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GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ
Taupō District Council

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GEARING UP FOR NOVEMBER 2020

Whether you like to swim, bike and run, or just bike for ridiculously long periods of time, November 2020 has something for all athletes.

It's obviously early to start talking about next year, but the excitement is already building as Taupō is set to host not just the ever-popular Lake Taupō Cycle Challenge, but also the 2020 IRONMAN 70.3 World Championships.

Next year the influx of cyclists will arrive at the earlier date of November 14, to accommodate the 2020

IRONMAN World Championships being held two weeks later on November 28-29.

Mayor David Trewavas said he was very grateful the Cycle Challenge was willing to change its regular date.

"This is a great example of the community spirit the BDO Lake Taupō Cycle Challenge and our district are known for," he said. "It's amazing these two iconic events were able to work together to find a solution. We are looking forward to both of them shining the spotlight on our district in 2020."

BEAUTIFICATION IN ACTION

It is said many hands make light work and this saying holds true across our district with various beautification projects happening.

One small part of this is a new mural on one of our water pump sheds located on Broadlands Road. A small group of our council staff have painted an intricate maze of pipes on it, as opposed to a regular plain paint job.

Assistant manager of water and waste treatment Rich Kruse said the mural is being painted in efforts to avoid the building being a target of graffiti, as it is close to the road, in a prominent area.

"The last thing we wanted was a building that needed to be painted regularly to cover graffiti, he says.

"The mural is a way to make it look better and hopefully deter any taggers targeting it."



NO MORE SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS

New government legislation comes into effect from July 1, banning retailers supplying single-use plastic bags across New Zealand in efforts to lower our plastic usage.

Local retailers are being notified of the new changes and will be supplying alternatives in most cases.

From a customer perspective, we are encouraging all to shop with a reusable bag to aid local business moving forward, particularly as they transition to the new standard.

Locally the recycling of plastics changed in October last year, with many councils nationally having no option, by having to change what can be picked up and taken to our transfer stations. The collection of plastic grades 3-7, are no longer collected or accepted, as international recyclers no longer accept these.

Stormwater and solid waste manager Brent Aitken was excited about less plastic in our district and reducing the amount in our landfill sites.

"It's a great initiative from central government to have a long-term view of looking after our environment. This, coupled with other local ideas to look after the place we love, will ensure we keep our district looking great."

"It is an opportunity for us all to search out more sustainable options."

Above: Stormwater and solid waste manager Brent Aitken is excited about less plastic in our landfills from July 1.

»» WHAT'S ON?

- May 17 Floyd Live, Great Lake Centre
- May 18 Targa Rally Hawkes Bay, Turangi Town Centre
- May 19 Drift Antics #12, Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park

Until May 20 Our garden of earthly delights, Taupō Museum

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