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Corporate Plan Output: Community Centre - Upgrade	

In April 1998 the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board considered a report from the City Design Unit relating to the structural and functional condition of the North New Brighton Community Centre, which had been identified as needing a significant expenditure of finance in order to upgrade the building for community use or to replace the structure with a facility in keeping with the demands of the 21st century.

In considering the report the subject of the legality relating to the ownership of the building and the ground it occupies was questioned and before the Board made any decision on the future, clarification of these issues was requested.

A legal opinion has now been received from the Council's legal advisors Buddle Findlay and is attached for Board information (*see attachment 1 2 3 4*). This report indicates that the building is clearly a Council asset on Council land, however the exact designation of the land is yet to be determined and pending on what decision is made for the future of this building, this may need to be redesignated at some stage. Clearly the land issue does not preclude the Board making recommendations to Council on the future of the building.

It is now appropriate that the Board return to the recommendations of the report of 3 March 1998 that were initially considered at the Board seminar of 18 March 1998.

Copies of the seminar minutes and report of the project team collated by City Design are attached .

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Community Board consider, in principle, the withdrawal of support for the North New Brighton War Memorial Hall as a community facility.
 2. That work is carried out to assess the degree of community support for the closure of the War Memorial Hall as a community facility. This work will include careful explanation of the plans to successfully relocate existing users and also the future possibilities for the building as a focal point for the community and/or the provision of a new war memorial.
 3. That work is carried out with the local community on working towards the future closure of the North New Brighton War Memorial Hall as a community facility ensuring that the procedures are in line with the requirements of the 'Management Guidelines for Community Facilities', that the existing users are satisfactorily relocated to other local facilities and that a suitable war memorial is provided.

4. That the community Board ensure that other local community facilities receive appropriate assistance with promotion and funding as they might require to increase their facilities and usage to best meet the requirements of the relocated War Memorial Hall users.
5. That the Officer Team and the Property Unit investigate future leasing options for the War Memorial Hall site to act as a focal point for local residents, to provide location appropriate facilities (toilets, changing rooms and showers, Surf Lifesaving and Boardriders Clubs etc) and the possibility of a commercial venture café/restaurant or social function venue, and report back their findings to the Community Board.

**Chairperson's
Recommendation:** For discussion.