

# Franklin : The Centre



*The Franklin: The Centre Working Party and Franklin District Council are delighted to announce Franklin Plumbing, The World's Most Beautiful Bathroomware, as a major sponsor for Franklin: The Centre*



## Mayoral Comment: Congratulations to Franklin Plumbing for their involvement

"What a great thing to be able to announce - that a major success story for business in Franklin is joining in to support what will be a major centre for the community. My congratulations and thanks to Franklin Plumbing for being a part of Franklin: The Centre.

Peter and Stephen Smith along with their families have been generous supporters of sport in our community and a major support for tennis in Franklin. Tennis has always been a family passion for the Smiths and after spending time at school with me, Stephen spent four years in America on a tennis scholarship.

When you look at their beautiful products you can't help but think that a connection with a centre that will promote and display art is equally fitting. The Franklin Plumbing Showrooms are even based on the philosophy of an Art Gallery.

Franklin Plumbing is a great example of how you can live and work locally here in Franklin and be truly successful."

Mark Ball  
Mayor



## Serving New Zealand from Pukekohe - A History of Franklin Plumbing

Franklin Plumbing is a family owned and operated company that has been based in Pukekohe for over 50 years. In 1958 Peter Smith purchased Franklin Plumbers and Builders Supply Limited and, together with his son Stephen, has built it into one of New Zealand's leading importers of European Bathroomware and one of Franklin District's most successful businesses. Their green building on Stadium Drive is a landmark for most, and Franklin Plumbing has been at the site since the late 1960's although the original building is now only a small part of the current complex.

Peter Smith started Franklin Plumbing when he wanted to branch out on his own selling Plumbing Supplies. Pukekohe was his obvious choice and a place he felt he could make something of himself. Peter still works in Franklin Plumbing most days.

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## Profile of company and products

Franklin Plumbing is not only known for supplying Plumbing and Bathroomware from New Zealand but also, more importantly, is now one of New Zealand's leading importers of European Bathroomware.

Currently they represent 10 European leading brands exclusively in New Zealand.

Franklin Plumbing supplies quality Baths, Showers, Tapware, Toilets, Basins and Bathroom Accessories to customers throughout New Zealand. Along with the excellent European Bathroomware, they also manufacture their own Baths and Shower Programs named after Director Stephen Smith's three sons. Their ranges of bathroomware are supplied not only to the retail market but also to many major projects such as the Metropolis and Sofitel Hotels and many Apartment complexes in Auckland and elsewhere.

They also service the Plumbers and Drainlayers in Franklin and Auckland. Working with International Suppliers like Geberit, Franklin Plumbing can supply customers with a system of compatible and complementary products and services that can improve building procedures, acoustic insulation, water conservation, drainage hydraulics and fire protection.

Franklin: The Centre is lucky indeed to be able to benefit from the expertise and quality products that Franklin Plumbing has to offer.

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Stephen grew up locally and started at Franklin Plumbing in 1983. After 23 years in the business Stephen is a Director and has helped the company grow to be the major supplier to the Hotel and Apartment market. The company has supplied premium developments such as The Ascot Metropolis, Sofitel Queenstown and The Nautilus Orewa.



*Stephen (left) and Peter Smith in their Pukekohe showroom*

## What the Architects Think: A message from Biba Boban, associate architect at ASC, Architects for Franklin: The Centre.

*"Sophisticated technology and simple elegance."*

"Franklin Plumbing is supplying the entire bathroom fittings and fixtures for Franklin: The Centre and these products are 'state of the art' bathroomware.

"They meet both the functionality and durability criteria for a public building, and contribute to the sustainable design elements of this project.

"The clean lines and minimalistic styling of the selected fixtures in the sanitary areas reflect the contemporary style that extends throughout the building. All toilets come with concealed cisterns enhancing the minimalist appearance as well as providing an improved hygienic environment.

"Dual flush pushplates to the toilets and the Schell Infra Red Sensor Taps in the public areas are important features for conserving water. The Hansa Sink Taps come complete with the Eco Cartridge integrated for water and energy savings without loss of comfort.

"Overall the selected fittings feature sophisticated technology and simple elegance which complement the design approach for the Centre. They display its environmental sustainability, running efficiency, and provide a highly functional civic and community facility."



*"Part of Franklin District Council's agreement with the main contractor Gibson O'Connor is that the site remains resource efficient and that they always think about how to reduce, reuse and recycle"*

