

SPECIAL ISSUE:  
celebrating RWC 2011 and our international visitors

# Connect

TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER AUG – OCT 2011

Taupō2011  
CALENDAR

This is your guide to  
what's on in our district  
during RWC 2011.

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## RUGBY FEVER!

Taupō district is ready for this enormous sporting spectacle



READY FOR RWC 2011: Deputy Mayor Mike Downard, former Maori All Black Jim Maniapoto, Taupō 2011 ambassador and former All Black Sir Colin Meads and Mayor Rick Cooper.



After years of preparation and anticipation, Rugby World Cup 2011 is finally here. This is the third largest sporting event in the world and the largest event New Zealand has ever hosted. The Tournament kicks off on 9 September, followed by a whirlwind six weeks of fun, excitement and some of the best Rugby you will ever see.

But RWC 2011 is about more than just Rugby. It is also an opportunity for us to share our "home" with thousands of international visitors and worldwide viewers.

The upcoming REAL New Zealand Festival will showcase the best of our country's food, culture, industry, art, music and people. Taupō

is proud to have several local events featured in this national festival, including the annual Sika Show, the Clean Energy Expo and the Day-Night Mountainbike Thriller. Our rich history will also be on display as we celebrate the birthplace of the *Ka Mate* haka in Opotaka next month.

Many businesses have already taken advantage of the NZ2011 Business Club, an initiative that puts local industry in touch with international business people while retailers will show their support by dressing the town in our host teams' colours. Schools are also getting involved, with visits from international Rugby clubs, the Taupō schools' multimedia competition and visits to public training

sessions at Owen Delany Park. Also, we will once again host the New Zealand Junior Rugby Tournament in October.

There's even a chance to get your hands dirty as we honour Living Legend Sir Colin 'Pinetree' Meads with a native tree planting day at Whakaipo Bay (more details inside).

To keep up to date with what's happening, visit [www.taupo2011.com](http://www.taupo2011.com) – and don't forget to download your own copy of the Taupō2011 calendar while you're there.

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# kia ora

As Chair of Taupō's RWC 2011 Host Coordinating Committee, I'm delighted to bring you this special RWC 2011 edition of *Connect*. The next three months will be among the most challenging, most exciting and, potentially, the most prosperous for our humble little nation. Having been fortunate enough to attend Rugby World Cup 2007 in France, which enjoyed a cumulative worldwide broadcast audience of more than four billion, I have seen first-hand what an amazing opportunity this will be for our country and for us as a district.

Taupō district is lucky and honoured to be hosting three of the world's best teams during this time; Ireland, Wales and, current world champions, South Africa. While the teams are here, they will be training at our wonderful facilities – Owen Delany Park, AC Baths and Taupō Events Centre. Make sure to head along to one of the public training days and get an autograph. Hopefully, the players will also find time to enjoy some of the world-class activities Taupō district has to offer.

While visiting Wales and Ireland earlier this year with Taupō 2011 Ambassador, Sir Colin Meads, it became clear just how passionate Welsh and Irish Rugby fans are. No doubt, these loyal supporters will be following their teams around New Zealand, so let's make sure we give a very warm welcome to all our international guests.

The live match atmosphere of a Rugby World Cup is electric. I would urge anyone thinking about attending a match to get tickets now before they are all gone. It doesn't matter which teams are playing and it's great fun to adopt a second team to support.

The next best thing to attending a live game will be the atmospheres at Taupō's RWC 2011 Fanzones. The family friendly Great Lake Centre Fanzone will screen ten matches live on the big screen, including many of the New Zealand matches. Check out the dates and times at [www.taupo2011.com](http://www.taupo2011.com). The Tuwharetoa Street Fanzone will celebrate the semi-finals and the Final with the biggest street party around. On the day of the Final (23 October), there will be fun and entertainment for the whole family from 2pm, including live music from the quintessential Kiwi band Kora. Hope to see you during RWC 2011!

Deputy Mayor Mich'eal Downard

## HOLDING IT TOGETHER



Paeroa has its giant L&P bottle and Ohakune has its giant carrot; Taupō will soon have supersized paperclips.

Our urban designers have taken the humble paperclip – a 150-year-old design – and turned it into a functional form of street art. The 3.5-metre sculptures, known as 'Clip', will be situated around Taupō's CBD providing information and directions to nearby streets and places of interest.

Cities throughout the world are investing more time and resources into these types of "wayfinding" strategies which communicate with people through art and design. 'Clip' will appear along key pedestrian routes and, as well as giving directions, will share local history and promote upcoming events. The eye-level story panels are interchangeable and will be regularly updated.

 Paperclips have been holding information together since the mid-1800's.

## FIX MY STREET

From potholes and broken footpaths, to abandoned cars and graffiti, you can now report civic issues online at [www.FixMyStreet.org.nz](http://www.FixMyStreet.org.nz). Once you pinpoint the exact location of the issue on an interactive map, an alert is sent to council staff. When the problem has been fixed, the website will send you an update.



