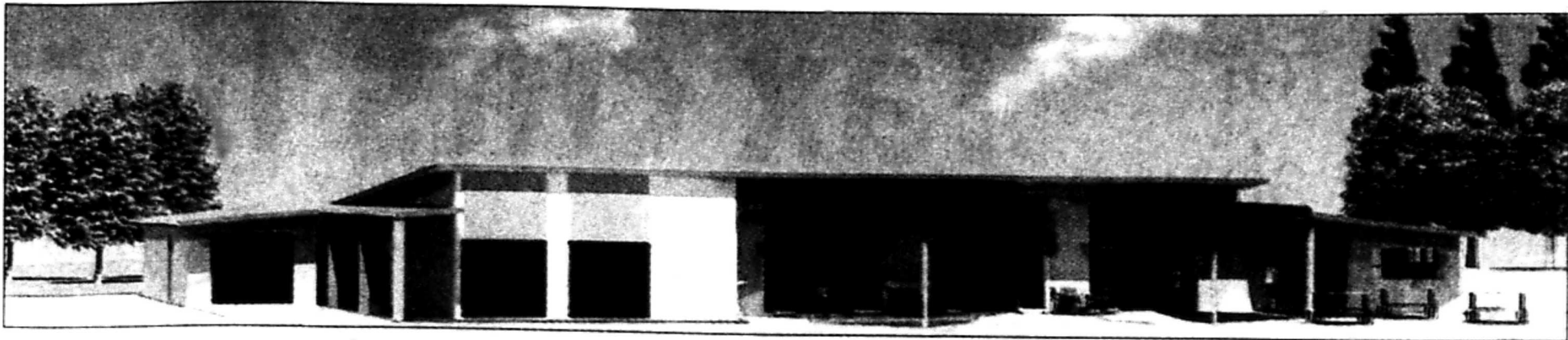




The new-look Normanby Hall.

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Council shows off hall replacement

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THE design for the new Normanby Hall has been approved by the South Taranaki District Council.

A steering committee made up of hall users has been working with local designer Jack Rangiwahia since the hall was burnt down in August to come up with a new facility.

The cost of building the hall will exceed the insurance payout according

to an independent quantity surveyors estimates by about \$200,000, so it will be built in three stages.

Money left from the insurance payout is \$758,909 after demolition, design fees, Portacom hire, building permit fees and Government levies has been paid.

Stage one, includes the main hall, meeting room, kitchen, changing rooms, showers, storage and indoor toilets, is estimated to cost \$800,400.

Part of the \$104,000 contingency fund

that was allocated for refurbishment of the hall last year will be used to make up the balance.

Stage two is the covered walkway and paving and stage three includes outdoor toilets and shade cloth.

If the community can raise the estimated \$173,145 for the remaining stages and the council approves the plans, the work on those stages will proceed.

The council will now put the plans out for public tender.