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This submission is made by Creswick Valley Residents Association on behalf of its members and supporters.

This submission is made in relation to the community facilities in the Northland area that are specifically mentioned in the document - that is Northland Memorial Community Centre and Ian Galloway Park and surrounds. We acknowledge that these are used by residents from throughout Wellington, particularly the western suburbs and, similarly, that Northland residents use facilities throughout the region. They are important and valuable facilities for all users, and we think there is opportunity to increase their utilisation and value to the community by improving the facilities.

**Re Northland Memorial Community Centre:** Northland is lucky to have this facility within our community. It is a community-organisation run centre, run by a volunteer committee, and is well-utilised.

It is a large, older building with a single large hall and stage, and two smaller, connected, rooms that are up narrow stairs. The bathrooms are on the ground floor. The current committee has overseen improvements such as lighting and sound systems but, as with all older buildings there is significant ongoing maintenance and work is required to modernise kitchens/toilets for example and improve access. Being locally run there is considerable overhead with managing of booking arrangements/website management, and provision of staff / opening hours.

Action F9 of the Plan recommends a review of the Western/Onslow community facilities, in light of possible closure of the Wadestown facility, and the development of the new facility in Karori. We support the need for this review and encourage WCC council to consult with the wider community as well as existing users and, in this case, the NMCC Management Committee. That review should gather information on the uses of each centre, the functionality of the building relative to the range of uses sought, and the appropriateness of the mixed model of delivery – particularly opportunities to stream-line administration processes for users, so that a coath . CVRA would welcome the opportunity to be involved as a representative of the Northland community in such a review.

**Re Ian Galloway Park:** This is a large but relatively under-utilised area, with a lack of accessible available facilities (the sole toilet block is locked unless there is a scheduled game occurring). With the loss of Wilton Park, we consider there is scope for improvements and better utilisation of the playing fields. In addition, CVRA has been working with Capital BMX and others to ensure the provision of toilets at the popular and well utilised BMX track and dog exercise area (this provision for temporary toilets is noted in the Plan).

Action U8 of the Plan indicates that a review of the park and master planning is underway. It is important that the community is involved in this - and that the wide range of users and potential users are canvassed. The park users mentioned in the “facilities/focus” are limited; a meeting

convened by Diane Calvert last year to discuss the park identified many current users and future potential users. At that meeting an initial and indicative wish list for development of the park was developed by the attendees. Any review needs to consider provision of ancillary facilities to the playing fields (toilets, changing rooms for all users) as well as provision for car parking, while encouraging and maintaining access to the Park by other modes - pedestrian and cycle. In particular, during large events, there is often congestion along Curtis St, from Whitehead Road through to Cardinal McKeefrey School which makes it difficult for pedestrians to cross the road safely.

We look forward to being involved in discussion on both of these initiatives.

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