

## QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS

- Milestone reached as concrete poured on ETA shared pathway.
- Annual Plan 2022-23 adopted by Council.
- Taupō District Council receives A grade from CouncilMARK.
- Waiora House rebuild hits major milestone with the building's concrete foundation poured.
- Passenger numbers at the Taupō Airport on track to be the highest since before the Covid-19 pandemic began.
- Tūrāngitukua Park Community Sports Facility project gets off to a solid start.
- Taupō District Pound adoption numbers reach new heights.
- The ongoing project to revitalise Tūrāngi streets makes great progress.
- Concept designs for new Tūrāngi playground completed.
- A presentation to a Parliamentary select committee underlined Taupō District Council's concerns about the Three Waters reforms.
- Taupō District Council adopts climate change directives.
- Crown Park Cycle Track upgrade announced.
- Great Lake Centre turns 30.
- Speed Management Plan adopted to keep Taupō District road users safe.

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[www.taupo.govt.nz/news](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/news)

## GEARING UP FOR SUMMER IN OUR TRANSFORMED TOWN CENTRE

*During the last three months, the Taupō Town Centre Transformation project has well and truly come to life.*

**Taupō's new-look town centre will be ready to thrive as locals and holiday-goers alike look to enjoy the silly season.**

The layout along Titiraupenga Street has been updated to ensure traffic flows smoothly around the CBD instead of through it. This links the shops and cafes with the Tongariro Domain and new playground, and makes the town centre safer.

This means Tongariro Street is now a more pedestrian-friendly area, with more parking spaces and concession areas outside local businesses where customers can make the most of the summer sun.



In June, the focus shifted to the final, and most exciting, phase of the project. Contractor Camex Civil, who did the hard yards on Tongariro Street, was joined by Downer Group NZ in the initial stages of the work around Roberts Street. This means a new, more people-friendly environment that makes the most of our fantastic lake front.

Roberts Street is now a one-way, single-lane road running north to south. The rest of the area is being transformed into a vibrant, pedestrian-only space which is sure to be a hit during summer. With paving completed, the concession spaces outside the businesses are really starting to take shape.

Taupō District Council is hugely appreciative of the patience shown during the transformation project and can't wait to enjoy the finished product with you all.

## HELP SAVE WATER THIS SUMMER

**Summer is just around the corner and as the number of people in the Taupō District ramps up, so does the pressure on our water supply system.**

**As the Taupō District begins to swell with holiday visitors and temperatures rise, demand for water always increases hugely.**

While we are lucky that there is no shortage of water in Lake Taupō, the increase in demand over summer puts enormous pressure on our water treatment plants which can only treat a certain amount of water each day.

All of the water used in our homes and gardens must be treated at the water treatment plants. Reducing the amount of water used in your home

can reduce the cost of water treatment and put less strain on our resources.

There are no water restrictions in place at present, but they may be used to help ease the pressure on the system. Taupō District Council encourages everyone in the district this summer to do their part to conserve and use water responsibly.

**For more information on water use and handy water-saving tips go to:**

[www.taupo.govt.nz/waterconservation](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/waterconservation)

### WATER SAVING TIPS FOR SUMMER!



Save up rain water to water your gardens.



Water your plants with a watering can instead of a hose.



Wash your car with a bucket of water instead of a hose.



Don't leave the water running while you brush your teeth.



Save time and water by taking shorter showers!

# FORMAL CONSULTATION OPENS ON DISTRICT PLAN CHANGES

*We're asking for formal public feedback on a series of proposed changes to the Taupō District Plan.*

The District Plan is the community's key document for managing the way people use their land, from rural areas and lifestyle blocks, to houses being built in our towns and villages. Its rules set out what you can do as of right (permitted activities) and what activities need to be looked at more carefully through a resource consent application. The council ran an informal consultation on the proposed changes during May and June and now is calling for formal submissions.

The council is proposing to make six changes to the District Plan. All the plan changes aim to ensure our district plan is operating as efficiently and effectively as possible prior to the outcomes of the Resource Management Act reform being put in place. We have also made changes to bring the plan up to date, and others are being made as a result of community feedback. All of the proposed changes are designed to encourage appropriate and sustainable development for the Taupō District while protecting our unique environment.

One or more of the changes are likely to affect everyone in the district. For example, if you live rurally, Plan Change 42 is likely to impact you. If you're planning to build or renovate your home, Plan Change 39 changes the coverage (the amount of space on your section that your house can take up) in most residential environments. Now is the time to read up on the changes and make sure you understand them, then have your say.

The proposed plan changes are:

**Plan Change 38 - Strategic Directions**

**Plan Change 39 - Residential Building Coverage**

**Plan Change 40 - Taupō Town Centre Environment**

**Plan Change 41 - Deletion of out of date fault lines**

**Plan Change 42 - General Rural and Rural Lifestyle Environments**

**Plan Change 43 - Taupō Industrial Environments**

Anyone can make a submission. Council's policy staff can help with interpreting the plan changes. You can contact them on 07 376 0899 or 0800 ASK TDC or by emailing [districtplan@taupo.govt.nz](mailto:districtplan@taupo.govt.nz).

If you need help to formulate a submission or understand how the changes may impact on plans you have, you may need to talk to a planning consultant. Under the Resource Management Act you must complete your submission on the required form.

You can view all the plan changes and find the relevant submission forms at [www.taupo.govt.nz/districtplanreview](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/districtplanreview). If you would prefer to look at hard copies, you can visit a council service centre in Taupō, Tūrangi or Mangakino, or a Taupō District library. Submissions close at 4.30pm on Friday 9 December 2022.

## Let's recycle better. Let's sort it out.

### BIN ONE

**Plastics (1, 2 and 5),  
tin and aluminium**



**Don't  
overfill  
the bins!**

### BIN TWO

**Glass only**



### BIN THREE

**Cardboard  
and paper**



For more information on how you can sort it out visit: [www.taupo.govt.nz/kerbsiderecycling](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/kerbsiderecycling)

#### TIP ONE

Rinse item clean, remove all lids and caps and place them in the rubbish.

#### TIP TWO

Anything dangerous, sharp or pointy should be wrapped and placed in the rubbish.

#### TIP THREE

Boxes are to be broken down to the size of a banana box or smaller.



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