

WOODBURY COMMUNITY HUB

Why a Community Hub?

A place worth building, for reasons worth remembering

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THE CASE, IN ONE LINE

A hub earns its keep across every stage of a community's life.

*From the first years of school to the last years of life —
here is the case, group by group.*

FOR THE CHILDREN

Room to grow

A safe, walkable place outside home and school —
supervised, but not over-structured.

Friendships across age groups. Enrichment they might not
otherwise get. Adults modelling the calm they'll carry with them.

FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

Somewhere to actually exhale

Less isolation, less mental load, less always being the one
who organises everything.

A place to trade an hour of childcare. A support network
for the inevitable hard weeks.

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND TEENS

Treated as capable, not managed

Somewhere between “nothing to do” and a structured youth group.

Mentoring, leadership, a first taste of responsibility — one of the few reasons a teen stays invested in staying.

FOR OLDER ADULTS AND RETIREES

Connection that adds years

Regular, low-pressure contact — proven to matter more
than almost any single health condition.

A place to keep contributing skills, mentorship, and stories,
instead of quietly staying home.

FOR WHOLE FAMILIES AND WHĀNAU

A shared rhythm

The place everyone in the household ends up at some
point in the week.

Grandparents and grandchildren under one roof — a modern,
marae-adjacent home for manaakitanga.

FOR THE LOCAL ECONOMY

Spending that stays local

Memberships, classes, casual trade — kept in the community
instead of leaking to the nearest town.

Local jobs. A launchpad for small local businesses.

A reason for new families to move in, not through.

FOR BELONGING

The compounding benefit

Repeated, low-stakes reasons to know your neighbours —

the thing that turns houses into a community.

People who notice. People who help, unprompted.

A fast way in for anyone new.

FOR WHEN IT MATTERS MOST

Ready before it's needed

A known welfare and coordination point — where relationships exist before the emergency does.
Not just a contact list. Civil defence infrastructure that happens to run a yoga class on Tuesdays.

A pipeline for local leadership

A trusted venue councils and CDEM can actually reach
people through.

Where running a class or coordinating an activity becomes
someone's first taste of community leadership.

FOR EVERYDAY WELLBEING

Prevention, not just treatment

Movement, stress recovery, better sleep — the ordinary things that keep people out of the GP and the ED.
And a community that notices when someone isn't doing well, before it becomes a crisis.

PICTURE THIS, IN WOODBURY

**A place to gather, heal, train, and belong —
built by the community, for the community.**

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