

CULTURAL PRECINCT PROJECT UNDERWAY

The development of a master plan for the Taupō Central Business District is underway and the community are being invited to have their say.



THE COUNCIL DECIDED earlier this year to develop a masterplan around the preferred site for its civic administration functions by the Great Lake Centre, including provision for cultural, arts, and heritage facilities to replace Taupō Museum. This followed the need to vacate its former Lake Terrace site mid last year, due to health and safety concerns with the building. The building has since been demolished.

Architectural design firm Warren and Mahoney and landscape architectural

company Boffa Miskell have been chosen to deliver the plan which will encompass a specific area located on Tongariro Domain including the Great Lake Centre, library, museum, I-site, Superloo, Rotary House and bowling club as well as the town's main thoroughfare, Tongariro Street. It will not look at any development on the north part of Tongariro Domain.

Mayor David Trewavas said the council had a unique opportunity to create a cultural precinct

in the town centre and it was important it was 'done right first time'. This project would enable increased vibrancy in the CBD and improve connectivity between it and the lake and river. Engaging the community in its development would be pivotal to its success, he said.

"The master plan is expected to deliver a suite of options for future development of the area including what efficiencies can be made, what opportunities can be capitalised on and future proofing going forward."

Above: Councillors Anna Park and Tangonui Kingi, Mayor David Trewavas, Councillors Kirsty Trueman, Rosanne Jollands and Maggie Stewart, Chief Executive Gareth Green and Les Matthews and Morné Hugo (master planners) undertake a site visit at the first planning workshop last week.



Have your say on Taupō District Council's representation review

The image shows a map of the Taupō District Council area divided into five proposed wards: Mangakino/Pouakani (yellow), Kinloch/Oruanui (orange), Taupō Town (green), Southeast Rural (light green), and Turangi Town (red). Below the map is a diagram of the proposed representation structure, showing a central 'Taupō District Mayor' surrounded by 11 councillors. The councillors are distributed as follows: 2 from Mangakino/Pouakani, 1 from Kinloch/Oruanui, 1 from Southeast Rural, 1 from Turangi Town, and 6 from Taupō Town.

Proposed wards

Proposed representation

find out more & have your say!

www.taupo.govt.nz/representationreview

TAUPŌ REPRESENTATION REVIEW

WE HAVE NOW received all submissions in regards to our local council representation.

Like other councils, we are required to undertake a review of our representation arrangements every six years. This is to ensure we provide fair and effective representation for people and their communities, provide an effective voice, strengthen local democracy and help maintain confidence in local government.

We undertook some pre-consultation with the community during March and April to get some initial feedback before a preferred option was chosen.

The need for community boards has been also considered in order to help achieve fair and effective representation.

The Local Government Commission's goal is to ensure there is one elected member for an equal part of the population plus or minus 10 percent. For the Taupō District this means one elected member for every 3019 to 3689 people, unless there is a particular community of interest which may justify otherwise.

CURRENT REPRESENTATION

Taupō District has one mayor who is elected 'at large' and 10 councillors elected from three different wards.

One councillor is elected from the Mangakino-Pouakani ward;

- » Two councillors are elected from the Turangi-Tongariro ward; and
- » Seven councillors elected from the Taupō-Kaingaroa ward.
- » There is also the Turangi-Tongariro Community Board, which represents the interests of the Turangi-Tongariro Ward. It has a membership of eight: six elected community board representatives and two district councillors.

PROPOSED REPRESENTATION

At the May council meeting, it was resolved to consult with our communities on an initial proposal for Taupō District Council to have 11 councillors representing five wards.

One Mayor will still be elected at large to represent the whole district and the five wards would be Kinloch/Oruanui, Mangakino/Pouakani, Southeast Rural Ward, Taupō town and Turangi town to adhere to the '±10 percent rule'.

Any appeals of the final decision once it is known will go to the Local Government Commission. Likewise, if it does not comply with the ±10 percent rule.

For more information go to taupo.govt.nz/representationreview

TAUPŌ WASTE WATER PIPE MAINTENANCE

WE ARE CURRENTLY spending approximately \$700,000 annually on the renewing and repairing of wastewater pipes and another \$150,000 on inspecting and cleaning them.

Despite all of this effort, spills are occurring and we all want this to stop!

