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TENA KOUTOU KATOA - TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We write in support of the Mapua Hall Society's 2017 grant application to the Rata Foundation. The Mapua and Districts Community Association is just one of the many groups which hold regular meetings and events at the hall, but our Association's community mandate places us in a unique position to be engaged with and aware of just how extensively this hall continues to be used.

The Mapua hall is used by multiple groups and individuals every day. Indeed, it is an integral hub for Mapua and surrounding areas. In addition, the hall is well utilised as an event centre – everything from private functions to art exhibitions and community fundraising and group events. A paid staff member to coordinate this level of activity is absolutely essential to the efficient functioning of the hall. The co-ordinator also supports our voluntary work by acting as a conduit for our correspondence. Even then, that staff member is supported by several hall volunteers; evidence of the work required to maintain the smooth operation of the hall and its associated activities.

Our Association is proud to support this funding application on behalf of Mapua Hall and would be happy to be contacted if further information is required.

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