



IRONMAN NEW ZEALAND PROVES POPULAR WITH ATHLETES

Taupō has topped the world and had a series of top 10 results in a number of categories following the release of IRONMAN's 2018 Athletes Choice Awards.

Results from the awards were gathered from post event surveys sent to the 55,000 athletes who competed in one of the 41 full IRONMAN or 105 IRONMAN70.3 races that took place in 2018.

While Australian races, IRONMAN Cairns and IRONMAN 70.3 Geelong, took the global top honours for overall satisfaction, no host city performed better than Taupō across all categories with one athlete commenting on Taupō: "the support from the crowds was amazing - best I've ever experienced. The swim course was so beautiful and the volunteers were unbelievable".

Mayor David Trewavas said the results were no great surprise and they further cemented the district's reputation as the home of IRONMAN New Zealand.

"These events are always a great chance to showcase our district, and it is second nature for our community to step up each time our IRONMAN family come," Mr Trewavas said.

"As acknowledged in the feedback, it is the community and the way they embrace these events that make it really special. The community must be acknowledged for the way they open their arms and share their piece of the world with the thousands of athletes we welcome each year."

- TAUPŌ WON THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:**
- Overall Swim experience full IRONMAN: Kellogg's Nutri-Grain IRONMAN New Zealand
 - Overall Run IRONMAN 70.3: IRONMAN 70.3 Taupō
 - Overall Venue Experience full IRONMAN: Kellogg's Nutri-Grain IRONMAN New Zealand
 - Overall Venue Experience IRONMAN 70.3: IRONMAN 70.3 Taupō
 - Overall Host City Experience IRONMAN 70.3: IRONMAN 70.3 Taupō (1st =)

- TAUPŌ OVERALL TOP 10 RESULTS GLOBALLY:**
- 2nd Overall Satisfaction: IRONMAN 70.3 Taupō
 - 4th Overall Satisfaction: Kellogg's Nutri-Grain IRONMAN New Zealand
 - 2nd Overall Swim Experience: Kellogg's Nutri-Grain IRONMAN 70.3 New Zealand
 - 3rd Best post-race celebration: Kellogg's Nutri-Grain IRONMAN New Zealand
 - 4th Will attend next year: Kellogg's Nutri-Grain IRONMAN New Zealand
 - 4th Will recommend to a friend: Kellogg's Nutri-Grain IRONMAN New Zealand
 - 6th Overall bike experience: Kellogg's Nutri-Grain IRONMAN New Zealand
 - 6th Overall run experience: Kellogg's Nutri-Grain IRONMAN 70.3 New Zealand
 - 6th Overall run experience: Kellogg's Nutri-Grain IRONMAN
 - 6th Best venue experience: Kellogg's Nutri-Grain IRONMAN New Zealand
 - 8th Overall Best Venue Experience: Kellogg's Nutri-Grain IRONMAN 70.3 New Zealand
 - 9th Overall Bike Experience: Kellogg's Nutri-Grain IRONMAN 70.3 New Zealand



REACHING OUT TO CHRISTCHURCH

As a result of last week's attacks in Christchurch, the Taupō District has stepped up to offer and pay our respects.

Taupō District Mayor David Trewavas, his wife Anna and councillors Anna Park, John Williamson and Rosanne Jollands visited the Taupō Islamic community last Saturday on behalf of the council and people of our district to offer support.

Wednesday this week also saw a march from the Islamic Centre in Taupō to Colonel Roberts Reserve, which was followed by a candle-lit vigil to honour those who lost their lives.

Mayor David Trewavas said the mass shooting was one of the most tragic events in the nation's history and it was only right there was a public event where people could pay their respects.

"We want to provide the people of the Taupō District a place where they can share their grief, show their support, and pay respect to all of those who lost their lives," he said. "The effect of this event we know have been far reaching and as the Prime Minister said, it truly was one of New Zealand's darkest days."

Flags across the district will fly at half-mast for the next few days across Taupō, Turangi and Mangakino as a mark of respect.

Condolence books are available for the community to sign at Taupō Library, our customer service centre on Horomatangi Street, at Turangi Library and Turangi and Mangakino customer service centres.

Above: Taupō District Mayor David Trewavas signs the condolence book at the Customer Service Centre.

ONE CUP, MANY USES

In a new initiative between us and local business ninetyblack, we will all be able to get a reusable coffee cup for our daily caffeine fix that can be used at a number of cafés.

Over 295 million single-use coffee cups are dumped into New Zealand landfills each year, and One Cup is our opportunity to lower that number here in Taupō.

One Cup is a loyalty programme focussed on reducing New Zealand landfill waste by substituting the single-use coffee cup with a modern, lightweight, reusable takeaway cup. These cups can be purchased with a \$2 deposit on top of the usual cost of your coffee from selected participating cafés. Once your coffee has been consumed, you can take your dirty One Cup back to any of these cafés and get a new coffee in a clean cup.

Stormwater and solid waste asset manager Brent Aitken was pleased with the possible reduction in landfill for Taupō.

"We're always looking at new ways to reduce the amount of waste we're dumping into landfill," he says.

"Disposable coffee cups are not recyclable but we see large numbers in our recycling bins and landfill.

"This program aims to reduce the number of coffee cups discarded and ultimately put into our landfill."

Participating cafés include Café Ninety Nine, Spoon & Paddle, Victoria's Café Kitchen Bar, Constables Kitchen on Miro, Fast & Fresh Bakery Café, Industrie French Kitchen, Raw Balance and The Cozy Corner, #loveotumuheke – but it's not too late to sign up, so visit onecup.nz to learn more.

Below (left to right): Mukesh Kumar, Spoon & Paddle manager; Jo Lee, ninety black general manager; GJ Sauter, ninety black graphic designer; and Councillor John Williamson.



» WHAT'S ON?

- Mar 25 Tutus On Tour, Great Lake Centre
- Mar 26 Waste Free Living Workshop – with Kate Meads, Great Lake Centre
- Mar 27 Food Lovers Masterclass – with Kate Meads, Great Lake Centre
- Until Apr 1 The Small Print, Taupō Museum
- Until Apr 8 Progression, Taupō Museum

For more information visit www.GreatLakeTaupo.com