



Bandroom replacement project

The current bandroom is judged to be too small with undesirable acoustics. Our plan (in brief) is to remove the existing bandroom and replace it with an old hall available to us, which is much bigger, has higher ceilings, and has potential for further development.

There are various steps with costs to be met in **stage 1**:

- Site investigation, plan preparation (underway)
- Resource and building consent applications
- Removal of present building
- Site preparation, foundations, services
- Relocation of “new” building
- Essential modifications, & connection of services.
- Restoration of parking area.

There are bound to be disruptions, and we are looking for temporary rehearsal premises.



Further improvements are envisaged for the future

This is a major project for the band, and final commitment cannot be made until adequate funding is secured. Our best estimate is that up to \$60,000 is needed.

We have been fortunate to receive an “Arts” grant of \$34,456 from Rodney District Council which gives us a good start, but more is needed.

About \$12,000 can be prudently allocated from the band’s accumulated funds, so the shortfall is about \$13,500.

Grant applications are underway to various funding organisations. We are a registered charity, so donations qualify for Income Tax rebates.

A band member has generously donated \$1000.

If you have skills or contacts that could be useful in the project, please talk to Peter Whyte or Eric Cole