

SETTING THE STAGE.

BUILDING A NEW HOME FOR CULTURE AND HERITAGE IN SOUTH CANTERBURY.

We're at a critical part of our journey to build a new centre for culture and heritage for our district and we need the whole community to have their say and offer our councillors a clear view to help with their decision making.

The preferred option is to continue with the project, by refurbishing the Theatre Royal with the changing rooms removed and rebuilt and building the Heritage Facility as part of a single complex.

With the majority of the preparation, preliminary design and costing work completed we need to know which of the three options below that you think we should go ahead with.

You can have your say by posting back the form below, or you can see a lot more detail, see answers to key questions and have your say online at timaru.govt.nz/cultureconsultation

The consultation closes at 6pm on Thursday 24 November.

THE OPTIONS

Option 1:

Theatre Royal refurbished with Back of House removed and rebuilt, and new Heritage Facility built (Preferred Option)

- Creates a major cultural asset for the district with a refurbished theatre that meets modern performance requirements and a new museum and educational facilities.
- Provides enhanced layout and changing facilities that are all on one level and adjoined on one level to the stage, side stage areas and front of house toilets and other facilities
- Major contribution to urban regeneration for South Stafford Street and the wider CBD, bringing people into a quiet part of the CBD during the day and evenings, and acting as a catalyst for redevelopment of surrounding areas.

Total Cost	\$57.1m
Government Contribution	\$11.6m
Community Contribution	\$45.5m

Effect on average property's rates 23/24
\$17.14

Additional Rates Increase LTP years 23-31
0.75%

Option 2:

Theatre Royal with existing Stage House/ Back of House retained and refurbished, and new Heritage Facility built

- Creates a major cultural asset for the district with a mostly refurbished theatre that meets modern performance requirements and a new museum and educational facilities.
- \$1 million cheaper than Option 1, but renovation of the original changing rooms doesn't allow for improvements in layout and the same level of accessibility.
- Major contribution to urban regeneration for South Stafford Street and the wider CBD, bringing people into a quiet part of the CBD during the day and evening, and acting as a catalyst for redevelopment of surrounding areas.

Total Cost	\$56.1m
Government Contribution	\$11.6m
Community Contribution	\$44.5m

Effect on average property's rates 23/24
\$17.14

Additional Rates Increase LTP years 23-31
0.74%

Option 3:

Theatre Royal only refurbished and remaining area landscaped

- Creates a new, refurbished theatre that is up to modern performance requirements, as well as an attractive landscaped green space in the city.
- Would be unlikely to be supported by government funding as it's a significant change in scope to the funding agreement. Although overall project cost would be less, the cost to ratepayers would be similar as there is a high risk that government funding would be lost.
- A standalone or add-on museum development in future would be significantly more expensive and not offer the same benefits of co-design and integration.
- Would not provide the same level of urban regeneration, only bringing people to the area during the evenings when shows are on, similar to the previous situation.

Total Cost	\$40m
Government Contribution	\$0 (or 11.6m*)
Community Contribution	\$40m (or 28.4m*)

* Due to the change in the scope of the project, there is a high risk that the government contribution will be removed and the community will be fully funding this option. This is reflected in the rates figures shown.

Effect on average property's rates 23/24
\$17.10

Additional Rates Increase LTP years 23-31
0.68%

Options that were previously considered:

- Fully rebuilding the stage house and changing rooms was discounted due to the significantly higher costs for relatively modest benefits and the significant challenges of demolishing a heritage listed building that is still fit for purpose.
- Stopping the project was discounted as this would not address any of the issues identified when we gained public support for the plan in 2018-28 Long Term Plan consultation. We would still have to address these issues at some point in the future and costs would be likely to increase significantly.

What will happen next?

Your feedback will be collated and presented to councillors at the Council meeting on Tuesday 6 December. Anyone who has asked to speak to their submission will be able to present their views to Council.



HAVE YOUR SAY!

Feedback Form

(or do this online at timaru.govt.nz/cultureconsultation)

Name:

Phone number:

Email address:

Which option do you support?

- Option 1
- Option 2
- Option 3

Do you have any comments?

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Do you wish to speak to your submission in person?

- Yes
- No

Please note that all information provided as part of this submissions will be made publicly available through the Timaru District Council website. Please advise us if you do not wish this to happen.

Post back to:
Timaru District Council - Culture
Freepost Authority Number 95136
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Timaru 7940



Do you need more information?

For more project details, answers to key questions and to have your say online visit timaru.govt.nz/cultureconsultation or come and talk to us at one of our drop in sessions: Fri 4 Nov, 2-4pm, Council Chambers; Sat 5 Nov 10am-12pm, Theatre Royal Foyer; Mon 7 Nov, 10am-12pm, Geraldine Library; Tue 8 Nov, 10am-12pm, Temuka Library; Wed 9 Nov 4-6pm, Council Chambers; Tue 15 Nov 3-5pm, Council Chambers.