



SUZHOU DELEGATES ENJOY TAUPŌ HOSPITALITY

Delegates from our Sister City Suzhou in China spent time in Taupō last week in preparation for the upcoming 10-year anniversary celebrations.

Their itinerary included visiting several locations in the district and a scenic cruise on the lake. The pair were here to help plan an exhibition featuring Suzhou artefacts which will be showcased at Taupō Museum from September to November. Everything from security measures, humidity levels for the display, and a tour of the space were covered, with the delegation very happy to endorse the exhibition being held at the museum.

Museum and library manager Luisa Haines is looking

forward to the exhibition.

"It is going to be an honour to have a world-class exhibit here at Taupō museum," she said.

"This is really going to be something completely different, which we're really excited about".

Comments from the delegates were very complimentary of our area and our unique cultural heritage was a highlight for our visitors.

Pictured above (left to right): David Trewavas, Taupō Mayor; Mr Liu Ming, Head of Security, Suzhou Museum; Ms Yao Yao, Head of Conservation, Suzhou Museum; and Luisa Haines, Library and Museum Manager.



TAUPŌ INTERMEDIATE CLEANING UP

Taupō Intermediate School partnered with us again this week to help clean up our town with a sponsored rubbish collection.

The last few weeks have been busy with sponsorship collection by the students as they attempt to raise money for the event in preparation for the pick-up day. The funds raised go towards cultural, sporting, academic and outdoor education activities.

Taupō District Council stormwater and solid waste manager Brent Aiken was pleased with the student's willingness to get their hands dirty collecting and recycling waste.

"Education in responsible recycling and picking up after ourselves is vital in looking after the place we love. It's great to see the students embrace picking up the waste! We'd love to partner with more schools to further expand young people's knowledge as they are the ones who will carry it through to the next generation."

WINTER DRIVING TIPS

The usual weather conversation in cafés over a coffee has turned to us all talking about the cold wind and drop in temperatures.

Now that Jack Frost is making a more regular appearance, you may have experienced first-hand the effects of the coming winter on our roads.

Road safety coordinator Dianna Harrison said it was important to take extra care on our roads during the colder months, as ice, fog and rain could make for challenging driving conditions.

"Take extra care on windy roads and when approaching intersections. Remember to turn your headlights on so you can be seen at all times of the day. If you're driving around other road-users, double the two-second rule to ensure a safe distance between you and the car in front."

Winter driving packs are now available from our customer service centre in Horomatangi Street. They are free of charge and include an ice scraper, window cloth and much more! Feel free to pop in and get one while there is still some left.



» WHAT'S ON?

- Jun 1 – 3 Two Rooks Cola Winter Drift Matsuri, Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park
- Jun 1 – 4 Taupō Art Trail, various locations
- Jun 6 Taking Care of Business, Great Lake Centre
- Until Jun 25 Still Playing with Fire, Taupō Museum
- Until Jun 25 Soul is Eternal, Taupō Museum

For more information visit www.GreatLakeTaupo.com

» REFUSE AND RECYCLING

It is business as usual for refuse and recycling pickups this long weekend. Please make sure it is kerbside by the usual time of 7.30am on your normal day of collection.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Mayor David Trewavas



Deputy Mayor Rosie Harvey



John Boddy



Barry Hickling



Rosanne Jollands



Tangonui Kingi



Anna Park



Christine Rankin



Maggie Stewart



Kirsty Trueman



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