

Appendix 2

Earlier voices from the Community: Why we need a space to tell our stories...

- Bring some badly needed culture to Tauranga.
- Enhance this city, showcase the rich history of our region, make me happier as a resident, make me prouder as a resident.
- Encourage more visits to the city, promotes a sense of pride, a true city involves its citizens by having an art gallery, library, and museum.
- Bring in locals, visitors, school groups, maybe cruise ship sightseers, historians, researchers.
- Help us understand the local history and help build our children's interest in our history.
- Help me learn the history as a new resident, I want to hear all perspectives.
- Learning and celebration, a place to donate treasures!
- Allow me to see my heritage, local history, my culture.
- Help us celebrate our past as we forge our future – our young people need connections to our past in order to inform their future.
- Enhance our cultural fabric, give us a place to store our history and celebrate our city.
- Kids should be shown magic – interactive displays would be good.
- Pride, shared understanding, education, tourism.
- As a teacher it would be wonderful.
- Stop us being an embarrassment international as the city without a museum.
- To attract top people, we must have top cultural facilities.
- Bring a sense of belonging! A must for every city.
- We'll be less of a cultural desert.
- Make me proud of being a local, enable me to 'show off' to visitors our wonderful history.
- It would establish a pride and a regard for the people and events that shaped this city.
- A museum is about the people who live here.

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