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COMMUNITY NEWS WITH TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL 18 OCTOBER 2019

## TAUPŌ DISTRICT MAYOR RETURNED FOR THIRD TERM



**THE ELECTION RESULTS** are in and Taupō District Mayor David Trewavas has been returned for a third term.

The seven successful candidates for the Taupō ward are Kathy Guy, Yvonne Westerman, Kevin Taylor, John Williamson, Christine Rankin, Anna Park and John Boddy. The two successful candidates for the Turangi-Tongariro ward are John Mack and Tangonui Kingi. Mangakino-Pouakani ward representative Kirsty Trueman was elected unopposed.

The successful candidate for the Taupō East Rural Ward is Kylie Leonard and the two successful candidates for the Tongariro Community Subdivision of the Turangi-Tongariro Community Board are Amanda Maclaren and Wally Van der Aa. There was no election needed for the Turangi Community Subdivision as the number of nominations equalled the number of vacancies. Ian Ashmore, Clint Green, Donna Searancke and Rob Serverne will represent that subdivision.

Mr Trewavas said he was very honoured to be returned to the district's top job. "I am really looking forward to continuing the progressive and positive direction we are currently on," he said.

Full results are available at [www.taupo.govt.nz/elections](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/elections).

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SOUGHT FOR COUNCIL LAND AND BUILDINGS

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST** are now being sought for the purchase of council land and buildings on the corner of Lake Terrace and Rifle Range Road.

Chief executive Gareth Green said the decision to sell the land and buildings was made earlier this year.

"This followed public consultation around where best to put a new council building.

"We asked respondents to tell us if they supported building on the old building site on Lake Terrace.

"It was a resounding no, with 83 per cent of respondents requesting to move the building away from the site.

"The public told us that this was a premium, valuable site that could be much better utilised," he said.

Expressions of interest for the site are being sought over the next four weeks with an information pack available from Flash Sandham – email [fsandham@taupo.govt.nz](mailto:fsandham@taupo.govt.nz).

## NEXT WEEK IS RECYCLING WEEK!

**RECYCLING WEEK** IS all about encouraging New Zealanders to be conscious about what they're buying and disposing of and how to adopt effective recycling habits in order to create a waste free future for New Zealand.

Here's a quick tip: by removing the plastic caps on your bottles you'll be saving a step for someone down the line. They're not recyclable as they're made of lower quality plastic so have to be removed. Did you know that the Taupō Landfill has a bin for caps that go to schools for art projects if you'd like to donate yours there!

Head to [recycle.co.nz](http://recycle.co.nz) to find more tips and tricks or keep an eye on our Facebook page for tips throughout the week.

**PROCUREMENT Monday**  
This Procurement Monday, only purchase what is made able to be recycled and shine a spotlight on your supply chain to see whether there are any opportunities to use recycled content instead of virgin materials.

**WASTE-FREE Tuesday**  
This Waste-Free Tuesday, make a conscious effort to not use your waste bin and be sure to recycle or compost any items that have an end of life solution.

**REUSEABLE WEDNESDAY**  
This Reuseable Wednesday, challenge yourself to only use reusable containers and aim to use zero packaging throughout the day.

**RINSE & CLEAN Thursday**  
Unclean (contaminated) products often do not get recycled. This Rinse and Clean Thursday, ensure all containers and packaging going in a recycling bin are adequately rinsed and cleaned before disposal.

**REFLECTION Friday**  
This Reflection Friday, think about what you have learnt during the week and how you can change your recycling habits for the better.

**Spring WEEKEND**  
This Spring Clean Weekend, take the time to identify everything that can be reused, repaired, repurposed, recovered, or recycled in your home.



## CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

**TWENTY-SIX NEW 'KIWIS'** were welcomed to the Taupō District last week in a ceremony at the Great Lake Centre.

Candidates from the Philippines, Russia, South Africa, India and many more countries across the globe came together to take their oath to become New Zealand citizens, supported by family and friends.

## SECURE YOUR LOAD

**WE'RE HEADING INTO** that time of year where we start getting our hands dirty around the house with spring cleaning, mowing our lawns more regularly, and pruning and cutting trees.

Now is a great time for a reminder around securing your load on trailers and utes when heading to the transfer station.

The last thing we want is litter flying everywhere as you're heading there. Let's all look after the place we love. Thanks everyone!

» **WHAT'S ON?**

- Until Oct 28 Spring has sprung, Taupō Museum
- Until Nov 4 From the Inside, Taupō Museum
- Until Oct 20 Great Moscow Circus, Taupō Domain

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