

Business Case

Wakefield Community Hub

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Executive Summary

The Wakefield Community Hub represents a landmark opportunity to deliver a self-sustaining, high-performance community asset for the Tasman region. This business case presents a operational model that prioritises fiscal responsibility, community equity, and long-term asset preservation.

The Hub is anchored by a 24/7 Fitness Centre as its primary revenue engine, supported by a professionally managed Function Room, Sports Hall, and clinical-grade Meeting Space. At full capacity (Year 5), the facility projects total revenue of \$456,056 against operating expenditure of \$304,324, generating an annual pre-loan surplus of \$151,732. The business case proposes a loan repayment structure of \$105,000 per annum deferred to Year 3, under which the Hub draws on cash reserves built in Years 1 and 2 to meet obligations through to Year 5.

The total capital cost is estimated at \$11,200,000, funded through a \$6,600,000 TDC reserve fund contribution, \$2,500,000 in community fundraising, and a \$2,100,000 rates payback loan. The business case proposes interest-free loan repayment terms over 20 years with repayments deferred to Year 3, giving the Hub two full operating years to build a cash reserve before debt servicing begins. These terms are subject to Council approval.

Key Financial Indicators at a Glance

- **Total capital cost:** \$11,200,000 (preliminary estimate, subject to QS confirmation)
- **Break-even capacity:** 28% of target utilisation — the facility achieves solvency at very low activity levels (pre-loan repayment)
- **Year 1 surplus:** \$41,696 at 40% capacity (held as cash reserve toward loan obligations from Year 3)
- **Year 5 surplus:** \$151,732 at 100% capacity (pre-loan). Post-loan: \$46,732 — covered by Year 1–2 cash reserve
- **Sinking fund:** 2.5% of annual revenue quarantined each year for asset preservation

Loan repayment strategy: The \$2,100,000 rates payback loan is recommended at 0% interest / 20 years, deferred to Year 3. Repayments of \$105,000/yr are comfortably covered by Year 3–5 pre-loan surpluses. Years 1–2 surpluses are held as a cash reserve providing additional buffer. See Section 2.3.

1. Project Background and Strategic Need

The Wakefield Community Hub is a proactive response to a rapidly shifting demographic and environmental landscape. As Wakefield transitions into a key residential growth node, community infrastructure must evolve to ensure social cohesion, safety, and universal accessibility across all generations.

1.1 Futureproofing for Growth and Education

- **The Youth Gap:** Expansion of Wakefield School to include intermediate-level students creates urgent demand for “Third Spaces” safe, modern environments for after-school study, coding clubs, and indoor sports.
- **Belonging through Participation:** A permanent home for youth-led initiatives ensures young people grow up with a tangible sense of ownership in their community.

1.2 Breaking Barriers: Localised Professional Services

- **Localised Specialist Access:** The Multipurpose Meeting Room can be utilised by visiting physiotherapists, occupational therapists, mental health practitioners, and other health professionals as needed. For larger group clinics and health screening days, providers can also access half the Function Room at a subsidised rate, enabling population-level health services to operate locally without the need for residents to travel to Richmond.
- **Reducing Transport Poverty:** Hosting visiting podiatrists, hearing clinics, and health nurses ensures elderly and disabled residents access vital care without the logistics and cost of long-distance travel.
- **Inclusive Design:** Sensory-friendly lighting, ramped entries, and high-spec accessible facilities ensure the Hub is genuinely inclusive not just code-compliant.

1.3 Supporting an Aging Population with Dignity

- **Health and Longevity:** A professional venue for mobility classes essential for balance and fall prevention.
- **Combatting Isolation:** A central “Village Living Room” provides warm social connection, preventing the mental health decline associated with rural isolation.

1.4 Civil Defence Resilience

The 2019 Pigeon Valley fires and subsequent flooding events exposed a critical gap in local emergency resilience. The Hub directly addresses this:

- **Modern Welfare Centre:** Built to current seismic and safety standards with commercial kitchen capacity and large-format spaces for displaced residents and emergency crews.
- **Resilient Anchor:** A centralised coordination point when roads are cut, equipped for emergency communications and welfare operations across the Waimea South area.

1.5 Creating a Sense of Belonging

By placing services, sports, arts, education, and culture under one roof, the Hub breaks down the barriers separating community groups. The design encourages accidental interaction and shared identity — from a fitness member crossing paths with a sports team to an elder joining a community class.

2. Capital Cost and Funding Structure

The estimated total capital cost to design, construct, and fully fit out the Wakefield Community Hub is \$11,200,000 (NZD). This figure is based on preliminary estimates and will be refined through a formal quantity surveying process prior to final Council approval.

2.1 Project Cost Breakdown

Cost Component	Estimated Cost (NZD)	Notes
Construction & Structure	\$8,500,000	Indicative estimate
Fitness Centre Equipment Fit Out	\$450,000	Commercial-grade gym
Commercial Kitchen & Function Spaces	\$600,000	Commercial-grade gym
Accessibility & Facility Fit Out	\$750,000	Ramps, sensory lighting
Contingency (12%)	\$900,000	Industry standard
TOTAL	\$11,200,000	

All cost figures are preliminary estimates only. A formal QS report will be commissioned ahead of construction procurement.

2.2 Proposed Funding Structure

Funding Source	Amount (NZD)	% of Total
Reserve Fund Contribution (TDC)	\$6,600,000	59%
Community Fundraising & Donations	\$2,500,000	22%
Rates Payback Loan	\$2,100,000	19%
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$11,200,000	100%

Reserve Fund Contribution — \$6,600,000 (60%)

The Council's primary contribution is drawn from reserve funds, reflecting the Hub's status as essential public infrastructure. The Waimea South Community Facility Charitable Trust is prepared to work alongside TDC to help mitigate risk, acting as a conduit to the community and community groups.

