

## MAYOR DAVID TREWAVAS RETAINS THE TOP JOB

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT MAYOR** David Trewavas retained the mayoral chains at last month's 2016 local government elections, with almost a 6000 vote majority.

At the time of printing, the preliminary result showed Mr Trewavas received 8099 votes, a 5952 vote margin over his nearest rival Christine Rankin, with fellow candidates Rosanne Jollands and Kim Eyles receiving 1186 and 193 votes respectively.

Mr Trewavas said he felt both honoured and privileged to receive such a strong mandate from the community.

"We have achieved some great things in our district in the three years that I have been mayor but there is still more to do and I am really looking forward to building on our successes."

The majority of existing councillors will return to the Council Chamber, with two new faces joining them - Tangonui Kingi, who was the highest polling candidate in the Turangi-Tongariro Ward and Christine Rankin who will represent the Taupō-Kaingaroa Ward for the first time.

The returning councillors are Rosie Harvey, John

Williamson, Anna Park, Rosanne Jollands, Barry Hickling, Zane Cozens and John Boddy. Kirsty Trueman will return to represent the Mangakino-Pouakani ward after she won with a clear margin.

The Turangi-Tongariro Community Board sees a number of new faces with Karen Donlon, Sharlyn Holt, Andy Hema and Sally Nelson joining Wally Van der Aa and Te Takinga New to make up the team.

Voter turnout was one of the highest in the country with 50.15 per cent of eligible voters having their say. The final results are available at [taupo.govt.nz](http://taupo.govt.nz).



Mayor David Trewavas



John Boddy



Zane Cozens



Rosie Harvey



Barry Hickling



Rosanne Jollands



Tangonui Kingi



Anna Park



Christine Rankin



Kirsty Trueman



John Williamson



## WAGING A WAR ON LITTER

**WE HAVE BEEN** waging a war on litter over the last few months, taking a stand to clean up our district and live in an environment we can be proud of.

Teams of council staff took to the streets around the district in September for the launch of an anti-litter campaign aligned with the nationwide Keep New Zealand Beautiful Clean Up Week.

Chief executive Gareth Green led the charge,

saying the district's litter problem had increased over the past year with around 1.8 tonnes of litter collected each week district-wide.

"That's simply unacceptable and it's about time we as a community called time on people who are not doing the right thing," he said. "It costs ratepayers around \$400,000 a year for the council to manage the problem, which is money that could be better spent in other areas."

Gareth has a vision of the Taupō District

being the cleanest in New Zealand, and wants the community to get on board to help achieve this goal.

"We all needed to take responsibility for sorting out the litter issue, and contribute to looking after the place we love. There is no excuse for the litter bugs in our communities wasting ratepayers' money on cleaning up their mess. If we work together to look after the place we love, we can all make a difference."

## HAVE YOUR SAY ON TURANGI'S RESERVES

**THE COMMUNITY IS** being invited to share its thoughts and ideas on how Turangi's reserves can be managed now and into the future.

A number of reserves in Turangi were returned to Ngāti Turangitukua in 1999. While most reserves in Turangi are owned by the hapu, council looks after the maintenance of these parks, sportsfields, playgrounds and skate park so they can be enjoyed by the whole community.

Council is currently working with Ngāti Turangitukua to develop a reserves management plan for the reserves in Turangi and policy manager Nick Carroll said this is essential for the proper management of our green spaces.

"All recreation reserves need a management plan to set out how they will be managed so they can be enjoyed and protected for years to come. This doesn't include areas where there are grassed alleyways between streets, or places where there is council infrastructure such as stormwater gullies and pipes."

Nick urges everyone who uses the reserves to share their ideas on

how they would like them managed in the future.

"No one knows your reserves better than people who use them. We want to hear from the community about how they use these areas and how they'd like them to be looked after in years to come. You can call us, send us an email or a letter, or fill out an online form to share your views."

