

Karori Event Centre

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Funding Proposal



A Vision

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Our vision is to deliver a modern multi-purpose event centre for users, performers and audiences.

In 2007 the Karori Community Hall Trust was established in response to the Council's inability to fund a replacement to the original hall demolished that same year. This group, on behalf of and with the community, is now raising the funds to make the Karori Event Centre a reality, with ongoing support and undertakings of funding from the Wellington City Council.

Our vision is to create, equip and manage, a modern future proofed multi-purpose events centre that will make Karori a more vibrant place to live and visit, now and into the future. A place where people of all ages feel a sense of connection with those around them.

In 2017, the first phase of the new Karori Event Centre building, the base build was constructed to sit alongside the existing Community Centre. The second phase is the fit-out. Once the fit-out is complete, the Event Centre will be fully operational and managed by the Karori Community Centre.

Designed by Roger Shand of Shand Shelton Limited, specialists in theatre restoration,

construction and design, the Karori Event Centre will offer exciting opportunities to attract new events and greatly increase the number and range of activities we can hold locally and in the wider Wellington region.

When the fit-out is completed, we will have an event centre that can be used for music and dance performance, exhibitions, public meetings or special occasions. In addition to community group activities there are commercial opportunities such as conferences as well the chance to be the first e-game capable venue in the Wellington region.

This is the most significant development that has happened in Karori for some time and will be the envy of other regions. We invite you to take this opportunity to support this magnificent event centre in whatever way you can.

Wallace Simmers
Karori Community Hall Trust – Chair

“A Cultural Centre is a categorical imperative for Karori: To serve its people, particularly its young, and to develop Karori, moving towards our second centenary, as a vital limb of Wellington, our Aotean sealand Capital on the Great Harbour of Tara.”

■ Hon Hugh Templeton A.O Q.S.O



“ I am so delighted that the Karori Event Centre is now coming to fruition. The final stage is the fit-out and now is the time to support this wonderful community facility.”

■ Hon Grant Robertson
MP for Wellington Central

The Pitch

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Located only 4km from the Wellington CBD, Karori is one of New Zealand’s largest suburbs with a population of around 15,000 people. Despite its size, Karori has a strong community feel with over half of Karori households made up of family homes – higher than the average for the Wellington region.

In 2006, the Wellington City Council and the Karori Community Centre commissioned a research project to assess the need for a replacement for two old community halls that have since been demolished. The research determined that there was a strong need for a new community hall. Those former halls played a vital role as our only community owned hall spaces. Every week,

local residents and visitors came to these halls to meet, learn, exercise, rehearse, socialise, dance, perform, play, worship and to share – over 600 visits per week.

Karori is a hub for the surrounding western suburbs due to the broad range of community amenities – Karori Pool, Library, Community Centre (including a dedicated

youth centre), Recreation Centre, Arts and Crafts Centre and two supermarkets in the town centre. In addition, Karori is home to Zealandia, Makara Peak Mountain Bike Park and year-round sports grounds, all of which attract visitors from the wider Wellington region and beyond.

The Karori Event Centre will complement the existing facilities and provide the community hall which is in much demand for the growing population.

Already \$2.4 million has been invested in the construction of a secure building. The majority of funds came from Wellington City Council, Lottery and Lion Foundation and other philanthropic sources. Over \$800,000 has come directly from the Karori community and local organisations.

The fit-out phase requires around \$816,000. This is the final push to enable the centre to open.

Naming right packages and sponsorship opportunities are available. Donations of any size will help.

This is your opportunity to support what will be a regional treasure in Karori.



**Will you
make your
mark on
Karori and
our region?**

*He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata,
he tangata, he tangata.*

What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people.

■ Sir Apirana Turupa Ngata, Ngati Porou





The Project

The Karori Event Centre will be an inviting venue where people can pursue their interests and connect with the community in a welcoming, inclusive and safe environment.



The Building will provide:

- Auditorium space (250sqm) and backroom facilities
- Stage space (90 sqm)
- Sprung floor area (125 sqm)
- Theatre seating, including retractable seating, for 218 people
- Table seating for 100 people
- Kitchen – for functions and reheat purposes
- Back of house facilities including dressing rooms and bathrooms
- Meeting room
- Modern audio visual and sound capability
- Storage spaces
- Exhibition spaces

As a new build the centre will meet current earthquake standards and high acoustic requirements. The Event Centre will be cabled to ensure compatibility with future uses.

A facility like this does not exist in the western suburbs currently and will ensure we keep life, vitality and business in the community, well into the future.

“ I want to acknowledge the significant efforts of the Karori community to establish the Karori Event Centre and would like to personally support their fundraising drive. The Karori Event Centre will provide a broad range of benefits to the Karori community. It’s important our community spaces are of a high quality, vibrant, inclusive and affordable and the Karori Event Centre will deliver all of these outcomes and serve Karori well for decades to come.”

■ Mayor Justin Lester
Wellington City



The Plan

We are seeking funding from a variety of sources such as grants, philanthropic groups, naming rights options and sponsorship.

Naming rights are now available to those who wish to put a lasting mark on this project for themselves, their families, loved ones, or businesses.

