



Ōmokoroa Community Board Grant Application

Supporting statement for funding request towards the construction of steps to the northern end of the Omokoroa pavilion.

7 August 2023

Thank you for considering our application for funds towards this project. This letter sets out the background and reasons we are applying.

The original design of the pavilion included steps down the northern side of the building. However, early in the construction process a geotechnical issue was discovered, necessitating an extra \$30,000 of corrective work. To cover this cost OSRS had to cut work from other areas of the budget, and this included the planned steps.

Since that time OSRS has regularly received feedback from community groups and individuals that they would like to have steps at that end of the pavilion - that it would make Western Ave Reserve and the pavilion so much more usable. We have attached letters of support in this regard.

OSRS did have a plan to re-use concrete steps from a demolished parking building in Tauranga, and set aside \$10,000 to cover the cost of transporting and installing them. However, these steps ended up not being available.

We have since consulted with Peter Watson, head of Parks and Reserves at WBOPDC, about the design that would be required and we have had the contours surveyed, sought a design and requested quotes for doing the work. We attach a design of the proposed steps, which we have discussed with Peter Watson.

The survey and design work alone have cost us \$1,294, leaving only \$8,706 from our original funding allocation. This compares to the quoted cost of completing the project as per the specifications required by Council of \$35,649.16 as per these quotes:

- Construction of concrete steps - Off the Wall Construction \$21,203.16+GST
- Manufacture and Installation of Handrails - ABBAS \$14,446.00+GST

Due to the wide community benefit of having these steps constructed we would like the Community Board to consider assisting funding of their construction so that we might have the steps in place before the end of 2023.

We sincerely hope you will favourably consider our application.

Yours sincerely

Omokoroa Sports and Recreation Society Committee

Nick Kershaw
Secretary
Ōmokoroa Football Club
Western Ave
Ōmokoroa

31 August 2023

Ōmokoroa Community Board
Western Bay District Council
Barkes Corner,
Tauranga

Subject: Grant Application in Support of Steps Construction Beside Sports Pavilion

Dear Members of the Omokoroa Community Board,

I hope this letter finds you well. On behalf of the committee of the Ōmokoroa Football Club, I am writing to express our strong support for the grant application seeking funding for the construction of steps beside the pavilion. We believe that this project is of immense importance to our community and will greatly enhance the facilities available for both our club members and the wider Ōmokoroa community.

The proposed construction of steps between the upper and lower fields will address a critical need within our sports complex. Currently, the lack of proper access between these two fields presents a significant challenge for our players, coaches, and spectators. These steps will not only make it easier for players and spectators to move between fields, but they will also contribute to the overall safety and accessibility of the entire sports complex.

Furthermore, the benefits of this project extend beyond the realm of sports. The steps will also greatly improve the transportation of equipment from the storage room to the upper field. This logistical improvement will streamline our operations and ensure that our teams have the necessary equipment readily available during practices and games.

The Ōmokoroa Football Club serves as a hub for community engagement, fostering friendships, teamwork, and a healthy lifestyle. With these steps in place, we can continue to promote an active and united community by providing a safe and accessible environment for people of all ages to come together and enjoy the benefits of sports and recreation.

We acknowledge the support that the Ōmokoroa Community Board has consistently provided to community initiatives, and we kindly request your favourable consideration of our grant application. Your investment in this project will not only benefit the Ōmokoroa Football Club but will also positively impact the entire community by creating a more inclusive and accessible space for all to enjoy.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We are confident that your support will contribute to the realisation of this important project.

Sincerely,

Nick Kershaw
Secretary
Ōmokoroa Football Club

To Omokoroa Community Board and Western Bay of Plenty District Council

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stephane skowronski

Tue, Aug 15,
2:36 PM

to Sharon parker

I am writing in support of the proposal by the Omokoroa Sports and Recreation Society to build steps at the northern end of the pavilion.

I am a new pavilion user, but I already see how much people enjoy using Western Ave Reserve for many recreational activities.

I know there are steps in the centre of the pavilion, but people love to take the shortest route. The grassy slope is very steep, and I would be worried about people slipping and injuring themselves.

I am sure the steps would create a much safer option while also improving the amenity of the reserve.

Kind regards,

Stephane Skowronski
Yoga Instructor

Cathy Hotmail <gregncathy51@hotmail.com>

Mon, Aug 7,
12:31 PM

to Sharon parker

Hi Sharon

I am very much in support of steps at the Northern end of the Omokoroa Pavillion as I have had a slip going up the hill from one level to the other- fortunately I was not hurt(but dirty) . In the winter it would be impossible to go up there which means walking to paths on either side.

I am sure many of the retired people in our community would agree with me.

I look forward to seeing these steps constructed

Regards

Cathy Taylor

Sent from my iPhone



7 August 2023

TO OMOKOROA COMMUNITY BOARD AND WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL

I am writing on behalf of the Omokoroa Community Tennis Club in support of the OSRS proposal to construct steps to the north end of the Omokoroa pavilion.

The tennis club was very disappointed when we discovered that the original plans to build steps at the northern end of the pavilion had to be shelved. The steps would have created really good access from the tennis courts to the pavilion social space, which we use for many of our club activities.

Many players choose to walk up and down the steep grassy slope that is currently there, rather than go all the way around via the steps in the middle of the building. This is a dangerous activity, especially when the grass is wet, or when people are tired from playing. It is only a matter of time before somebody slips and seriously injures themselves. We consider it urgent to have these steps built, and we wholeheartedly support the funding application by OSRS towards this end.

It will also be a great boost to the amenity and enjoyment of the pavilion and the tennis courts for all who participate in tennis activities.

It is not only tennis people who walk up and down this slope. In fact, we observe that the majority who do this are other public users of the reserve passing down that side of the pavilion. It is a matter of safety for the Omokoroa community to have these steps built as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew Dallas".

Andrew Dallas

Chairperson, Omokoroa Community Tennis Club