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## TURTLE POOLS AND AC BATHS REPEAT PRESTIGIOUS PERFORMANCES

The teams at the AC Baths and Turangi Turtle Pools have been awarded Poolsafe accreditation for another year.

Poolsafe is designed to recognise any aquatic facilities, including public baths, school pools, and thermal and spa pools, that have met set criteria to ensure their operations and facilities are safe. Business and operations manager Scott Attenborough said gaining the accreditation took a lot of time and effort from the diligent staff.

"We are incredibly proud that both the AC Baths and Turangi Turtle Pools have once again been awarded the

prestigious Poolsafe accreditation," he said.

"A great deal of work goes into the training, maintenance and customer service experience for the operating of these complex facilities, and I would like to thank the teams for delivering each and every day, all year round. We as a community should feel extremely lucky that we have such wonderful pools in our district."

Above: Pool supervisor Suzanne Watson, left, and team leader Marion Wellington at the Turangi Turtle Pools.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO TAUPŌ MUSEUM

Taupō Museum is turning 40 and the Friends of the Taupō Museum and Art Gallery are inviting everyone who played a part in its development and running to help celebrate.

The Museum was founded by a dedicated group of locals and Roger Marshall, President of the Friends of Taupō Museum, said that the birthday celebration was about recalling the past but also looking to the future.

"We're celebrating past achievements and looking to exciting new developments in the next decade. We're keen to hear from anyone who was involved with the museum, and as always we welcome new members to join the group."

Above (left to right): Kerence Stephen and Luisa Haines of Taupō Museum, with Christine McElwee and Roger Marshall of the Friends of the Taupō Museum and Art Gallery.

### » ATTEND THE CELEBRATION

If you have been involved with the museum and would like to attend the 40<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration at 5.30pm on Friday, March 15 at Taupō Museum, contact the museum reception on 07 376 0414 or email [taupomuseum@taupo.govt.nz](mailto:taupomuseum@taupo.govt.nz).

## THE CAT, THE GOAT AND THE SHEEP

Have you heard the one about the cat, the goat and the sheep? If not, you can't have been to the Taupō pound lately – because the compliance team have got them all!

The animals are part of the team at the pound, with each contributing a different set of skills. They have all come from different backgrounds and become beloved members of the team.

Floyd, the cat, was a six-year-old stray found on Tonga Street in Taupō last year and brought into the Taupō SPCA. The team at the pound had been looking at ways to cut the cost of pest control and reduce the use of baits – so the idea to bring in Floyd was born.

Compliance team supervisor Ross McDonald said Floyd was chosen because he loved toy mice, demonstrating his aptitude for the job. "We were spending \$100 a month on pest control and Floyd has been amazing. We have almost no mice or rats at all now – all thanks to Floyd!" he said.

When he's not rounding up rodents, Floyd can be found chilling in the halls of the complex and greeting customers who come to adopt dogs.

Howard, the resident goat, came to the pound after being called in by a rural school. He was being a nuisance so our compliance officers picked him up and had him desexed – transforming him into quite the friendly goat! He earns his keep by keeping the fence line clear of grass and providing entertainment for the kids who visit.

The pound sheep is named Phil, and he was picked up from Wairakei where he was reported as being on the loose. "Phil is our main paddock caretaker – he keeps the grass nice and short," Ross said. "He's feisty but he's a good boy and does a great job."

The three animals are all valued members of the team at the Taupō pound – be sure to visit the next time you're in the area!



## » WHAT'S ON?

- Mar 16 Ironmaori Taupō-Nui-A-Tia, Lake Taupō
- Mar 16 MasterCraft Boards n' BBQ's Groms wakeboard competition, Lake Maraetai
- Mar 16 MasterCraft Return of the Groms wakeboard event, Lake Maraetai
- Until Apr 1 The Small Print, Taupō Museum
- Until Apr 8 Progression, Taupō Museum

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