Naming rights are available for:

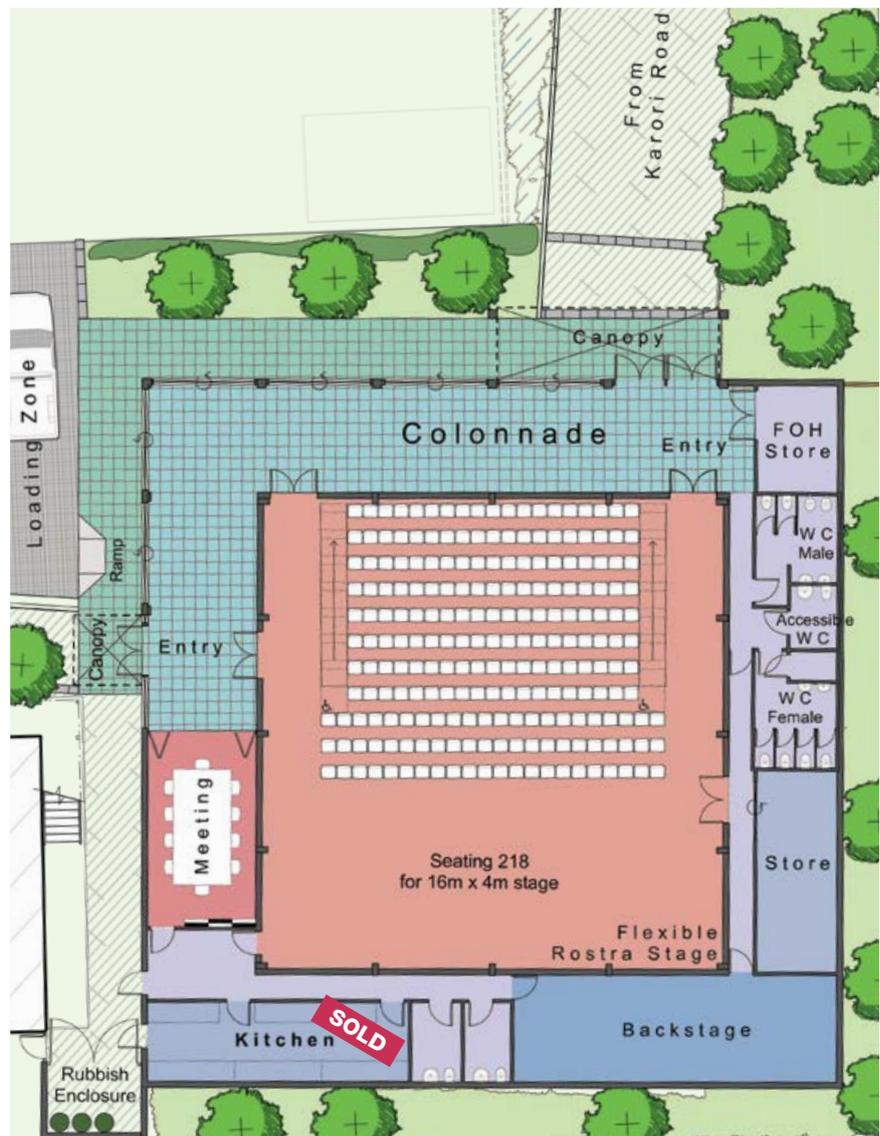
- The Event Centre (\$250,000)
- Auditorium (\$150,000)
- Foyer/Gallery (\$75,000)
- Kitchen (SOLD)
- Meeting Room (\$50,000)

Naming rights are for a full ten-year period, with a right of renewal.

Sponsorship of the retractable seats is available to individuals, family groups and businesses. Seats are \$500, and each will be acknowledged with an engraved plaque.

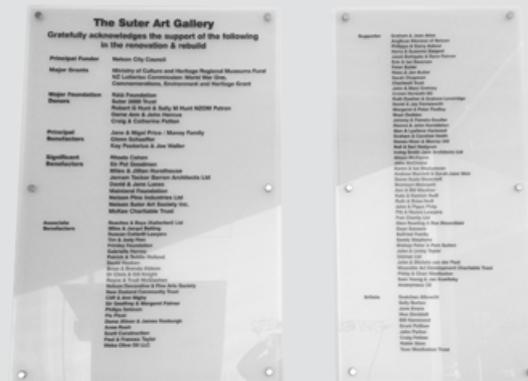
In addition, there are key items for the fit-out phase that are available for sponsorship:

- Audio/Visual presentation equipment
- Auditorium Timber Flooring (\$\$\$)
- Kitchen appliances



Giving is easy

In addition to naming rights and sponsorship options, donations are also being sought from individuals, family groups and businesses.



As the Karori Community Hall Trust is a registered charitable trust your donation may be eligible for a tax credit. You can make your donation through any of the following methods:

Direct credit	Cheque	Credit card	In person
Bank account: 06 0606 0175067 00	Post to: PO Box 17-403, Karori, Wellington 6147	Via our webpage karorieventcentre.co.nz	Call us to arrange a meeting

Donations can be made for any amount. Some donors find pledging future donations a way to spread their giving over several years.

Donors will receive appropriate acknowledgement reflecting their level of contribution to this important community project. Donations under \$100,000 will be recognised by native trees, that grow locally, signifying the following donation:

Level	Donation amount (\$)
Principal Sponsor	100,000+
Kahikatea	50,000-99,000
Rimu	25,000-49,999
Tōtara	10,000-24,999
Matai	5,000-9,999
Rata	1,000-4,999
Kōwhai	500-999
Kōtukutuku	200-499
Seed funder	10-199

“Karori has been my home for almost twenty years, and what’s missing is a quality space for community events, meetings and performances. I am thrilled that the Event Centre has been built and I encourage all of us in the community to get behind the fundraising for the fitout.”

■ Alice Hang, OTV



The Team

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It takes the support of a whole community to bring together a project of this scale. The following individuals serve the Karori Community Hall Trust:

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We would like to thank those who have previously supported the Trust on our journey to make the Event Centre a reality for our community.