

OTUMUHEKE UPGRADE COMPLETED AND OFFICIALLY OPENED

THE FOUR-MONTH LONG upgrade to Otumuheke Hot Stream in Taupō's Spa Park is complete and more than one hundred people turned out to celebrate its opening.

The area now has terraced seating, a viewing platform, changing rooms and toilets, a new bridge and story boards outlining the cultural significance of the area.

Four ceremonial pou have been erected at the entrance, and four ribbons, each representing one of the major stakeholders in the project, were stretched between the pou and cut to officially open the redevelopment.

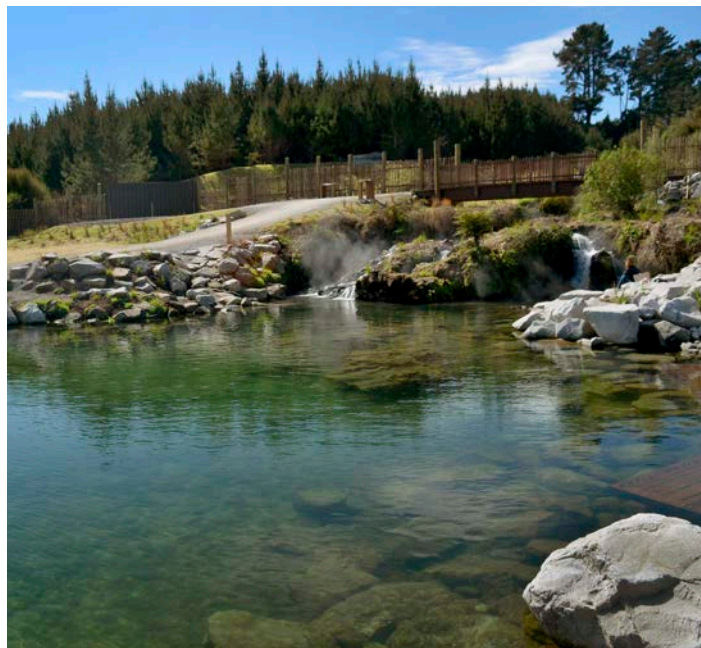
Taupō Mayor David Trewavas, who was one of the ribbon cutters, thanked all involved

and said that in addition to making the site more visually appealing, the upgrade had also addressed erosion, safety and ecological issues.

"The project has been a real partnership, with landowners Patuiwi Maori Reserve Trust, Tūwharetoa Maori Trust Board, Department of Conservation, Taupō District Council, Taupō Police and Waikato Regional Council all working together. Funding has been provided from the Taupō District Council and the Regional Mid-Sized Tourism Facilities Grant Fund, and Craters of the Moon Trust contributed to the new bridge. Thanks to all the efforts that have gone into this, we now have an area to be enjoyed for many generations to come."

Top right: The new bridge in the Otumuheke project.

Bottom right: Keep New Zealand Beautiful judges at Otumuheke. L-R: Greening Taupō representative Thea Depetris, judges Heather Sauderson and Sally Duggan, and Taupō District Council environmental ranger Shannon Hansen.



MANGAKINO SET TO SIZZLE

A NEW RUNNING event is set to hit Mangakino taking in the scenery of the trails and Lake Maraetai.

The Summer Sizzler event will kick-off on January 12, 2019 and features three categories for both walkers and runners. These include 22km, 11km and 6km events all finishing at the scenic Lake Maraetai.

Further information can be found at www.wrtsummersizzler.com



CUSTOMER SERVICES WIN ALGIM AWARD

OUR CUSTOMER SERVICES team has reached the pinnacle of quality service. The team was named top council in the country for offering a quality customer experience, winning the award at the Association of Local Government Information Management (ALGIM) Spring Conference.



TURANGI UPDATE

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE Tūrangi Rangatahi Hub, who were winners in the 2018 Trust Power Community Awards. The Hub was founded in June 2017 with the aim of delivering youth programmes in Tūrangi and over 30 youth leaders have registered and 150 young people have taken part. Rangatahi Hub chairperson Trish Otimi said the award was recognition for all the hard work put in by the 25 volunteers.

“Winning the award has bolstered the confidence of our rangatahi (youth) and allowed them to share their experiences and meet other inspiring people. It’s thanks to the efforts of our rangatahi, volunteers, whānau and partner organisations that we have such a successful organisation. We’d like to thank Tūwharetoa Maori Trust Board, Taupō District Council, the Ministry of Youth Development and the Tūrangi-Tongariro Community Board for their support. Thanks to them we can continue to provide positive and engaging programmes and build the capacity of our young leaders. Our ultimate goal is these young leaders will take over running the Hub and carry on its work.”

