

ROUNABOUT COMING FOR INTERSECTION OF HOROMATANGI AND RUAPEHU

THE INTERSECTION OF Horomatangi and Ruapehu streets is set to benefit from a roundabout and landscaping with the next phase of the Taupō Town Centre Transformation project beginning at the end of the month.

The major works will take place between Monday November 30 and Wednesday December 23 and along with the roundabout to improve access into, and out of, Horomatangi Street, there will be the addition of raised pedestrian crossings and safety improvements.

Construction programme manager Ian Gray said the team had worked closely with contractors Camex and designers WSP as well as businesses and retailers to minimise disruption and ensure the roads remained open during business hours, as much as possible.

“Our main goal in upgrading this intersection is to improve pedestrian access across Ruapehu and Horomatangi, while also improving vehicle access in and out of Horomatangi Street, which businesses have asked for. At present, there are no right turns when exiting Horomatangi onto Ruapehu, and a roundabout will address this.”

Once the first phase is complete, each corner will be repaved, have new seating and planting and be realigned to improve sight lines.

This is scheduled to begin January 6.



Schedule and road closures for first phase:

Week 1 – November 30 to December 6

- Full closure of Ruapehu/Horomatangi intersection overnight from 8pm–6am
- Road reopen to traffic during the day between 6am–8pm with traffic management in place.

Week 2 – December 7 to December 13

- Western side of Horomatangi St closed (outside Kefi and Bed, Bath and Beyond) 6am–8pm to allow for the concrete for the pedestrian crossing to set.
- Full closure of intersection overnight from 8pm–6am

Week 3 – December 14 to December 23

- Eastern side of Horomatangi St closed (outside school and car yard) 6am–8pm to allow for the concrete for the pedestrian crossing to set.
- Full closure of intersection overnight from 8pm–6am

A turning bay will be in place where there are road closures for vehicles to safely u-turn.



BIRCH STREET WORK GETS UNDERWAY TODAY

URGENT SEWER RENEWAL work will begin in the Birch Street cul-de-sac and Lower Napier Road area today, Thursday November 19.

Due to the age and condition of the network, council will be relining two sewer pipes and recoating two manholes between now 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 November 23.

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.

Immediately affected residents have been notified the work is taking place.

HERBICIDE SPRAYING IN THE TAUPŌ DISTRICT

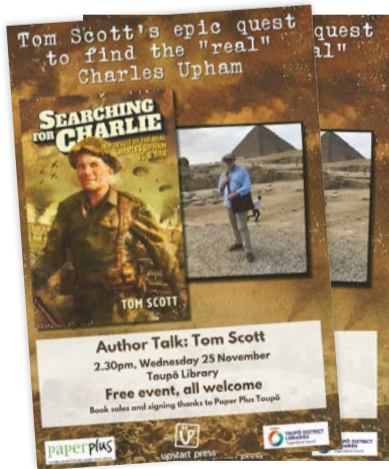
SPORTSGROUNDS, PARKS AND RESERVES around the Taupō District will be sprayed with herbicide from now until April as part of our annual maintenance programme.

We will be applying herbicide to control weeds and will do it on weekdays as weather allows between 6am and 3pm.

Parks operations manager Andrew Moor said signs would be erected on areas being sprayed to alert the community.

“We advise people to keep off the grass while spraying is taking place and stay away until the grass has dried,” he said. “We do try to complete the work as quickly as possible to minimise the inconvenience.”

The herbicides used will be either Archer 750 (active ingredient Clopyralid), Agritone 750 (active ingredient MCPA as dimethylamine salt) or Quantum (active ingredient diflufenican).



AUTHOR AND CARTOONIST TOM SCOTT AT TAUPŌ LIBRARY

AUTHOR AND CARTOONIST Tom Scott is coming to Taupō Library to talk about his latest book, Searching for Charlie.

Scott has been on an epic quest, involving extensive research, to find the “real” Charles Upham. His book, Searching for Charlie, does just that, delving deeper into the life of the reluctant war hero, Charles Upham, VC and Bar, sharing wartime tales and personal stories.

A well-known cartoonist, Scott has been named cartoonist of the year seven times and his “seriously, funny” memoir, Drawn Out, was shortlisted for the 2018 Ockham NZ Book Awards.

This free event will be held Wednesday, November 25 at Taupō Library at 2.30pm and all are welcome to attend. Booking is not required.



LOOKING TO REDUCE your waste this Christmas? Why not join us for our virtual waste-free workshop on Wednesday, November 25 from 7pm-8.30pm via Zoom. We'll share some great tips and ideas to help you celebrate the festive season in a waste-free way.

- Learn why waste across New Zealand increases over the holiday period and understand what we can all do to reduce unnecessary waste.
- Make DIY Christmas crackers your whanau will love.
- Create amazing food gifts you can freeze or store.
- Discover how you can use recyclable materials like fabric and cloth to wrap presents.
- Make your own all-natural salt dough ornaments

To sign up for this virtual event head to: eventbrite.co.nz/e/waste-free-for-the-holidays-tickets-128670229119.



A FRIENDLY REMINDER that rates for the second instalment are due by November 20. Rates are billed in four instalments for the rating year which begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. Your rates invoice will have been posted or emailed to you on the first day of the month. For more information visit taupo.govt.nz/rates.

Don't forget, we've moved! In Taupō, you'll find us in the existing iSite building in Tongariro Street. In Turangi, we're now at 1 Ngawaka Place. In Mangakino, council services are still available from our Rangatira Drive location.

