New loos open for business

PIOPIO'S flush new public toilets are open for business.

The two month build by Hamilton's ESN Construction was finished last week with the toilets opening on Friday.

The decision by the Waitomo District Council to build the new \$220,000 block was made to cater for the growing demand on the SH3 facility.

A survey of users between mid-January and mid-February revealed an intersesting statistic - 7000 men and 7000 women used the toilets between mid-January and mid-February.

MODERN DESIGN

The modern design increases the men's stall from one urinal and one toilet to three urinals and one toilet, while the women's stall now has three toilets.

The men's and women's stalls will be closed at night however, the sole disabled-access unit will be open all hours.

SUITABLE ASSET

Mayor Brian Hanna says the new "substantially bigger" toilet block is a much more suitable asset for the community.

"We met with members of Project Piopio Trust there on Thursday and they were absolutely rapt with it," he says.

"With the neighbouring Kara Park and Fat Pigeon Cafe, it would be our most heavily used toilet facility in the district so it did require a major upgrade to cope with the growing volumes and I think it looks great."

Demolition of the old public toilet began on Friday.





SITTING PRETTY: The brand new public toilets on SH3 in Piopio, which opened last week (above) are designed to cater for large numbers of visitors and replace the old toilets (right) which are being demolished



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