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TENA KOUTOU KATOĀ - TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We write in support of the Mapua Hall Society's grant application to the Lotteries Board to seal the hall car park with asphalt.

As the Board will be aware, the Mapua Hall received a major upgrade only a few years ago and is now a superb facility for this community. Unfortunately, the depleted and pot holed state of the parking area causes constant damage and requires continuous maintenance for the hall due to the gravel, sand and general detritus being trampled through the hall.

There are many community groups who use the hall car park to access the nearby playground, tennis courts and sports fields. The Mapua and Districts Community Association (MDCA) knows from our own use, how important it is to define the hall car park for those users.

In addition, the hall itself is used by multiple groups and individuals every day. Indeed, it is an integral hub for Mapua and surrounding areas. The hall is also well utilised as an event centre – everything from private functions to art exhibitions and community fundraising and group events. This constant use is continually damaging the car park and the repeated layers of gravel applied over the years, are expensive and only mitigate the problem for short periods of time.

The MDCA 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 is used.

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.

Naku noa nā,

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Chairperson

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