

Kinloch connect

Welcome to Kinloch Connect

Greetings from Mayor David Trewavas

Hello and welcome to this special edition of Connect. Let me begin by wishing everyone in Kinloch the very best for the holidays. Summer is without a doubt the time when it is most obvious that we live in paradise. I hope you get the chance to get out and enjoy it over the holidays, whether it be taking a dip in the lake or rivers and streams, bushwalks, sports of all varieties, dining and shopping or sightseeing - there are experiences to be had and memories to be made. Get out there and make the most of it!

Remember to welcome visitors to our district, I'm sure they will love it as much as we do. Our streets may be a bit busier and your favourite café may be full, but remember that we pride ourselves on being the events capital of New Zealand and our guests help our local economy to be strong and our district vibrant.

Here is to a Merry Christmas, a happy New Year and a great summer. Remember when you are out and about to take care of each other and keep safe, whether that be on or around the water or on our roads. Have a happy and safe summer and lets all look forward to a great 2019 here in the Taupō District!

Around town

Kinloch residents will have noticed several infrastructure projects on the go, with perhaps the most obvious being changes made to street lighting. As part of a nationwide programme to upgrade street lights, the Taupō District has been replacing traditional street lights with new LED units which are 57% more power efficient. The LED lights also last three times longer so make for a very cost effective upgrade.


Also being upgraded is the Kinloch Transfer Station. The station's sealed drop-off area is being enlarged, additional parking is being added, and the glass bins are being shifted and incorporated into a sheltered recycling bay. The green waste area is being revised and upgraded barriers installed for a safer environment for workers and the community.

As Kinloch's population grows, increased demand for drinking water is being met by a 2000 cubic metre reservoir that will be completed by mid-2019. The base of the new reservoir has already been completed, and once finished it will provide greater fire-fighting capacity as well as increased drinking water supply for the community. At the same time as this work has been underway, we have also been carrying out a cleaning and condition assessment programme of Kinloch's storm water system. The entire network of 7.2kms has now been checked and cleaned, with any immediate repairs carried out to ensure flow rates are good and reduce the possibility of any blockage.

The first stage of Kinloch's Esplanade Reserve upgrade was completed earlier this year, with work undertaken to protect several trees and formalise parking arrangements. New bins and signage, as well as the installation of vehicle barriers and application of mulch around the trees have completed the upgrade.

We'd also like to point out that the Kinloch Representative Group is celebrating its first anniversary. Three Kinloch locals - Tim Brittain, Bruce Campbell, and Belinda Walker - join councillors Roseanne Jollands, Barry Hickling and Christine Rankin on the group to provide a strong voice for Kinloch residents, and if you would like to get involved and be kept informed then register your email with kinlochcommunity@gmail.com.





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Upcoming events in Kinloch

Christmas Carols

Wednesday, December 23, from 7pm–8.15pm at the Kinloch Community Hall. Come along and join in some festive community carols with musical accompaniment provided by Taupō Elim Christian Centre.

Kinloch Plod

Thursday, January 3, with registration at 8.30am and start at 9am at the Kinloch Domain. Fun for all the family on a 5km walk/run along a mystery route around Kinloch.

Kinstock

Saturday, January 19, from 2pm–7.30pm at the Kinloch Domain. A great annual event with live music. Entry is free, so bring a blanket and a picnic and soak up some summer.

New parking restrictions

Some new parking restrictions have been put in place near the Kinloch store and the Topsy Trout to improve access and traffic flows. A 'no stopping at all times' line will be added to Kinloch Road between Mata Place and Nisbet Terrace, and some temporary summer parking signage will be installed to show visitors where they can park on the Kinloch Domain. Signage will also be installed on the Kinloch Esplanade to restrict boat-trailer parking.

Taupō office hours

Monday, December 24 Closing at 1pm

Tuesday, December 25 Closed

Wednesday, December 26 Closed

Thursday, December 27 9am–3pm

Friday, December 28 9am–3pm

Monday, December 31 9am–3pm

Tuesday, January 1 Closed

Wednesday, January 2 Closed

Thursday, January 3:
normal office hours resume

These are:

Monday to Friday, 8am–5pm

Freedom camping ambassadors for Taupō District

Four part-time freedom camping ambassadors will be out and about this summer to assist and advise freedom campers across the district, and particularly in high profile areas like Hipapatua Reserve (Reids Farm). The ambassadors will be advising campers on how long they can stay, what to do with refuse, local alcohol bylaws, and how to take care of our environment by not washing in our lakes and rivers and using designated toilet facilities.

The ambassadors will also be collecting data about freedom camping so that we can get a better understanding of visitor trends, how long campers are staying, what they do while here, and what facilities they use. The ambassadors aim to be a friendly face for visitors and locals alike, but they will also be passing on information about any unwanted behaviour to our compliance teams.

This initiative has been made possible through a funding agreement between Taupō District Council and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. It is part of the Tourism Facilities Development Grant Fund and covers the 2018-2019 season.

Rubbish and recycling

Kinloch Transfer Station

Whangamata Road, Kinloch

May 1 to September 30

Closed Mondays

Tuesday to Friday -

11am–1pm

Saturday and Sunday -

11am–3pm

October 1 to April 30

Closed Mondays

Open Tuesday to Sunday -

11am–3pm

Peak Summer

(Open Monday to Sunday from the third week of December to the second week in January) -
10.30am–4pm (Closed Christmas Day)

Taupō library hours

Monday – Wednesday and Friday:

9am–5.30pm

Thursday:

9am–8.15pm

Saturday:

9am–4pm