Community Fundraising & Donations — \$2,500,000 (22%)

A structured fundraising campaign demonstrates local commitment and strengthens grant applications. The strategy includes a named donor programme for key spaces with personalised and corporate sponsorship as central components of that strategy philanthropic outreach to the Nelson-Tasman business community, and exploration of development contributions from residential growth. Potential grant sources include Sport NZ Community Facility Fund, Lotteries Commission, Ministry of Social Development, Rata Foundation, and Nelson-Marlborough regional funds.

Rates Payback Loan — \$2,100,000 (19%)

A rates payback loan of \$2,100,000 completes the capital structure, to be serviced from the Hub’s operational surplus. The business case proposes interest-free repayment terms over 20 years, deferred to Year 3, subject to Council approval.

Capital Funding Structure — Total Project Cost \$11.2M

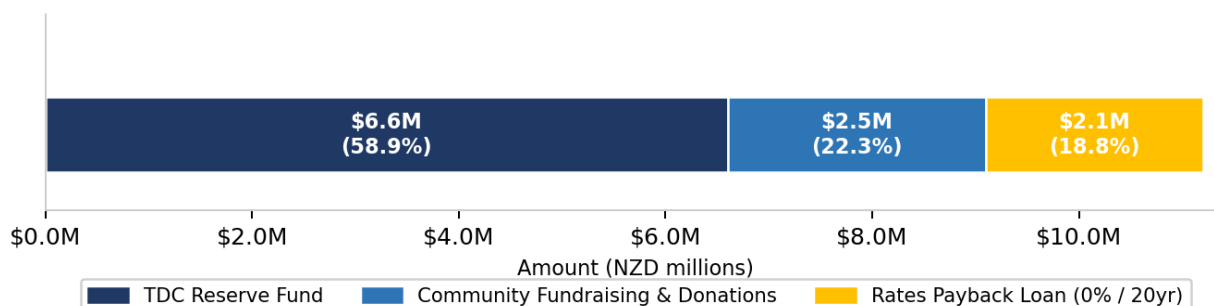


Figure 3: Capital Funding Structure

2.3 Loan Repayment Analysis

The recommended loan structure is an interest-free rates payback loan of \$2,100,000 over 20 years, with principal repayments deferred until Year 3. This gives the Hub two full operating years to build a cash reserve before debt servicing begins.

Loan Terms	Annual Repayment	5yr Total Paid	Impact on Year 5 Post-Loan Surplus
0% / 25 years	\$84,000	\$2,100,000	Exceeds Year 1 surplus
0% / 20 years	\$105,000	\$2,100,000	Exceeds Year 1 surplus
0% / 15 years	\$140,000	\$2,100,000	Exceeds Year 1 surplus
0% / 10 years	\$210,000	\$2,100,000	Exceeds all year surpluses

Under the proposed interest-free / 20-year structure, the Hub will hold all Year 1 and Year 2 pre-loan surpluses in a dedicated cash reserve. Annual repayments of \$105,000 from Year 3 are comfortably covered by the Year 3–5 pre-loan surpluses, with the Hub returning to a strong cash-positive post-loan position in Year 5.

3. Revenue Model

Revenue is projected using a Bottom-Up methodology with use-case specific rates applied to each space. A 15% churn/vacancy adjustment is applied to Fitness Centre membership revenue to ensure conservative projections. The TDC annual contribution of \$45,000 (*to be verified by Council*) is treated as a fixed operational grant.

3.1 Five-Year Revenue and OPEX Projection

	Yr 1 (40%)	Yr 2 (60%)	Yr 3 (80%)	Yr 4 (80%)	Yr 5 (100%)
Total Revenue	\$209,422	\$291,634	\$373,845	\$373,845	\$456,056
Total OPEX	\$167,726	\$186,336	\$281,717	\$294,017	\$304,324
Surplus (pre-loan)	\$41,696	\$105,298	\$92,128	\$79,828	\$151,732
Loan Repayment (0% interest / 20yr, deferred to Yr3)	—	—	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000
Surplus (post-loan)	\$41,696	\$105,298	(\$51,362)	(\$63,662)	\$46,732
Surplus Margin (pre-loan)	19%	35%	23%	20%	32%

Note: All figures exclude loan repayment obligations. See Section 2.3 for loan impact analysis.

