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## Future of the Halls

### Community's Ideas/Suggestions Received after the Public Meetings

*Names have been removed for confidentiality purposes*

#### 24 November 2022:

##### Resident 1:

Waikari War Memorial Hall – I think it would be best to do the existing hall up. I feel the cost involved in a rebuild plus the demolition costs would be too much.

Hawarden RSA Hall – I am definitely AGAINST the social housing option. The building/land (whether it is kept or sold) should be for ALL our community, not just one family/person.

Hawarden Community War Memorial Hall – Still a little undecided on this, but I am not against demolishing it and maybe adding to rugby/squash building. I am not against doing it up either, as would cost less rebuilding & demolition together.

##### Resident 2:

Extend the gym at Hurunui College by adding an extra bay, in conjunction with the Ministry of Education; this would make it big enough to play competitive basketball. It could then be used by the community as a big hall, when needed. Demolish the hall in Waikari; divide land into 4 sections and sell these, to cover the demolition costs; demolish the RSA building in Hawarden and do the same with that land. Renovate the club rooms in Hawarden, be extending to the west, to have a bigger, flexible venue. You could extend the Scout Den in Waikari, so they have a small venue as well.

#### 28 November 2022:

##### Resident 3:

I feel the status quo should remain. We are in a recession that will last some time and there (we) should be retiring debt not creating new debt. In a recession people will stay close to home. They don't have the money to go far. This means entertainment has to occur within the district. Therefore, all the halls will get more use.

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31 January 2023:

Resident 4:

So my comments would be that the two communities are far enough apart that a single facility will not work for both.

They are growing at a similar rate but neither is big enough to justify a new build although that would be nice and new facilities would be much better finished.

Both halls could be readily smartened up and brought up to suitable earthquake resistance.

The locals need to set up a committee to increase the use of the halls. Discussion with the Balcairn hall committee could help.

I think the Hawarden RSA Hall should be disposed of and it's memorial functions integrated into the Hawarden Hall and it's other functions moved to the Hawarden hall site also.