Users of Apple iPhone and Android smartphones can also report issues while on the go, using the free FixMyStreet app. The app automatically identifies the location of the issue using the smartphones' inbuilt GPS. You can even upload a photo of the issue to go with your service request.

Fix My Street is popular in the UK and is also being utilised by other major New Zealand cities but we are the first Kiwi council to adopt the site's full capabilities.

## HAVE A SAY ON OUR FUTURE

After the recent adoption of Taupō District's 2011/12 Annual Plan, we're now focused on the Long Term Plan for 2012-2022. This 'big picture' strategy is important to all of us because it sets out what Council aims to do over the coming decade and how we plan to pay for it.

We have reviewed our assets, revenue and expenses and found that operating and payroll costs have been relatively constant for the past seven years. We've also had strong asset growth due to investment in infrastructure and new community facilities. However, this investment has been mostly debt funded, which has resulted in increased debt servicing costs.

We must now look at the best options to sensibly service this growing debt while continuing to provide services to the community and manage our assets. To find that balance, we are proposing a range of options for the community to discuss and provide feedback on.

Starting in August, we will send out information outlining the issues. The focus will be on growth projections and include options on debt funding, community facilities and water treatment. Please take time to read the document and either send us your thoughts in the return envelope or online at [www.taupo.govt.nz](http://www.taupo.govt.nz).

## ORIGINS OF THE HAKA

The mighty haka is a hugely popular part of our country's unique culture. The most famous and well recognised of all haka is 'Ka Mate', as performed by the All Blacks for many years. It has become etched in the minds of Rugby fans worldwide and is now as much a part of New Zealand's Rugby heritage as it is a part of our people's history.

*Did you know Ka Mate was composed in 1820 in the Taupō district?*

Te Rauparaha, the great Māori warrior and Chief of the Ngati-Toa Rangatira tribe, was being pursued by a rival iwi. Upon coming to Taupō, he was directed to Motuopuhi by Paramount Chief Te Heuheu, where local chief Te Whareangi helped him. He permitted Te Rauparaha to hide in his kumara pit, while Te Whareangi's wife, Te Rangikoa, sat over the hole of the pit concealing him. Feeling sure this was the end, Te Rauparaha chanted, "Ka mate, ka mate!" (I die, I die). After he was overlooked by his enemies, he cried, "Ka ora, ka ora!" (I live, I live).

The rest, as they say, is history. And it is our history, which we are proud to be celebrating with the 'Origins of the Haka', a huge celebration of the story behind the haka, to be held in Opatoka on 18 September 2011. We are proud to announce that the South African Rugby team will be our special guests at this exclusive event. We will be beaming the ceremony live to a big screen in Taupō's CBD so you can watch this historical event take place.



## FREE RV PARKING

Holiday-makers have been taking advantage of the free parking area provided in Taupō's Ferry Road for certified self-contained motorhomes. The site is both central to the town centre and has magnificent lake and mountain views.

The owners of self-contained motorhomes must belong to the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association and their "green stickered" vehicles are certified as able to contain waste responsibly. Self-contained vehicles are restricted to a two-night limit in the parking area while non-compliant vehicles are directed to local camping grounds and holiday parks.

Signage outlining the conditions of use is in place and a brochure containing specific information for motorhome users has been produced. Easily identifiable 'motorhome friendly' flags will soon be flying at the entrances to all towns in the district.



## MEMORY LANE

Owen Delany Park hosts world-class rugby

On 23 June 1994, King Country hosted South Africa at Taupō's Owen Delany Park. It was the Springbok's first game in New Zealand since the controversial 1981 tour.

Captained by Francois Pienarr [who went on to lead South Africa to its 1995 World Cup victory], the visitors defeated King Country 46-10 in front of a record crowd of 12,000.

This September, Owen Delany Park will once again welcome South Africa, along with Ireland and Wales. The teams will use the grounds for training while staying in Taupō during RWC 2011. Check out [www.taupo2011.com](http://www.taupo2011.com) for information about public training sessions.

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## A NEW FACE FOR HEUHEU STREET

Heuheu Street in Taupō's CBD is set to receive a makeover. Construction work on the \$1 million project will begin after Easter 2012 to avoid key events and the busy trading season. In the meantime, council staff are seeking design input from retailers and other interested parties.



