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Taupō District Council

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IT'S SUMMER CONCERT TIME AGAIN!

Another Taupō Summer Concert, another sell-out. The toe-tapping begins again at the Unison Amphitheatre tomorrow, with another exciting artist line-up catering to all tastes and something for everyone.

Emmy winner and three-times Grammy nominated artist Toni Childs will kick things off. She is known for a unique, powerful voice with many hits that fans spanning over 50 countries enjoy, including 'Don't Walk Away' and 'Stop your Fussin' to name but a few.

This year Taupō plays host to the iconic Aussie duo of James Reyne and Mark Seymour of Australian Crawl and Hunters & Collectors fame. So if Holy Grail, Boys Light Up or a sneaky rendition of Reckless are in your

play list, these guys are a must see!

The acts are rounded out by Supertramp's Roger Hodgson, who will break out such classics as 'Give a Little Bit' and 'Dreamer'. This makes for a great chance to hear some of the hits that set the wheels in motion for a whopping 60 million album sales!

It's always a great time here in Taupō to enjoy a festival atmosphere and they come no better than the Taupō Summer Concert!

Remember to drink responsibly and adhere to the liquor ban areas outside of the Summer Concert venue. For more information go to taupo.govt.nz/alcoholban

OPEPE WAKA PROJECT TAKES SHAPE



Stage one of the restoration project of the Opepe waka at Taupō Museum is now complete. After initially being discovered in Opepe, spending a lot of time outside in the weather, and then being housed in the museum, the waka is now undertaking a different journey – one of restoration.

Following initial consultation between iwi and museum staff the restorative process was agreed upon and, more importantly, the stabilisation of this Tūwharetoa taonga has progressed.

The first element involved the removal of lichen and bacterial growth and was completed ahead of schedule by conservator Rose Evans, with help from Tautahanga Rameka. The next steps are to fumigate the waka to avoid further potential damage. This will take place from May 20 for approximately five weeks, during which time this area of the museum will be closed.

A final decision from iwi regarding the nature of any possible repair work will be discussed and implemented following the restoration phase.

ANOTHER YEAR IN PARADISE



You can't beat Taupō on a good day. Or any day for that matter!

It is with great pleasure and excitement we dive into all that 2019 has to bring the Taupō District, starting with the awesome Taupō Summer Concert event this weekend. To all visitors to the district, it is great to see you here in our wonderful town, we look forward to hosting this event and all of you every year. We have another great line-up of acts which I'm sure you will enjoy.

As 2019 rolls on we have several events on our radar, with something for everyone. Just around the corner we have the Kellogg's NutriGrain IRONMAN New Zealand and several other events, including the Kinloch triathlon, our popular half marathon series (which includes a brand new race this year) and much more. Add to this all of the other things happening and we again have a jam-packed calendar of over 400 events this year.

To our locals, retailers and accommodation providers

right across our district, a huge thank-you for all that you do to host our visitors, friends and family each day. We love hosting people here and nobody does it better! Whether you're in Taupō, Turangi, Mangakino, Kinloch or somewhere in-between, I am constantly encouraged by the stories I hear of how much people love visiting here.

Speaking of encouragement, on a personal note, both myself and my wife Anna are recovering well following the kidney transplant operations we underwent in early-January. The messages of love and support have been overwhelming and very much appreciated. Thank-you to all who took the time out to contact us or send messages either directly or via social media.

The recovery is going well and we are looking forward to being out and about more at events around our wonderful district. While I am recuperating, Rosie Harvey is the acting mayor, who will no doubt receive the same fantastic level of support I have come to know and appreciate.

Enjoy the rest of the summer months and I look forward to seeing you about the place!

SECURING YOUR LOAD

'Taking a load off' is generally a good thing, but when it comes to debris flying off your ute or trailer, it isn't as positive!

As summer progresses, we're all taking advantage of the warm weather to tidy sections, do renovations and clear garden waste. Please ensure you tie down any loads securely or use a tie-down net. Anything falling off vehicles and debris on the road is a hazard to all other road users.

For nine days in January one volunteer from Tidy Taupō picked up 166 kilograms of rubbish from the landfill in Broadlands Road to Centennial Drive alone!

You can be given an infringement notice (a ticket) for \$400 – or you can be fined up to \$1,000 if convicted of an insecure load, so let's keep it all strapped and secure and look after the place we love!

» WHAT'S ON?

- Jan 25- 27 Thunder on the Great Lake
- Jan 26 Taupō Summer Concert
Unison Amphitheatre, Riverside Park
- Until Feb 25 Around the Mountains
Taupō Museum

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