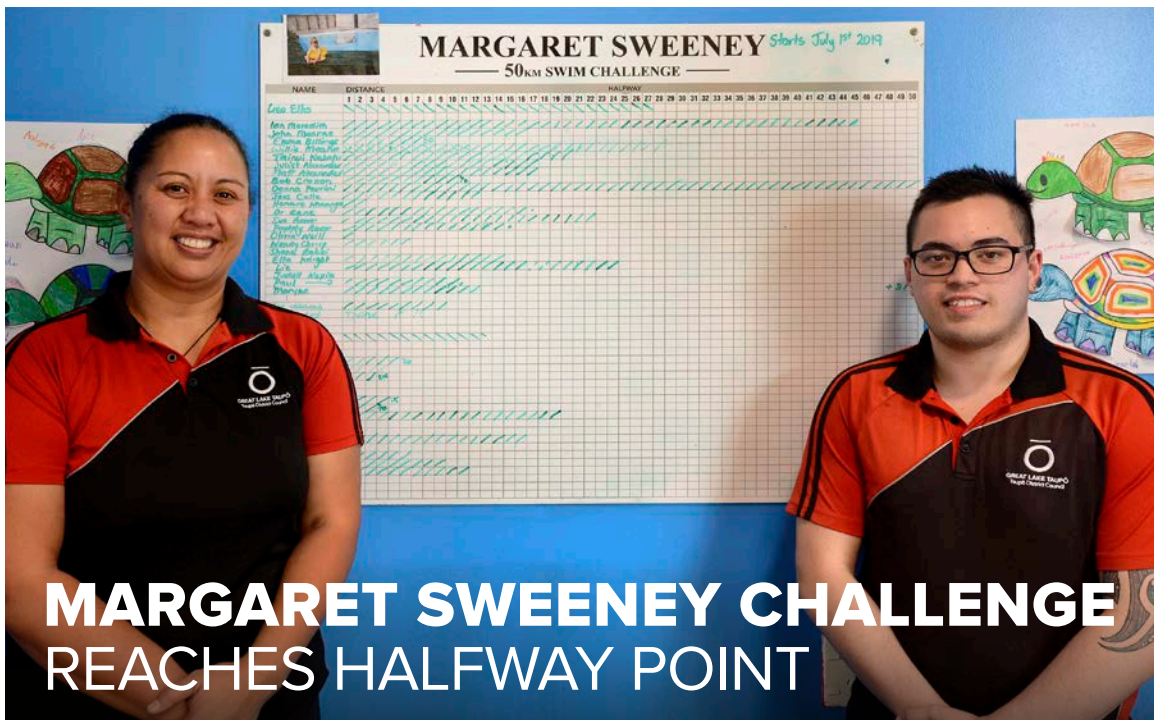


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## MARGARET SWEENEY CHALLENGE REACHES HALFWAY POINT

**THOSE WANTING A** challenge still have time to be a late entry into the Margaret Sweeney challenge. Margaret Sweeney represented New Zealand in breaststroke in the 1950 British Empire Games and was the first person to swim the length of Lake Taupō. In 1955, Ms Sweeney made the crossing from south to north in a time of 13 hours and 39 minutes. The challenge is to swim either 25km or 50km in the three-month period between July and September with several swimmers having signed up for the test. Whether you want to add this into your current training

regime, or simply want to test your endurance in the water, this would be a great option for you! Remember you still have one and a half months to commit yourself to achieving this monumental effort. Remember the challenge is available in Turangi at the Turtle Pools and for the first time this year at AC Baths in Taupō as well. Those who finish the 25kilometre distance receive a certificate and those doing the 50km distance are awarded a medal. Entry is free, just pop into either of the pools and sign up!

## WORKING TOWARDS A SMOKEFREE TAUPŌ DISTRICT

**WE ARE WORKING** towards reducing smoking following a recent meeting where it was agreed to adopt the Smokefree/Auahi Kore District Wide Action Plan. This signalled its commitment to creating a smoke-free district in the future. The adoption of this plan is in-line with the goal set by Central Government to significantly reduce smoking across Aotearoa to just 5 per cent by 2025. An action plan is to be put together over the next few months to see what this could include within our district and this will be introduced later this year. Chief executive Gareth Green said the decision was a step in the right direction for reducing smoking and related harm. "This is an integral part of looking after the place and the people we love. It also aligns with our vision to be the most prosperous and liveable district in the North Island by 2022," he says. "This is more than a health initiative – it will also have flow on effects to our environment by reducing litter and protecting our waterways and other natural assets."



## NEW COMPUTERS FOR TAUPŌ LIBRARY

**TAUPŌ LIBRARY NOW** has new, updated computers. The equipment has been supplied by the Aotearoa People's Network Kaharoa (APNK), which is part of The National Library. This follows on from an upgrade of the free WiFi network in libraries that was completed earlier in the year. To use one of the new computers, pop in and ask one of our friendly team! Use of the computers is free and on a first come, first served basis.



## ROAD CLOSURE EXTENDED TO TITIRAUPENGA STREET

**AS THE NEXT** phase of the pipe replacement along Lake Terrace begins, the area of road closed has been extended. The current detour through Ruapehu Street has been moved down to Titiraupenga Street. As part of the repair to the water main, the replacement now runs down the south bound lane of Lake Terrace. This new pipe will join into a main connection in the vicinity of the #LOVETAUPO sign. All road users and pedestrians are advised to please keep clear of the work site during the new connection phase of works. New detour signs are in place to divert traffic away from the area.

### » WHAT'S ON?

- Aug 16 2019 Great Lake Taupō Business Awards Gala Dinner, Wairakei Resort
- Aug 17 – Sep 23 Small Worlds exhibition, Taupo Museum
- Aug 21 The Merchant and Scenic Cellars wine, craft beer and food expo, Great Lake Centre

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