



KERENCE STEPHEN – DIAMOND IN THE ‘RUFF’

We’ve been hounding the museum since finding out the recent ServiceIQ Museum Awards recognised our very own Taupō Museum with an award for two exhibitions.

But, who’s behind this?

The imaginative genius was the brainchild of library and museum exhibitions officer, Kerence Stephen.

Instead of calling off the dogs, Kerence encouraged them to come in to the museum (literally!) with *A Dog Show* and *Exhibition for Dogs*. The idea came about after a similar exhibition in London piqued her interest and, with this year celebrating the Chinese year of the dog, it all came together.

The Dog Show exhibition featured dogs made from recycled items, similar to an exhibition of artworks made from recycled bike parts held in 2016, the 40-year celebration exhibition for the Lake Taupō Cycle Challenge.

In a similar vein to this recycled theme, coupled with an exhibition for both owner and man’s best friend, it proved

to be to the satisfaction of the judges, who lapped it up based on the feedback received.

“Although the idea of dogs in a museum doesn’t fit with normal gallery and museum protocols we admired this innovative and simple idea. We liked the fact that Taupō Museum took a risk, they broke the rules and it paid off. The community loved it; visitation went up by 500 compared to the same time the previous year. The programme was a good fit for the community and encouraged a whole new audience to engage with the museum. It showcased local creativity from the community and the works produced were innovative and the participants took it very seriously. What we all enjoyed was the fact that participants – human and canine – looked like they were having a great time.”

So as much as every dog has its day, so did Kerence, by beating out many other museum submissions to take top spot.

Great job Kerence!

OTUMUHEKE DEVELOPMENT ON TRACK



The Otumuheke stream area in Spa Park is well into its development.

The popular area has all stormwater management completed with Waikato Regional Council happy with the standard of works.

The new toilet block and changing room facilities are in place, although more work is required before these will be open, including incorporating a viewing platform and pouring a concrete base. The erosion work is looking great with plantings done and an alternative path has been constructed to ensure safe access to the Huka Falls track.

More key elements are coming, including boardwalks and a bridge further upstream from the existing one still on the radar. The work will ensure the area is more user friendly, and sustainable for many years to come.

The bathing area will be closed between June 6-20, however the contractor will endeavour to provide access when safe and possible.

Completion is on track for August, weather permitting.

STORMWATER SEPARATOR FOR RUAPEHU LAKEFRONT

Centrifugal force is the key driver of a water separator to be installed in Ruapehu Street.

The subject of many a science project, centrifugal force is used in this case to ensure stormwater entering the lake is as clean as possible. The separator or ‘Downstream Defender’ as it is known by producers, Hynds, is the third such installation in the ongoing effort to improve the quality of the district’s stormwater.

Asset manager solid waste/stormwater Brent Aitken says that the central business district produces some of the dirtiest stormwater, including cigarette butts, plastic waste, cans and other pollutants and the new device will help to ensure none of these reach the lake.

Installation begins June 18, with completion expected in three weeks, weather permitting.



HAVE YOUR SAY

SPEED LIMIT SUBMISSIONS CLOSING SOON

Time is travelling on and we want you to have your say on the proposed speed limit changes. If you haven’t made a submission you still have time!

Friday June 15 at 5pm is the deadline for you to give us your opinion on what you feel are the best speeds for our local roads.

Submissions will be accepted at taupo.govt.nz/submissions



WHAT'S ON?

- Jun 10 Central Drift Team end-of-season fundraiser, Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park
- Jun 14 Chernobyl: A Snapshot in History, Taupō Library
- Until Jun 25 Still Playing with Fire, Taupō Museum
- Until Jun 25 Soul is Eternal, Taupō Museum

For more information visit www.GreatLakeTaupo.com



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