.

There is nowhere for the presentation of our towns history and story

I see that we have a HUGE need for a specifically designed/designated youth facility offering activities to develop skills and recreational abilities for our young people

Happy with the library as is

Happy with the community house which is great

Not happy if rates to go up as already too high

With the closure of the Ngaruawahia Ambulance station the youth are currently leasing the memorial hall. The feasibility study is being undertaken for the proposed new ambulance station and the youth will need to have a 'new' home. This new proposal by WDC could be what St John youth needs in Ngaruawahia

WDC rates are high enough already (higher than Hamilton) with more projected increases over the next few months. Better use of our rates would be to fix the Memorial Hall, improve entrance ways, do something with old dump site. Stop wasting our rate money

Stop increasing rates, we already pay double of some areas in Hamilton and Auckland

Could just fix existing building - upgrade

You should spend \$6m on council housing

I don't want to pay extra for something i don't use/don't have time to use.

Focus on other important things - housing, homeless, kids going without food, crime rates... we don't need something new and shiny... fix the other stuff first. AND myself and others won't be able to afford it! We're in a low income area

Give the library a paint job thats all that is needed at this point. It has already had several upgrades.
Spend money on cleaning footpaths, tidy up streets and entrance way
This money would be better spent elsewhere refurbishing what is currently in the area. A new modern building would not suit the town in its current state. Using rates / any extra money available to improve ratepayers services should be first, e.g. flooding streets everytime it rains. The foot path on Ellery slopes directly into my house so we always end up with flooding anytime it rains. More money needed on supporting current infrastructure.
My rent is high enough, if my landlord has to pay more so do I
I have been unemployed since June 2017 money is short
A new and better supermarket
Build places to help youth. All sites that have been proposed are perfectly fine how they are now
We already are paying to much rates. People are going without food, housing etc. You should be lowering rates to help out the community
Leave memorial hall as it is. No change
Fix up the hall and use it
N/A to contribute to additional targeted rate of up to \$100 towards the cost.
We need to create facilities that welcomes all types of cultures etc. I think this will be a fantastic asset for our District. I really think our youth need to be involved in some way.
I believe we have the money from the proceeds from the insurance whats happened to that money. I was a student many times and paid to go to Raranga when on the main road.
I feel \$100 targeted rate is too expensive when \$10 target rate has already been applied.
In the box where you could tick would you be prepared to pay an additional targeted rate of up \$100 a suggestion was made of \$50.
An art centre is very important in the community especially as more and more people become redundant and don't have a job and possible never will have one. An art centre can give meaning to someones life.
Yes it would be interesting to build a new woodwork facility for people to get involved in some kind of activity. Memorial Hall site with a new facility built around the existing hall would look a suitable site to build it.
I would like a wood work centre to help people with disability and at risk people and it would be good to have community involvement.
As a support worker whom attends art centre lessons this has been a godsend, as the people I support are involved in the local community activities. Not only the art lessons but the social aspect has helped. Otherwise the would be restricted as far as going out and about. I would also like to see a woodwork centre for the disabled and at risk teenagers as well as any member of the public.
I would like to see a woodwork centre. It people happy.
I see this has been in the plan for several years - Ngaruawahia needs some decent community facilities as it is fast growing and has very little modern, fit for purpose facilities.
Meets the needs of people in our community to socialise eg special needs to meet and enjoy company of like minded
Facilities use after hours eg night classes
I feel we have enough spaces in Ngaruawahia current sports clubs, churches, halls and a couple of large rooms at the community house - the library is fine maybe a paint to revitalise - not everybody pays a targeted rate in our district - the effect this will have on renters - rates will increase more - we've had waste rubbish, water meters, cv on properties so rates increasing anyway - our town is way to small for a huge facility, 6 million is insane, why cant we use the monies already ear marked for the arts centre back 8 years ago, keep it simple - let them stand on their own 2 feet, other organisations have to apply for funding why cant they??? from what i hear the numbers have dwindled there??? i would like to see something more targeted around the youth, a space of some sort for them, not sure what that might look like
we have enough halls and things in ngaruawhaia lets do up what we have already - something for youth will be good
dont need a flash new hall we have heaps here already maybe do up the memorial hall add heating a paint job and smaller room for other stuff its costing us all way to much first rubbish bag stickers then water now a big flash building we dont need - use what we have already, stop wasting money

