

## ROAD REOPENS AT UPGRADED INTERSECTION



**THE TRANSFORMATION OF the intersection of Ruapehu and Tūharetua streets is almost complete, with the road now open to through-traffic, and only minor finishing touches to go.**

The intersection upgrade, which began in August, is part of the wider \$20.6 million Taupō Town Centre Transformation project. It has included the realignment of each corner to improve health and safety and sight lines, a raised pedestrian crossing, repaving, curved seating and new planting.

Programme delivery manager Ian Gray said it was great to see the contractors on the ground working so quickly.

"This upgrade was originally scheduled to be completed by the end of this month, so it is very impressive to see our Camex team working hard to get this intersection complete much earlier than anticipated.

"Thank you to the community and the affected businesses who have been so understanding and patient as this work has progressed.

"This is the first project to be completed of the two year programme of work to transform our town centre and it is exciting to see how these important areas are turning into places that are people-friendly that attract locals and visitors to spend time here.

"We are now working through the next phase of the project and will soon be confirming timeframes for the upgrade of the intersection of Ruapehu and Horomatangi streets. Our team has already been out on the ground talking to affected businesses about this next phase, and we will be out again soon to ensure everyone is aware of this next project and the timings around it," he said.

## NEWLY RELOCATED CUSTOMER SERVICE NOW OPEN

**COUNCIL'S FRONTLINE CUSTOMER services and the i-SITE visitor centres have merged and now both operate from the same location in Taupō and Turangi.**

In Taupō, both council and i-SITE services can now be found at the previous i-SITE building in Tongariro Street. In Turangi, council services have joined the i-SITE at 2 Ngawaka Place in Turangi.

Taupō is open from 9am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday and 10am to 1pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Turangi is open from 10am to 4pm, Monday to Friday and 10am to 1pm on Saturday and Sunday.

The council service centre in Mangakino remains at its Rangatira Drive location and operates from 10am to 4pm, Monday to Friday.



## RETWEET: FEATHERY FUN AT THE MUSEUM

**A BIRD-THEMED exhibition is launching at Taupō Museum this Saturday, and it's got excited art and bird fans in a bit of a flap!**

The exhibition, ReTweet, follows similar exhibitions the Dog Show in 2018 and CATalogue in 2019. All involve using recycled and repurposed materials to create art, and in this case, bird-themed art.

Exhibitions officer Kerence Stephen said many of the artists who created work for the 2018 and 2019 exhibitions had taken on the challenge again this year.

"The exhibition features sculptures, artworks and accessories made with our avian friends in mind," she said. "It's the type of exhibition that appeals to a broad range of people – from children to adults, bird-lovers and art-lovers."

The exhibition is being held in the main gallery from November 7 to December 14. Entry is free for children and residents with proof of address and the museum is open 10am-4.30pm daily.



## FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY IN MANGAKINO

**DO YOU WANT TO RAISE MONEY FOR  
YOUR COMMUNITY GROUP?  
HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!**

We are looking for groups to run the Mangakino Refuse Transfer Station re-use shed over summer from 1pm to 3pm daily on a weekly rotation.

Any funds your community group raises from sales will be theirs to keep!

To find out more or register, contact our parks manager for town centres Julie Gordon at [jgordon@taupo.govt.nz](mailto:jgordon@taupo.govt.nz) before 5pm on Friday, November 13.

## DOG- FRIENDLY WALKING AREAS



**ONE OF THE joys of owning a dog is taking them out for a walk on a great day! We have a number of designated areas where dogs can be exercised freely off the leash.**

Our aim is to balance the needs of dogs and their owners, while minimising any potential danger, distress or nuisance to the community and environment. Please remember the following when exercising your dog:

- You must always carry a leash with you.
- Always pick up and appropriately dispose of your dog's droppings.
- Your dog must always be under proper control – you must be aware of where your dog is and what it is doing. Ensure the dog responds to commands and prevent it from endangering or causing distress to people, other animals or any wildlife.
- Dogs are not allowed in any children's play areas.
- Please keep your female dog that is in season at home.
- Remember to look for any signs that indicate dog restrictions, such as leashed or prohibited areas.

For a full list of both on-lead and off-lead exercise areas head to [taupo.govt.nz/takethelead](http://taupo.govt.nz/takethelead).

## APPLY NOW TO OUR WASTE MINIMISATION FUND

**ARE YOU AN individual, community group or organisation looking to fund an initiative that will help us reduce, reuse or recover materials that would otherwise end up in the landfill? Or maybe you want to raise awareness around food waste, single-use plastics, and other wastes.**

If that sounds like you, you could be eligible for a grant from the Waste Minimisation Fund. Grants are available for up to \$5,000 from an annual contestable fund of \$10,000. The funding comes from the national waste levy, which is set by the Ministry for the Environment (MFE).

We may grant successful applicants funding that is different to the amount requested, and consideration of all applications will be dependent upon available funding.

You can follow this link to find out more and apply to our Waste Minimisation Fund: [www.taupodc.govt.nz/wmf](http://www.taupodc.govt.nz/wmf).

Applications close 5pm Monday, November 30, 2020.