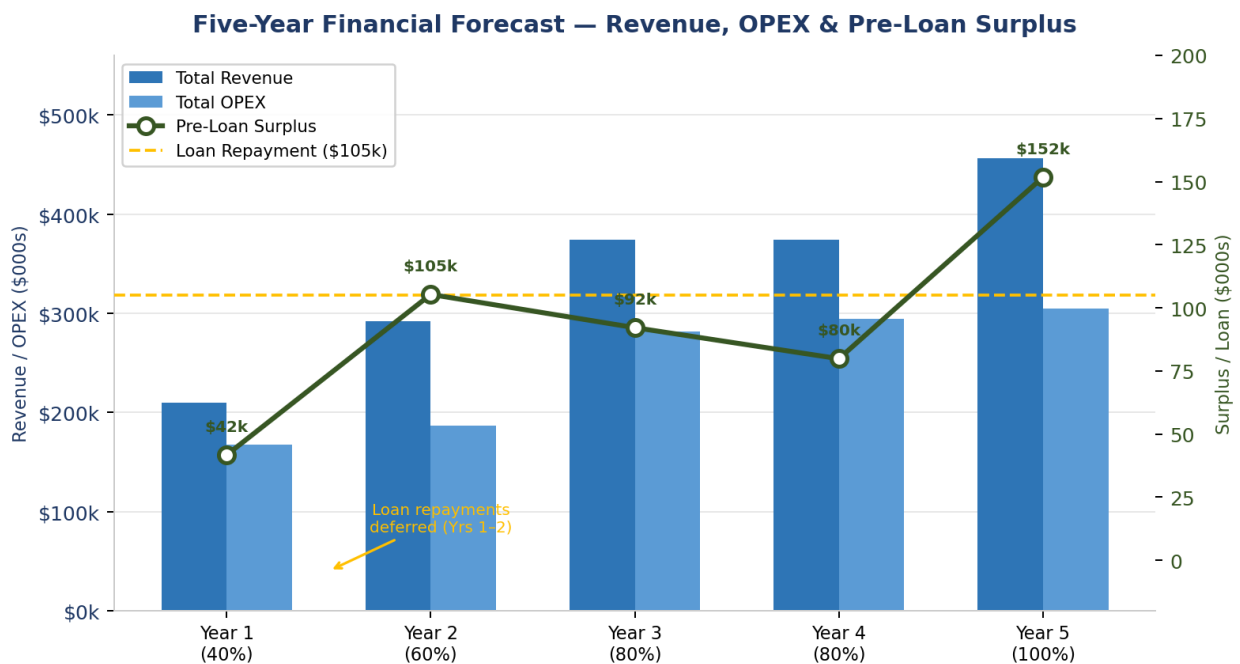


Figure 1: Five-Year Financial Forecast — Revenue, OPEX and Pre-Loan Surplus

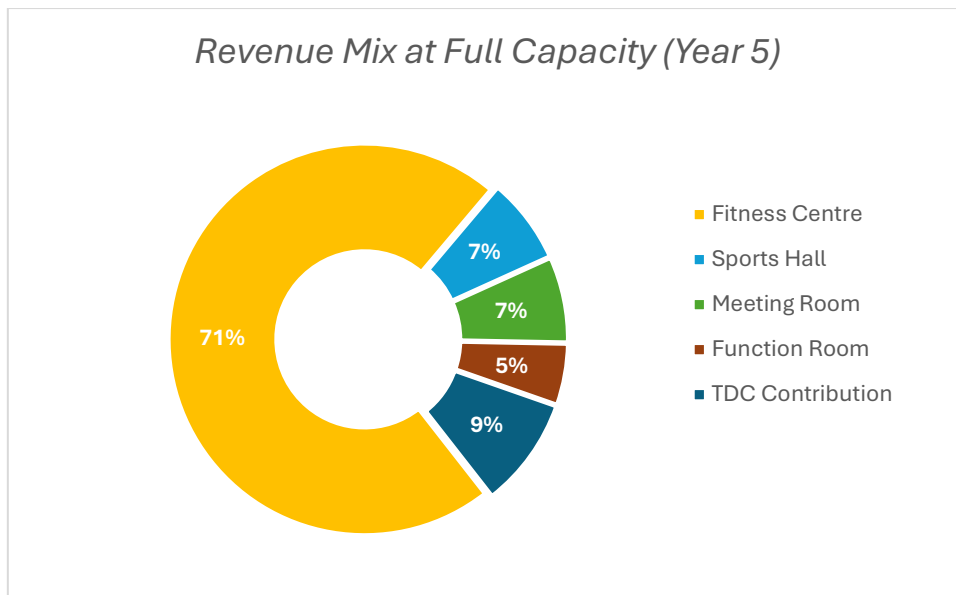


Figure 2: Revenue Mix at Full Capacity (Year 5)

3.2 Revenue Sensitivity and Break-Even Analysis

The model demonstrates the Hub achieves operational solvency at just 28% of target utilisation providing a substantial safety margin above the Year 1 target of 40%.

Scenario	Revenue	Total OPEX	Surplus	Margin
Break-Even: 28% capacity	\$124,020	\$123,301	\$720	~1%
Year 1 Plan: 40% capacity	\$209,422	\$167,726	\$41,696	19%
Year 3 Plan: 80% capacity	\$373,845	\$281,717	\$92,128	24%
Yr 5 Break-Even: 65% capacity	\$293,139	\$292,828	\$311	~0%
Year 5 Plan: 100% capacity	\$456,056	\$304,324	\$151,732	33%

All sensitivity figures are pre-loan repayment. Under the proposed 0% interest / 20-year terms (\$105,000/yr from Year 3), break-even thresholds increase accordingly. The 40% Year 1 target provides a \$41,696 buffer above break-even before proposed loan obligations commence.

