



### A MAKEOVER FOR PAETIKI SHOPS

**THE PAETIKI SHOPS and surrounding roads are about to get a \$200,000 makeover to make it a safer, more attractive and more user-friendly environment.**

The work is set to start in early November and will feature a small number of new car parks, a redeveloped mobility car park, improved landscaping on the corner and visibility and safety improvements on Taharepa Road. The project was budgeted for in the Long-term Plan after a submission asking for improvements to the area.

The car parks will go in near SuperValue Paetiki, and the mobility car park would be located on Rifle Range Road in a location determined after discussion with Access Taupō. Landscaping work on the corner will see new shrubs and grasses planted in a garden area, new seating and a bike rack.

A pedestrian refuge island will be constructed on Taharepa Road to help people cross the road safely and make them more visible to traffic.

Unfortunately for the duration of the work, there was



likely to be disruptions to traffic flow and increased noise from heavy machinery. Contractors Camex Civil will complete the most disruptive of the work outside of peak traffic hours to minimise the inconvenience.



### LAST CHANCE TO CHECK

### OUT THE MUSEUM'S GRAFFIATO EXHIBITION

**TAUPŌ MUSEUM is celebrating 10 years of the Graffiato Street Art Festival with a special exhibition which is ending on Monday.**

This exhibition, Graffiato: Taupō Street Art Festival, celebrates the 10th anniversary of New Zealand's longest running street art festival through exploring Graffiato's origins, the world of street art and the artists who have contributed to the many murals around Taupō.

The exhibition is on now in the museum's main gallery and runs until Monday, November 2.

### NEW CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE OPENING MONDAY

**COUNCIL'S FRONTLINE CUSTOMER services and the i-SITE visitor centres will merge from Monday, November 2 with both services offered from the same location in both Taupō and Turangi.**

In Taupō, both council and i-SITE services will operate from the existing i-SITE building in Tongariro Street. In Turangi, the council services will join the i-SITE at 2 Ngaweka Place in Turangi.

Head of communications and customer relations Lisa Nairne said the merger of the two services was the result of a council decision earlier this year, post-COVID-19 and the resulting significant decline in tourist numbers.

"The i-SITE function had been heavily subsidised by ratepayer

funding for some time, and the council could see there was some significant efficiencies to be made by bringing the services together," said Mrs Nairne. "The added bonus is that it will also mean our community will have enhanced access to both council and i-SITE services as from Monday, it will be seven days a week operation," she said.

The opening hours in Taupō will be 9am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 1pm on Saturday and Sunday. The Turangi hours will be 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 1pm Saturday and Sunday. The council services in Mangakino will continue to be offered from the Rangatira Drive location from 10am to 4pm, Monday to Friday.

### CALLING ALL CIVIC-MINDED TURANGI RESIDENTS

**HAVE YOU EVER thought about helping out with Civil Defence in Turangi? Now is your chance!**

We are forming a Turangi Community Response Team that we can call upon during an emergency, and we want to hear from people keen to volunteer.

Emergency manager Ian Connon said the roles were about helping the community in its time of need.

"If something happens in Turangi and it's cut off from the usual routes of emergency help – like Taupō – we have people on the ground, ready to help at a moment's notice," he said.

"They'll be learning First Aid, recovery and social welfare skills and be an integral part of any emergency response for Turangi."

Mr Connon said there had been a discussion between Civil Defence and the emergency services in Turangi who wanted to create a community response team to deal with unexpected situations, and he was happy it was going to take shape.

We'll be at Safe Turangi's Turangi Volunteer Expo at



Turangi Fire Brigade on Sunday, November 1 from 1pm to 3pm. Otherwise, contact Ian Connon on 07 376 0899 to express your interest.



### INTERSECTION REVAMP PROGRESSING WELL

**WORK IS PROGRESSING quickly at the Tūwharetoa/Ruapehu St intersection upgrade, with our contractors recently installing the furniture and pedestrian barriers, completing the stonewall, installing a new streetlight and laying the asphalt for the mobility car park.**

This week sees them on the home stretch, completing the furniture and pedestrian barriers, prepping for the traffic islands and the cobbles to be installed.

Thank you to everyone for their patience as this work has progressed.

