



WATER RESTRICTIONS NOW IN PLACE



TAUPŌ DISTRICT RESIDENTS are being asked to use their sprinklers on alternate days, with level one water restrictions now in place.

However, hand held hoses can be used at any time. Council asset manager water Tom Swindells said as the district fills up with visitors and temperatures rise, demand for water increases dramatically. "Last year, we saw a significant increase in demand across the district across the busy summer period, and this puts a lot of pressure on the capacity of our water treatment plants. "They can only treat a certain amount of water each day so while you may look at the lake and think there is a lot of water out there, it is actually about the capacity of the

plants to treat water. "We are expecting a similar increase this year, so we are asking residents to act now to help reduce the demand for water. "From today, please only water your garden and lawn every second day (using the odds and evens system based on your street address). "That means if your address ends in 0, 2, 4, 6 or 8, you can use sprinklers on even calendar days, if your address ends in 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9, you can use them on odd calendar days," he said. These level one water restrictions apply to sprinklers only.

AC BATHS SAUNA IS BACK IN ACTION

OUR NEWLY REFURBISHED sauna is now open! With a completely upgraded interior featuring new wall and ceiling panels, flooring and lighting, it's designed for relaxation and accessibility.

The upgrade includes two open area showers so you can cool off after a sauna, plus an additional shower for those with limited mobility located close to the sauna and lane pools. Thanks for your patience while the refurbishment took place. We hope you can check it out soon. **Opening hours:** 6am to 8.30pm on weekdays 7am to 6.30pm during weekends and public holidays Entry is included as part of the pool entry fee. Access is strictly 18 years plus.



HOURS CHANGING AT TAUPŌ EVENTS CENTRE AND FITNESS STUDIO



TAUPŌ EVENTS CENTRE and the Fitness Studio are changing their opening hours to align them with the AC Baths' hours from the start of 2021.

The changes only affect weekends and public holidays, when visitors numbers are minimal outside of peak hours. This will affect users of the Fitness Studio, stadium and function rooms. Previously Taupo Events Centre and the Fitness Studio were open 6am to 9pm on weekends and public holidays – now they will be open 7am to 7pm on these days, in line with the AC Baths. Business operations manager for venues and district pools Scott Attenborough said the changes allowed the complex

to streamline its customer service operations and reduce hours where visitor numbers were minimal, creating a more cost-effective operation. **The new operating hours for Taupo Events Centre and the Fitness Studio from January 1 2021 are:**

- Monday to Friday: 6am-9pm (no change)
- Saturday and Sunday: 7am-7pm (previously 6am-9pm)
- Public holidays: 7am-7pm (previously 6am-9pm)

TEMPORARY STADIUM CLOSURE FOR FLOOR RESEAL WORK

TAUPŌ EVENTS CENTRE'S stadium floor will be resealed from Monday December 14 to Sunday December 27 as part of its regular maintenance. This means the stadium will be unavailable for court users, Rockwall users and clubroom bookings. The Fitness Studio will remain open but the mezzanine will be closed. You might smell the sealant but don't worry – it's non-toxic and won't harm you! We thank you for your patience while we carry out this work to keep our events centre in top working condition!

POSTS POPPING UP ON THE LAKEFRONT TO MEASURE SAND MOVEMENT



HAVE YOU SEEN this post on the lakefront? It will help the parks and reserves team monitor sediment movement. A starting point for sand level has been marked so if you start to see red and white stripes it means erosion or sand loss is occurring. Alternatively, we might see the build-up or increase of sand. Changes in sand depth are normal and natural but these posts will help us monitor long-term trends closely and take action if needed. The first post has been placed in Kinloch with more due to be placed in the western bays area in the coming weeks.



DON'T BE A DICK – BE RIVER SAFE

WE'RE LUCKY ENOUGH to have beautiful rivers running through our district. While you're enjoying the water this summer please remember to be river safe. There are more drownings in rivers than any other water environment in New Zealand but a basic understanding of rivers and a healthy respect for the power of moving water can help keep you safe.

- TIPS TO STAY SAFE WHEN SWIMMING IN RIVERS**
- Stay away from dams – the water near dams has strong currents and suction effects, and massive flows may be released at any time. Stay out of the 200m exclusion zone between the buoys and the dam, it's the law.
 - Have someone with you for extra support and safety.
 - Always read the signage and do what it says.
 - Always check for hazards (such as floating timber).
 - Avoid pools that run out into a stretch of rapidly moving water.
 - Never jump or dive into a river without being sure of what's below the surface.