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COMMUNITY NEWS WITH TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL 30 AUGUST 2019



KEEP NEW ZEALAND BEAUTIFUL *Week*

IT'S ALMOST THAT time of year again when people all across Aotearoa spend some time cleaning up beaches, picking up litter, removing graffiti, planting trees and much more. We also work in schools educating our future generations on how to be tidy Kiwis and protect our beautiful country.

We're doing our bit, with events aimed at cleaning up our environment planned to coincide with the week, from September 9 – 15.

Environmental ranger Shannon Hanson has been at the forefront of organising the week's events.

"The Keep New Zealand Beautiful Clean Up Week is always a great way to rally the community together to clean up the Taupō District," she said.

"We can't let all of our keen volunteers go hungry either – we'll be serving pancakes as a thank you to those doing their bit to clean up our environment and help look after the place we love!"

If you can't make either of the below dates, we will also provide support and supplies to any schools or businesses that want to do their own clean up throughout the week, so no one misses out on being a part of this initiative.

Email Shannon at shanson@taupo.govt.nz to find out more.

» TAUPŌ BEACH CLEAN-UP AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, September 14, 8:30-10:30am
Meet at Hole-in-One carpark, Taupō

» TURANGI LITTER PICK-UP AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, September 15, 10am-12pm
Te Kapua Park, Turangi



TURANGI LIBRARY TO CLOSE FOR UPGRADE

THIS WEEK SEES Turangi Library closing for renovations from 1pm on Saturday, August 31.

The improvements are part of an extensive programme of work at the library, which will include the introduction of radio frequency identification (RFID) technology that allows users to issue and renew books themselves.

Work on the building itself includes a new entrance, lighting, carpet and an issuing desk. The impact on book lovers won't be too drawn out however, with the library due to reopen just over a week later on Monday September 9.

The library's wi-fi network will unfortunately not be available during the renovations and any returns can be dropped into the Turangi Service Centre during office hours.

OPT-IN FOR E-MAIL

EVERY YEAR WE send out over 90,000 pieces of mail – from rates notices to dog registrations and invoices – so there are 90,000 reasons to 'opt in' and receive all your communication via email.

Head of communications and customer relations Lisa Nairne said, while many people in the district had already chosen to opt in and switch to email, there were still quite a few relying on physical mail-outs.

"With postal charges rising we're encouraging as many people as we can to opt in and help us reduce costs to ratepayers but opting in also has a significant environmental impact so it's a win-win," she said.

To opt in, simply go to taupo.govt.nz/optin and have your customer services number handy.



» WHAT'S ON?

- Aug 31 Five Senses Dining – Tastes of Taupō, Great Lake Centre
- Sep 1 Bikes Are Back, Northcroft Reserve
- Sep 1 Whakaipo Bay Community Planting Day, Whakaipo Bay reserve
- Until Sep 23 Small Worlds, Taupō Museum

For more information visit www.lovetaupo.com



Bikes are Back // returns to Taupō

We are again celebrating National Motorcycle Awareness month, to raise awareness around the fact we'll have more motorcyclists on the road as we head into better weather.

You can join in the fun on Father's Day with family and friends by joining us for *Bikes are Back* at Northcroft Reserve, next to Taupō Mini Golf where there will be activities, giveaways, spot prizes and more!

The event helps promote such things as training opportunities for motorcycle riders such as Ride Forever, raise awareness of benefits of correct riding equipment like full face helmets and being aware of motorcyclists on the roads.

Come and see displays from ACC, Ride Forever and others, while The Rock radio station will be at the event providing the music.