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Re: Centennial Park Development (Skatepark Extension)

Dear Marton Community Committee,

Did you know the Marton skatepark that was built over ten years ago with the support of Lions, Rotary, RDC and many local community members has been put to great use? The kids enjoy it so much in fact, that it has come to our attention that the skatepark itself needs extending to accommodate all the riders. While in the process of gathering information for our proposal to submit to RDC, we found a common theme when speaking to users and locals, and that was the surrounding area also needs things added to it such as seating, shelters and toilets.

We have received immense support towards this extension from locals young and old, business owners, our Samoan Community and many more. This extension will provide a more family friendly recreational area, a place where families can spend time together, create involvement with youth and families and keep the community more engaged with one another. It will not only benefit those whom use it, but also local businesses and other members within the Marton and surrounding communities. This area will encourage youth to come out of that sedentary lifestyle so prevalent today, and will encourage involvement in their community.

A proposal was put forth to the Rangitikei District Council from myself and Raymond in 2016, detailing the need for the extension. It showed the benefit it would have on the Marton community, our ever-growing Samoan community, and most importantly, the youth. After submission in April of this year, the proposal was approved, and council have agreed to donate one third of the total costs, total cost being \$150,000.

As of today, Tuesday November the 14<sup>th</sup> 2017, we have received huge financial support, and accumulated a total of \$125,000 for this project. This is made up of \$50,000 from RDC (on a 2-1 basis), \$50,000 from Duddings Lake Trust Fund, and \$25,000 from Lions Foundation.

As mentioned above, the total cost of the extension is around \$150,000, this will be used to double the riding area, picnic tables and seating, bench seating, shelters and barbeques. We have contacted businesses that provide outdoor furniture and received quotes for the barbeques and needed furniture, as well as speaking with local builders regarding donated work hours, materials and or other donated goods.

What the Skatepark committee is asking of the Marton Community Committee is if they are able to help us with financial assistance to start a float for smaller needed items such as those for sausage sizzles and fundraisers. On the following page I have given a brief idea of what we need and what they will cost.

Any help, whether big or small, is very much appreciated and received warmly. On behalf of the Marton Skatepark extension committee we look forward to hearing from you.

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Below is a breakdown of what the following donations can buy us in regard to fundraising, raffles and barbeques.

- \$200: x2 Barbeques- e.g. 100 Sausages, 5 loaves of bread, tomato sauce, onions, serviettes
- \$300: x1 Barbeque- e.g. Sausages, bread, sauce etc, and Raffle ticket item- MGP Scooter.
- \$500: x2 Raffles or fundraiser items- e.g. MGP Scooter, scooter parts such as grip tape, wheels, clamp etc and scooter gear.
- \$1000: Barbeques, Raffle and Fundraiser items- Sausages, bread, sauce, onions, serviettes, Scooter, scooter parts and scooter gear. Scooter competition fundraiser prizes and needed items.

Above is a brief list of what we could buy with the financial assistance we receive. As the extension is focusing a lot on the build of the skatepark itself, we have come up with ideas for several fundraisers, one being a scooter competition held at the local skatepark. This was done five or so years ago with plenty of youth registering and partaking in the competition. We are going to try and get some pro scooter riders that ride for MGP over to judge and put on a show. This should attract people from many surrounding towns and cities, hence the reoccurring scooter items mentioned above.

Realistically, it would be fantastic if Marton Community Committee were able to donate \$1000 towards this project, however, we are also very appreciative of any help we do receive big or small.

Once again, we look forward to hearing from you, and should you need further information or have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely  
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Marton Skatepark Extension Committee