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## **New toilets for Te Anau**

New user-pays toilets are to be built at Lions Park in Te Anau by the Southland District Council.

Area engineer Graham Jones told Council's Audit Performance Audit Committee the present toilets were in need of replacement and were too small for the demand, particularly in summer.

"Busloads are arriving all the time and queues do occur. For the past two weeks we did a count at the toilets and there was an average of 1170 users per day," Mr Jones said.

Council had previously decided to upgrade the toilets but the cost had increased to \$845,000 so further approval was needed, he said.

"We need to do it right because of the demand and because it is one of the most highly used facilities in the district."

The new toilets will have eight male toilets, 16 female toilets and two large family units that also include showers. An attendant on site will make sure the toilets are kept clean.

At night the toilets will be locked but there are two more toilets at the front of the building that will be available.

Users will pay \$1 for using any of the toilets and also pay extra for the showers.

That will mean that after the building is paid for, the toilets will make a net return to Council, Mr Jones said.

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