

Hororata Cultural and Heritage Community Hub - Not just a building but a community ethos.

Our hub will connect private and public organisations providing the community a platform to grow, share and unite.

The physical buildings will give the spring board for new opportunities around the whole community.

Spaces providing for our community:

- A hub from which opportunities can grow from for our community
- Meeting space with technology available
- Office space
- Large kitchen for catering
- Concerts and shows to our rural community
- Op Shop
- Community gathering space – private events
- School activities
- Show case our community
- Outdoor points of interest
- Space on site for tamariki

Engagement with our community's heritage:

- A hub for our community which interacts with wide district and Selwyn heritage
- Engagement is relevant, inclusive and interactive
- Displays (indoors/outdoors)
- Achieve facilities
- Use technology to tell our stories and engage people
- Engage with schools on new history curriculum

Opportunities

- United community
- Connect Hub site to the Hororata Reserve with landscaping and walkways
- A hub people both local and from further afield want to come to
- Potential for commercial activities
- Doesn't have to be one building or interconnected could a series of pods
- Make Hororata a destination, promote local business and groups
- Showcase our major events year round
- Sculptures in the Reserve
- See map attached for more....

Immersive Experience

Cultural – Heritage – Community - Enterprise

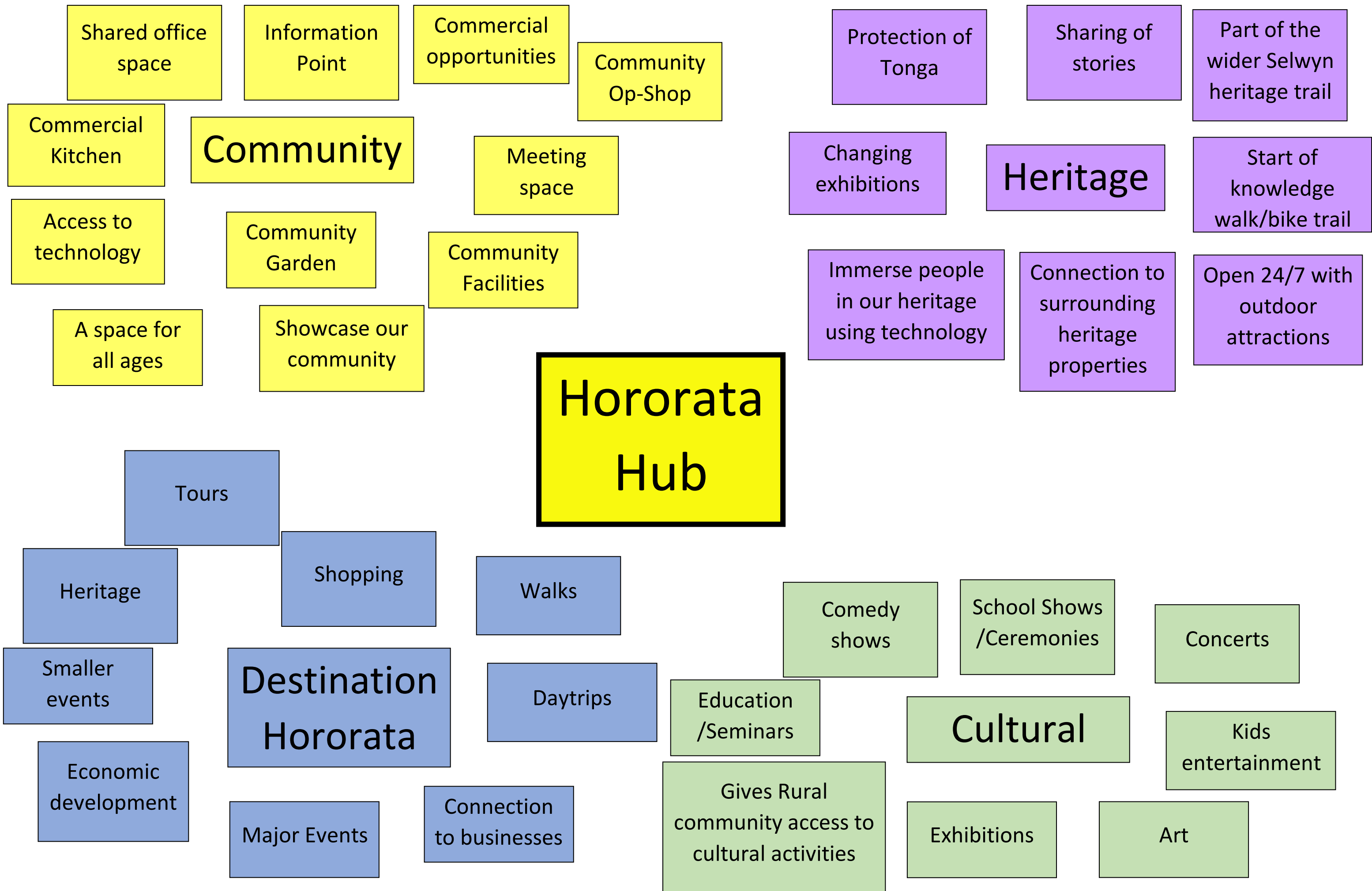
- If you are in or around the hub whether for a meeting, an event or simply walking past you are emersed in our community stories because they will be all around you
- Attracts people from within and further afield to engage with our community stories
- Activity breeds activity – from the hub other community and commercial opportunities can grow making a thriving community

