

Request from Taihape Grandstand Restoration Committee (TGRC)

Gill Duncan, Chair TGRC sent in an urgent request on two matters that the Committee are seeking resolutions from Council on. A response is required to enable the committee to make funding applications by the 30th of November 2026, (the relevant information from the Chair's email is attached).

The two matters are:

- 1. Whether Council accepts the Grandstand be rated at 34% National Building Standard (NBS) minimum under load, and**
- 2. The location of the new public toilets in the Grandstand footprint.**

Building Rating

The 34% NBS is what the current legislative requirement is for earthquake prone buildings. Maintenance can be done on a like for like basis, any alterations to the building structure will require a building consent.

If the building is being significantly altered it will trigger the New Building Standards (NBS) and could require NBS of 100%. Minor interior changes can be made but significant structural changes to load bearing walls is not deemed maintenance.

Location of Public Toilets in the Grandstand

At the May 2026 Council meeting council resolved that:

“Resolved minute number 26/RDC/094

That Council commits up to \$256,000 as part of the Long Term Plan 2027-37 for public toilets for Taihape Memorial park.

Cr D Wilson/Cr J Wong. Carried”

The committee is now seeking confirmation whether council agrees that the public toilets would be located within the grandstand.

The council was considering the location as part of the 2027-37 Long Term Plan, if it wants to make this decision now it can do that. Matters to be considered include:

1. The addition of public toilets will trigger a building consent, which would need to meet 100% NBS
2. Any additional showers or toilets will trigger a building consent.

Recommendation 1

That, if the Grandstand is being renovated and maintenance undertaken is on a like for like basis, then a rating of 34% (in line with current legislation) is accepted.

Recommendation 2

That Council agrees / does not agree (delete one) to include public toilets in the Grandstand facility, noting that \$256,000 has been allocated to provide toilets at Taihape Memorial Park, and further noting this decision is being done separately from the 2027-37 Long Term Plan process.

Extract from Gill Duncan's email – 2 October 2026

Dear Carol,

Urgency around timeframe: TGRC need to have an accepted Offer of Service/chosen provider to be able to put in a full application to

Whanganui Community Foundation by 30th November 2026.

The Taihape Grandstand Restoration Committee (TGRC), is requesting urgent confirmation by Council of the agreed to

- **34% NBS minimum under load, and**

- **the location of the new public toilets in the Grandstand footprint.**

Steps in sequence:

Complete TGRC Request for Proposal (RFP) (2-3 weeks)

Send out to Providers (3 weeks)

Choose Provider (2 weeks)

Put in Full Application to WCF by 30 November 2026

We have re-entered into the RDC Procurement process and employed Frame Group to help us gather all necessary data to produce a RFP.

They have identified that the two Council Recommendations needed for certainty in a RFP are those we are seeking, (above).

Asking providers to present Offers of Service (OoS), without these base decisions would be unfair.

Once we have these Resolutions, we anticipate this RFP document will be ready for RDC approval by the end of next week, 9th October, allowing for a week for RDC to work with us in a final document.

The urgency is that we are needing to have a three week period for providers to present their OoS and a reasonable time to choose the Provider with the assistance of RDC .

Then, assuming our EOI is accepted, (no date for when this may be), we would put a full application into the WCF for the \$2Mil Fund, by the **deadline 30th November 2026**. This full application has to include our chosen OoS.

The WCF \$2Mil fund is critical for our project to proceed with our current timeline and is an opportunity not to be missed.

I am sure you can see the urgency here, for the resolutions to be presented for decision at the next Council meeting. None of the information is new and our Committee has documented these discussions and approvals.

Yours sincerely,

Gill Duncan

Chair TGRC