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GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ
Taupō District Council

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY

Parents and caregivers across the district are breathing a collective sigh of relief this week as children return to school.

This brings more traffic around our schools and is a timely reminder to all to take care around children on the road. Not only do we have extra traffic on our roads and children in and around these hot-spots, but our parking habits can slip too.

Road safety coordinator Dianna Harrison said parking was one area we could focus on changing when we drop off our children.

“Parking on yellow lines and even across private driveways at drop off and pick up times is a common sight around our kura and schools. These can both result in \$60 and \$40 fines respectively and add to the congestion,” she said.

“Dropping students off down the road to walk the last part of the journey or encouraging walking and biking to and from school are great ways to ease the traffic flow during peak times, especially given the fantastic weather we’ve had lately!”

Radio and social media advertising is underway now, encouraging us all to keep kids safe around our district.

NEW INNOVATION FROM DOWNER

Downer has provided us at the council with the services of a unique piece of equipment which is designed to be used in emergencies for the temporary supply of drinking water. It can be used both domestically and commercially providing water to properties until repairs can be carried out, and for the disinfection of water mains.

The device is named EPOS (Emergency Point of Supply) and has been developed by the Downer Taupō team. It has been successfully trailed at Taupō Primary School and is now in service ready to be used should the need arise. It has a capacity of one cubic metre of clean water for us in the event of a shutdown.

Network engineer Graeme Jackson said he was pleased with the new tool. “It is of great advantage to everyone involved to still have water while maintenance and repairs are being carried out. A shutdown is always an inconvenience; this will provide cover in many cases and can be topped up from other sources during work too.”

This is a good example of the many benefits the local Downer team has brought to Taupō since being awarded the Taupō District Council three waters maintenance contract in 2016.

» EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

Taupō District Council will consider its preferred option for a new administration building at an extraordinary meeting at 1pm on Monday February 11, 2019, at SUNCOURT HOTEL*.

* Please note the change of venue.

» ROAD CLOSURES

The following road closures are in place this weekend for the Kinloch triathlon.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2019 (3.45pm to 5.30pm)

- » Kinloch Road: from Kenrigg Road to Mata Place
- » Marina Terrace: from Kinloch Road to Mata Place
- » Mata Place: from Kinloch Road to Kinloch Domain entrance

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2019 (6.00am to 3.30pm)

- » Kinloch Road: from Kenrigg Road to Mata Place
- » Marina Terrace: from Kinloch Road to Mata Place
- » Mata Place: from Kinloch Road to Kinloch Domain entrance 6.00am to 3.30pm

» WHAT'S ON?

Feb 8-11 Rotary Reunion 2019, Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park

Feb 9-10 Kinloch Triathlon, Kinloch

Until Feb 25 Around the Mountains, Taupō Museum

For more information visit www.GreatLakeTaupo.com

IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

This year we are again proudly supporting many community events across our district.

Looking forward to March, the ever popular Children's Day event the Teddy Bears Picnic returns. For the last four years we have been celebrating this event, which attracts as many as 700 children and their families each year.

This starts the ball rolling with many more community-based events across the district, with Neighbours Day Aotearoa being celebrated March 22-31 for its 10 year anniversary. To mark this milestone the event has a theme of “10 Days, 10 Ways!” This is an opportunity to create and celebrate Neighbours Day for longer than just one day with those living close by in your neighbourhood.

Strategic partnership and welfare manager Veronica King said this was a great way to get to know your local community if you didn't already.

“We have such a friendly community here in the district and the Neighbours Day in particular is designed for us to establish or grow a relationship with each other. We host so many visitors across our rohe, it's a great idea to do this with each other too.”

These are just two of the many events council supports,



with this year's calendar hosting various celebrations from Turangi to Taupō, across to Mangakino and everywhere in between! We are supporting music festivals, litter pick-up days, community days and mental health awareness events to name a few.

So whether you grab your soft toy, your neighbour, or a tree to plant, there will be something for everyone regardless of location across our district.

» For more information on events or neighbourhood initiatives coming up around the district, please contact one of our customer service offices.



Mayor David Trewavas, Deputy Mayor Rosie Harvey, John Boddy, Barry Hickling, Rosanne Jollands, Tangonui Kingi, Anna Park, Christine Rankin, Maggie Stewart, Kirsty Trueman, John Williamson