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COMMUNITY NEWS WITH TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL 11 OCTOBER 2019

LAST CHANCE TO VOTE



IT'S ALMOST TIME for the campaigning to stop and the many billboards to be taken down around our district as the local body election period comes to a close.

You still have a chance to place your vote, by dropping your voting papers in to one of our council offices in Taupō, Turangi or Mangakino, or calling in to one of our offices to cast a special vote.

If you're in a hurry, or want the convenience of dropping and running quickly, we also have a 'drive-thru' option in Taupō tonight and tomorrow morning—you don't even have to get out of the car!

Voting closes at noon tomorrow, October 12. Make sure you have your say on who you want to represent you for the next three years around the council table and on our district health board.

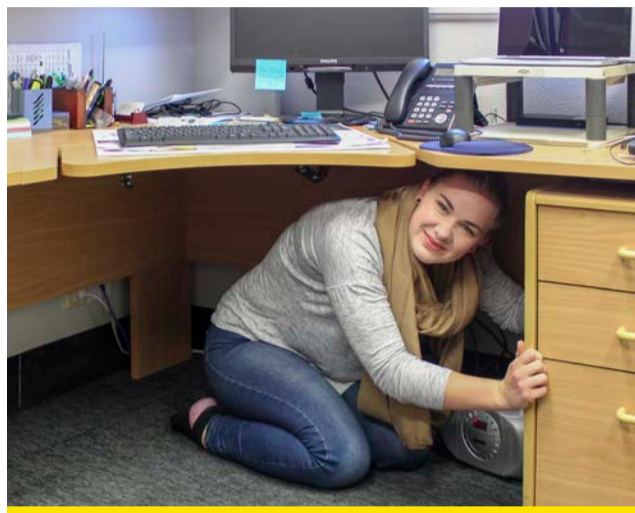


i Further information, as well as finding out how many people have voted, can be found at taupo.govt.nz/elections

DRIVE THRU LOCATION AND TIMES

Dropping off your voting papers has never been easier! Pop along to the car park on the corner of Rifle Range Road and Lake Terrace to drop your completed voting papers between these times:

- » Tonight, Friday, October 11, 4.30pm – 6pm
- » Tomorrow, Saturday, October 12, 9am–12pm



ARE YOU READY TO Shake Out?

NEXT THURSDAY SEES our national earthquake drill take place across the country, including here in the Taupō District.

On October 17, at 1.30pm, we all get to 'Drop, Cover and Hold', by getting under a desk, doorway or another structure, covering our head with one arm, and holding on to something solid where possible.

Whakahaumaru Aotearoa, or New Zealand ShakeOut, isn't just about jumping under a desk or doorway though. Are you ready to get through in the event of an emergency? In the worst-case scenario, assistance can take up to three days to arrive, so this is an opportunity for us to get our survival packs sorted or check through them if you have one already.

For more information on the drill, go to shakeout.govt.nz.

OCTOBER 17TH 1.30PM

SHAKEOUT.GOV.TZ

SAFETY FOCUS FOR NEW INTERSECTION

THE CHANGES TO the right of way at the intersection of Napier Road, Arrowsmith Avenue and Kiddle Drive are now live. The changes give traffic travelling on Kiddle Drive and Arrowsmith Avenue the right of way, with vehicles on Napier Road now required to stop.

Transport manager Claire Sharland said the intersection is being changed to make it safer for school children, cyclists, pedestrians and cars.

"We received a lot of feedback from residents in the area regarding concerns around the safety of children going to school through the intersection," she said.

"The larger traffic flow is going through Kiddle Drive and Arrowsmith Avenue, which also was a big reason behind the change. We took the opportunity to include safer crossing points and new road markings as well."

In addition, signage displaying a reduced speed limit of 30km/h approaching the intersection will stay in place for the next few weeks to help everybody get used to new layout.

Please take extra care and reduce your speed when approaching this intersection.

» WHAT'S ON?

- Oct 12 Taupō Ultramarathon, Whakaipo Bay
- Oct 16-20 Great Moscow Circus, Northern Domain
- Oct 17 Food Lovers Masterclass, Great Lake Centre
- Oct 17 Onward – A Decade of Devilskin, Great Lake Centre
- Until Oct 28 Spring has Sprung, Taupō Museum
- Until Nov 4 From the Inside, Taupō Museum

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