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## Water Treatment Plant upgrade well underway

The Taupō Water Treatment Plant (WTP) upgrade project is well underway. This major multi-faceted development has several stages that will see a new water treatment facility on the lakefront. The project's purpose is to ensure that the facility continues to meet the New Zealand drinking water standards and is able to cope with peak demand in the summer.

The first stage, which was completed in July 2011, included laying larger diameter mains along Lake Terrace as well as along Rifle Range Road up to the Tamatea Reservoir. Contractors used trenchless technology to lay underground pipework beneath roads and carparks, with minimal disturbance to the surface above, installing pipes reaching from the lakefront up Rifle Range Road to Tamamutu Street. During the August 2011 Council Meeting, Council approved tender for contract for

earthworks and a retaining wall to be constructed behind the facility. The earthworks and retaining wall is the next stage before the construction of the WTP building for which a tender is expected to be awarded in late 2011.

The new, larger WTP will replace the existing plant at the same location at Lake Terrace opposite the Council office and will be constructed between the base of an existing 10 metre high cliff and Lake Taupō.

The complete project will include ground improvement and a viewing platform above the new WTP facility that will be an ideal vantage point for events on the lake and has the potential to draw in visitors. More importantly, once completed, the WTP will be capable of producing 25,000m<sup>2</sup> of treated drinking water daily.

Taupō District Council would like to thank the community for their patience during this time.



Petra Bagust, please get your facts right! Two hundred years ago the famous haka Ka Mate was in fact composed at Opotaka, on the shores of beautiful Lake Rotoaira in the heart of the lands of Ngati Tuwharetoa, not Opotiki, as stated on Monday morning's *Breakfast* show.



On Sunday, Paramount Chief Sir Tumu te Heuheu and the peoples of Ngati Tuwharetoa hosted His Excellency the South African High Commissioner, the Springbok Rugby team, their families and invited guests to a marvelous ceremony to celebrate this famous haka. For over 100 years, it has been such an iconic part and intrinsic symbol of the New Zealand All Blacks. Sir Tumu explained that Ka Mate celebrates success over adversity, life over death

are where we can gather to be inspired by a multitude of artistic genres, to admire historical treasures, to be educated and entertained and to showcase the cultural and spiritual values of our people.

Taupō District Council is reviewing the Long Term Plan out to 2019 and beyond. It is timely to think about what we as a people expect from our community facilities with regard to delivering arts, heritage and culture to both our community and to our visitors. There are some extremely

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and faith over despair. He said it has been performed on the Highveld of South Africa and in the provinces of New Zealand and "it provides a legacy that has shaped the history of one of the most noble and fiercely competed and at times gladiatorial contests, between any two countries in international sport."

A recent Tourism New Zealand report on cultural tourism noted that our international visitors are interested in "Living Legends," not purely the history of our lands, but how our heritage relates to how we live today. What is the intrinsic essence of the people living in our community? What, as a region, differentiates us from other people and places?

This is where our Taupō Museum and Art Gallery, Taupō Library and the Great Lake Centre have such an important role to play. These community facilities

exciting opportunities for us leading into the future but we do need to have the right infrastructure in place.

At a charitable art auction at the Sarjeant Gallery in Whanganui on Saturday 17 September, Arts Minister Hon Chris Finlayson stated that funding is still available through central Government agencies for museums, art galleries and festivals. Alternate options for capital funding of projects need to be explored.

Taupō is ideally placed to become a centre of cultural excellence. Please forward to me, or indeed any of our elected members, your recommendations, your vision, what you think the Taupō District Council should provide for in its plan for the next ten years.

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## Get in the ZONE

The Family Friendly Fanzone's at the Great Lake Centre have been fantastic so far, with wonderful South African food, Irish dancing and music and more!

Come along tomorrow night, Saturday 24 September, and show your support for the All Blacks as they take on traditional World Cup foes France.

The Fanzone opens at 6.00pm, with family friendly activities including rugby themed games and competitions, great prizes, and even a Kidzone for the little rippers.

Hotdogs, chips and softdrinks are available from the Lions Caravan and for every purchase you make you go into the draw to **WIN** two tickets to a show of your choice. Choose between the Howard Morrison Trio, Abba or Chopper, all coming up in the next two months live at the Great Lake Centre. Coffee is also available thanks to Coffee Stop.



## LAST CHANCE to see Springboks in Taupō

The Springboks will be training at Owen Delany Park again on Monday 26 September from 11.00am to 12.30pm and the public are invited to come along and watch.

The team arrive back in Taupō today, after facing Namibia last

night in North Harbour. Monday's public training session will be your last chance to watch the team train, score yourself an autograph or photo of one of the players, and show the boys your support while they are here in Taupō. They head

back to Auckland on Wednesday 28th before taking on Samoa on Friday 30 September. This match will be screened live at the Great Lake Centre, with family friendly activities, competitions and prizes from 6.30pm.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 24 September** FANZONE: New Zealand v France (hosted by Taupō Junior Rugby), 6.00pm Great Lake Centre
- 26 September** Springboks Public Training Session, 10.00-11.30am Owen Delany Park, Taupō
- 29-30 September** Tuwharetoa Cultural Festival, Taupō Events Centre

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