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Dear Greytown residents

You might have heard the Council is proposing a new sports and recreation hub for Greytown.

Their idea is to turn the existing rugby rooms and fields into a multi-sports facility.

Rugby's home would still be there. But it would also give junior football (soccer) and baseball a permanent base, and have room for athletics, a walking track, a wheels park and many other facilities.

Greytown residents have half the sport and recreation space per person compared to Martinborough, and only 40 percent of what Featherston has. The Council currently provides 100% of that space in Martinborough and Featherston, but only 70% here. So this proposal would help put that right.

The Council wants to buy the land under both the rugby and bowls clubs so it can own and build the new hub*. The Greytown Lands Trust currently owns the properties. If the sale goes ahead, the Trust will put the proceeds back into the pool that is used to earn the money for grants.

Some people have said the Trust should gift the land to the Council, not sell it. The Trust is not allowed to do that by law. But even if it could, to do so would mean giving away nearly 20% of everything the Trust owns. In the last financial year the Trust gave \$254,000 in grants to the Greytown community. If the land was given away for free or discounted any further, the pool becomes smaller, and reduces the income available to support the Greytown community. So the Trust would have no choice but to cut both the numbers and amounts of grants in future. And it's not just the impact today. The assets of the Trust have been carefully looked after for 150 years so every generation of Greytown residents gets to benefit. Giving away 'the family silver' now means we leave less behind for future generations than was left for us.

So supporting the hub not only means much needed facilities for a large number of sports and recreation clubs in Greytown, it also means the Trust can continue its support for a wide range of important services, community groups and schools, securing the future for generations to come.

These are some of the organisations who have received money from the Trust in recent years:

South Wairarapa District Council (2006 – 2009)	\$500,000	Greytown Town Hall redevelopment
Arbor House Trust (2012)	\$280,000	Expansion
Woodside Trails Trust (2012)	\$7,778	Woodside Rail Trail Stage 2
Greytown Tennis Club (2013)	\$16,700	Resurfacing tennis courts
Cobblestones Museum Trust (2014 – 2015)	\$300,000	Entrance Building
St Johns Ambulance (2016)	\$8,000	Health Shuttle Building at Rugby Club
Greytown Trails Trust (2017)	\$10,000	Cycle bridge design
Greytown Fire Brigade (2018)	\$12,500	Fire Support Vehicle
Greytown Lions (2018)	\$2,000	Trishaw bike
Greytown Rugby Club (2018 -2019)	\$83,813	Rent subsidy
Greytown Bowls Club (2018 – 2019)	\$45,788	Rent subsidy

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All 16 other Greytown Sports clubs & organisations (shared between them) (2018 – 2019)	\$59,711	Club activities
Greytown university students (2018 – 2019)	\$35,750	Fee grants
Apprenticeship scheme (2019)	\$2,000	Course costs
Cobblestones Museum Trust (2018 – 2019)	\$68,681	Rent subsidy
Greytown Primary School (2018 – 2019)	\$60,829	Support for students (included devices at home so every student could keep learning during the Covid lockdown)
Kuranui College (2018 – 2019)	\$65,082	Support for students
Greytown Early Years (2018 – 2019)	\$23,866	Support for children
Greytown Kindergarten (2018 – 2019)	\$12,422	Support for children
Greytown Music Group (2017 – 2019)	\$800	Community music programme

* There is more information about the proposal on the Council website:

www.swdc.govt.nz/Annual-Plan-Consultation-2020-2021

The Trust website also has a frequently-asked questions page on its website at:

www.greytowntrustlands.org.nz/

How to show your support for the new sports and recreation hub:

The Council needs a strong show of support from the whole community so they have the confidence to go ahead with the new sports and recreation hub. The deadline to do so is 11.59 at night, this Sunday, 24 May. You can do so by:

- SWDC online submission www.surveymonkey.com/r/J65MBHJ
- Sending an email to ap@swdc.govt.nz
- Dropping off a letter or submission to the library at 115 Main Street
- Giving your support over the phone at 06 306 9611.
- Posting a letter or submission to the Council at PO Box 6, Martinborough 5741 (you'd need to post it so it arrives before the deadline).

If you wish to discuss the Trust's stance on the proposal, you are welcome to contact any of the Trustees whose details are listed below:

Sid Kempton – Chairman 02102900843

Wayne Regnault – Deputy Chairman 0274805438

Catherine Rossiter-Stead - Trustee 0210471723

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