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COMMUNITY NEWS WITH TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL

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COUNCILMARK BBB RATING REFLECTS STRONG PERFORMANCE



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WE HAVE RECENTLY received a BBB rating from independent assessors as part of a local government excellence programme, reflecting "some areas of strong performance" and being "competent generally".

The result puts us fifth equal out of the 17 councils who have been assessed under the Local Government New Zealand CouncilMark programme, designed to give councils and communities an independent view on how their council is carrying out their role.

The grading puts us on an even par with a number of our peers including Queenstown Lakes, Matamata Piako, Porirua City and South Taranaki.

"Taking part in the programme has given us an independent view

on our strengths and weaknesses and it is incredibly heartening that the assessors, and a number of our key stakeholders, believe we are not just doing what we need to, but we are doing it well," said Mayor David Trewavas.

Chief executive Gareth Green said the report was a reflection on the work of the whole team and reinforced the council's commitment to lifting its performance where it could to benefit its communities.

"Of course like with anything, there is always room for improvement and we will be looking at the recommendations to develop an action plan in those areas we are not already addressing, to help take our performance to the next level," he said.

The full report is available at lgnz.co.nz.



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WORKING TOWARDS WASTEWATER SPILL REDUCTIONS

IT HAS BEEN a challenging year in regards to spills into our waterways.

Since early February, we have employed blockage detection technology, monitored CCTV footage and re-lined or replaced broken pipes. Maintenance and pipe checking is progressing well.

With tree roots, wet-wipes and excessive fat being evident in our wastewater system, all communication channels have been utilised to get these facts out to the community with a strong prevention message.

We currently spend about \$700,000 a year renewing and repairing wastewater pipes and another \$150,000 on inspecting and cleaning them.

This financial year we will spend an extra \$395,000 to increase the amount of surveillance, preventative maintenance and pipe replacement. This is targeting areas most likely to cause spills to the lake.

As part of our proposed Long-term Plan we are looking at increasing our budget by \$2.33 million over the next 10 years to undertake more work to prevent wastewater spills.



STAY INFORMED WITH ANTENNO

Antenno is a free mobile app that will keep you up to date by sending you alerts about things of interest within the Taupō District.

The app is a great way to keep informed of everything from roadworks to recycling, water restrictions and community events and best of all it's free!

No personal information is required and no log-in's or passwords are needed, just download it, choose your area within the district, and you're good to go! Notifications are sent based on the area you choose, so whether it's your home, work, school or other place that you love, you can stay informed.

Download the app from the App Store or Google Play.



LAKE TERRACE BUILDING DEMOLITION

THE DEMOLITION OF the old Taupō District Council building is now complete.

The site will be grassed until a decision on the future site of the council's administration functions is made.

A masterplan is to be developed around the Great Lake Centre fronting Story Place, with a view to potentially including provision for cultural, arts, and heritage facilities in a new building.

Once we have more information we will be asking the community for their feedback.



MANGAKINO UPDATE

MANGAKINO PLAYED HOST to the North Island wakeboarding championships earlier this year. Athletes assembled at Lake Maraetai, bringing plenty of action for locals and visitors alike.

In addition to this, as part of our ongoing commitment to our wastewater system the Mangakino area had several pipes relined after being identified as having some older concrete ones underground which had deteriorated. The relining process involved inserting a new PVC pipe inside the existing wastewater system and completing on-going checks to reduce the risk of further spills.



TURANGI SERVICE DELIVERY CENTRE

THE TURANGI SERVICE Delivery Centre was recently renovated, with staff moving into the refreshed building in February from their temporary location of Turangi library.

In addition to our council staff, the facility is now home to more than 20 Department of Conservation staff.

During the official ribbon-cutting

ceremony Mayor David Trewavas said the joint use of the building made perfect sense.

"It's great that our two agencies have come together to work collaboratively, this could be a model that works elsewhere and we are very proud to be working alongside the Department of Conservation."



THE COMMUNITY OF Kinloch has had a busy start to the year, with the music festival, Kinstock, as well as triathlon, and a national jet-ski round to name but a few. With an active community representative group and a steady stream of visitors, this vibrant area continues to attract events and visitors alike.

Improvements to the esplanade area is a key project starting in March, in line with planting seasons. On arborist's advice, mulch will be added around the base of protected trees as well as a parking barrier, restricted vehicle access, and an access track being key components of the development. The work is due to be completed late-April, weather permitting.

