



IT'S TIME WE GET READY TO GET THRU

Have you considered what you would do if a natural disaster struck and you had no access to the services you needed?

Next week is Get Ready Week, which is a great time to plan and prepare for the possibility of an emergency.

We are particularly vulnerable to natural hazards in the Central Plateau and emergency manager Ian Connon said we need to be aware and prepare as well as possible.

"We have plenty of natural hazards in our area which means a higher chance of a Civil Defence emergency happening in our district," he said. "We have to take responsibility for our own safety and preparedness, so we can fend for ourselves and our families for at least three days following an event."

A recent snow event in Rangitaiki shows how susceptible the district is to these sorts of events occurring, and was a good reminder for us to be prepared. The snow dump isolated the rural community and left it without power for several days.

"Something like this can happen to any of us at any time," Ian said.

Being prepared means having an emergency kit inside your home that contains essential items like food, blankets, a radio, plenty of water, a flash light and a first aid kit.

"By having all these items ready to go, you'll know where to turn in an emergency and be better equipped to get through it," Ian said.



This year the theme of Get Ready Week is prepared kids. Kids play an important role in making sure their family is prepared by learning about natural hazards at school.

"We also want to encourage schools to update their emergency preparedness plans during this time and use them to build resilience with their students," Ian said.

GET READY WEEK

Get Ready Week runs from October 10-17.

For more information on how to be prepared, visit www.taupo.govt.nz or www.getthru.govt.nz



REID'S FARM GETS A SPRUCE UP

If you've driven along Huka Falls Road recently you may have seen some work taking place at Reid's Farm. That's because our parks team has been busy cleaning up the reserve to get it ready for people visiting the scenic spot over summer.

A review of the reserve management plan for Reid's Farm is currently underway which will help council make improvements, increase safety, address issues around camping and boost visitors' experience at the reserve. Over 270 people responded to a survey as part of the review's first consultation period, and a second formal consultation will occur over the summer period once a draft management plan has been developed.

Reid's Farm reopened for camping on October 1.

GUM TREES TO BE REMOVED FOR SAFETY

A number of gum trees posing a threat to overhead power lines are set to be removed next week.

Five large trees near the junction of Acacia Heights Drive and Mapara Road will be carefully removed in sections, with the work mainly funded by Unison, which owns the power lines.

As well as reducing the risk of damage to power lines, removal

of the trees will allow the safe installation of a new water pipe along Acacia Heights Drive. The pipe is part of a project that will help ensure a consistent supply of water for the Mapara and Acacia Bay communities in times of high demand.

The work will take place on October 12 and 13, weather permitting. Disruption to motorists will be minor as Acacia Heights Drive will be closed for only a few minutes at a time.

THE VOTES ARE BEING COUNTED

Have you voted? If not, it's not too late to have your say on who should look after the place we love.

Voting in this year's local elections closes at noon tomorrow and preliminary results should be available from around 2pm. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for details.

We'd love to see over 50 per cent of eligible voters returning their papers, so grab your voting pack and take your completed papers to a council office.

Your last chance to vote will be tomorrow by delivering your papers to council offices in Taupō, Turangi or Mangakino between 9am and noon.

39.1%
of votes
returned

What's on?

- 9 October Hamilton Motorcycle Club Winter Series, Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park
- 15 October Taupō Ultramarathon, Taupō
- 20 October Friends of the Library's Gardening for All, Taupō Library
- 21 October State Highway 48, Great Lake Centre

* For more information on Taupō District events visit www.GreatLakeTaupo.com

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