# Video Transcript: Making a more welcoming hall in Laharum

Audio: Music playing.

**Vision:** Map showing the location of Laharum. Tales from Tiny Towns.

**Vision:** Aerial view of Laharum and beyond. Views of sheep and the Laharum Sporting Complex building and scoreboard. View across paddock. View of signs showing values of Laharum. View of the public hall.

*Maurice Dumesny - Laharum Public Hall President*

The hall was started in 1951 and completed in ’52, with mainly volunteer labour.

**Vision:** View of artwork in the hall.

*Maurice Dumesny*

Over the years the hall had weddings, funerals.

**Vision:** View of the exterior of the hall.

*Judy Berendsen - Laharum Public Hall Secretary.*

The relief centre.

*Maurice Dumesny*

The relief centre for fires.

*Judy Berendsen*

For fires.

*Maurice Dumesny*

Yeah.

**Vision:** Views of performances in the hall. View of table with brochures. View of hall and sporting oval.

*Judy Berendsen*

Melodramas, concerts. We have regular meetings, yoga groups, land care and we use by the local football club for some of their events.

**Vision:** View of artworks. View of soiree supper with people attending.

*Judy Berendsen*

We’ve got a Gariwerd Artists Group, and on a monthly basis nowadays we have a soiree and that involves local people attending. I noticed that Tiny Towns Grant had become available and put it to the committee.

**Vision:** Aerial view of the hall. View of the acoustic ceiling and split system for air conditioning the hall.

*Judy Berendsen*

The City Council auspice the improvements which were the acoustic ceiling in our supper room, and two split systems to assist with heating and cooling.

**Vision:** View of people chatting in the hall at the soiree supper.

*Maurice Dumesny*

The echo of the supper room at the time was very loud, but with the new ceiling we have already seen the benefits with having out soiree teas, you can actually hear people talking across the table.

**Vision:** View of the exterior of the hall. View of various photos and federation mural.

*Judy Berendsen*

It’s an ever-changing community, so to see continued use it makes it worthwhile.

**Vision:** View of the exterior of the hall, the water tank with people’s names on it and aerial view of hall and surrounding area.

*Maurice Dumesny*

It’s a welcome asset for the district.

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