



MAYOR DAVID TREWAVAS RETAINS THE TOP JOB

Taupō District Mayor David Trewavas retained the mayoral chains at the 2016 local government elections, with an almost 6000 vote majority.

The preliminary result showed Mr Trewavas received 8099 votes, a 5952 vote margin over his nearest rival Christine Rankin, with fellow candidates Rosanne Jollands and Kim Eyles receiving 1186 and 193 votes respectively.

Mr Trewavas said he felt both honoured and privileged to receive such a strong mandate from the community.

"We have achieved some great things in our district in the three years that I have been mayor but there is still more to do and I am really looking forward to building on our successes."

The majority of existing councillors will return to the Council Chamber, with two new faces joining them - Tangonui Kingi, who was the highest polling candidate in the Turangi-Tongariro Ward and Christine Rankin who will represent the Taupō-Kaingaroa Ward for the first time.

The returning councillors are Rosie Harvey, John Williamson, Anna Park, Rosanne Jollands, Barry Hickling, Zane Cozens and John Boddy. Kirsty Trueman will return to represent the Mangakino-Pouakani ward after she won with a clear margin.



The Turangi-Tongariro Community Board sees a number of new faces with Karen Donlon, Sharlyn Holt, Andy Hema and Sally Nelson joining Wally Van der Aa and Te Takinga New to make up the team.

Voter turnout was one of the highest in the country with 50.15 per cent of eligible voters having their say. The final results are available at taupo.govt.nz.



CHARTER PARADE BACK IN TOWN

Cadets and officers from the New Zealand Army will march down the streets of central Taupō this weekend for the 18th annual Charter Parade. The parade, which will see officers in full dress uniform, starts at 11am tomorrow and will travel along Heuheu, Ruapehu and Horomatangi streets and finish at the Great Lake Centre. It will be followed by a concert by the New Zealand Army Band outside the centre at about 1pm.

The celebration will reaffirm the army's historical links with the Taupō District and is a great opportunity for our community to come and see the army in their finest and experience some military fanfare!

What's on?

- 15 October Taupō Ultramarathon, Taupō
- 21 October State Highway 48, Great Lake Centre
- 22-23 October 32nd Annual Central North Island Golden Gloves Championships, Great Lake Centre
- 22-24 October Graffiato Street Art Festival, Taupō
- 22-24 October The Original Gypsy Fair, Tongariro Domain
- 23 October Kinloch Market, Kinloch Domain

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



GREEN TAUPŌ DISTRICT BY LEARNING TO COMPOST

Do you want to minimise green waste and save money but don't know how to start? Why not try composting?

We are holding a series of free workshops in partnership with Taupō Community Gardens to show you how to make composting work in your own backyard.

Infrastructure manager Denis Lewis says the workshops will show people how to use composting to their advantage.

"It's a really simple process that not only helps out the environment by reducing the amount of waste going to landfill but it also produces fertiliser for the garden," he said.

The Taupō Community Garden team grows fresh produce for the local food bank and also supports sustainable living and waste minimisation. One of the ways they do this is by running a large composting operation that incorporates traditional composters and worm farms. They are looking forward to sharing their ample experience and knowledge with the community.

The first workshop will be held at 3pm on Saturday, October 29 at the Taupō Community Gardens near the Waipahihi sportsground on Richmond Avenue. Spaces are limited, so register online at www.taupo.govt.nz/composting or by phoning us on 07 376 0899. Discount vouchers for composters are available at our offices. Check out our website for details.

Workshops will be held on the last Saturday of every month except in December, and a full schedule of workshops is on our website. All those who register and go along to the workshops go into the draw to win a composter.

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