

NORTHERN CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS SEE TRAFFIC LIGHTS INSTALLED

A PROJECT THAT will see the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Norman Smith Street and Wairakei Drive is underway as we seek to improve the northern access to the Taupō town centre.

Improving safety, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists, is the main driver for the project that will also see traffic calming measures implemented to slow speeds in high risk areas, minor changes to the Poihipi Road and Wairakei Drive intersection, and the completion of the widening of the existing path on Control Gates Hill.

The design work was completed following an expert engineers' report on solutions and consultation with the community.

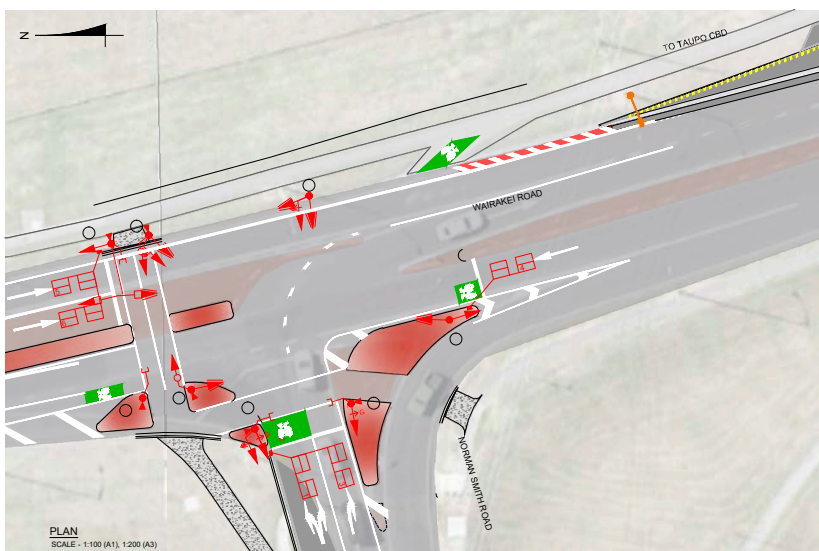
The traffic signal design will be the latest technology that would include a 'resting green phase' to keep traffic flowing on Wairakei Drive when there is no waiting traffic on Norman Smith Street, two right-turning lanes on to Wairakei Drive from Norman Smith Street, and signals to stop traffic for waiting cyclists and pedestrians.

There will also be access improvements for those using Poihipi Road off Wairakei Drive to access the Waikato River.

The project is expected to be completed by the end of June weather permitting.

Top right: The intersection of Norman Smith Street and Wairakei Drive becomes easily congested at peak times.

Bottom right: Traffic signals to be installed will feature the latest technology to help keep traffic flowing.



CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

WE'VE JUST FINISHED consulting with the community on a proposed amendment to the 2018-2028 Long-term Plan regarding the future site of the new council administration building.

People were invited to have their say on four potential options, with the council's preferred option being to build a new stand-alone civic administration building on the site between 61 and 67 Tūwharetoa Street.

The other options were to have a long-term lease of a civic administration building in Taupō

town centre, construction of a new stand-alone civic administration building on the site at 72 Lake Terrace, or construction of a new civic administration building including a café, new iSite and 657m² of community space on the Tongariro Domain adjacent to a new museum, as part of the implementation of the Taupō Cultural Precinct masterplan.

Submissions closed on Friday, May 3 and hearings will be held in June for those people who wanted to share their views with the council in person. Keep an eye on taupo.govt.nz for updates.



Kuratau lakefront

» KURATAU

Erosion control works have been completed at the Kuratau River mouth, in partnership with the local community.

Erosion has been a long-standing issue with the breaking down of the beachfront in the area, following rough weather which causes lake swells onto the grass reserve.

The work involved the installation of silt socks to protect this area by dissipating wave energy during high lake level storm events. They detain any sediment loss from behind the socks, with the top sock the only one exposed. This allows the establishment of grass and other vegetation.



Chief Executive Gareth Green (left) and Mayor David Trewavas

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S **REAPPOINTMENT**

Chief executive Gareth Green has been reappointed to the top job for another five years.

Mayor David Trewavas said the role (which was advertised in February) attracted a number of quality applicants and, with continuing growth in the district and a number of large projects expected over the next few years, the council wanted long-term stability in the top job and continuity with the trajectory it was currently on.

"Gareth has a number of skills that have served both the council and the

district incredibly well since he has been in the position, and we look forward to him continuing to lead the organisation as we move forward," he said. "There are some exciting times ahead."

Mr Green said he was honoured to have the confidence of Council to be reappointed as chief executive.

"Nothing has given me more pride than being able to make a positive contribution to the Taupō District over the last three years and I am excited to be able to continue that for the next five," he said.

REPRESENTATION REVIEW DETERMINES COUNCIL SEATS

The Local Government Commission has upheld a recommendation to have one extra seat at the council table to represent a Taupō East Rural ward, which will cover Oruanui north of Poihipi Road, Broadlands, Rangitaiki, Taharua, and Wairakei-Aratiatia including Ohaaki and Wairakei Village. There will also be no changes to the two seats assigned to the Turangi/Tongariro ward and the one Mangakino/Pouakani seat.

The council reviews how its communities are represented every six years. The decision was made to make a change this year because of an imbalance between representation and populations within the wards. The change means the imbalance will not be as great, but it needed Local Government Commission approval as it was outside the representation guidelines.

Having two seats in the Turangi/Tongariro ward meant those two seats would represent 2,485 residents each. The Mangakino/Pouakani seat would represent 2,900 residents, Taupō East Rural seat 3,067 and each of the seven Taupō seats 3,708.

The Local Body Elections will be held on October 12. Nominations open in July.

