



IONIQ VEHICLE FOR COUNCIL



We have joined the ranks of EV owners!

With most vehicle manufacturers now producing hybrid and electric variants of their popular models, we have decided to jump on the band wagon by adding one to our everyday fleet.

The Hyundai Ioniq sedan has a range of up to 230km after each charge, which works well for travel within the district and with some planning, going further. The vehicle is a full electric version, which can be charged in the Tesla charging station here in Taupō or simply via a 230V plug anywhere.

Fleet and assets manager Rob Service says 30 minutes of charging will get the batteries to 80 per cent capacity and with the range of 200-odd kilometres, it makes it ideal for a return trip to Turangi or Mangakino. The added bonus is the peace of mind that comes with driving a vehicle with zero emissions, another refreshing way we can continue to look after the place we love.

Chief executive Gareth Green said the council is proud to have its first electric vehicle in its fleet.

"It makes sense both environmentally and financially. We look forward to adding more as new vehicles are needed."

RUAPEHU STREET INTERSECTION UPGRADE

The intersection of Paora Hapi and Ruapehu streets is being upgraded, with motorist and pedestrian safety the number one priority.

The Woolshed Taupō is situated on one corner of the intersection and owner Kathryn Anderson is happy the upgrade is going ahead.

"We know there will be some inconvenience during the construction but we're really looking forward to the new intersection. There is a lot of foot traffic here, and so making it safer is much appreciated. Taupō is such a pretty town and I think this will only add to that," she says.

Landscape architect Fraser Scott says the intersection will have a more modern design and be built out of timber, stone and concrete, similar to what has been done at the Ruapehu/Roberts Street intersection. As well as looking more visually appealing, the design will also improve visibility for all road users and pedestrians.

Work on the upgrade will begin July 23 and is due to be completed by mid-October, weather permitting.



CULTURAL PRECINCT POP-IN SESSION



The master planning team; L-R: Les Matthews, Jade Wikaira, Morne Hugo and Shannon Joe

HAVE YOUR SAY

Here's a chance to have your say in regards to the cultural precinct project!

The Taupō Yacht club will be the venue for the meeting where all members of the district can pop in and discuss ideas next Tuesday, July 31 between 4pm and 7pm.

The planners working on designs for the precinct, and council staff, will be in attendance to answer any questions and hear your opinions.

We'd love to see you, so come and have your say!

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When Tuesday July 31, 4pm – 7pm

Where Taupō Yacht Club, Ferry Road

» WHAT'S ON?

- Jul 28 Waipahihi Community Planting Day, Waipahihi Reserve (opposite Rainbow Point)
- Jul 28 Tiki Taane – One Man Band Show – Fundraiser concert, Great Lake Centre
- Jul 31 Cultural precinct project pop-in event, Taupō Yacht Club
- Until Aug 5 Mirror Magic, Taupō Museum

For more information visit www.GreatLakeTaupo.com



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