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Taupō District Council

COMMUNITY NEWS WITH TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL 12 JULY 2019

THANK YOU TO ALL

IT'S OFTEN IN times of adversity, we see strength rise up.

Last week, we had a significant issue with first a water main break and then a wastewater line rupture in Lake Terrace, throwing our everyday lives into chaos. As if this wasn't enough we had subsidence in the Crown Road, Invergarry Road area, with a house evacuated, services cut off and road and park closures.

Both Council staff and contractors have been 'all systems go' since last Tuesday.

We have been meeting regularly to get updates, and people from right across our organisation and many others have been putting in some incredible hours of work to ensure we kept the environmental impact to a minimum. The professionalism and straight out hard work has been nothing short of fantastic, thank-you so much to all involved. You've been working on this around the clock, in the cold and rain, so really deserve our thanks.

We also can't stop short of saying thank-you to you, our fantastic Taupō District. The accolades and love received from within our district has been very positive on the whole, as we have all banded together and lent a hand where possible.

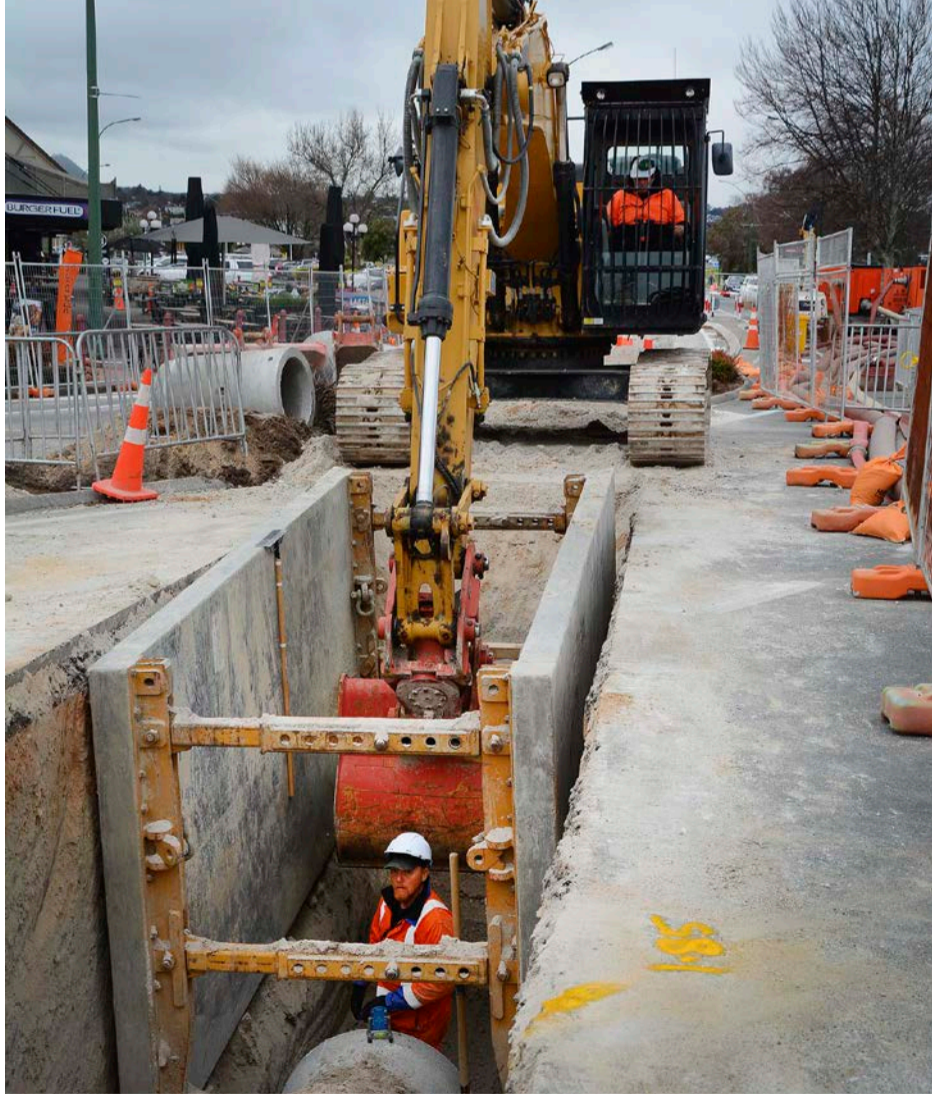
It really was remarkable to see the reduction in our wastewater usage, as we all sought ways to use less over the last week or two. Other highlights of this include local businesses offering food and coffee to contractors and workers during all hours of the day and night, staff from other Councils.

In regard to the projects, both sites are now both considered long-term projects. The challenges will remain, and we are not yet at a "business as normal" place, other than our retailers who are admirably taking this in their stride and are very much open for business!

This is going to be a big job and it will take some time to put right, while investigations in due course will identify the causes and what can be learnt from these events.

Again, thank-you to all who have been both involved and affected by these events and we encourage you all to spend time with your loved ones over these school holidays and support our local businesses and the Malcolm Flowers Insurances Winter Festival.

All the best,
Taupō District Mayor David Trewavas and councillors



YOUR WATER SAVING TIPS

A difficult week has brought out the best in many of us – our Taupō District community.

On top of the great work done by contractors and Council staff, some of the feedback has been very positive towards the efforts being put in.

You can still help by saving water and more importantly by sharing your water tips with others.

Our social media pages are running red-hot with suggestions and here are some gem's we've received from you!

- ▶ **Keep the water turned off while brushing your teeth**
- ▶ **Put a timer on shower time/have shorter showers**
- ▶ **Post-it notes to remind people not to flush as regularly**
- ▶ **Wash your dishes in a bucket**
- ▶ **Shower with a friend/have the kids shower together**

Thank-you all for your efforts to save water and look after the place we love!



COUNTRY ROADS COLOURING COMPETITION

Whether it's sitting on the school bus or looking out the window of the farm four-wheel drive, the students at Marotiri School are more accustomed than most in regard to travelling on rural roads.

Road safety coordinator Dianna Harrison has been working on a rural roads campaign, which included a colouring competition. Much like drivers across the district, the students at Marotiri have been staying within the lines and taking as much care as possible.

"The colouring competition is part of the rural roads safety awareness campaign. Radio advertisements featuring Greg Murphy and billboards with an 'Adjust your speed on rural roads' message has been in circulation over the last few months."

ABOVE: Road safety coordinator Dianna Harrison with the winner Abby from Room 4, Marotiri School.



- Jul 13 Mangakino Lake Hop, Mangakino
- Jul 13-14 Taupō Hobby Expo, Taupō Events Centre
- Jul 14 Magical Mayhem!, Great Lake Centre
- Until Jul 14 Zirka Circus, Tongariro North Domain
- Until Aug 12 CATalogue Exhibition, Taupō Museum

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