Mayor Rick Cooper

Deputy Mayor Mich'eal Downard

Cr Keith Crate

Cr Rob Henderson

Cr Barry Hickling

Cr Chris Johnston

Cr Gary Keepa

Cr Anna Kirk

Cr Rex Mincher

Cr Kirsty Trueman

Cr Nicola Williams

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# the events capital

## Aug

- 7 Mizuno Half Marathon, Taupō
- 13 The Labours of Herakles, Taupō Museum
- 26 Stars in their Thighs, Great Lake Centre
- 27 INBA South Pacific Bodybuilding Champs, Great Lake Centre
- 31 The Gruffalo, Great Lake Centre

## Sept

- 3 Taupō Off-Road Quarter and Half Marathon
- 4 Vegas, Great Lake Centre
- 5 Taupō District Community Awards, Great Lake Centre
- 9 **Rugby World Cup 2011 officially begins**
- 10 Day-Night Thriller, Spa Park, Taupō
- 11 Taupō Schools Multimedia Awards, Great Lake Centre
- 12 Welsh Rugby team arrives in Taupō
- 16 **ONEhundred: 100 canvasses, 100 artists, 100 dollars, Taupō Museum (until 8 Nov)**
- 16-17 Taupō Has Talent, Great Lake Centre
- 18 South African & Irish Rugby teams arrive in Taupō
- 18 **Living Legends planting day, Whakaipo Bay**
- 18 Opataka – Origin of the Haka, Great Lake Centre
- 21 Oranges at Halftime, photographic exhibition, Tongariro Domain,
- 24 RWC 2011 Festival, Mangakino Rugby Grounds
- 29-30 Tuwharetoa Cultural Festival, Taupō Events Centre

## Oct

- 7 NZ Junior Rugby Tournament, Owen Delany Park
- 7 Rugby Anthems of the World, Great Lake Centre
- 14-16 NZ Clean Energy Expo, NZ Clean Energy Centre
- 15-16 Sika Show 2011, Taupō Events Centre
- 15, 16, 23 RWC 2011 Fanzones, Taupō

For more details and other events, visit [www.eventscapital.co.nz](http://www.eventscapital.co.nz)

## ONEhundred

Be part of an exhibition to **showcase our culture during** Rugby World Cup 2011. This opportunity is open to novices or experienced artists over the age of sixteen. Register now at the Taupō Museum and purchase a canvas for \$10. Use the media of your choice and base your work on our local area: scenery, legends, flora, fauna, stories, people or issues. You might even even sell your work to an international visitor!

ONEhundred, 16 September – 8 November, Taupo Museum  
[www.taupovenues.co.nz](http://www.taupovenues.co.nz)



Taupō 2011 ambassador, Sir Colin Meads

## Taking the field to the forest

Celebrate our special landscape and **honour our living Rugby icons** by getting involved in a Living Legends planting day. Join us and our Taupō 2011 Ambassador, Sir Colin "Pinetree" Meads, at Whakaipo Bay on Sunday 18 September. Register your interest on [www.livinglegends.co.nz](http://www.livinglegends.co.nz).

Living Legends, 9am, 18 September, Whakaipo Bay Recreation Reserve

## RWC 2011 FANZONE

Join us in Taupō's CBD to enjoy the atmosphere of our official **RWC 2011 Taupō Fanzones**. The family friendly Great Lake Centre Fanzone will screen ten matches live, including many of the New Zealand matches. Tuwharetoa Street will be a licensed outdoor street party where you can catch live coverage of the RWC 2011 semi-finals and the Final, along with live music on the Final night. For more information, visit [www.taupo2011.com](http://www.taupo2011.com).

**SEMI-FINAL 1 Saturday 15 October**  
Fanzone opens 7.30pm, match kick-off at 9.00pm

**SEMI-FINAL 2 Sunday 16 October**  
Fanzone opens 7.30pm, match kick-off at 9.00pm

**RWC 2011 FINAL Sunday 23 October**  
Fanzone opens 2pm, match kick-off at 9.00pm

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# A to Z

### • Council deals with everything from abandoned cars to water supply. Check out this list!

- Abandoned cars, AC Baths, airport, animal control, annual plans, arts and culture, boat storage, building consents, building control, buskers and street activities, bus service, cemeteries, civic events, community development, community halls, community liaison, cycling tracks, Destination Lake Taupō, dog control, economic development, elections, erosion control, emergency management, environmental health, footpaths, funding and grants, gambling control, graffiti, Great Lake Centre, hazardous substances information, health licensing, heritage, housing for the elderly, Iwi liaison, land information memorandum (LIM), landfill, landscaping and streetscaping, libraries, liquor licensing, mobile shops and trading in public places, motor camps, museum, noise control, outdoor recreation facilities, Owen Delany Park, parks and reserves, parking, policy development, property enquiry system, public swimming pools, public toilets, rates, refuse and recycling, resource consents, roading, rural fire, safer communities, sports grounds, stormwater, strategic planning, swimming pool fencing, Taupō Events Centre, Taupō District Plan, Taupō Museum, Taupō Venues, tree control, urban search and rescue, visitor centres, webcam, wastewater, water conservation, water supply.

Have you seen our new logo?

**GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ**  
Taupō District Council