

**Submitter: Kelvin Holmes**

This submission is with regard to the funding of the Memorial Hall only being rated within the Methven Community Board boundary.

The increased funds required are due to the ongoing running costs of the ihub that was created last year in response to the ADC ceasing funding to Experience Mid Canterbury for isite operations. The ihub had the support of the council and the MHMH and I would believe the wider Methven Community at the time of establishment.

The ihub and hall both benefit a far larger group of people than those within the Methven boundary. Much of the activity of the ihub is selling passes for DOC walks & huts and other activities outside of the Methven area. They give information for the Ashburton Lakes area, Mt Somers and other foothill communities and events.

The rate increase to Methven residents is sitting around 14.5%. In view of the above I would suggest that \$30,000 is transferred to the cost centre that covers the cost of tourism to ChristchurchNZ. This, I believe, would spread some of these costs over the total population as I believe the general rate collects the amount. This notion has the general agreement of the MHMH board and the Methven Community Board.

Thanks for taking the time to read my submission

**Kelvin Holmes**

**\*\*Kelvin would like to speak in support of his submission.**