



## SPEED LIMIT PROPOSALS FOR TAUPŌ DISTRICT

Following on from Road Safety Week and some key study into speed in our Taupō district, we are proposing changes to the speed limits in some areas.

Our roads can be unforgiving and regardless of what causes a crash, speed always plays a part in the impact. Travelling the right speed for the road can help minimise the impact of a crash – speed can be the difference between a correctable mistake and a fatal error.

These changes (listed to the right) will make our roads safer by better reflecting their nature, changing use and associated risks.

### » HOW TO HAVE YOUR SAY

We want to hear from you. Please make sure we know your views and how the proposed changes to speed limits may affect your local roads at [www.taupo.govt.nz/consultation](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/consultation).

Consultations close Friday, June 15 at 5pm.

## PROPOSED CHANGES

- **Western Bays:** Reducing the start of Omori Road and Pukawa Road from 100 to 80km/h, and reducing the 70km/h section of Omori Road to 50km/h.
- **Mangakino:** Reducing Lake Road and Rangatira Drive from 100 to 80km/h.
- **Kinloch:** Reducing Kinloch Road from 70 to 60km/h for the first 500m, then becoming 50km/h.
- **Acacia Bay:** Reducing the Acacia Bay Straight from 100 to 80km/h, extending the 50km/h sections on either side and reducing Wakeman Road from 70 to 50km/h.
- **Taupō:**
  - › Reducing Lake Terrace from 100 to 80km/h from Rainbow Point and making the current 50 / 70 km/h holiday section permanently 50km/h;
  - › Reducing Napier Road from 80 to 50km/h at the bottom (including Kiddle Drive), and from 100 to 80 km/h above DeBretts (including Crown Road);
  - › Reducing Centennial Drive from 100 to 60km/h past Owen Delany Park and the end of Tauhara Road from 70 to 50km/h;
  - › Reducing Wairakei Drive, the start of Poihipi Road and Rapids Road from 100 to 80km/h;
  - › Reducing the Control Gates Hill from 80 to 50km/h (including the start of Huka Falls Road, Clearwater Lane and Ferndale Way);
  - › Reducing the rest of Huka Falls Road from 80 to 60km/h and changing Karetoto Road to 60km/h.



## PAKEKE LIONS DONATE LEGO FOR LIBRARY LEARNING

Everything is awesome at Taupō Library with the Pakeke Lions having recently donated a supply of Lego basic construction blocks to the value of \$350.

Spencer Wallace from the Pakeke Lions approached library staff to discuss what would be of benefit to donate. He was keen on the idea of purchasing Lego and once he realised the library were looking for sponsors for this he gained approval.

The Lions are keen to see the expansion of the holiday programmes to include Lego-based activities as an opportunity for children to demonstrate their creative talent.

Lego is a widely accepted learning tool used in education and learning environments. In addition to our library, others world-wide have embraced the use of Lego successfully to help with reading, literacy and teamwork.

“We are keen to build up the amount of Lego we have, to implement some fun activities where children can work together to create” says librarian Tracey Mischewski.

Do you have some Lego you'd like to donate?

If you have any lying around you would like to give to a good home, feel free to drop it in to the library.

## JAKE'S MAKING WAVES

Water treatment plant operator Jake Hanshaw is like a fish to water when it comes to collecting achievements.

Jake has recently returned from the Water Industry Operations Group (WIOG) association awards dinner held in Palmerston North where he was awarded the Young Operator of the Year award. He was also part of the Taupō District Council team that won the Sonny Katae Operators Award, which is presented to a team of operators competing in a challenge that runs throughout the conference.

Pushing boundaries and working hard are nothing new to Jake, taking just nine months to complete his water treatment qualification, which is normally an 18-month commitment.

Well done, Jake!



## » WHAT'S ON?

- May 20 Kid's Greening Taupō Kiwi Guardian Launch, Spa Park, Taupō
- Until May 21 I Don't Know / Tell Me, Taupō Museum

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