tidy up what ngaruawahia already has the memorial hall could do with a re-vamp this could be the art centre - we have been waiting for a new one for ages the current space is way to small - we dont need a huge building and more fees we already pay rubbish bag stickers and water rates
something for young people too many roaming around our streets getting up to no good
Only ticked the box indicating that they would be prepared to pay an additional targeted rate cost as a one off payment.
Ngaruawahia is a growing town and with this we need to move it forward, this is a great start, I would love to see the main street (town center) focused on next as it is very run down.
No. There is enough to pay for let alone having to pay for another space to facilitate something for the community. The government has plenty of money to spend on unnecessary costs why can't they pay to facilitate something for the people.
A targeted rate has already made for this facility, this plus interest plus the payout for the original building should be sufficient to fund the development
It will be nice to have a bigger newer library facility in our town
With the estimated cost of these options at \$5.5m to accommodate a minority of the community is asking too much of ratepayers. I feel some of this money could be put to better use upgrading and maintaining existing venues.
I totally agree Ngaruawahia requires an innovative community HUB however I do believe council should address the elephant in the room first, that is, our decaying CBD. As a ratepayer my household generates \$200k per annum and we would willingly spend our money here but the CBD is simply "awful" Why not restore heritage buildings such as the Waipa, Pharoahs, The Brick bakery opposite council, The Flour Mill.... I see so much potential in our town. Retain places like the War Memorial Hall instead of building a new community centre to accommodate books and art is beyond ridiculous. Ngaruawahia has the potential to be a gateway to the Waikato offering unique cultural and heritage experiences. Let's start with making the CBD more attractive... introduce by-laws to get business owners to tidy up their premises rather than build something new around the decay.... silly... address the elephant in the room first.
We live too far away from this facility to use it so it is of no interest to us as ratepayers.
A new modern facility will encourage people to use it. It would be a great asset to our community.
Rates are continueing to increase. A stable amount of costs will benefit the community
I do NOT want to pay for this
These are great options but why should it come from poor rate payers to have to pay for these facility's. living is hard
I don't think this is needed and our rates cold be much better spent elsewhere
I think the concept of a community facility is a good one. However the proposed design is hideous. The design does nor fit with any existing structures in the town. There are beautiful buildings existing in the town that are empty. How about purchasing the main road eyesores that are boarded up and covered in Graffiti and do something with them. I am referring to the Grants Building and Waipa Tavern. At least we would be maintaining some character and history I feel that the purchase and upgrade of empty buildings around the town would be far more constructive than building new ones.
Why on earth do we pay rates. To cover these costs. As you are well aware we pay alot of rates more then other council in new zealand. And also the extra now that the rvs have gone up so why increase them more. Where is our money going Why is there no site for monthly spending so we can see where this money is going. I'm sure over the years we should have plenty to cover these costs
We need to spend money in making the main streets look better
We need an updated hall.
We should be looking at cleaning up the main street first before we build this.
Willing to make one off donation towards it. We really need a recreation centre with table tennis, basketball, fitness groups , gymnastics for toddlers or school kids. A place where youths can meet up and hang out instead of on the streets. I'm willing to volunteer at the rec centre if need be. Every town should have one for the youth
Can I have a copy of the full feasibility study results. Why is there a need for this facility? Can't the money being spent on this proposal be spent on maintaining the WDC verges and other initiatives already established? Can I get a copy of the full proposal?
Definitely our town is growing with new people moving here to live, as a community we need something like this
I think the proposed building is ugly and will date incredibly fast. My preferred option would be to use the land already owned by council and memorial hall to create a a wonderful new space. Renovate hall back part of the hall to be cafe that opens into a court yard and new building for the other needs

