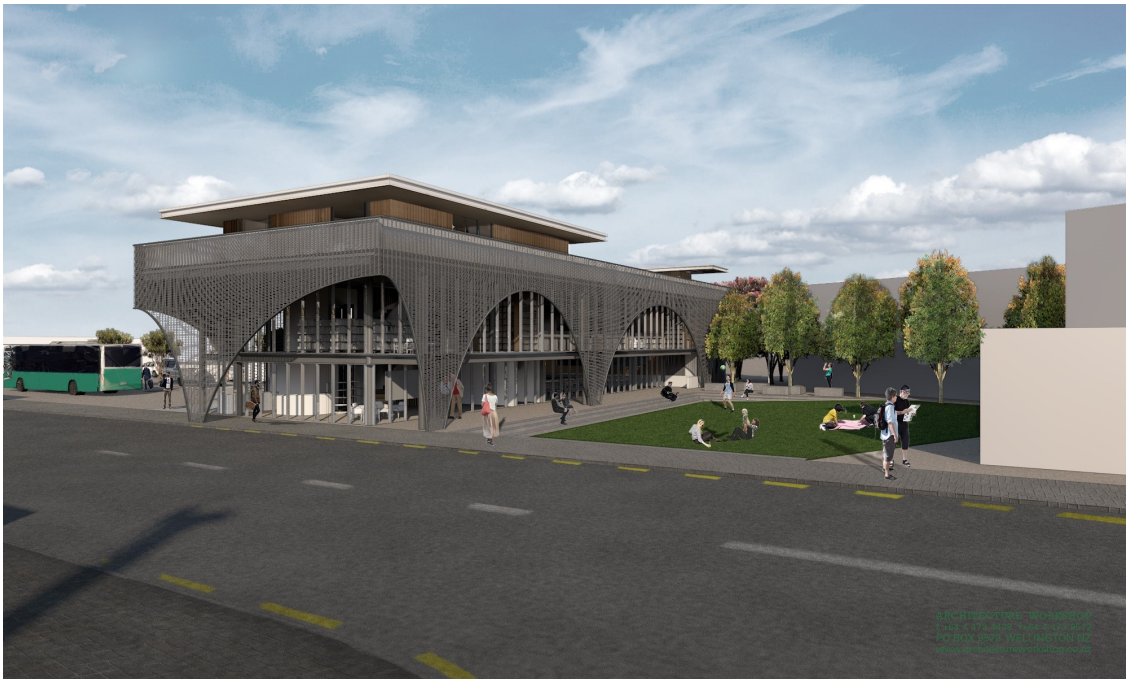


# Bulls Community Centre

## Building is about to start!



Community Update December 2018



Concept design of the new Centre

### The Project at a Glance

New Town Hall, Library and Information Centre - with town square, carpark and bus interchange

Town Hall capacity - 306 seated (plus 30 additional seats on mezzanine area)

Total floor area - 832m<sup>2</sup>; Total site area - 3595m<sup>2</sup> (approx.)

Estimated cost - \$5.349 million (\$1.6 million rate funded loan)

Construction starts - December 2018

Expected completion - December 2019



## Who are the Contractors?

W&W Construction Ltd of Whanganui has been confirmed by the Rangitikei District Council as the contractor to build the new Bulls Community Centre. Construction will start in early December and the build is expected to take around 12 months – a great Christmas present to locals in 2019!

The Centre will house a new town hall, library and information centre, town square, carpark and bus interchange.

W & W Construction 2010 Ltd, have built numerous projects at both the Wanganui and Manawatu - Prisons, local schools, supermarkets, rest homes, retail shops, pet food factories and food outlets. Many of these building projects have been undertaken within the City of Wanganui and around the North Island, all with successful completions.

Glenn Wadsworth is the Company Director and Project Director. Glenn is a qualified Carpenter, but is now directly involved with the administration side of the Company and the day to day running of the company.

Other key personnel include Project Manager, Health & Safety Manager, two Quantity Surveyors and two Office Staff. Recent projects include: Mars Petcare; Countdown Whanganui; BP Connect Kapiti; New World Marton; BNZ Whanganui Refurbishment.

Council's Project Manager for the build is Gaylene Prince, and Project Manager Technical is Aldo Fehr.



Concept design: Hall

## What will be in the new Community Centre

The building is being designed as multi-purpose so there is flexibility with what it is used for; it will accommodate:

- Learning hub - L-hub (library facilities)
- Town hall and stage area; with storage, toilet facilities and changing area, below the stage
- Mezzanine floor area with extra seating for stage viewing
- Kitchen facilities for events held in the main hall
- Information hub - i-hub
- Meeting / office / reading spaces upstairs
- Facilities for Plunket / toy library
- 24 hour access toilets
- Outside terrace area (on roof)
- Outside bus shelter
- Designated travel bus stops and parking, including parking for camper/motorhomes
- Plenty of on-site car parking
- Bulls Town Square (grassed)

Concept design: L Hub



## The Generosity of a Local Firm

Mike O'Byrne and the team from Central House Movers have been the driving force behind a community fund-raising effort. They provided a house, which is now located at Walton Street, for auction. Mike and his team not only provided the house but repaired and painted the outside of it. Other members of the community, including staff from Ohakea have been steadily doing up the interior and grounds. With drainage for water, sewerage and stormwater, donated by Doughty Drainage. This has been a true community project. It is hoped once the house goes under the hammer it will raise in excess of \$100,000.

House—before relocation:



On site at Walton Street:



Mayor Andy Watson with Mike O'Byrne (Central House Movers)

Mayor Andy Watson is ecstatic that the three year consultation and community engagement process with the Bulls and wider community is about to take shape. Building is scheduled to begin before Christmas.

A sod-turning ceremony is scheduled to happen before actual building work commences and the public will be invited to take part. An archaeologist from Heritage NZ will be on site while earth-moving works occur to ensure that any artefacts are identified and protected.

Mayor Watson said the community has produced a fabulous civic centre and really got behind fundraising for the venture. He said it shows what a motivated and engaged community is capable of when they get together as one.

The creation of the new town hall, library and information centre complex was hastened by new earthquake legislation which made the old town hall unfit for purpose. This allowed the Council and community to design a future-proof centre which brought together amenities and services for the community, and allowing greater efficiencies and safety for council staff.



## Funding Update

Thanks to our major funders and supporters:



The JBS Dudding Charitable Trust granted \$200,000



Central House Movers provided a house,  
(including painting the outside)



NZ Lottery Board granted \$500,000



Whanganui Community Foundation granted \$300,000

Target	Funding Achieved (as at 30 November 2018)
Local community funding - \$150,000	\$100,450 (67%)
Lotteries/Government funding - \$1,000,000	\$500,000 (50%)
Regional/local trusts funding - \$300,000	\$550,000 (183%)
Corporate sponsorship - \$200,000	\$20,000 (10%)

## Staying connected

Updates on the Centre will be provided as the project progresses. These updates, and other project information - such as timeframes and notifications will be available on Council's website at [www.rangitikei.govt.nz](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz) and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/Bullscommunitycentre/](https://www.facebook.com/Bullscommunitycentre/). Any feedback about the project can be emailed to [BullsCentre@rangitikei.govt.nz](mailto:BullsCentre@rangitikei.govt.nz).