

Paekakariki Surf Lifeguards New Building Project

Paekakariki Surf Lifeguards celebrated its centenary in 2013, making this iconic club one of the oldest in the country. The club has had a very good period of growth in the past 20 years and now has over 250 members. In this time it is estimated that the efforts of the club have **rescued well over 1000 people from life threatening situations** in the past 100 years on the Kapiti Coast.



Patrol Statistics for the 2018-19 season

- 85 lifeguards completed 3,408 Patrol hours
- 3 Rescues of people in danger, 58 people assisted from dangerous situations
- 2 Major First Aids and 16 minor first aids were performed
- 6,266 preventative actions keeping people safer while at the beach

Over the past 50 years the club house has been battered by the environment and is now in a poor state of repair. A Seismic Assessment was completed by Chris Pine of Sawrey Consulting Engineers in 2011 and updated in 2018 which included a number of recommendations. The main suggestion was that the **club move out of the building within 5 years**.

The primary driver for the club to move is:

- Address major structural degradation
- Mitigate against coastal erosion
- Reconfigure patrol, meeting and storage spaces to improve performance and reflect the growth of the club.

In summary, the Pavilion is currently requiring redevelopment because of:

- the current facility is no longer fit for purpose
- increased club use, particularly by juniors and their families
- requirements for multiple concurrent use, driving a more effective layout
- the building is structurally unable to withstand a seismic event or tsunami
- the location of the facility is within the forecast erosion zone
- other community groups and users are keen to use the facility

Site:

The site proposed for the new building is directly behind the current one (marked #4 on the map). This will be built behind the dune with beach access over the existing access track. Vehicle access will be from Wellington Road the back of the club using the current caretakers access road.



Allowing for the forecast beach erosion, management of the fragile fore-dunes and continued surveillance of the beach, a site has been identified by the Paekakariki Surf Lifeguards and the Greater Wellington Regional Council and fits with the GWRC coastal erosion plans.

Design:

A concept drawing has been developed to give an idea of the area that a new building can be built in and how this will fit into the current landscape. Concept drawings have been completed with feedback from Club members, Greater Wellington Regional Council Staff and local community members. The design has been developed to add value to the area without being intrusive visually or spatially. The design has been developed to fit in with the landscape and we will look at using natural materials that are low maintenance and suit the harsh environment.



The building process is in the planning and consultation stage and to date we have not confirmed the final site or building design. The cost for the projects is estimated to be around \$2.5-\$3.5m and a major fundraising and partnership programme has been initiated to raise the funds for the build.

Building Use:

Under the proposed lease Paekākāriki Surf Lifeguards will be undertaking the same activities that the club has been operating under for over 100 years. The primary role of the club is to provide a surf lifesaving patrol to keep visitors to the beach safer over the summer months. The activities that will need to be included in the lease for the building:

Primary use:

- Essential Lifeguard service
- 24/7 emergency response
- Equipment storage
- Meeting space
- Training and surf sport (lifeguard skills)
- Education

Secondary use:

- Sports events
- Community Activities
- Club functions
- Corporate hire
- Public gatherings

Project timelines:

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| ➤ Stakeholder meetings | July-Aug 2020 (+ongoing) |
| ➤ Detailed design | July 2020 |
| ➤ Fundraising initiation | July 2020 ongoing |
| ➤ Resource and building consents | July-Dec 2020 |
| ➤ Build initiation | Apr 21 - Feb 2022 Best case |
| ➤ Fundraising completion | May 2021 |
| ➤ Building Complete | October 2021 |

Build timelines may be pushed out 12 months depending on funding and consents.

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