



## FIRST PHASE OF TERMINAL UPGRADE UNDERWAY AT TAUPŌ AIRPORT

**THE FIRST PHASE** of the Taupō Airport terminal upgrade is now underway, with the laying of new wastewater and water pipes.

The \$9.2 million airport upgrade is being funded by the government's Provincial Growth Fund (\$5 million) and the New Zealand Upgrade Programme (\$870,000) in partnership with the council, which will fund the remainder. It will see a new terminal built, the car park extended, and the airside apron expanded in order to operate larger aircraft safely.

The wastewater and water pipes would be laid starting just beyond the Mobil service station and progressing toward the current airport terminal. The northern shoulder of the road would likely be closed over the section contractors were working on but disruption would be minimal and the road would remain open. This phase of the project was expected to be completed by the end of March next year.

A detailed design is expected to be finalised in early 2021 and terminal construction is expected to begin in mid-2021.

## THE GREAT CHRISTMAS HUNT ON HOROMATANGI

**WE HAVE PARTNERED** with MoreFM to support businesses who have been affected by the intersection upgrade on Horomatangi Street. Head down to Horomatangi Street this Saturday December 12 between 11am and 1pm to take part in the Great Christmas Hunt.

You'll need to search out three gold stars hidden in participating businesses on Horomatangi Street, return the entry form to MoreFM, and go in the draw to win a \$500 shopping spree! There'll be a free sausage sizzle too! The winner will be announced Monday December 14 on the More FM Breakfast Show.

Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding as we have worked to upgrade the Horomatangi and Ruapehu Streets intersection. Our contractors are progressing well and are on track to complete the first phase of this upgrade – the installation of a roundabout and pedestrian crossings – by Wednesday 23 December. Once the first phase is complete, the team will then come back on January 6 to finish the landscaping to the four corners. This work is not expected to involve any road closures.

## #LOVETAUPO UPGRADE UNDERWAY

**TAUPŌ'S ICONIC #LOVETAUPO sign on the lakefront is getting a spruce up, in time for the busy holiday period.**

The popular visitor spot is being upgraded as part of the government funded Taupō Town Centre Transformation project which aims to transform our public places into spaces that attract people to spend time and invest in the town centre.

The upgrade of the #lovetaupo sign involves upgrading the area surrounding the signage with pavers, etched concrete and timber platforms.

Landscape architect Fraser Scott said the idea is to create a more robust area to support the increasing number of visitors to the site.

"We have seen the popularity of the #lovetaupo sign continue to soar and this work will ensure the site can continue to cope with those numbers.

"It will also allow us to further beautify the area, with the design based around tying people, cultures and our environment



together to enhance our unique landscape and better connect with our lakefront," he said.

Work got underway on Monday December 7 and is expected to be complete by Monday December 21. During this time, there will be a replacement #lovetaupo sign on Colonel Roberts Reserve.



## RUBBISH AND RECYCLING THIS SUMMER

**WE'RE HEADING TOWARDS** the busiest time of year across our district, so here's what you need to know about rubbish and recycling over the holiday period.

To ensure your rubbish and recycling is collected, please place everything on the kerbside by 7.30am and ensure you have only included types 1 and 2 plastics in your recycling. Please also remember to rinse your recyclable containers, remove the lids (these go into your refuse bag) and flatten any plastic bottles, tin or aluminium cans and cardboard.

We will have more trucks out collecting your recycling and refuse to deal with the extra volumes expected over the next two months. Please don't worry if your cardboard is picked up separately, the rest of your recycling will still be picked up.

Christmas Day falls on a Friday this year, which means the usual Friday collection will be brought forward one day to Thursday, December 24. All other collection days throughout the holidays will continue as normal. There are no changes to kerbside collections over the New Year period. We will update you with our holiday recycling and landfill hours later this month.



## JUST PLANTING REMAINING TO FINISH PAETIKI SHOPS UPGRADE

**CONTRACTORS HAVE FINISHED** their makeover of the Paetiki shopping area with just planting to go in the new garden area.

Camex has carried out the \$200,000 makeover to make the area a safer, more attractive and more user-friendly environment.

The project was budgeted for in the Long-term Plan after a submission asking for improvements to the area.

The work included an upgraded mobility carpark, four new carparks outside SuperValue Paetiki, the concreting of the roundabout, pedestrian refuge islands on Taharepa Road, new kerbing and the redevelopment of the corner by the shops to include landscaping and seating.

The area is now open without restriction for traffic and pedestrians.

## SPEAK WITH A COUNCILLOR DROP-IN SESSIONS

**WE'RE HOSTING DROP-IN sessions** for the community to talk with local Taupō Councillors. Come along, ask questions and share your thoughts.

**When:** Thursday 17 December 2020, 9.30–10.30am.

**Where:** Council Chamber, 107 Heuheu Street, Taupō

Further dates will be announced for 2021.