We don't need another building upgrade the memorial hall which can house the art and crafts with the library.
We need more youth type activities to keep them off the street, if this could be combined that would be great too. Would have to be supervised of course.
There are already enough buildings as in halls that can be used for this purpose and they are not used now for much. It would be a white elephant and more expense on our income deprived area.
Living on a fixed income, I don't think we need this when we have had so many increases in our rates over the last 12 months and having just got my CV so this will increase my rates again, plus we usually have an annual increase
Although I think this is a fantastic idea I do think that there are many other things that are priority in our town. Our main street looks awful not mention the roller doors down great south road. We need to make our look more approachable. We have all these new housing developments but bet not many of these new members of our community come into town for any reason. We need to encourage new businesses into our town to fill our empty shops. And I think once we've fixed all that I would be very happy for us to have a community centre.
Why can't you use the extra money you are now getting from ridiculously high water rates and the money from the rubbish collections. You must have a pool of money that you can use without bleeding us dry. We don't even banks in our town so now I'm doubting my original opinion! More discussions needed with the locals I think.
It would be a great asset for all to use and to have a new building in the middle of town would be a great look for the town.
Ngaruawahia needs this. Far too many kids with idle time. Give them a space and resoyrces to help build confidence, attitude and community love.
It's tough enough paying the current rates. Just utilise what already is in place.
I travel every Tuesday/Wednesday from Cambridge to participate in the Arts and Crafts at the Centre.
Ngaruawahia rates have raised every quarter for the last 3 years. This extortion of the community has to stop.
Totally against doing anything to the War Memorial Hall, Don't Touch it. Why do we need a new library!! Totally disgusted if you touch the War Memorial.
I stated I am a rate payer as the introduced water rates by council will be paid by me despite being a tenant at my rental address. Land rates, water rates and rates in general should be charged to support council and government in endeavors for community but I do not feel they should be charged to cover all costs.
Just do it dream BIG, this little town is positioned for greatness if we build for the future.
Until I see some financial details and estimates I would rather not comment.
Use the money that is currently going to support the Hamilton Public Library.
Ngaruawahia urgently needs this sort of investment in public facilities to help stimulate private sector investment in commercial and residential developments
I would prefer a sports and recreational center for the town. With the included plans here.
There is no option in here for not having a new building, we have sufficient, a library, arts centre and a local hall all of which are used. In the past 12 months we have had to start paying for rubbish collection, water rates and building a new building will place yet another increase, we are also yet to see what the latest valuations do to our rates.
St John Youth already use Council facilities at the Memorial Hall weekly during term time and would be keen to utilise any new facilities, St. John are also looking to provide additional community services in the community to support the community needs and work with other health and wellbeing providers locally to do this. We are keen to support this project as we believe having access to a facility such as this will allow more community projects in our community and help Ngaruawahia to grow. We are keen to provide any support that we can to assist in the progress of the project. Thanks to the focus group for all their hard work so far
Ngaruawahia has needed a community facility like this for a long time. The current library although well used is lacking in quiet study areas, there is not much room to accommodate school and Kindergarten visits, The computer suite needs to be closed off from the general borrowers. It would be good to be able to hold school holiday programs in a suitable building. I hope there is a way this can go ahead without raising our rates.

The order of St John has strong community ties to Ngaruawahia and is a ratepayers in the town. St John Community Programmes would definitely use a new facility for the Youth programme (currently using the war memorial hall). The facility would also work well for other activities, such as first aid courses, health screening and other St John community partnerships. We would also assist with fund raising efforts for the community.
Please ensure the community at large feel they have been engaged and fully consulted with regarding all options and potential other options on the proposed project
i forgot to add we need a new plunket rooms would be a great place for this
Why get something we don't need the ratepayer I'm already been stretched this is not a cheap town to live in.
I pay enough on Rates now. use what we already have/fix them up.
Fix up what we already have.
Please look at Refurbishing current buildings.
Utilise what we have maybe do you Memorial Hall and heating and a smaller space. Library good enough. Our town too small for another facility waste of rate payers money plus will increase rates and rent again.
Put more effort into fixing up what we have now - so more of us could use them. ie Memorial Hall. Used mostly for Anzac.
Don't need more debt or bills
NO to everything. Look after what we already have please.
Use what we have. Why create more debt. This is taking funds from other areas.
We already have all of those and DO NOT NEED ANOTHER ONE!!!
The targeted rate - how long will this occur/happen?? Could we see the estimates for each project?? The Jesmond Street location - keeping the town centre open alive vital. Too many closed premises - parking more suitable. Any other avenues of funds been studied/accessed?? What linkages to the proposed destination of Nga??
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2. Could we see the estimates for each project??
3. The Jesmond Street location - keeping the town centre open, alive, vital. Too many closed premises and parking more suitable.
4. Any other avenues of Funds been studied/accessed??
5. What other avenues of funds been set aside for this facility??
6. Lovely to include linkages to the overall DESTINATION of Ngaruawahia.
7. Show case our assets - 2 River and Ranges
8. Where else do we have a Kingdom in NZ? (Kingitanga
9. Is/are there another Endowed college in NZ? (Horotiu)
10. Te Awa , Cycle Paths/River Ride, Gold Course, Hakarimata Walkway, Te Kauri Grove 20 min walkway.
11. Waka Paddle, Marae Experience, Taupiri, lets be the recreational part of the City and District.
12. Approach Fonterra for funds!! Signage etc -
Keep memorial hall as it is. It's like killing off an old person. Art Centre = That's a Joke!! Build an old folks home so we can look after our old people and give some employment to our community.
I need every cent I have now let alone paying for things in the community I don't use - because they are run down.
Use what we have!!!
Happy with everything, would like something with youth - cost would be too much so rates and rents will go up again. Already struggling.
NO!! I use what we have
Use the money for better things like the local schools and parks.
Somewhere for people my age to go. They hang around the streets parks and skatepark.
Youth Space. Do up Memorial Hall, its too big and cold.
Something for the youth.
We need something for the youth of our Town!!
Great idea for the community and a terrific way for locals to come together over the generations to come. I'm not big on the scifi look of the complex though. Prefer architecture to be keeping with wonderful history of Nga. Would love space for a museum too that tells the amazing history of this town.
I think reasonable housing for renters should be built before this.

Stop doing things that increase rents. Help the community clean up the town.