Trees roots interrupt the flow in our

wastewater pipe, taking up space and acting as a barrier for foreign objects in our system. These have included building materials, cooking fat, wet wipes and everything else from clothes to curtains.

Contractors have been completing pipe checks and manhole repairs over the past few months.

CCTV inspection in problem areas revealed:

- » Slumped pipes requiring replacement
- » Third party intrusions, including tree roots, other cables
- » Poor pipes requiring replacement
- » Foreign objects in pipes

HERE IS A LOOK AT PROGRESS BY THE NUMBERS:



200km of pipes to check

1268 pipes or 63.2km have been surveyed using sewer line rapid assessment tool (SLRAT) technology

In excess of **1470 manholes** have been located, checked and cleaned

735 require follow up work
295 need to be raised to ground level

This equates to **35%** of all wastewater manholes in the Taupō/Acacia Bay area

Of this 35%, **32%** were cleaned with water-jetting and had obstructions removed



TURANGI UPDATE

AFTER SOME ALTERATIONS, the Turangi i-SITE now also houses the Volcanic Activity Centre and tells a story of the region on storyboards around the facility.

In 2017 the Turangi Tongariro Community Board made the decision to support the leasing of space in the building to the Volcanic Activity Centre, enabling this successful tourism operation to relocate from Taupō to our community in Turangi. Incorporation of the Volcanic Activity Centre in the building required some renovations, as well as the creation of a new space for the existing i-SITE which is managed by Destination Great Lake Taupō.

The new displays capture the beautiful landscapes surrounding Turangi and tell the cultural stories of these places, so visitors can develop a deeper understanding of the significance of this area. It's fantastic to see the facility looking so good!

Above: Attending the blessing of the renovation were, left to right, Ngaiteangi Smallman, Te Maari Gardiner, Hono Lord, Te Takinga New (rear), Te Ngaeha Wanikau, Deputy Mayor Rosie Harvey, Ray Salter, Chair of the Destination Great Lake Taupō, and Damian Coutts, General Manager of Destination Great Lake Taupo.

OTUMUHEKE STREAM

THE OTUMUHEKE STREAM in Spa Park is undergoing an upgrade, with a view to improving and protecting the area for many years to come.

A project plan was created in collaboration with key partners, including the Patuiwi Reserve Trust, Tūwharetoa Maori Trust Board, Taupō District Council, Waikato Regional Council, Taupō Police and the Department of Conservation.

The area is popular with both visitors and locals alike, with rising numbers impacting the quality of this culturally important location. The project will update the area with new facilities including a toilet block, changing rooms and a coffee kiosk, as well as a new bridge. The cultural and environmental significance of the site will be displayed on storyboards placed along the walking track.

Taupō District Mayor David Trewavas said redeveloping this area would make a huge difference.

“Once the project is finished we will see the benefits straight away. This is a fantastic place and it’s great to see so many groups working together to make such a positive visitor experience,” he said.

Construction is due to be completed in August.



Councillor Roseanne Jollands officiates with the Combers family, at the ribbon-cutting of the newly developed Kinloch Esplanade.

KINLOCH UPDATE

THE COMMUNITY OF Kinloch is heading into a busy winter period, with the opening of the new Kinloch esplanade development to the fore.

Improvements to the esplanade area includes mulch around the base of protected trees, as well as a parking barrier, improved vehicle access and parking areas. Both residents and visitors to the area will be able to enjoy the new development with picnic tables and signage encouraging all to take their rubbish with them.

With an active community representative group and a steady stream of visitors, this vibrant area continues to attract events and visitors alike, with the Kinloch half marathon and ultramarathon events coming and the popular Kinloch market in the domain always drawing large crowds.

