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Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) – reference: OIR 2122-224

I refer to your information request we received on 29 March 2022 for the following:

1. *In the old Waikanae toilet blocks, how many toilets were for men, for women?*

Two female, one male and one accessible, providing a total of four toilets.

2. *With the new 'loos' how many public toilets will Waikane shopping centre have?*

The Waikanae shopping centre has two Exeloo's in operation. Each Exeloo has two mixed and one accessible toilet, providing a total of six toilets. This does not include toilets available to users of amenities and businesses (such as cafes) in the vicinity.

- ***How many people use the loos / visit Waikanae shops each day (old info. needed to determine how many WCs to build)?***

The Council does not currently track usage of toilets, however we are looking to install toilet counters in all areas in the next financial year. Again, many businesses and amenities provide toilet facilities; Council-owned public conveniences are not the only facilities available.

3. *Can we use gallery toilets, cost free, if the new block has a queue /is out of use? If not, why not?*

The Gallery is not yet completed. This issue has not yet been addressed.

4. *What size is each toilet, ie do both suit disabled users?*

As noted in answer to question 2 (part 1), each of the Exeloo toilets has a purpose-designed accessible toilet.

- ***What is the \$ difference (between 1 narrow+1 wide door vs 2 wide)?***

The toilets are manufactured with single and accessible stalls as required by the building code and as part of their design, all the doors are sized to suit the standards required for access. Because accessible toilets are designed into the Exeloo, it is not possible to split out the cost differences.

5. The toilet at Tasman Rd, Otaki has been closed almost three months. When will it open?

This facility sustained significant damage due to fire vandalism. Contractors were engaged to make the toilet operational as soon as possible, however there was a delay due to the availability of some required parts. Work is scheduled to commence in late April and should take four – six weeks to complete.

6. Is The Pots toilet, Otaki Gorge fully working?

Yes.

- **Have you a usage record?**

No. As noted in answer to question 2 (part 2), the Council is looking to install toilet counters in the next financial year.

- **Has it been vandalised?**

Vandalism is a constant with all of the Council's public toilets.

7. KCDC say they will spend \$0.5m± to make Historic Place listed Pavilion meet earthquake standard. The listing means its profile/walls cannot be altered. Can KCDC make its WCs+changing rooms meet the three requirements of (a) Disability legislation (b) Historic Places requirements (c) a growing population?

Yes. The design of the toilets in the Ōtaki Pavilion must meet the requirements of the Building, Plumbing and Drainage codes, plus Heritage requirements. Were they not to do so, building consent would not be granted. This is not uncommon for heritage buildings.

8. There are 2ea WCs for men and women at Otaki Beach. Do they meet disability toilet requirements? If not, how will KCDC meet the legal requirements plus provide change and shower amenities for all users?

As noted in answer to question 7, all of our amenities must meet legal requirements to obtain building consent.

9. Given population increases, climate change and increased fitness regimes, eg year round sea swim, how will KCDC provide 2022 standard showers for swimmers in the space-restricted 1938 build Pavilion?

This has been considered in the scope of any upgrade to this building, however because it is a Heritage building there are restrictions in what can be achieved.

- **Does KCDC intend that Otaki swimmers continue to queue to use a single-shower wind-swept, sand-covered, exposed-to-public gaze, concrete slab outside?**

There is no plan to change the existing shower unit.

- **Is that all KCDC meant in the LTP 2021-24 which says: "we will also fully upgrade and strengthen Otaki Beach pavilion toilets."?**

All necessary works will be undertaken in order to ensure the building meets the required Building Codes.

10. Why are Otaki Beach WCs of lower standard than: Haruatai play area, Main Rd south, by Sunday market, North end Main Rd WCs, cricket/hockey/football users/fans by the splashpad?

The Pavilion Toilets when upgraded will be of similar standard

- **WCs by the Anzac Plinth had a new facade in the 2012 multi-million S Main St upgrade, WCs unchanged. But \$5000+ went on corton steel bollards to 'represent' soldiers. What much move was it to move them to widen the road lanes?**

We are unclear as to what is being requested with this question.

11. What population is KCDC working to for Otaki beach amenity plan? The 1938 population was 2000±. There is amazement, sorrow and a wry expectation, reading KCDCs LTP 2020-21, re Ōtaki Pool upgrade - Stage 2 includes upgrading changing rooms, increasing heat efficiency of building, reducing carbon footprint. Cost: \$3.4 million over years 2 and 3 of the plan. (Stage 1 Otaki Pool, 2017 - KCDC key project (2015-2035 LTP) \$5.4m - rebuilt pool hall, doors replaced walls with windows and glass; added acoustic panels ; upgraded entrance/reception area; added main pool access ramp; water filtration systems and air flow upgraded to improve temperature. Splash pad water is filtered, and recirculated.) None of the \$8.8m increases actual swimming in the Otaki Council Community funded Olympic size pool. The purpose of the pool.

The Council's growth strategy can be found at [Completed – Growth strategy - Kāpiti Coast District Council \(kapiticoast.govt.nz\)](https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/completed-growth-strategy)

All of our aquatics (and other) facilities need to be properly maintained, upgraded and managed to meet modern standards of quality, safety and service, including expectations around energy usage and climate response.

The Long-term Plan involved extensive public consultation.

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