

# **Draft Concept Plan - For Discussion**



# Ngaaruawaahia Community Hub and Library

A new community hub and library is proposed at the entrance to Ngaaruawaahia's town centre. This exciting project will be a modern, welcoming landmark that reflects our identity, supports community life, and helps bring new energy into the town centre.

### Identity

- The design will protect and highlight important views to places like the Haakarimata Ranges, Tuurangawaewae House, Kiingitanga Reserve and Jesmond Street, while also helping to create safe and open lines of sight.
- Design input from mana whenua and the community will help shape the building's look, feel, signage and name, so the hub reflects Ngaaruawaahia's culture and heritage.

#### Learn

- A modern, adaptable library with flexible furniture and digital technology.
- Spaces that can shift easily to suit reading, study, creative programmes or community learning.

## Connect

- Multipurpose spaces that can be used for community activities, meetings and events, including space available for after-hours bookings.
- A north-facing courtyard that is safe, fenced and inviting, offering a space for gatherings, activities and quiet reflection.

## **Shared Outdoor Spaces**

- The hub will act as a welcoming gateway into town, with a design that is modern and inviting.
- A forecourt with street furniture will create a friendly connection between the hub and the town centre as a place to meet, rest and connect.
- Safe paths and clear signage will make it easy for everyone to get to and around the hub, while linking to Ngaaruawaahia's wider town centre and local landmarks.