



Reinske Fokma is presented with a 'Hungry Bin' from our stormwater and solid waste manager Brent Aitken.

AND THE WINNER IS...

Composting is an inexpensive, natural way to deal with waste, and as part of our free monthly composting workshops one lucky attendee receives a free piece of composting equipment.

This month's winners were Mr Will Zonnefeld and Ms Reinske Fokma and the couple took away a 'Hungry Bin' worm farm for attending one of the workshops.

Ms Fokma was delighted to win the unit and thoroughly enjoyed the workshop. "I learnt a lot about being more intuitive with my materials when composting" Ms Fokma

said. "I would recommend the workshops to anyone, and everyone should in the very least make a start!"

Don't worry if you think you've missed out! We have workshops starting again in January through to May in both Taupō and Turangi. If you can't attend or don't win some equipment of your own, Council is also subsidising worm farms and composting bins.

» For more information see taupo.govt.nz/composting.



NEW ALCOHOL CONTROL BYLAW COMES INTO EFFECT TODAY

A 24/7 alcohol ban is in place at Otumuheke Stream at Spa Park from today as our new Alcohol Control Bylaw comes into effect.

The decision to introduce the ban was made following feedback from the community and discussions with Police. The new bylaw also includes town centre areas in Taupō between 4pm Thursday until 7am Monday and Mangakino between 7pm Friday and 7am Sunday. The alcohol bans in Taupō and Mangakino also apply to public holidays.

A New Year alcohol ban covers Taupō, Mangakino and Turangi town centres, lakefront reserve areas and Hipapatua Reserve (Reids Farm) from noon on December 27 until 7am January 4 each year.

Senior policy advisor Hilary Samuel said the new permanent ban put in place at the Otumuheke Stream bathing area in Spa Park was to improve the atmosphere for families, ensure safety for all and out of respect for the area's significance to tangata whenua.

Alcohol bans include consumption of alcohol in vehicles with the exception of certified self-contained vehicles. This applies to all ban areas except at Hipapatua Reserve where the ban also covers certified self-contained vehicles.

» For maps of the areas and more specific details, you can view the bylaw at taupo.govt.nz/alcoholban

NAU MAI, HAERE MAI TO IRONMAN 70.3



It is a pleasure to welcome all participants to this year's edition of IRONMAN 70.3.

It's always an exciting time when IRONMAN comes to town. We love having athletes, supporters and our local residents out and about soaking up the atmosphere. The vibe is electric, and this is one of the reasons we love living here and our visitors keep coming back.

This fantastic atmosphere, coupled with our love of all things IRONMAN, has culminated in us winning hosting rights for the 2020 IRONMAN 70.3 World Champs! We'd love to see you here then too!

Enjoy the beautiful fresh water of Lake Taupō, views of the mountains, hopefully your fair share of sunshine, and the support of our residents. On behalf of people right across the Taupō District, good luck and all the best for achieving your IRONMAN goals.

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» ROAD CLOSURES

All road users are advised of the following road closures for the IRONMAN 70.3 event on Saturday December 8, 2018:

- » Tongariro Street from Spa Road to Lake Terrace – 4.30am to 3pm
- » Lake Terrace from Tongariro to Ruapehu Streets – 4.30am to 3pm
- » Tamamutu Street from Kaimanawa to Titiraupenga Streets – 7am to 1pm
- » Tamamutu Street (south lane) from Ruapehu to Tongariro Streets – 4.30am to 1pm
- » Motutaiko Street from Spa Road to Tamamutu Street – 7am to 1pm
- » Broadlands Road Landfill Access Road to the district boundary – from 6am to 12.30pm
- » Centennial Drive from Broadlands Road to Rakaunui Road – from 6am to 8.30 am

» WHAT'S ON?

- Dec 7 – 9 Suzuki Series – Round 1, Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park
 - Dec 8 Kelloggs Nutrigrain IRONMAN 70.3 Taupō, Taupō
 - Dec 13 – 16 Taupō Christmas Classic, Fibre Fresh National Equestrian Centre
 - Until Jan 14 On the Road again, Taupō Museum
- For more information visit www.GreatLakeTaupo.com