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## \$249K boost for Papamoa Surf Club

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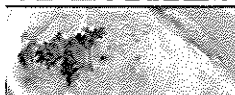
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**Papamoa Surf Life Saving club received a \$249,500 boost to get its new clubhouse designed and built after three years of stalled progress.**

**Tauranga City Council's staff recommendation was for \$100,000 to pay for resource consent applications and begin detailed design.**



Moves are underway to replace the Papamoa Surf Club.

Councillor Leanne Brown persuaded councillors to instead spend \$249,500 so the club can continue the process towards construction.

Councillors also agreed to become a corner stone funder for the project guaranteeing just over \$1 million or about a third of the project's total cost.

John Robson says of all the funding applications the councillors faced over the week, the surf club application was the most appropriate one for the council to be involved in as it was a public/public partnership.

Surf lifesavers working from the crumbling existing clubhouse saved 33 lives in the 14/15 summer. It's a fast growing club with membership increasing by about 200 over the last three years. At 14.5km of beach it has one of the longest patrolled beaches in the country.

The Papamoa Surf Lifesaving Club first went to the city council before the last election, only to run up against a raft of issues.

Concerns then were about the impact an expanded club would have on other users of the Papamoa Domain.

The club was intending a mixed use building capable of being hired by the community for a variety of events, similarly to the Mount Maunganui Surf Club.

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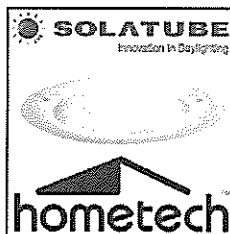
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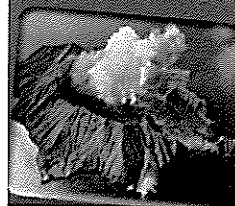
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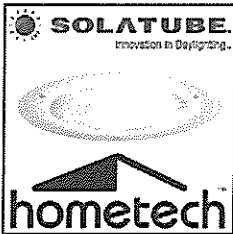
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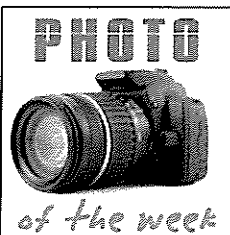
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The Papamoa Surf Club has always been home to the local guides, cubs scouts and Lions.

Council knocked back the previous design because of "concerns about the sustainability of a building of the scale envisaged and the potential adverse effects on Papamoa Domain".

The club presented the current smaller 1300m2 concept which refocuses the building primarily on surf lifesaving needs.

Mayor Stuart Crosby was involved in the construction of the existing surf club building – before the existence of the Resource Management Act.

"You could trim a tree, dig a hole and build a surf club. You can't do that now," says Stuart.

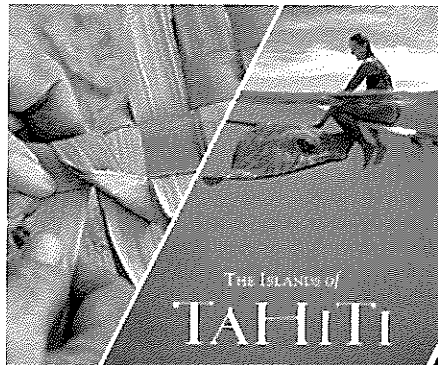
The new building requires a resource consent from both the city council and, because it's within the coastal marine area, the regional council.

Council staff are also concerned about the ability of the surf club to meet the additional operational and maintenance costs that will arise, and how as a result the surf club may become heavily dependent on the facilities being frequently used by other groups and organisations.

Council staff will work with the club preparing the resource consent and lease documents, to ensure that the building can be sustainably operated and maintained.

The proposed \$249,750 draft plan grant is for the project start-up costs, consisting of resource and building consent, final design, lease and procurement documentation, to be made available from July 1.

Stage 2 the \$950,000 grant towards construction costs, is to be made available from July 1, 2017.



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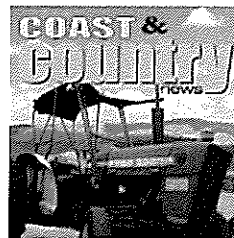
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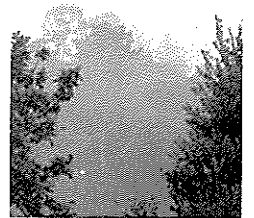
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