Find out more about the Turangi Reserves Management Plan at [www.taupo.govt.nz/turangireserves](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/turangireserves) and make sure that you provide your feedback before 21 November.

### GET IN TOUCH WITH US TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS ON TURANGI'S RESERVES

- › [turangireserves@taupo.govt.nz](mailto:turangireserves@taupo.govt.nz)
- › 0800 ASK TDC (0800 275 832)
- › Private Bag 2005, Taupō
- › Drop your ideas in to the council office in Turangi's Town Centre



## SOUNDS LIKE SUMMER

Are you ready for an epic summer of events in the Taupō District? It's going to be another cracker, with thousands of people streaming into the district for all the action.

Over the next few months we'll be hosting some of our biggest national and international events, including the Lake Taupō Cycle Challenge, the Taupō Summer Concert featuring the Alan Parsons Live Project, Icehouse and Bonnie Tyler, the Kellogg's Nutri-Grain IRONMAN New Zealand and IRONMAN 70.3.

**Lake Taupō Cycle Challenge** on November 26 is the country's biggest cycling event and will be in its 39th year. Thousands of competitive and recreational cyclists take part in different events during this challenge which will bring a fantastic buzz to town.

**Taupō Summer Concert** is something many music enthusiasts look forward to each summer and next year's show has already sold out! It will be held on January 28 in the Taupō amphitheatre. For a full list of events happening in our district over summer, check the back page of this newsletter or visit [greatlaketaupo.com/events](http://greatlaketaupo.com/events).

**IRONMAN New Zealand** takes place on March 4 and features top level international endurance athletes, bringing thousands of competitors into the district and even more supporters. We are also hosting the IRONMAN 70.3, an impressive precursor to the full event on December 10.

## AC BATHS USER-FRIENDLY FOR RESTRICTED MOBILITY

**THE AC BATHS** has made a number of improvements to improve water access for those with restricted mobility.

A new hoist and aquatic wheelchair has been installed, thanks to a community partnership between the council and IHC Lakeland Association.

Alongside this, a new mobility car parking area, access path and speed humps were installed outside the complex earlier this year.

Pools and activities operations manager Nigel Newbery said the new features were a reflection of AC Baths'

desire to be more mobility accessible.

"We want to make it as easy as possible for all of our community to use this fantastic facility," he said. "The new parking area, path and speed humps will give mobility users more options and better access."



## TRAPS SET TO HELP IN KINLOCH

**A PROGRAMME TO** help eradicate pests in Kinloch is gaining traction, with more than 50 rats, mice and stoats caught since it was introduced in August.

The programme is the result of a new partnership between Taupō District Council, Kinloch Residents' Association, Bike Taupō and other community agencies.

Council and Bike Taupō collectively donated 70 traps to the residents' association to help catch rats and stoats in the Whangamata Stream Reserve and on Department of Conservation land at the western edge of the township. A group of volunteers from the residents' association is facilitating the programme and with support from the community they have since purchased a further 30 traps.

John Ridd, as acting group manager of operational services, said it was such a great collaborative approach to reducing pests and improving the environment in Kinloch.



"It's amazing to hear how many pests have already been caught – it's a sure sign the programme is working," he said. "It has been a fantastic commitment from those involved and I know they'll be happy to see positive outcomes so quickly."

Programme organisers are working closely with the Department of Conservation and Ngati Tūwharetoa and hope to fundraise for more traps in the future.