EVENTS

AUGUST

Until 5 Aug	Mirror Magic, Taupō Museum	■
30 Jul-1 Aug	NZ Blood Service – Blood Drive, Great Lake Centre	■
4 Aug	Hoka One One Taupō Half Marathon, Tongariro North Domain	■
5 Aug	Raw Cake Making Workshop, Raw Balance Deli	■
5 Aug	Charter Parade, Great Lake Centre	■
5 Aug	Pirtek 2wd Tarmac Rally, Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park	■
8 Aug	Dance NZ Made, Great Lake Centre	■
10-17 Aug	Latin American and Spanish Film Festival, Taupō Museum	■
11 Aug	Drift Antics #8, Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park	■
14 Aug	Retirement Village Seminar, Taupō Events Centre	■
15 Aug	The Merchant Wine & Food Expo, Great Lake Centre	■
18 Aug	Taupō 100 - Model Powerboats, Wharewaka Point	■
20 Aug	Emma Stevens' Book Talk, Taupō Library	■
22 Aug	Fiber Fresh Stud Day, Taupō Race Track	■
24 Aug	Stella Awards, Great Lake Centre	■
25-26 Aug	INBA Body Building, Great Lake Centre	■
31 Aug - 11 Nov	Suzhou Exhibition, Taupō Museum	■

SEPTEMBER

1 Sept	Hoka One One Kinloch Off Road Challenge, Kinloch Reserve	■
3 Sept	Celtic Illusion, Great Lake Centre	■
3-7 Sept	NZ Secondary School Girls Premier Tournament, Crown Park	■
6 Sept	Creative Catwalk Wearable Art Competition, Great Lake Centre	■
6 Sept	Design Junkies - Refurbishment/Upcycled Furniture Showcase, Great Lake Centre	■
8-16 Sept	Jock Hobbs Memorial U19s Rugby Tournament, Owen Delany Park	■
8-9 Sept	Volleyball Tournament, Taupō Events Centre	■
9 Sept	Going Bananas, Great Lake Centre	■
12 Sept	Spelling Bee, Great Lake Centre	■
13 Sept	Big Music Day, Great Lake Centre	■
15 Sept	Youth Talent Quest, Great Lake Centre	■
15-16 Sept	Lake Taupō Indoor Bowls Bonanza, Taupō Events Centre	■
18-20 Sept	Ngati Tuwharetoa Taiopenga Kapa Haka Festival, Taupō Events Centre	■
21 Sept	Taupō Hire Raceday, Taupō Race Track	■
21-24 Sept	Global Games - Junior Rugby Festival, Owen Delany Park	■
22-24 Sept	Ricki Herbert Football Academy, Crown Park	■
23 Sept	Kawasaki Road Race Series, Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park	■
29 - 30 Sept	Sika Show & Competition, Great Lake Centre and Tongariro North Domain	■
29 Sept - 1 Oct	Ricki Herbert Football Academy, Crown Park	■

■ 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

OCTOBER

1 - 12 Oct	Taupō District Libraries and Taupo Museum School Holiday Programme, Taupō Library & Museum	■
2 Oct	Dr Seuss - The Cat in the Hat, Great Lake Centre	■
4 - 6 Oct	Red Cross Shield Bowls, Taupō Events Centre	■
5 - 7 Oct	Taupō Quiltmakers Exhibition, Taupō Nui-a-Tia College	■
9 - 13 Oct	Jesus Christ Superstar, Great Lake Centre	■
10 Oct	Taupō Hire Raceday, Taupō Race Track	■
11 Oct	Waste Free Parenting Workshop - With Kate Meads, Great Lake Centre	■
12 Oct	Food Lovers Masterclass - With Kate Meads, Great Lake Centre	■
12 - 14 Oct	McCartney Invitational Football Tournament, Crown Park	■
13 Oct	Taupō Ultra Marathon, Kinloch Reserve	■
13 - 14 Oct	Taupō HAT - Ultimate Frisbee, Owen Delany Park	■
14 Oct	Taupō Child and Parent Expo, Great Lake Centre	■
20 Oct	Eggtober Fest, Lake Reserve Mangakino	■
20 Oct	Omori Kuratau Labour Weekend Market, Omori Kuratau Town Hall	■
20 - 21 Oct	MX Fest, Digger McEwen Park	■
20 - 22 Oct	The Original Gypsy Fair, Tongariro North Domain	■
20 - 22 Oct	Graffiato Street Art Festival, Taupō CBD	■
21 Oct	Kinloch Market, Kinloch Domain	■
24 Oct	Songs For Nobodies, Great Lake Centre	■
25 Oct	Seniors Expo, Great Lake Centre	■
26 Oct	The Nukes, Great Lake Centre	■
27 Oct	Spring Challenge, Taupō Events Centre	■
28 Oct	Taupō Halloween Film Festival, Starlight Cinema	■
31 Oct	Halloween Trick or Treat Celebration, Taupō CBD	■



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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