

Carillon must be cared for, says donor's family

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IT IS thoughtless to suggest New Plymouth's carillon is past its use-by date, says the family of carillon donor George Kibby.

"If you accept a gift you should be willing to maintain it," Marsh Kibby said yesterday.

Mr Kibby, grandson of the donor, said the New Plymouth District Council should have thought about the costs of upkeep before it accepted the gift.

"It would be a bit sad if it was not kept up."

George Kibby donated the Marsland Hill instrument to the New Plymouth City Council in 1971, but recently the carillon has been neglected.

Estimates for restoration work put the cost at hundreds of thousands of dollars.

New Plymouth parks director Grant Porteous said the council was questioning the value of the carillon.