Our stories

- The Vote for Women
- Agricultural Development – the early run holders
- Kaitiaki Stories and Maori History
- Canterbury Earthquake and our community's response

Tell our stories through (not limited to)

- Podcasts
- Virtual tours walking in early run holders footsteps
- Digital archives accessible from anywhere
- Heritage focused events
- Heritage Hub
- Knowledge walk around Reserve
- E-Bike Trail to heritage places / homesteads
- Interactive outdoor display
- Exhibitions
- Technology – VR, Metaverse, space for new tech
- Judges Box restoration



Design brief for proposed for the Hororata Cultural and Heritage Community Hub

Take a blank sheet of paper and imagine what we can do for our community on the current Hororata Hall site, endowment land and Domain.

This is not a renovation but a reimagined project! Move forward into the future with the inspiration of the past.

Don't be limited by what is there, imagine what could be. Consider options – renovate, remodel, rebuild, relocate or a mixture.

This can be a staged project.

Following are some practical specifications which the community has discussed, but we are not limited to this list:

- An area for approximately 100 people to gather, could be extended with ability to have indoor/outdoor flow (a marquee could be adjoined to a building to extend space for bigger functions)
- A facility to cater for a range of activities, for example:
 - Educational seminars/training
 - Musical performances with good acoustics
 - School events/prizegivings/performances
 - Exhibitions
 - Community services like ANZAC day
 - Group Exercise
 - Children's activities – music groups, active play
- Community Lounge for meetings/gatherings 30 – 40 people with AV equipment
- A flexible space that can be used for permanent and temporary exhibitions. Need to be able to easily change displays out. Remember we want people to be immersed in our stories when using the hub indoors and outdoors. The vision is for a modern museum, we will not be picking up the displays in the current museum and transferring them to this site. Technology will play a big part of how people interact with the collection.
- A temperature-controlled archive of suitable size to house the heritage collections preserving these valuable items. Needs a work space with sink, work bench, good lighting and storage for storage boxes and equipment. An archive research area that people can access and work in.
- Reception and Offices spaces – These could be combined. The office space for 3-4 people and a smaller office for one person
- Ability to set up Emergency Centre
- Commercial Kitchen - Able to be used by many people at a time when catering for community functions while also being able to be used by people making products for sale. This could include the ability to put a café type facility in at some time in the future.
- Service area from kitchen – use for serving drinks (coffee/tea or use as a bar)
- Space for an immersive experience technology room
- Public wifi – available outdoors as well so people can stop and discover our stories or interact with outdoor display, knowledge walk

- The ability to display community memorabilia – including Hororata Highland Games trophies etc
- Honour the war memorial
- Storage – for tables, chairs, equipment etc.
- The ability to cater for all ages of the community – consider what would serve our children, what do our senior citizens need
- The opportunity for retail like the opportunity shop, café etc – consider commercial opportunities which could provide income for the hub
- A stage – built in or movable
- Projection facilities and a big white wall for showing movies – could be indoors or outdoors
- Consideration is required in the planning about how the whole site connects with the surrounding cultural features. Outdoor features are just as important as buildings
 - Courtyard connecting the ‘pods/buildings’ on the site
 - An amphitheatre for outdoor performances/Movies
 - The ability to have the stories of the district told in the features outside, enabling the hub to be an attraction 24/7 and doesn’t require someone to be there
 - The Stinky – on display with some sort of cover over it outdoors
 - The Judges Box – the location and future of this is to be determined
 - The ability for buses to park and turn around
 - Landscaping
 - Parking facilities

Note:

The Community needs have not changed since 2017 however they have expanded with heritage now included. The one need the hub on the existing hall site may not cover is the large gather space for 200 – 300 people. This could be addressed on the Hororata Domain with a renovation and extension on the Barn (Stables). Creating a rustic, inviting gathering space, very simple design and easy maintenance. This could be an amazing space which would be highly desirable for private events as well as community gatherings. Could include a simple bar and kitchenette and toilets.

Opportunities which could link into the Community Hub, but not limited to:

- Revitalize the Edwardian lake area
- Extend the walkway
- Bike trail to Bluff walk way and return
- Events in the Reserve
- Heritage knowledge walk
- Heritage E-bike trail linking heritage sites /homesteads
- Frisbee golf
- Equestrian events
- Dog events
- Regular markets
- Recreational equestrian
- Enhance the tennis area
- Art exhibitions
- Agricultural training
- Running/exercise events
- Sculptures / Public art displays
- Restore the Judges Box as a town icon
- Exercise circuit
- Bike track
- 1/2 basketball court