CHRISTMAS RUBBISH AND RECYCLING DAYS

This year Christmas falls on a Tuesday, which means our rubbish and recycling schedule is affected.

For the week of 24-28 December, the table below shows what day your rubbish will be collected.

There will be extra trucks and crew on the road to manage the extra volumes. This will be primarily centred around the recycling collections as large bulky cardboard was the main contributor to delays last year.

Rubbish and recycling collection days run as normal from Monday 31 December, including throughout the New Year period.



Usual rubbish collection day	Collection day during Christmas week
Monday 24 December	Unchanged
Tuesday 25 December	Wednesday 26 December
Wednesday 26 December	Thursday 27 December
Thursday 27 December	Friday 28 December
Friday 28 December	Friday 28 December (unchanged)

All landfills and transfer stations are closed Christmas Day, with all other days unchanged.

CHRISTMAS HOURS



Christmas is fast approaching, and our office hours will be limited over the upcoming holiday period.

Monday 24 December
Close at 1pm

Tuesday 25 December
Closed

Wednesday 26 December
Closed

Thursday 27 December
9am-3pm

Friday 28 December
9am-3pm

Monday 31 December
Closed

Tuesday 1 January
Closed

Wednesday 2 January
Closed

Thursday 3 January
Normal office hours resume

KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE ON-HAND FOR CULTURAL PRECINCT PROJECT

A RESPECTED SPECIALIST in cultural precinct developments and design and landscape architects have all invested time in discussions and planning around possible ideas for a Taupō cultural precinct.

Wayne Marriott is a very well respected authority on museums and was called in as an advisor to Council's Cultural Precinct Project. Mr Marriott says the proposed Taupō cultural precinct project has the potential to take heritage and tourism to a new level, and would work well for both

the local community as well as being a significant drawcard for visitors.

In addition to Mr Marriott's expertise, part of the design process includes four options put forward by architectural design firm Warren and Mahoney in partnership with landscape architects Boffa Miskell. Following public meetings and community consultation, submissions were accepted until October 19.

Further details on the project can be found at our website taupo.govt.nz



TAUPŌ A FINALIST IN KEEP NEW ZEALAND BEAUTIFUL AWARD

Taupō has been recognised by Keep New Zealand Beautiful as one of two finalists in the Most Beautiful Large Town award.

Feedback from judges to date has them very impressed with the calibre of our entry and the amount Taupō has achieved in looking after the place we love, whether it is keeping on top of gardens, planting trees, mowing reserve space or our efforts with Plastic Free July and other initiatives.

Most beautiful towns and cities is just one area the awards focus on, with other criteria including individuals, communities, places and businesses also taken into consideration.

Taupō District mayor David Trewavas was complimentary on the ongoing effort taken to get our town as a finalist.

“Our parks and reserves team, volunteers and many individuals and residents do a great job and this shows in what we see on a daily basis. It’s fantastic for them to receive recognition from the Keep New Zealand Beautiful organisation” he says.

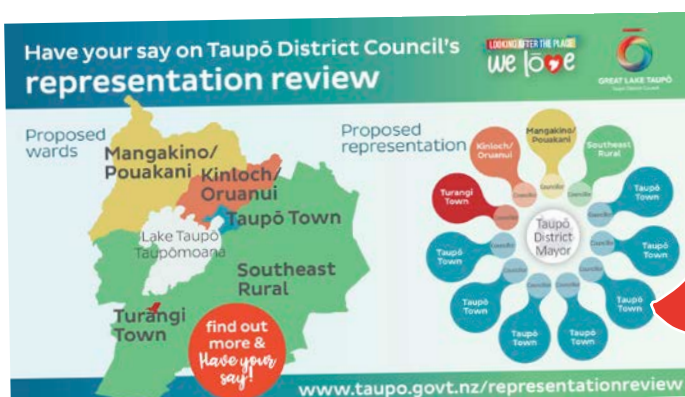
CHANGES TO PLASTIC RECYCLING

RECYCLING IN THE Taupō District has been embraced by many, with a large number of us recycling not just plastics, but paper, glass and tin cans regularly. Unfortunately, due to China no longer accepting plastic waste, plastics with the code 3-7 can no longer be recycled and our contractor can no longer accept them.

As of October this year, Council will need your help to ensure we only get plastics with the code 1-2 in your bins for collection, while 3-7 plastics will go in your rubbish bags.

While this is an issue faced by all councils nationally, this is also an opportunity to continue to reduce our purchasing of plastic and take on other sustainable options.

Pictured: Stormwater and solid waste manager Brent Aitken points out the various plastic codes.



REPRESENTATION REVIEW

Keep an eye on our website for further details coming soon!