» **TURANGI**

Several projects have been completed as part of ongoing efforts to repair, maintain and upgrade Turangi and its surrounding areas.

Roadside upgrades of new kerb and channelling work and a welcome upgrade of the Omori/Te Puke/Pihanga Road intersection were completed, along with the installation of changing facilities at Turangi Park. The changing facilities are shipping containers that have been transformed to include internal and external seating, shower facilities and a viewing deck joins them all together. They have proved popular with local and visiting

sports teams and were used as Taupō District Council played host to the Inter-Council Sports Tournament (ICST) at the park earlier this year.

Turangi Tongariro Board chairman Andy Hema stood down from his governance position last month to take up an operational role as the council's Customer Relations Manager – Turangi. No by-election will be needed given Local Body Elections will be held in October.

» **MANGAKINO**

A new run event called the Waikato River Trails Summer Sizzler was a great way for Mangakino to kick off 2019.

The event featured three categories of 22km, 11km and 6km distances, all finishing on the shores of Lake Maraetai.

The scenic lakeside location proved popular across the summer months and also played host to wakeboarding events, including a round of Wake NZ, the MasterCraft Boards n' BBQs Groms and Return of the Groms competitions.

» **KINLOCH**

Kinloch played host to a day of triathlon again in February with competitors from all over New Zealand and Australia competing across various distances.

This doubles as a national championship event in the sprint distance as a primary selection event for the ITU Sprint World Championships held in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Local competitors rubbed shoulders with the elite of the sport in a great day out for all.

A Hillary Outdoors Centre has been approved for the area. This will complement the two existing sites in Tongariro and Great Barrier Island.

Following the consent process and presentations to the Kinloch Community Group, the centre is to be built on Kinloch Road, and will have a sustainability focus.

EVENTS

MAY

1 May	Adam McGrath - Ragged Ramble Tour, Taupō Museum	■
3 May	The Big Bike Film Night, Starlight Cinema Centre	■
4 May	May Day Marching, Taupō Events Centre	■
4-5 May	Big 3 26th Annual Pig Hunting Competition, Mangakino District & Citizens Club	■
5-9 May	DAE Invitational Golf Tournament, Taupō Golf Course	■
10 May	Landslide - Fleetwood Mac & Stevie Nicks Tribute Show, Grandeur Thermal Spa Resort	■
10-12 May	NRM National Three Day Event, National Equestrian Centre	■
11 May	Wedding Expo, Great Lake Centre	■
11 May	Family Nature Day, Tongariro South Domain	■
12 May	NZ Male Choir Concert, Great Lake Centre	■
13-15 May	NZ Blood Service - Blood Drive, Great Lake Centre	■
14 May	Capital E National Theatre Company, Great Lake Centre	■
17 May	Floyd Live - A Celebration of Pink Floyd, Great Lake Centre	■
25 May	Turangi Open Pig Hunting Competition, The Delta, Turangi	■
25 May	Pink Ribbon Breakfast, Great Lake Centre	■
25-26 May	Lakes Model Power Boat Club - NZMPBA, Mangakino Lake Front Reserve, Lake Maraetai	■
26 May	2019 Kawasaki Road Race Series, Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park	■
31 May - 2 June	Aotearoa Poitāwhiri A Iwi Netball National Championships, Taupō Events Centre	■
31 May - 3 June	Taupō Art Connection Queen's Birthday Weekend Art Trail, District Wide	■

JULY

1 - 31 July	Plastic Free July, Taupō District	■
5 - 7 July	Evolution Aquatics Tauranga – Inter-regional Swim Meet, AC Baths	■
6 July	CDP Theatre Producers NZ Limited – Room on the Broom, Great Lake Centre	■
7 July	Hoka One One Steamy Huka, Taupō Wake Park	■
11 - 14 July	Malcolm Flowers Insurances Taupō Winter Festival, Great Lake Centre	■
11 - 14 July	Zirka Circus, Tongariro North Domain	■
13 - 14 July	Starlight Cinema Hobby Expo, Taupō Events Centre	■
14 July	More FM Mid-Winter Swim, Lakefront Reserve, Lake Terrace	■
20 July	Opus Orchestra, Great Lake Centre	■

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This information was correct at time of printing. For a complete list of up-to-date events, visit www.lovetaupō.com/events

JUNE

1-2 June	Golden Gloves - National Boxing Championships, Great Lake Centre	■
1-3 June	Taupō Dance Festival, Great Lake Centre	■
2-4 June	Big 3 Hunting Competition, Mangakino District Services & Citizens Club	■
4-6 June	NZ Blood Service - Blood Drive, Great Lake Centre	■
7-10 June	CARNival 2019, Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park	■
9 June	Craters Classic Mountain Bike Event, Craters of the Moon MTB Park	■
10-11 June	Matariki Glow Show, Great Lake Centre	■
15 June	Taupō Fashion Show, Great Lake Centre	■
21-22 June	NZ Country Table Tennis, Taupō Events Centre	■
22 June	The Possum - Night Run, Wairakei Resort	■
22 June	Battle of the Clubs, Digger McEwen Park	■
27 June	Operatunity - Daytime Concert Series, Great Lake Centre	■
29 June	Banff Film Festival, Great Lake Centre	■
30 June	Pilar Elizabeth - A Gift of Music, Great Lake Centre	■



COUNCIL WEBSITE UPGRADED

Earlier this year our website went through an upgrade to a new user-friendly look and feel.

Navigating through the site is simpler and clear with less mouse clicks required to get to your desired area. Any confusion of where to find content has been met with a site search function on the home page.

Mobile users will enjoy the clearer and more defined functionality; something lacking from our previous site.

All are welcome to have a look around and explore more on the unchanged address, taupo.govt.nz.



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