

STEP UP FOR SAFE STREETS

IT'S ROAD SAFETY Week – and that means it's a time to reflect on our behaviour on our roads and what we can do to make them safer.

This year the theme for the week is "Step Up for Safe Streets", and to recognise this we have created a display on Heuheu Street to remind people why it's important to step up.

The display, called Ungiven Gifts, features 22 plinths that each include a representation of an ungiven gift. Each plinth represents a life lost on Taupō District roads in 2019. The 22 people who lost their lives ranged in age from eight to 59 years and the 22 ungiven gifts are examples of gifts family and friends will not be able to give to their loved ones.

Road safety coordinator Sarah Wraight said to save lives on the road we all needed to take responsibility.

"Ungiven Gifts gives us a visual impression of how many lives we lost on our local roads in just one short year. The families of these victims are still grieving and will feel their losses for the rest of their lives," she said.

"We need all drivers to be responsible for themselves and their passengers which means driving safe, sober and not under the influence of drugs.

"We all need to pitch in and be part of the solution."



POLISH UP YOUR CYCLING SKILLS

WE'RE RUNNING TWO cycling courses for our community this month – and they're free to attend!

Learn cycling skills to keep yourself safe on the road in a variety of conditions and meet some likeminded cyclists while you're at it.

We have an adult's cycling course this Saturday, November 14, followed by a women's only cycling course on Saturday, November 21. This course has a follow-up session on Saturday, November 28, where the instructor will recap the lessons learned the previous week and take participants on a group social ride.

You can register online at taupo.govt.nz/roadsafety or contact road safety coordinator Sarah Wraight at swraight@taupo.govt.nz for more information.

What? Cycling skills course

Where? Taupō – exact location to be advised to those registered

When? 9am-1pm, Saturday, November 14 (adults)

9am-midday, Saturday, November 21 (women)

9am-11am, Saturday, November 28 (women).

CONTROL GATES BRIDGE ONE-LANE CLOSURE

THE SINGLE-LANE closure on Control Gates Bridge that will allow Mercury Energy to complete essential maintenance is now scheduled for this coming Monday from 8pm to 1am, weather permitting.

Digital screens at the site alerting motorists of the change of date are in place.



URGENT SEWER RENEWAL WORKS IN BIRCH STREET CUL-DE-SAC AREA

URGENT SEWER RENEWAL works will get soon get underway in the Birch Street cul-de-sac and Lower Napier Road area.

Due to the age and condition of the network, council will be relining two sewer pipes and recoating two manholes between Thursday November 19 and Tuesday December 1.

Some of this work will take place overnight, as the materials being used need time to set and this can only be done when the least flow is in the system. This will take place over two nights on Sunday November 22 and Monday 23 November.

There will be limited access to some properties and disruption in the area while this work is taking place. This includes noise from the works overnight. We apologise for this and will be doing our best to minimise the impact to households as much as possible.

Our team will be door knocking affected properties over the next week to ensure they are aware of this upcoming work and where access is needed to a property, we will be liaising directly with the household.

Thank you for your understanding as we work to complete this project as quickly as possible.

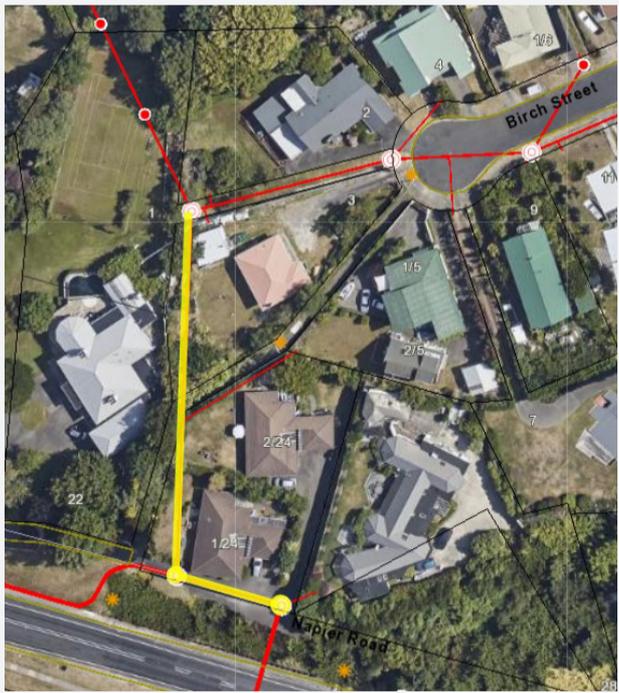
WORK SCHEDULE

Thursday 19 November - Saturday 21 November
Work hours 7.30am-5pm

Sunday 22 November and Monday 23 November
Work hours: 24 hours (overnight work)

Tuesday 24 November – Tuesday 1 December
Work hours 7.30am–5pm

Below is a plan of the sewer pipework in the affected area. The highlighted yellow section includes the two sewer pipes and manholes that are in need of urgent renewal works.



WORK TO BEGIN AT PAETIKI SHOPS

WORK IS NOW underway the Paetiki shops and surrounding roads to make it a safer, more attractive and more user-friendly environment.

Contractor Camex started work late last week and is scheduled to have the job completed by the end of the month, weather permitting.

New additions will include a small number of new car parks, a redeveloped mobility car park, improved landscaping and safety and visibility improvements on Taharepa Road.

There will be some disruption to traffic and pedestrians while the work takes place. Please drive carefully in this area to keep our contractors and community safe while this work is carried out.