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GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ
Taupō District Council

COMMUNITY NEWS WITH TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL

There's a lot to know about what's happening in the southern settlements over the festive season, so here is some information you might find useful. From all of us at Taupō District Council, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



LITTER BIN TRIAL TO GET UNDERWAY

A litter bin trial at the Kuratau boat ramp and at the river mouth is about to get underway over the summer period, following requests from residents.

The trial will run through the holiday period from December 16 – February 7. The bins are for litter and small recyclables only, so we request all household refuse be put out for kerbside collection or taken to the refuse transfer station as normal.

Other western lakeshore communities will remain 'pack it in, pack it out' areas in line with the neighbouring Department of Conservation reserves.



TURANGI-TONGARIRO BY-ELECTION

A by-election period is underway for the Tongariro subdivision of the Turangi Tongariro Community Board.

Nominations are open until Monday December 23, with the voting period from Monday, January 27 to Tuesday, February 18.

The by-election follows the resignation of Mr Wally van der Aa.

For more information head to taupo.govt.nz



SUMMER FIRE RISK

As it gets drier over the summer months, please be aware of any flammable growth on your property.

Make sure you keep grass short – particularly on empty sections – and clear away any scrub or litter such as fallen branches or leaves that could potentially fuel a fire.

If you have a problem with compliance on a neighbouring property, please talk directly with the landowner in the first instance.



KURATAU EROSION CONTROL

A 'Living wall' erosion control solution has been installed at the Kuratau River mouth. The grassed wall provides a robust edge to the grassed reserve and is a more natural solution than hard structures like concrete.

Mesh 'socks' are placed over a compacted pumice base, which in turn is overlaid with a geotextile cloth designed to contain the pumice material behind the wall while still allowing water to pass through. The upper three tiers are filled with a soil/grass mix, the lower three tiers are filled with a scoria mix.

The system has been used on other lake shores around the world with great success, so we are hopeful that it will withstand the wave action that Taupō can generate during severe weather events.

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EVERY DROP COUNTS

As the district fills up with visitors and temperatures rise, demand for water increases dramatically.

Last year, we saw an increase in demand of 50 percent across the district in January and we are expecting a similar increase this year, so we are asking residents to act now to reduce demand.

Please only water your garden and lawn every second day (using the odds and evens system based on your street address). This applies to fixed sprinklers only. Hand held hoses can be used at any time.

Need to contact council over the festive season?
Call 0800 ASK TDC
(0800 275 832)

Customer Service hours

OUR CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRES WILL BE OPEN THE FOLLOWING HOURS OVER THE HOLIDAY SEASON:

HOLIDAY HOURS

Monday December 23	8am-5pm
Tuesday December 24	8am-3pm
Christmas Day	CLOSED
Boxing Day	CLOSED
Friday December 27	10am-2pm
Monday December 30	9am-3pm
Tuesday December 31	9am-3pm
Wednesday January 1	CLOSED
Thursday January 2	CLOSED
Friday January 3	10am-2pm
Monday January 6 onwards	Return to normal hours

Turangi office, Town Centre, Turangi

Need to know

Recycling over the holiday period

PLEASE BE AWARE OF A CHANGE TO RECYCLING FOR CHRISTMAS DAY AND BOXING DAY.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Monday December 23	Normal collection
Tuesday December 24	Normal collection
Christmas Day	Collection one day later
Boxing Day	Collection one day later
Friday December 27	Normal collection
Monday December 30	Normal collection
Tuesday December 31	Normal collection
Wednesday January 1	Normal collection
Thursday January 2	Normal collection

All refuse transfer stations will be closed on Christmas Day.

EXERCISING YOUR DOG

The following areas in our southern settlements prohibit dogs between 9am and 7pm from December 1 to March 31:

- Kuratau Lakeshore Recreation Reserve from Kuratau River mouth to the end of Motutaiko Street
- Esplanade Reserve at Hatepe
- Pukawa Esplanade Reserve

You are able to exercise your dog off leash at the following locations:

- Southern end of Kuratau Lakeshore Recreation Reserve
- Kuratau Esplanade Reserve
- Pukawa South Recreation Reserve
- Whareroa Esplanade Reserve



EVENTS

Head to lovetaupo.com to find out all about what's happening across the district over the summer period.

Visit taupo.govt.nz/holidayinfo for more information.

COMMUNITY BOARD

To find out about the Turangi Tongariro Community Board head to: taupodc.govt.nz/council/meetings/tt-community-board



LIQUOR BAN

Liquor bans will be in force from noon on December 27 to 7am on January 4 at all recreation reserves, lakefront reserves and public areas in Omori, Kuratau, Pukawa and Whareroa.