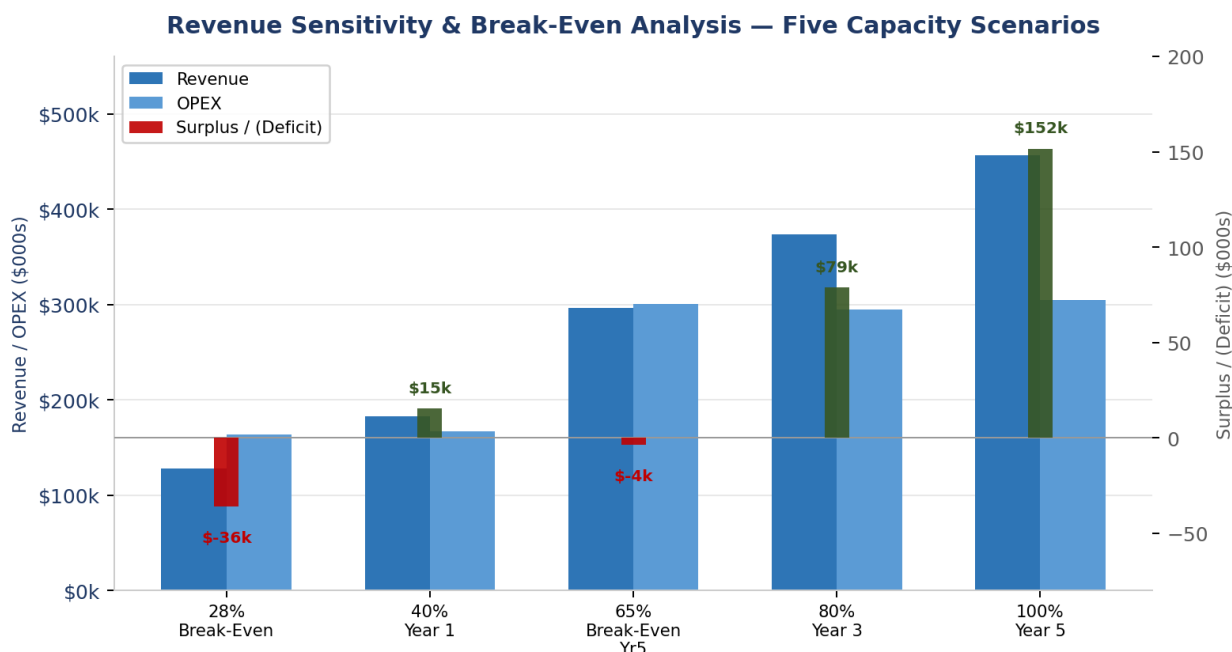


Figure 4: Revenue Sensitivity and Break-Even Analysis

3.3 Bar and Kitchen — Future Revenue Opportunity

The Wakefield Community Hub includes a commercial-grade kitchen and bar facility, built to food-safe and licensed premises standards. This infrastructure opens a meaningful additional revenue stream that has been deliberately excluded from the financial model at this stage. The reason is straightforward: the bar and kitchen can be operated under several different models, each with different cost, staffing, and licensing implications, and the right structure is best determined by the management once the facility is operational and the pattern of use is established.

The principal operating models under consideration include: a hub-employed bar manager who operates the bar during events and approved sessions; a hire-out model where hirers take full responsibility for bar service under their own licence or a temporary authority; a preferred supplier arrangement with an external catering or hospitality operator who pays a venue fee and retains bar revenue; and a BYO policy for private functions where no bar service is provided by the hub. Each model carries a different risk and revenue profile. A bar manager model maximises revenue capture but introduces a staffing cost and requires a on-licence. A hire-out or preferred supplier model removes operational complexity from the hub entirely and provides predictable income. A BYO or dry-hire approach is the simplest to administer and carries no licensing liability.

The financial model presented in this business case is intentionally conservative: it demonstrates that the Hub is self-sustaining without any bar or kitchen revenue. Any income generated through this facility is therefore upside, it strengthens the surplus position and accelerates the hub’s ability to build reserves and reduce loan obligations, but the Hub does not depend on it. The hub will assess operating models during Year 1 and bring a recommendation to Council prior to committing to a licensing structure.

The kitchen also serves a non-revenue function that warrants recognition. As noted in Section 1.4, the facility is designed to serve as a Civil Defence welfare centre, and the commercial kitchen is a critical component of that capability. This function does not depend on which bar model is selected and will operate regardless of licensing decisions.

4. Operational Expenditure

The business case proposes the operating costs are modelled through a lean structure with deliberate phasing to match revenue growth. The specific operational and employment structure will need to be agreed with TDC as part of the governance decisions for the Hub. The two most significant cost movements in the model are the staffing scale-up at Year 3 (the primary driver of the profit dip in Years 3–4) and the repairs and maintenance ramp from Year 1 through Year 5 as warranties expire.

4.1 Key Cost Principles

- **Staffing honesty:** Staffing is modelled at 50% in Years 1–2 (part-time/contract manager) scaling to 100% at Year 3. This \$75,000 step-up is the primary cause of the reduced surplus in Years 3–4, not warranty expiry as noted in earlier drafts.
- **Maintenance cliff:** Repairs & Maintenance is deliberately ramped from 5% of the \$35,000 baseline in Year 1 to 100% by Year 5, reflecting the expiry of building and equipment warranties. This is explicitly modelled and funded through the sinking fund.
- **Sinking fund:** 2.5% of annual revenue is quarantined each year into an asset preservation fund, accumulating from \$5,185 in Year 1 to \$11,275 in Year 5.
- **Inflation protection:** A 2.5% CPI adjustment is applied to total OPEX each year, growing from \$4,090 (Year 1) to \$7,419 (Year 5).

5. Community Wellbeing and Social Equity

The Hub is designed as a “barrier-free” environment ensuring every resident — regardless of age, ability, or income — has access to essential services and a genuine sense of belonging.

5.1 Subsidised Community Uses

Several uses are deliberately offered at subsidised or below-market rates as a community policy decision:

- **Physiotherapy & clinical health:** Healthcare providers hire the Multipurpose Meeting Room for regular clinical sessions at \$28/hr (Volunteer/Community rate). For larger group clinics (e.g. visiting specialists, screening days), providers may hire half the Function Room at \$18/hr (Volunteer Half Function Room rate). A conservative estimate of 4 such sessions per year contributes \$288 per annum in additional revenue.
- **Community organisations and high-use groups:** Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) will be negotiated with regular high-use community groups including community theatre, sports clubs, and arts/culture organisations, to agree rates appropriate to their community role. The intent is to support groups that provide ongoing public benefit at rates below the published hire schedule, while ensuring the Hub’s cost recovery is maintained. MOU terms will be reviewed annually by the management.
- **Youth programmes:** Homework clubs, youth drop-in, and holiday programmes are charged at community rates (\$26–\$32/hr) to remain accessible to families.
- **School curriculum use:** Indoor PE and school assemblies are accommodated at community rates, recognising the Hub’s role as an extension of Wakefield School’s infrastructure.

5.2 Disability and Elder Services

- Utilising the meeting room for visiting physiotherapists, podiatrists, occupational therapists, and mental health practitioners.
- Seniors’ mobility classes and group fitness programmes tailored for balance and fall prevention
- Private quiet spaces for counselling in a non-clinical, familiar village setting.

- High-spec accessible bathrooms, changing facilities, and sensory-friendly design throughout.

