

31 August 2018

Greytown Trust Lands Trust
Kevin Murphy
124 Main St
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Dear Kevin

Thank you for the submission you made on behalf of Greytown Trust Lands Trust (the Trust) and Kuranui College to Carterton District Council's Ten Year Plan Te Māhere Ngahurutanga 2018–2028.

I appreciate you making the time and effort to put your submission forward. As the Mayor of Carterton, I believe the key to a functional and local democracy is an engaged community. Therefore, it is important we take feedback and suggestions from our ratepayers, community organisations, and businesses into account.

I also thank your colleagues from the Trust and representatives from Kuranui College for speaking to your submissions at the Special Meeting of the Carterton District Council, held on 31 May 2018. I appreciate you sharing your request with myself, the Carterton district councillors, and council managers.

In your submission, you request council provide funding of \$10–15,000 for a shared school and community sports facility to be developed at Kuranui College, replacing the college's existing gymnasium. I understand this grant from Carterton District Council for a third of the funding you seek, as Carterton young people make up 34 percent of Kuranui's roll.

I agree the proposed facility will benefit both the students and wider community. However, I must decline your request. While many Carterton students do attend Kuranui, councils do not generally fund school activities. In the past we have funded some activities associated with schools where they have a community benefit, such as driving programmes and EnviroSchools, but we also need to weigh these up against other priorities.

I wish both the Trust and Kuranui College well with fundraising for the sports hub. Council may be able to help with applications to other funders.

Thank you once again for your submission.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Booth".

John Booth

Mayor

Carterton District Council