

Beste Museum Supporters,

First of all. Thanks to all of you who have sent in a submission to the Draft Annual Plan for the Horowhenua District Council. They received more than 120 submissions and were very impressed by our efforts.

What's even better? Your input worked!

On 4 September, Council decided unanimously to buy the old Mitre 10 building in Foxton for the Te Awahou - Nieuwe Stroom project!

**We've got a home! Onze Plek - Our Place. Right next to De Molen!**

The building measures some 1490 m<sup>2</sup> and we will occupy part of that. We will share the new community and cultural centre with the local library, a Council service centre, an i-SITE and a cafe (koffie en koek!). Council has \$3 million available for this project. We will access other funding as well.

Next steps: Council have hired planning expert Nicki Moen to write the Te Awahou - Nieuwe Stroom project Design Brief. Based on what our supporters have told us in the past, we will inform Nicki of our Museum needs.

We have attached our Media Release and if you still want more information click the links below (you might have to copy and paste them into your browser)

It is all go!!! We will keep you informed of our progress.

Een vriendelijke groet! Arjan van der Boon en Yolande van de Wetering

Article in the Horowhenua Mail paper:

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/dominion-post/news/local-papers/horowhenua-mail/9155137/From-hardware-to-culture>

Business case Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom project:

<http://www.horowhenua.govt.nz/Documents/Agendas%20and%20Minutes/Business%20Case%20Te%20Awahou%20Nieuwe%20Stroom%20Project.pdf>

Draft plans Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom project :

[http://www.horowhenua.govt.nz/Documents/Agendas%20and%20Minutes/0304\\_001.pdf](http://www.horowhenua.govt.nz/Documents/Agendas%20and%20Minutes/0304_001.pdf)

Draft Minutes Council Meeting 4 September 2013 (go to pages 8 and 9):

<http://www.horowhenua.govt.nz/Download/?file=/Documents/Meetings%202013/13%20792%20HDC%20Minutes%204%20September%202013.pdf>

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