6. Risk Mitigation and Governance

The Waimea South Community Facility Charitable Trust is well-placed to support TDC in the project management of the Hub, acting as a conduit between the Council, the community and community groups. The governance structure, including the allocation of operational responsibilities and risks, should be discussed between the Waimea South Community Facility Charitable Trust and TDC before the Hub opens.

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigation
Loan repayment stress	High	High	Proposed terms: 0% interest / 20yr deferred to Year 3. Subject to Council approval. Final approval should not proceed until terms are formally agreed.
Gym membership below target	Medium	High	15% churn buffer built in. Facility is solvent at 28% capacity. TDC grant provides floor.
Community fundraising shortfall	Medium	Medium	Named donor programme + grant strategy. Construction not to commence until fundraising threshold is met.
Construction cost escalation	High	Medium	12% contingency included. QS review at each design gateway. Fixed-price contracts where possible.
Staffing at full operation	Low	Medium	Modelled at 50% in Yrs 1–2, scaling to 100% at Yr3 when revenue supports it.
R&M maintenance cliff (post-warranty)	Certain	Medium	Explicitly modelled: R&M ramps 5%→100% of \$35,000 over 5 years. Sinking fund accumulates from Year 1.

6.1 Governance Structure

- **Asset ownership:** Tasman District Council owns the building and land.
- **Operational responsibility:** The governance and operational structure will be decided by the TDC with feedback from the Waimea South Community Facility Charitable Trust as a conduit to the community prior to opening.
- **Council liability:** Limited to capital contribution (\$6,600,000) and loan guarantee (\$2,100,000). Operational underwriting to be determined by the TDC through the governance agreement.
- **Performance accountability:** The Hub governance reports annually to Council against agreed KPIs covering financial performance, utilisation rates, and community outcomes.

Conclusion

The Wakefield Community Hub is a high-performance, multi-generational asset with a robust self-sustaining financial model. The business case demonstrates operational solvency from Year 1, a 28% break-even threshold that provides substantial headroom, and a Year 5 pre-loan surplus of \$151,732. The proposed interest-free loan repayment structure (0% / 20 years deferred to Year 3, subject to Council approval) is fully manageable through the strong Year 3–5 pre-loan surpluses.

The model is built on fiscal honesty: conservative revenue ramp-up, explicitly modelled maintenance costs, a funded sinking fund, and a deliberate staffing scale-up timed to revenue growth. The business case proposes interest-free loan repayment terms over 20 years deferred to Year 3, and recommends Council adopt these terms when approving the project.

The Wakefield Community Hub is a commitment to every resident of Waimea South, from intermediate students to elderly residents ageing in place, ensuring they have a safe, inclusive, and financially resilient community home for generations to come.

APPENDICES

Financial Analysis Supporting Data

Appendix A1: Revenue Working Data by Space

This table details the revenue calculation for each activity, showing hours, rate applied, and annual revenue. Rates reflect the three-tier pricing structure (Corporate, NFP, Community/Volunteer). Subsidised rates for health and community uses are deliberate policy decisions. All figures are at 100% capacity (Year 5 steady state) before the 15% fitness centre churn adjustment.

Data integrity notes: (1) All room hire rates are now linked directly to the three-tier Pricing Structure. (2) Theatre productions: 4 events × \$3,360 = \$13,440. Rate covers 72 total hours per production (6 rehearsal days × 6hrs + 6 performance days × 6hrs). (3) The gym base of \$364,000 is used in the 5-year projection; the full fitness subtotal of \$367,648 includes seniors and adult classes not carried through the ramp-up model.

Space	Activity	Audience	Hrs	Weekly	Sessions p.a	Total Hrs	Rate	Days	Revenue
Fitness Centre	General Fitness	Community	24	7	-	-	\$14/member/wk	365	\$364,000
Fitness Centre	Senior mobility	Seniors	1	2	-	96	\$18/hr	12	\$1,728
Fitness Centre	Adult group training	Adults	1	2	-	96	\$20/hr	12	\$1,920
							SUBTOTAL	365	\$367,648
Function Room	School assemblies	School	1	-	6	6	\$40	0.75	\$240
Function Room	School productions	School	3	-	3	9	\$40	0.38	\$120
Function Room	School prize-givings	School	3	-	3	9	\$40	0.38	\$120
Function Room	Tai Chi / Yoga / Other	Public	4	3	576	144	\$18	18	\$2,592
Function Room	Dance & drama	Youth	2	2	192	108	\$16	12	\$1,728
Function Room	Sports Prize Giving	Community	3	-	3	9	\$40	1.13	\$360
Function Room	Theatre productions	Community	72	-	4	288	\$3,360	36	\$13,440
Function Room	Arts exhibitions	Community	4	-	3	12	\$28	0.5	\$336
Function Room	Weddings	Private	8	-	32	4	\$1,200	4	\$4,800
Function Room	Private Functions	Private	8	-	24	3	\$600	3	\$1,800
Function Room	Conferences	Corporate	4	-	8	2	\$900	1	\$1,800
					854	596	SUBTOTAL	77	\$27,624
Sports Hall	Indoor PE	Students	1	-	12	12	\$28	1.5	\$336
Sports Hall	Tournaments	Schools	8	-	2	16	\$40	2	\$640
Sports Hall	Science fairs	Students	16	-	2	32	\$28	4	\$896
Sports Hall	Youth fitness	Youth	1	1	48	48	\$32	6	\$1,536
Sports Hall	Youth drop-in	Youth	2.5	4	61	246	\$32	32	\$7,872
Sports Hall	Holiday programmes	Youth	6	5	72	360	\$40	30	\$14,400
Sports Hall	Sports training	Community	2	2	12	24	\$28	3	\$672
Sports Hall	Martial arts	Adults/Youth	2	1	12	24	\$18	3	\$432
Sports Hall	Community Markets	Community	4	-	3	12	\$28	1.5	\$336
Sports Hall	Community Sport	Community	2	4	96	384	\$28	48	\$10,752
					320	1158	SUBTOTAL	131	\$37,872
Meeting Room	Physiotherapists	Public	4	1	48	192	\$28	24	\$5,376
Meeting Room	Podiatry & hearing	Seniors	8	-	1	8	\$32	1	\$256

