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PLEDGES SOUGHT TO INSTALL MOTION ACTIVATED 'PAN' CAMERAS IN TAUMARUNUI CBD

Enterprising Taumarunui Incorporated (ETI) is seeking pledges to raise \$6,500 to upgrade the security cameras planned for the Taumarunui CBD to allow for motion activated 'pan' cameras that can change direction in place of 'fixed' direction cameras in the original proposal.

ETI Chairman, David Hammond, said that local businesses through ETI have already raised the funding required for the installation of the fixed direction cameras within the Taumarunui CBD.

"The whole project was given a lift by a \$2,000 pledge from King Country Energy," he said.

"Local business, Appliance Spot, have won the contract for the supply of the cameras with a generous 'at cost' tender using Panasonic cameras."

"ETI and the Police (who will be monitoring the cameras) have recommended that the fixed direction cameras be upgraded to motion activated 'pan' cameras that are able to swing right around and provide significantly enhanced coverage," he said.

"Panasonic's motion activated 'pan' cameras are brilliant."

"The image quality is great and any crims who want to do a 'smash n grab' from our shops in the future will get a heck of a shock."

Acting Senior Sergeant, Paul Dowie, said that the Police have actively supported this initiative for some years and believe that surveillance cameras within the Taumarunui CBD will have a significant impact on assisting to reduce offending and identifying criminals.

"Video from private premises in the business precinct has already assisted with investigations and achieving successful prosecutions," he said.

"Unfortunately this coverage is extremely limited and we feel that the greater coverage provided by the installation of the 'pan' capable security cameras will help to reduce crime and provide for greater public perceptions of safety."

Mr Hammond said that local businesses through ETI have already raised the money to cover fixed camera and now only need a little more to upgrade to pan capable cameras.

“ETI already have 12 pledges from local businesses and are now seeking support from other businesses, organisations or individuals with the aim of having the cameras installed by Christmas.”

“We are still also working on getting power to the camera sites which The Lines Company is assisting us with.”

“Anyone wanting to support this fantastic initiative can contact ETI via Dianne Bunn at the Taumarunui REAP office on 896 8690.”

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Location of security cameras for Taumarunui CBD