# EVENTS

## NOVEMBER

4 Nov	Starlight Cinema Fireworks & Laser Extravaganza, Owen Delany Park	■
5 Nov	River Wild Raft & Run Team Challenge 2016, Tongariro River	■
5 Nov-12 Dec	Lake Taupō Cycle Challenge – 40 Years Exhibition, Taupō Museum	■
5 Nov-12 Dec	Re-cycle exhibition, Taupō Museum	■
9 Nov	Celtic Illusion - Witness the Magic, Great Lake Centre	■
12 Nov	Grease The Musical, Great Lake Centre	■
18-20 Nov	New Zealand Show Horse Council Nationals, National Equestrian Centre	■
26 Nov	Lake Taupō Cycle Challenge, Lake Taupō	■

## DECEMBER

3 Dec	Taupō Christmas Parade, Taupō lakefront	■
10 Dec	Kellogg's Nutri-Grain IRONMAN 70.3 Taupō, Tongariro North Domain	■
15-18 Dec	Fiber Fresh Christmas Classic, National Equestrian Centre	■
17 Dec	Safe Turangi Christmas in the Park, Tongariro School sportsfield, Turangi	■
17 Dec-6 Feb	Young Country – Kerry Hines exhibition, Taupō Museum	■
22 Dec-30 Jan	Taupō'etry exhibition, Taupō Museum	■
24 Dec	Christmas Carols, Omori Community Hall	■
29 Dec	Taupō Rodeo, corner of Centennial Drive and Broadlands Road	■
30 Dec	Interislander Summer Festival, Taupō Racing Club	■
31 Dec	Omori New Year's Eve Concert, Omori	■
31 Dec	New Year's Eve Celebration & Fireworks, Taupō lakefront	■

## JANUARY

6-7 Jan	Pa Wars, Turangi	■
8 Jan	Devilskin New Zealand Tour, Great Lake Centre	■
14-15 Jan	Epic Swim, Taupō lakefront	■
28 Jan	Taupō Summer Concert, Taupō Amphitheatre	■
28 Jan	Tussock Traverse, Tongariro National Park	■
29 Jan	Thunder on the Great Lake, Lake Taupō	■

## FEBRUARY

2-5 Feb	Wanderlust Great Lake Taupō, Wairakei Resort	■
4-6 Feb	New Zealand Bombing Competition, Lake Taupō	■
4 Feb-13 Mar	Harry's Friends Two – Quirky Pottery by Fiona Tunnicliffe exhibition, Taupō Museum	■
6 Feb	Waitangi Tūwharetoa ki Pukawa Festival 2017, Pukawa	■
11 Feb-30 Mar	If You Go Down To The Woods Today exhibition, Taupō Museum	■
12 Feb	Sovereign Tri Series – Tri Kinloch, Kinloch Domain	■
18 Feb	Great Lake Relay, Tongariro North Domain	■
18 Feb	Friends of the Library quiz night, Taupō Library	■
25 Feb	Lake Taupō Across the Lake Swim, Taupō Lakefront Reserve	■
26 Feb	Wairakei Estate Ironkidz 2017, Taupō lakefront	■
28-29 Feb	Taupō Historic GP, Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park	■

## MARCH

4 Mar	Kellogg's Nutri-Grain IRONMAN New Zealand, Taupō	■
17 Mar	Friends of the Library book talk, Taupō Library	■
18 Mar-10 Apr	The ORA Story exhibition, Taupō Museum	■
25 Mar-1 May	ORA – Ten Year Celebration exhibition, Taupō Museum	■
31 Mar-2 Apr	Taupō Home and Garden Show, Great Lake Centre	■

## APRIL

1 Apr	Spirited Women All Women's Adventure Race, Taupō	■
15-16 Apr	Easterfest, Great Lake Centre	■

■ Community ■ Sport ■ Arts

This information was correct at time of printing. Visit [www.GreatLakeTaupo.com/events](http://www.GreatLakeTaupo.com/events) for a complete list of up-to-date events.



## CHRISTMAS HOURS

Christmas is fast approaching and our office hours will change slightly over the holiday period.

**Friday 23 December 2016:**  
Close at 1pm

**Monday 26 December:** Closed

**Tuesday 27 December:** Closed

**Wednesday 28 December:**  
9am-3pm

**Thursday 29 December:**  
9am-3pm

**Friday 30 December:** 9am-3pm

**Monday 2 January:** Closed

**Tuesday 3 January:** Closed

**Wednesday 4 January:**  
Normal office hours resume



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