Meeting Room	Counsellors	Public	2	2	96	192	\$18	24	\$3,456
Meeting Room	Nutritionists	Public	2	1	48	96	\$18	12	\$1,728
Meeting Room	Homework clubs	Youth	2	2	96	192	\$26	24	\$4,992
Meeting Room	Community hire	Community	2	4	96	384	\$32	48	\$12,288
Meeting Room	General hire	Business	2	-	144	288	\$28	36	\$8,064
					529	1352	SUBTOTAL	169	\$36,160
TDC Contribution	Annual operational grant	Council	—	—			Fixed	—	\$45,000
							TOTAL REVENUE		\$456,056

Appendix A2: Operating Cost Assumptions

This table details each cost line, showing the low and high estimate range, Year 1 and Year 5 budgeted amounts, and the basis for each figure.

Cost Item	Low	High (Used)	Yr 1	Yr 5	Notes
Staffing (Manager)	\$80,000	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$150,000	50% Yrs 1-2, 100% Yr3+
Cleaning (Contract)	\$18,000	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$400/wk
Insurance	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	Bldg/liability/assets
Rates / Fixed Levies	\$6,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	Utility levies
Audit & Accounting	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	Annual audit
Software / Subscriptions	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	Gym mgmt + Xero
Security	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	24/7 access system
Sinking Fund	2.5% rev	2.5% rev	\$5,185	\$11,275	Asset preservation
Electricity / Gas	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$8,000	\$20,000	40% Yr1, 100% Yr2+
Basic R&M	\$10,000	\$35,000	\$1,750	\$35,000	5%→100% over 5 yrs
Gym Equipment Maint.	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$250	\$5,000	5%→100% over 5 yrs
Marketing	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	100% from Yr1
Consumables	\$2,000	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	100% from Yr1
Waste Management	\$2,400	\$3,500	\$1,400	\$3,500	40% Yr1, 100% Yr2+
CPI Adjustment (2.5%)	—	~\$7,400	\$4,090	\$7,419	Applied to total OPEX
TOTAL OPEX	\$162,400	\$292,638	\$167,726	\$304,324	

Appendix A3: Five-Year Financial Projection (Full Detail)

This table presents the complete year-by-year financial projection, showing the phased ramp-up percentage applied to each revenue and cost line, with annual totals and surplus margin.

All figures have been independently verified and reconcile to the cent against source spreadsheet data. Total OPEX and Profit/Loss figures vary by at most \$1 across all years due to rounding — not calculation errors.

	%	Year 1	%	Year 2	%	Year 3	%	Year 4	%	Year 5
REVENUE										
Fitness Centre	40%	\$145,600	60%	\$218,400	80%	\$291,200	80%	\$291,200	100%	\$364,000
Churn Adjustment (15%)		(\$21,840)		(\$32,760)		(\$43,680)		(\$43,680)		(\$54,600)
Function Room	40%	\$11,050	60%	\$16,574	80%	\$24,336	80%	\$24,336	100%	\$27,624
Sports Hall	40%	\$15,149	60%	\$20,928	80%	\$27,904	80%	\$27,904	100%	\$37,872
Meeting Rooms	40%	\$14,464	60%	\$18,770	80%	\$25,027	80%	\$25,027	100%	\$36,160
TDC Contribution	100%	\$45,000	100%	\$45,000	100%	\$45,000	100%	\$45,000	100%	\$45,000
TOTAL REVENUE		\$209,422		\$291,634		\$373,845		\$373,845		\$456,056
FIXED COSTS										
Staffing (Manager)	50%	\$75,000	50%	\$75,000	100%	\$150,000	100%	\$150,000	100%	\$150,000
Cleaning	100%	\$22,000	100%	\$22,000	100%	\$22,000	100%	\$22,000	100%	\$22,000
Insurance	100%	\$20,000	100%	\$20,000	100%	\$20,000	100%	\$20,000	100%	\$20,000
Rates / Levies	100%	\$10,000	100%	\$10,000	100%	\$10,000	100%	\$10,000	100%	\$10,000
Audit & Accounting	100%	\$3,500	100%	\$3,500	100%	\$3,500	100%	\$3,500	100%	\$3,500
Software / Subs	100%	\$5,000	100%	\$5,000	100%	\$5,000	100%	\$5,000	100%	\$5,000
Security	100%	\$4,000	100%	\$4,000	100%	\$4,000	100%	\$4,000	100%	\$4,000
Sinking Fund (2.5%)	2.5%	\$5,185	2.5%	\$7,215	2.5%	\$9,245	2.5%	\$9,245	2.5%	\$11,275
Total Fixed		\$144,685		\$146,715		\$223,745		\$223,745		\$225,775
VARIABLE COSTS										
Electricity / Gas	40%	\$8,000	100%	\$20,000	100%	\$20,000	100%	\$20,000	100%	\$20,000
Repairs & Maintenance	5%	\$1,750	10%	\$3,500	50%	\$17,500	80%	\$28,000	100%	\$35,000
Gym Equipment Maint.	5%	\$250	10%	\$500	50%	\$2,500	80%	\$4,000	100%	\$5,000
Marketing	100%	\$4,000	100%	\$4,000	100%	\$4,000	100%	\$4,000	100%	\$4,000
Consumables	100%	\$3,500	100%	\$3,500	100%	\$3,500	100%	\$3,500	100%	\$3,500
Waste Management	40%	\$1,400	100%	\$3,500	100%	\$3,500	100%	\$3,500	100%	\$3,500
Total Variable		\$18,900		\$35,000		\$51,000		\$63,000		\$71,000
CPI Adjustment (2.5%)		\$4,090		\$4,543		\$6,869		\$7,169		\$7,419
TOTAL OPEX		\$167,726		\$186,336		\$281,717		\$294,017		\$304,324
SURPLUS (pre-loan)		\$41,696		\$105,298		\$92,128		\$79,828		\$151,732
Surplus Margin		19%		35%		24%		21%		33%

Appendix A4: Sensitivity and Break-Even Analysis

This table models five capacity scenarios to illustrate the Hub's financial resilience across a range of utilisation outcomes. All figures exclude loan repayment obligations.

