

Flush of pride over toilet

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CONSTRUCTION of the Southern Sydney Freight Line through Cabramatta has yielded a new public amenity for Cabramatta shoppers and commuters: an automated toilet block.

The new Exeloo facility replaces the old Cabramatta toilet block, and will be open from 6am to 11pm.

It is owned by NSW Transport, but the costs of maintenance are met by Fairfield Council.

While the council pays up to \$60 a day on high rotation days, it saves on labour costs as the toilet performs its own cleaning functions, washing the whole inside of the toilet cubicle down between uses.

It also records data about number of uses and the times of visits, which can then be used to better align the opening hours with the community's needs.

It brings to four the total number of self-cleaning automatic toilet blocks across the city, including units in the Fairfield town centre and the Fisher Street car park in Cabramatta, which are open for fewer hours to reflect peak shopping times.

But while the new amenity at Cabramatta is valued at \$250,000, the one located in Fisher Street cost the council only \$120,000.

Fairfield mayor Nick Lalich said the "state of the art" toilet was a welcome asset.

"Fairfield City Council has negotiated the provision of this facility by RailCorp to replace the amenity block that the council had built," he said.

"The Exeloo has been well received by the community. It's great to see commuters access this newest service provision by Transport NSW at Cabramatta station."

But while the new, self-cleaning toilets may look like the way of the future, the council says residents won't see the robot-blocks replace all public amenities.



Clean and convenient: A new Exeloo automated public toilet has been installed beside Cabramatta train station as part of the Southern Sydney Freight Line construction deal with Fairfield Council. Picture: Wesley Lonergan