Taumarunui Public Toilet Concept Design Challenge

The new public toilet project forms a key part of the revitalisation vision for Taumarunui as a vibrant service township and gateway to the volcanic plateau.

The project fits within Council's larger revitalisation strategy for Taumarunui that combines support for local business with infrastructure investment.

We know from the success of Council's public toilet in Waiouru that opened in 2015 the importance and impact that good architecturally designed buildings can have on their environment and surrounding community.

They have been a huge success with both local residents and the travelling public and last year won the 'Best Loo' category in the Keep NZ Beautiful Awards. Their design purposefully aims to capture and reflect aspects of the township's history, character and future by mimicking the design of the National Army Museum.

With its adjoining picnic and amenity area the new Waiouru toilets has been successful in getting travellers to stop and take a break rather than just driving through town. This is providing benefits to local businesses and by allowing drivers to rest is reducing the risk of driver fatigue on Ruapehu roads.

This new public toilet project and surrounding street landscaping along Hakiaha St (SH4) provides a great opportunity to deliver similar benefits for Taumarunui.

To help identify a design that reflects Taumarunui's history, character and future we want to invite anyone one with a bright, exciting, iconic, concept idea for the possible look of the new Taumarunui toilets to enter the 'Taumarunui Public Toilet Concept Design Challenge'.

Entering is simple.

All you need to do is draw a concept of what you think the outside of the new toilets should look like on a piece of A4 paper with your name and contact number and drop or send it in to Council.

Who can enter?

The Challenge is open to everyone and anybody with a concept idea in mind. We would like to receive concept design ideas from as many people as possible from kids and schools to individuals, group entries and even professional architects and designers.

How will the concept design ideas be used?

A panel comprising representatives from Council and various disciplines including art, building, landscape design, architecture and engineering will assess all the concept design ideas.

While the focus is on having fun, we would like to think that we would get some iconic or memorable concept ideas and be able to use one, or some of these, to help inform what the final toilet facility design might look like.

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Entry, Entries = Concept Design

The 'Taumarunui Public Toilet Concept Design Challenge' is intended as a fun way to increase community interest, feelings of ownership and engagement with the project and the township revitalisation journey.

All Entries become the property of Ruapehu District Council. In Entering the 'Taumarunui Public Toilet Concept Design Challenge' the person entering consents without reservation to the concept design being used by Ruapehu District Council as they see fit.

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Challenge Entry period is open from 10 September 2017 to 20 October 2017 but may be amended at the discretion of Ruapehu District Council.

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