Important: The TDC contribution is modelled as variable in the break-even scenarios (scaled at the same % as capacity) but as a fixed \$45,000 in the 70% and 100% scenarios. If the TDC contribution is a fixed annual grant, it should be \$45,000 in all scenarios. This should be clarified in the Council Operating Agreement.

	%	Break-Even Yr1	%	Break-Even Yr5	%	70% Scenario	%	80% Scenario	%	100% (Yr5)
Fitness Centre	28%	\$100,100	65%	\$236,600	70%	\$254,800	80%	\$291,200	100%	\$364,000
Churn Adjustment	15%	(\$15,015)	15%	(\$35,490)	15%	(\$38,220)	15%	(\$43,680)	15%	(\$54,600)
Function Room	28%	\$8,366	65%	\$19,773	70%	\$21,294	80%	\$24,336	100%	\$27,624
Sports Hall	28%	\$9,592	65%	\$22,672	70%	\$24,416	80%	\$27,904	100%	\$37,872
Meeting Rooms	28%	\$8,603	65%	\$20,334	70%	\$21,898	80%	\$25,027	100%	\$36,160
TDC Contribution	28%	\$12,375	65%	\$29,250	100%	\$45,000	80%	\$36,000	100%	\$45,000
TOTAL REVENUE		\$124,020		\$293,139		\$329,188		\$360,787		\$456,056
Total Fixed Costs		\$91,301		\$221,828		\$222,730		\$223,520		\$225,775
Total Variable Costs		\$32,000		\$71,000		\$71,000		\$64,000		\$71,000
CPI Adjustment		\$3,083		\$7,321		\$7,343		\$7,188		\$7,419
TOTAL OPEX		\$123,301		\$292,828		\$293,730		\$287,520		\$296,775
SURPLUS (pre-loan)		\$720		\$311		\$35,459		\$73,267		\$154,209
Margin		~1%		~0%		11%		20%		34%

Appendix A5: Pricing Structure

This table presents the full three-tier pricing schedule for all spaces and booking durations. Rates are benchmarked against comparable Nelson-Tasman facilities and are positioned as accessible community infrastructure pricing.

Tier	Meeting Room	Sports Hall	Function Room	Half Function Room	Discount Applied
CORPORATE / GOVERNMENT					
Hourly	\$40	\$50	\$50	\$25	Base rate
Half day / Evening (4hrs)	\$144	\$180	\$180	\$90	10% discount
Full day (8hrs)	\$288	\$360	\$360	\$180	10% discount
NOT FOR PROFIT / SMALL BUSINESS					
Hourly	\$32	\$40	\$40	\$20	Base rate
Half day / Evening (4hrs)	\$115	\$144	\$144	\$72	10% discount
Full day (8hrs)	\$224	\$288	\$288	\$140	~12.5% discount
VOLUNTEER / COMMUNITY GROUPS					
Hourly	\$28	\$35	\$35	\$18	Base rate
Half day / Evening (4hrs)	\$98	\$123	\$123	\$63	~12.5% discount
Full day (8hrs)	\$190	\$238	\$238	\$122	15% discount
SPECIAL RATES					
Theatre production (community)	\$3,360 per production (72hrs)		6 rehearsal days × 6hrs + 6 performance days × 6hrs = 72 total hrs		
Theatre production (professional)	\$3,840 per production (72hrs)		6 rehearsal days × 6hrs + 6 performance days × 6hrs = 72 total hrs		
Wedding package	\$1,200 per event		Full day hire		
Private function	\$600 per event				
Business / conference function	\$900 per event				
Series discount (6+ bookings)			Further 10% — at management discretion		

Benchmarking: Wakefield rates are significantly below Theatre Royal Nelson (~\$115/hr for hall hire) and broadly in line with other local Community Centres. This positions the Hub competitively as a community-first facility while maintaining viable revenue. A further 10% series discount may be offered at the Hubs discretion for community and volunteer groups booking 6 or more sessions simultaneously.

Appendix A6: Model Assumptions

The following assumptions underpin all revenue and expenditure projections in this business case. They should be reviewed annually and updated as actual operating data becomes available.

Cost Item	Low Estimate	High Estimate	Year 1 Budget	Year 5 Budget	Basis / Notes
FIXED COSTS					
Staffing (Manager)	\$80,000	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$150,000	50% Yrs 1–2 (part-time/contract), 100% from Yr 3
Cleaning (Contract)	\$18,000	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000	~\$400/week for high-use facility
Insurance	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	Building, Public Liability, Assets
Rates / Fixed Levies	\$6,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	Utility levies — even with TDC support
Audit & Accounting	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	Annual financial audit
Software / Subscriptions	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	Gym mgmt system (Mindbody/Xplor) + Xero
Security	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	24/7 access system
Sinking Fund	2.5% rev	2.5% rev	2.5% rev	2.5% rev	2.5% of annual revenue — asset preservation
VARIABLE COSTS					
Electricity / Gas	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$8,000	\$20,000	40% Yr1 (partial fit-out), 100% from Yr2
Basic R&M (Repairs)	\$10,000	\$35,000	\$1,750	\$35,000	5% Yr1 → 100% Yr5. Ramps as warranties expire
Gym Equipment Maintenance	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$250	\$5,000	5% Yr1 → 100% Yr5. Servicing all gym equipment
Marketing	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	100% from Yr1. Ads, signage, membership retention
Consumables	\$2,000	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	100% from Yr1. Cleaning, paper, lightbulbs