EVENTS

MAY

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| Until 14 May | 3 Pot Colour - Active Arts, Taupō Museum | ■ |
| Until 21 May | I Don't Know - Tell Me, Taupō Museum | ■ |
| 3 May | The Nutcracker - Moscow Ballet Company, Great Lake Centre | ■ |
| 5 May | May Day Marching, Taupō Events Centre | ■ |
| 5 - 6 May | Big 3 25th Annual Pig Hunting Competition, Mangakino District & Citizens Club | ■ |
| 7 - 8 May | EVANZ Mid-Year Conference, Great Lake Centre | ■ |
| 6 - 10 May | DAE Invitational Golf Tournament, Taupō Golf Club | ■ |
| 10 May | Wilson Dixon, Great Lake Centre | ■ |
| 11 May | The Big Bike Film Night, Starlight Cinema | ■ |
| 13 May | Jennian Homes Mothers Day 5km Fun Run/Walk, Taupō | ■ |
| 16 May | Beyond the Barricade, Great Lake Centre | ■ |
| 17 May | Targa Rally Display, Tongariro North Domain | ■ |
| 19 May - 25 June | Still Playing with Fire, Taupō Museum | ■ |
| 24 - 26 May | Turangi Open Pig Hunting Competition, The Delta | ■ |
| 25 - 27 May | Ice Skate Tour, Waipahihi Primary School | ■ |
| 26 May | Banff Film Festival, Great Lake Centre | ■ |
| 26 - 27 May | Volleyball Tournament, Taupō Events Centre | ■ |
| 26 May - 25 June | Soul is Eternal - Wayne Hansen, Taupō Museum | ■ |
| 27 May | The Ten Tenors, Great Lake Centre | ■ |

JUNE

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| 1 - 3 June | Golden Gloves - National Boxing Championships, Great Lake Centre | ■ |
| 1 - 3 June | Aotearoa Poitarawhiti A Iwi Netball National Championships, Taupō Events Centre | ■ |
| 1 - 3 June | Two Rooks Cola Winter Drift Matsuri 2018, Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park | ■ |
| 1 - 4 June | Queens Birthday Dance Festival, Great Lake Centre | ■ |
| 10 June | Craters Classic, Craters of the Moon MTB Park | ■ |
| 14 June | Capital E Productions - Odd One Out, Great Lake Centre | ■ |
| 15 - 17 June | NZ Secondary Schools Association Cross Country Champs, Spa Park | ■ |
| 22 - 24 June | Oceania Table Tennis Tournament, Taupō Events Centre | ■ |
| 23 June | Songs of the Sea, Great Lake Centre | ■ |
| 23 June | Battle of the Clubs, Digger McEwen Park | ■ |
| 29 June | Smokefree Rockquest Final, Great Lake Centre | ■ |

JULY

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| 1 July | Hoka One One Tauhara Trail Run/ Walk, Mt Tauhara | ■ |
| 3 July - 5 August | Mirror Magic, Taupō Museum | ■ |
| 9 - 20 July | Taupō District Libraries and Taupō Museum School Holiday Programme, Taupō Library & Museum | ■ |
| 11 July | Tutus on Tour, Great Lake Centre | ■ |
| 11 - 15 July | Taupō Winter Festival, Great Lake Centre and Tongariro North & South Domain | ■ |
| 14 - 15 July | Starlight Cinema Hobby Expo, Taupō Events Centre | ■ |

AUGUST

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| 4 August | Hoka One One Taupō Half Marathon, Tongariro North Domain | ■ |
| 5 August | Charter Parade, Great Lake Centre | ■ |
| 15 August | The Merchant Wine & Food Expo, Great Lake Centre | ■ |
| 18 - 19 August | NZ Craft & Design Show, Great Lake Centre | ■ |
| 23 - 25 August | NZ Badminton Masters, Taupō Events Centre | ■ |
| 24 August | Stella Awards, Great Lake Centre | ■ |
| 25 - 26 August | INBA Body Building, Great Lake Centre | ■ |
| 31 Aug - 11 Nov | Suzhou Exhibition - Faith and life in Suzhou from Tang to Song Dynasty (618 A.D. to 1279 A.D.), Taupō Museum | ■ |

SEPTEMBER

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| 1 September | Hoka One One Kinloch Off Road Challenge, Kinloch Reserve | ■ |
| 3 September | Celtic Illusion, Great Lake Centre | ■ |
| 3 - 7 Sept | NZ Secondary School Girls Premier Tournament, Crown Park | ■ |
| 8 - 16 Sept | Jock Hobbs Memorial U19s Rugby Tournament, Owen Delany Park | ■ |
| 15 - 16 Sept | Indoor Bowls Bonanza, Taupō Events Centre | ■ |
| 19 - 21 Sept | Ngati Tuwharetoa Taiopenga Kapa Haka Festival, Taupō Events Centre | ■ |
| 21 - 24 Sept | Global Games - Junior Rugby Festival, Owen Delany Park | ■ |
| 22 - 24 Sept | Ricki Herbert Football Academy, Crown Park | ■ |
| 29 - 30 Sept | Sika Show, Great Lake Centre and Tongariro North Domain | ■ |
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