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EVENTS

NOVEMBER

2 Nov	Starlight Cinema Fireworks & Laser Extravaganza, Owen Delany Park	■
2 Nov	Landslide-Fleetwood Mac & Stevie Nicks Tribute Show, Element Bar	■
2-4 Nov	End of Year Variety Show, Great Lake Centre	■
3 Nov	Harcourts Hound Day, Waipahihi Botanical Reserve	■
3 Nov	The Taniwha, Waikato River Trails, Whakamaru	■
9 Nov	Taupō Sports Awards, Great Lake Centre	■
10 Nov	Fresh and the Furious, Taupō Events Centre	■
10 Nov	Laid Out By The Lake, Tongariro North Domain	■
10-11 Nov	River Wild-Raft & Run Challenge, Tongariro River	■
10-11 Nov	Quintet Performance, Great Lake Centre	■
12-14 Nov	NZ Blood Service-Blood Drive, Great Lake Centre	■
13 Nov	Taupō School of Music End of Year Concert, Great Lake Centre	■
14 Nov	Social Climbers-A Roger Hall Comedy, Great Lake Centre	■
17-18 Nov	NZ Horse Show Council, National Equestrian Centre	■
23 Nov	Street Criterium-BDO Lake Taupō Cycle Challenge, Tongariro Street	■
24 Nov	BDO Lake Taupō Cycle Challenge, Tongariro North Domain	■
24 Nov	BDO Huka MTB-BDO Lake Taupō Cycle Challenge, Tongariro North Domain	■
24 Nov-14 Jan	On the Road Again, Taupō Museum	■
30 Nov-7 Dec	Latin American and Spanish Film Festival, Taupō Museum	■

JANUARY

24 Nov-14 Jan	On the Road Again, Taupō Museum	■
4-5 Jan	Tuwharetoa Marae Sports Challenge (Pa Wars), Turangitukua Park, Turangi	■
7-11 Jan	NZ Maori Golf Association National Tournament, Taupō Golf Course	■
12 Jan	Waikato River Trails Summer Sizzler Run/Walk, Mangakino Lake Front Reserve, Lake Maraetai	■
12-13 Jan	Epic Swim, Lake Taupō	■
19-20 Jan	Antiques Fair, Great Lake Centre	■
19-20 Jan	Kinstock, Kinloch Domain	■
20 Jan	Harcourts ProAm, Taupō Golf Course	■
26 Jan	Taupō Summer Concert, Amphitheatre	■
26-27 Jan	Thunder on the Great Lake, Lake Taupō	■

■ Community ■ Sport ■ Arts

This information was correct at time of printing. For a complete list of up-to-date events, visit www.GreatLakeTaupo.com/events

DECEMBER

1 Dec	The Original Tongariro Goat, Tongariro National Park	■
1 Dec	Merry Christmas Taupō-Float Parade and Carols, Tongariro North Domain	■
1 Dec	Taupō Rose Show, Rotary House	■
1-2 Dec	Taupō Academy of Dance End of Year Concert, Great Lake Centre	■
7 Dec	Recital, Great Lake Centre	■
8 Dec	IRONMAN New Zealand 70.3, Great Lake Centre	■
8 Dec	Christmas Event & Float Parade, Mangakino Town Centre	■
10 Dec	World Festival of Magic, Great Lake Centre	■
13-16 Dec	Christmas Classic, National Equestrian Centre	■
14-15 Dec	Dance Central End of Year Concert, Great Lake Centre	■
15 Dec	Future ChampionZ Triathlon Festival, Lake Front Reserve / Owen Delany Park	■
15 Dec	Turangi Christmas in the Park 2018, Tongariro School	■
15-24 Dec	Santa Cave, Taupō CBD	■
16 Dec	Future ChampionZ Triathlon Festival, Wharewaka Point	■
16 Dec	Unique Dance Studios End of Year Concert, Great Lake Centre	■
26 Dec-Jan	Mahon's Amusement, Tongariro North Domain	■
28 Dec	Annual Boat Party, Lake Maraetai	■
29 Dec	Taupō Rodeo, Taupō Rodeo, Broadlands Road	■
30 Dec	Interislander Summer Festival Raceday, Taupō Race Track	■
31 Dec	Omori New Years Eve Concert, Omori Kuratau Town Hall	■
31 Dec	New Years Eve Celebration and Fireworks, Lake Terrace / Tongariro South Domain	■



DO IT ONLINE

Did you know all of the information you could possibly want from council is available at your fingertips?

All of the venues we cover, whether it be Taupō Events Centre, AC Baths, Taupō Museum or some other important piece of information, everything from rates, various fees and anything else you could want is available online.

So for everything from roading or rates, to committees or consents, you can learn more at taupo.govt.nz



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