Waste Management	\$2,400	\$3,500	\$1,400	\$3,500	40% Yr1, 100% from Yr2. Bin collections
KEY MODEL ASSUMPTIONS		Detail			
CPI Inflation Adjustment	2.5% applied to total OPEX annually				
Churn / Vacancy Buffer	15% applied to Fitness Centre gross membership revenue				
Staffing Scale-Up	50% (part-time) Years 1–2 → 100% (full-time) Year 3 onwards				
R&M Ramp	5% (Yr1) → 10% (Yr2) → 50% (Yr3) → 80% (Yr4) → 100% (Yr5)				
Sinking Fund	2.5% of total projected revenue, accumulated annually				
TDC Contribution	\$45,000 per annum fixed operational grant				
Gym Membership Base	500 members × \$14/week = \$364,000 gross p.a.				
Rates Payback Loan	\$2,100,000 — proposed at 0% interest / 20yr deferred to Year 3, subject to Council approval				

Appendix A7: Capital Cost & Construction – Funding Source (Loan Terms)

All figures are preliminary estimates. A formal Quantity Surveyor report is required before final Council approval.

Cost Component	Estimated Cost (NZD)	% of Total	Status	Notes
Construction & Structure	\$8,500,000	76%	Preliminary	Indicative estimate — subject to QS
Fitness Centre Equipment Fit-Out	\$450,000	4%	Preliminary	Commercial-grade gym equipment
Commercial Kitchen & Function Spaces	\$600,000	5%	Preliminary	Civil defence capable kitchen
Accessibility & Clinical Fit-Out	\$750,000	3%	Preliminary	Ramps, sensory lighting, accessible rooms
Contingency (12%)	\$900,000	8%	Preliminary	Industry standard allowance at this design stage
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$11,200,000	100%		

Funding Source	Amount (NZD)	% of Total	Status	Notes
Reserve Fund Contribution (TDC)	\$6,600,000	59%	Confirmed	Drawn from Council reserve funds
Community Fundraising & Donations	\$2,500,000	22%	Target	Named donor programme + Rata Foundation + grants
Rates Payback Loan	\$2,100,000	19%	Proposed	0% interest / 20yr deferred to Year 3 — subject to Council approval
TOTAL FUNDING	\$11,200,000	100%		

Why 20 Years? — Loan Term Analysis

The table below shows why 20 years is the recommended loan term. It is the shortest term at which: (1) the Year 5 post-loan surplus is positive, and (2) the Years 1–2 cash reserve fully covers the Years 3–5 shortfall without external support.

Term	Annual Repayment	Year 5 Post-Loan	Reserve Position	Verdict
10 years	\$210,000	(\$58,268)	Gap — not viable	X Not viable
15 years	\$140,000	\$11,732	Marginal	X Not viable
17 years	\$123,529	\$28,203	Viable	X Not viable
20 years — PROPOSED	\$105,000	\$46,732	Surplus of \$146,994	✓ Proposed — reserve covers gap, Yr5 positive
25 years	\$84,000	\$67,732	Surplus of \$146,994	✓ Viable — lower annual burden
30 years	\$70,000	\$81,732	Surplus of \$146,994	✓ Viable — lowest annual burden

Appendix A8: Sensitivity Analysis — Financial Model

This table models six capacity scenarios from break-even through to full utilisation. All figures are pre-loan-repayment. Under the proposed 0% interest / 20-year loan structure, \$105,000/yr in repayments applies from Year 3.

Item	Annual Base	Break-Even Yr1 (28%)	Year 1 Target (40%)	Break-Even Yr5 (65%)	Year 3 Plan (80%)	Year 5 Target (100%)
Capacity %	Steady State	28%	40%	65%	80%	100%
REVENUE						
Fitness Centre (net, after churn)	\$309,400	\$86,632	\$123,760	\$201,110	\$247,520	\$309,400
Function Room	\$27,624	\$8,596	\$12,280	\$19,955	\$24,560	\$27,624
Sports Hall	\$37,872	\$9,766	\$15,149	\$22,672	\$27,904	\$37,872
Multipurpose Meeting Room	\$36,160	\$8,759	\$14,464	\$20,334	\$25,026	\$36,160
TDC Contribution (fixed)	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
TOTAL REVENUE		\$158,753	\$209,422	\$309,071	\$373,845	\$456,056
OPEX						
Staffing	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Cleaning	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000
Insurance	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Rates / Levies	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Audit & Accounting	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
Software / Subscriptions	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000

Security	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Sinking Fund (2.5% rev)	2.5% rev	\$3,969	\$5,188	\$7,727	\$9,250	\$11,282
Electricity / Gas	\$20,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$13,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Basic R&M	\$35,000	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$17,500	\$28,000	\$35,000
Gym Equipment Maintenance	\$5,000	\$250	\$250	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$5,000
Marketing	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Consumables	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
Waste Management	\$3,500	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
CPI Adjustment (2.5%)		\$506	\$826	\$1,452	\$1,663	\$1,912
TOTAL OPEX		\$162,875	\$164,414	\$192,679	\$288,413	\$298,694
SURPLUS (pre-loan)		(\$4,122)	\$43,091	\$116,392	\$81,597	\$152,569
Surplus Margin (pre-loan)		—	21%	38%	22%	34%

All sensitivity figures are pre-loan repayment. Under the proposed 0% interest / 20-year terms, \$105,000/yr applies from Year 3. Break-even scenario (28%) produces a small deficit at Year 1 scale; the Hub requires approximately 29% capacity to cover Year 1 OPEX before loan obligations.