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Tēnā koe

We are contacting you to notify you of the requested lease and invite iwi and hapū feedback on the proposed lease.

Russell Playcentre has been operating from 14 Church Road, Russell, since 1960. Russell Playcentre is a well-established community playcentre that serves the communities of Russell, Paihia, Opuā and Waikare.

It is the only playcentre in Russell and strives to provide complete early childhood education service for children aged 0-6, teaching through free play, empowering within safe limits and providing support and education to families. They are a bicultural organisation, encouraging the use of Te Reo and regularly visiting their local marae. They have approached Council and requested a new ground lease over the Local Purpose Reserve.

The proposed lease term is 30 years, broken into three x 10 year terms.

The process for entering a lease on a Local Purpose Reserve does not require public consultation. However, we feel it is important to notify Iwi/hapū in the Russell locality of the lease proposal.

If you would like further information, discuss this proposal further, have any questions or want to share feedback, please do not hesitate to get in contact with Michelle Rockell at michelle.rockell@fndc.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely,



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