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COMMUNITY NEWS WITH TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL 19 JULY 2019



BIKE PROGRAMME FLOURISHING

COUNCIL IS PLEASED to be able to partner with Tongariro Prison in a programme that recycles old bikes, then gifts them to those in need.

The Tongariro Prison Bike Shop is where it all happens. This programme was established at Tongariro Prison in 2016, designed to give something back to the Taupō District.

The bikes are sourced from Tokoroa, Rotorua and Taupō Police the community, and some from our refuse transfer stations.

Any bike that is in reasonable condition is refurbished and parts are recycled from any unsalvageable ones.

The bikes are stripped down, and all moving parts are serviced, with the frames sent to an engineering team in the prison if they need welding repairs. All bikes are sent to a painting team to be sanded and repainted and

then reassembled ready for distribution.

Stormwater and solid waste manager Brent Aitken said he was delighted to partner in the programme.

"We're very happy to be involved in such a positive initiative that gives back to the community," he said. "It's pleasing to know the bikes are being recycled to such a high standard - they look fantastic."

Many worthy causes benefit from the bikes, including schools, youth groups, charitable organisations, Women's Refuge, counselling organisations working with children, and probation offices for offenders needing to get to work who don't have transport.

In the past year, Tongariro Prison has donated about 100 bikes back to the community, including specialised bikes for special needs users and balance bikes for people of all ages.



LAKE TERRACE IS STILL OPEN

IN THE WAKE of the recent wastewater breakage, businesses located opposite the worksite in Lake Terrace are still operating at business as usual, despite less parking available for customers.

With Lake Terrace closed and detours in place through the CBD, the amount of foot traffic has decreased around the area.

Parking on Lake Terrace is still not possible due to the road being closed to through traffic, however pedestrian access from Colonel Roberts Reserve to the southern end of Tongariro Domain has not been affected.

Pedestrians will also be able to use a courtesy crossing which is being installed during the road closure.

The footpath on Colonel Roberts Reserve has been extended to accommodate the new crossing and will enable pedestrians a safer option to cross Lake Terrace to get to the lake front.

ELECTION NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED standing for the upcoming local body elections? Now is your chance!

Nominations for the 2019 elections including the council, Waikato Regional Council and Lakes District Health Board are now open. They will remain open until August 16.

The Taupō District Council election will be for the mayor and 11 councillors, including one from the newly established Taupō East Rural ward, seven from the Taupō ward, two from Turangi/Tongariro and one from Mangakino. There will also be an election for the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board which will include four members from Turangi town and two members from the remaining area the ward covers.

This is a chance to represent our community as a councillor, board member or mayor and an exciting way to make a great contribution to the district. We encourage anyone who is interested to find out more at taupo.govt.nz/elections.

Local body elections will be held on October 12.



NEW LOOK FOR AC BATHS SWIM INSTRUCTORS

THE TEAM AT AC Baths are taking the saying 'clothes maketh the man' literally this week, with swim instructors happy to receive new uniforms.

The new kit has been donated by Contact Energy and its SwimWell programme.

Pool operations supervisor Ryno

Nienaber said the new uniforms would be put to good use.

"We're grateful to receive the new gear for our instructors," he said.

"Our staff will enjoy looking sharp in their new uniforms when keeping an eye on students and teaching them to swim."

Contact and SwimWell support swimming in New Zealand with local school children allocated two weeks at their local pool to learn swimming technique and water safety.

The new gear includes jackets, track pants, t-shirts and rash vests for the staff and flutter boards for swimmers.



» WHAT'S ON?

- Jul 20-21 ITM Winter Series – Round 1, Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park
- Jul 21 Kinloch music group Sunday jam, Kinloch Club
- Until Aug 12 CATalogue exhibition, Taupō Museum

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