

OUR LIBRARY. OUR POOL. OUR TOWN. OUR FUTURE.



We all want the best for our children, grandchildren and future generations.

And we all know the current library and pool are past their used-by date and are no longer fit for purpose.

As a community, we have already carefully considered all the options and agreed that the best solution is a combined facility on a centrally located site.

The Bruce Community Facilities Trust (BCFT) is made up of locals dedicated to ensuring that our community's vision is upheld and is spearheading the fundraising effort.

The Trust has committed to raising \$2million through community effort, grants and can apply to funders that Council cannot. We have indications of strong support from these agencies. Applications will be submitted after the necessary resource and building consents have been issued.

The great news... we already have \$200,000 in the bank!

The Bruce community has shown incredible support for this forward-thinking project. Service clubs, groups, schools, organisations and many individuals have donated significant sums of money and continue to drive fundraising activities, expressing excitement, enthusiasm and confidence for the project.

Why is there another consultation?

Council's updated estimate now includes all the costs for the project. The increase means CDC needs to consult and seek further feedback from the Community.

WHAT IS THE REAL COST OF DOING NOTHING?

If we decide to do nothing, at first glance it may appear that we are saving money.
But we would not be cost saving - we would be cost shifting.

Both the pool and library buildings are at the end of their life.
The estimated cost of repairs and upgrades would be similar to new builds.

For generations “The Pool” has been a favourite entertainment and recreation option, especially for the younger generation. If our existing pool is forced to close, the 450 school students in our community will no longer have easy access to water safety and swimming lessons. Losing our pool would mean our kids would be forced to travel by bus to Balclutha or Mosgiel for swimming lessons. This equates to more time out of class, huge transport costs and a need for additional parent help.

Ultimately, our children will lose a vital opportunity to develop critical life skills.

The wonderful staff at our Library/Service Centre do a fantastic job, but in an increasingly challenging environment. They host activities, events, groups, learners and meetings in a grossly inadequate space.

By choosing an option that means a loss of amenities, we will ultimately fail to keep our town current and functional. We then dramatically reduce our opportunities to attract and retain residents who will become rate-payers, school attenders, employees, volunteers, friends and neighbours.

In reality, the rates rise will be about the cost of one coffee a week at your favourite cafe...

GROWING TOWN, FUTURE FOCUS

Our town is at a crossroads. We now have a choice to make: stagnant or continue to grow.

Major work is happening to update Union Street. The Stewart reserve has modern new toilets and will be transformed into an inviting, user-friendly space. There has been a noticeable influx of visitors using these facilities and the beautiful Clutha Gold Cycle Trail. New subdivisions are being developed providing housing options for both current residents and newcomers.

These advances create opportunities for business growth and economic development. A new Library and Service Centre along with a year-round, modern swimming pool will cater to the growing population with:

- State of the art modern Library and community space
- Learning and social opportunities for youth and older people
 - More activities for babies, toddlers and their families
- Recreation, relaxation and wellbeing for locals and visitors
 - Exercise and physical rehabilitation/patient recovery
 - Water safety, education and competition
- Attraction and retention of residents with functional, inviting facilities
 - Stimulation of business and employment
- Central location for easy access to more residents
 - Improvement of the appearance of Union Street

With around 7000 vehicle movements each day, Milton is already a bustling service hub catering to the wider district. For the first time in decades, we have a clear path to accelerate our growth and development. This complex will be an exciting addition to Milton that will enable us to grow and flourish.

Let's make sure that we are going into this consultation with our eyes open about the long-term consequences of our decision and create something we can all be proud of!

[Watch this space for more info and visit the website: brucecommunitypool.nz!](http://brucecommunitypool.nz/)