

Last year Taupō District Council was required to vacate its former administration building at 72 Lake Terrace due to a number of health and safety issues.

The council decided to investigate the development of the area fronting on to Story Place near the Great Lake Centre and the library for a new building as its preferred option. The other two options, in order of preference, were to build on the Tūwharetoa Street carpark or on the former site at 72 Lake Terrace.

Late last year the Mayor and Councillors saw an opportunity to take a good look at the wider picture and to 'do it once and do it right'.

In February, they approved the development of a masterplan for the area by the Great Lake Centre to see what efficiencies could be made, what opportunities could

be capitalised on, and to futureproof any development going forward.

There is a real opportunity to include new cultural, arts and heritage facilities to replace the existing Taupō Museum, but we want to gain a better understanding of the details, including costs, before we make a final decision. We also want to further investigate the potential to attract funding from outside sources as has been done in other centres.

In June 2018, the council selected Warren and Mahoney/Boffa Miskell to deliver a masterplan. They came up with four options that we are seeking your feedback on.

About the options

Each of the options put a high priority on people and public space. This was based on feedback from some key stakeholders and those who attended a public meeting in July.

All options look to use some of the existing buildings in the area, including the Great Lake Centre and library, and strengthen the green open spaces and the connections with one another to create new public areas for the community to enjoy.

The options all include a new museum and a building for council's administration functions.

In all options, car parking will not be compromised and will be merged into the landscape design and located as clusters within the site and on the bounding roads.

THE OPTIONS

OPTION A

This option seeks to provide an integrated approach and includes an upgrade of the existing library and the Great Lake Centre. The council's administration functions would be located on the upper floor above the existing library, with visual site lines back to the harbour and township. An atrium space would be the main entrance into an integrated building which would connect the Great Lake Centre, library, administration functions and public meeting spaces together. A new standalone museum would overlook Tongariro South Domain and would be the feature building seen from the lake skyline. A central plaza space has been designed as an external space binding all buildings together.



KEY

- Existing Buildings
- CAB
- Museum / Cultural
- Atrium
- Future Development (by others)
- Library & Community
- Cultural Plaza & Shared Street
- Connection: Visual
- Connection: Indoor/Outdoor
- Connection: Pedestrian/Cycle
- Parking Zones
- Tree Framework
- Bund Landform Feature
- Vehicular circulation / shared space

Have your say!

We want your feedback. You can tell us what you do or do not like about the options and any other ideas or thoughts you may have at taupo.govt.nz, on the Taupō District Council Facebook page or at one of our customer service centres.



OPTION B

There is currently no connection between the township, the harbour and landing reserve. Visually the water cannot be seen from the township, so this option looks to create a signature building to entice and draw pedestrian connectivity to an integrated museum, council's administration functions, and a community/public amenity building. The building is in a prominent

location and visually seen from the lake and all surrounding locations. An atrium space brings together the museum and council's administration functions and enables sharing of spaces to improve operation.

OPTION C

The existing library is renovated to house the council's administration functions. A new library building is proposed to create a strong gateway entry from Tongariro St into the site with a new museum adjacent, creating a sense of enclosure to the central plaza space. Both buildings front the plaza and Tongariro South Domain, and look towards the lake beyond. This master plan creates

a village environment and draws strong dialogue between building and open space – buildings within a park.

OPTION D

A consolidated scheme where a new museum would be located on the ground floor with shared amenity spaces and council services for the community.

The entrance to the Great Lake Centre is improved and the existing library revitalised. The council's administration functions would be located on the upper floor and on top of the library.

An atrium would unify all facilities together creating a vibrant interconnected cultural building. A new plaza space would create a strong boulevard arrival and directly connect with Tongariro South Domain, the harbour and township.



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Once we receive feedback from the community the Council will consider the information and decide on the next steps. The master planners will then be asked to advance the design of the preferred option. We will consult with the community again on all potential sites for the council's administration functions, and the potential costs, in a more formal way before a final decision is made. That is likely to take place early next year.