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COMMUNITY NEWS WITH TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL

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NORTHERN CORRIDOR WORKS TAKE SHAPE



THE GATEWAY INTO town on Wairakei Drive is sporting a new look as the first stage of the project to improve the northern entrance into town gets underway.

The northern end of the passing lane which currently runs up Control Gates Hill closed on Monday to allow work on the Huka Falls Road intersection to begin.

The partial passing lane closure will mean vehicles travelling north on Wairakei Drive from the Norman Smith Street intersection will have less time to pass uphill traffic and get back into the left lane in the new 50kmh zone. The closure will allow contractors to safely complete the minor alterations and improvements around the Huka Falls Road intersection.

Footpath detours and new islands have been completed, with new 50kmh signs going up and gardens put in. The work includes the marking of a median strip in the north

bound lane to allow a safer separation between the cycle lane, those continuing north and those turning into Huka Falls Road.

The remainder of this first phase of Huka Falls Road and the second phase, the Poihipi Road intersection improvements, are to occur during daylight hours. Most of the following three phases will be completed at night, between 6pm and 6am, and any noisy work will be scheduled for early evening, to minimise the effect on residents and keep our contractors safe.

The project has five stages in total, including minor safety improvements at the Poihipi Road/Wairakei Drive intersections, traffic calming measures and installation of traffic signals among them.

The entire project is expected to be completed by the end of August, weather permitting.

WAIORA HOUSE

THE DEMOLITION OF Waiora house is in full swing as the removal of asbestos continues.

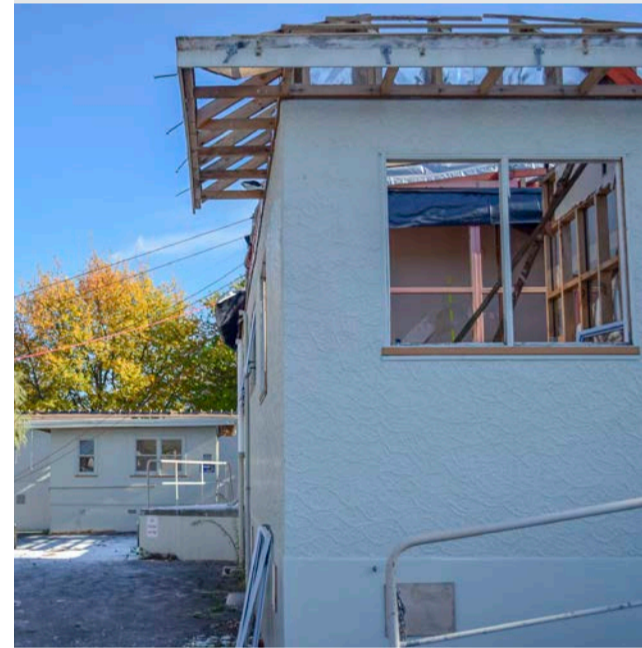
Facilities manager Garreth Robinson said the demolition was going well, and to schedule.

“Our contractors are taking every precaution with the asbestos on site, and aim to be finished by the end of June.”

The former maternity home housed a number of social service and community groups and was closed after the discovery of materials containing asbestos last August with specialist contractors called in to undertake air monitoring and assessment.

All agencies can be contacted by telephone:

- > Taupō Citizens Advice Bureau 0800 367 222
- > DHB Lactation Consultants 0800 525 372
- > Pregnancy Help, see their Facebook page
- > Taupo Community Food Bank 07 377 1507
- > Taupo Women’s Refuge Crisis Line 07 377 1055
- > Waiora House Manager 07 378 0953
- > Youth Service 0800 884 7782
- > Tipu Ora 0800 348 2400



HAVE YOUR SAY ON WATER

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WE ARE ABOUT to begin drafting our water supply strategy and road encroachment policy, and we want your feedback!

The draft water supply strategy will provide an overview of council’s strategy for supplying drinking water over the next 30 years and has four main outcomes: that we use water responsibly, that we support the growth aspirations of our communities, and that our water supply is financially sustainable and that our supply is safe.

The draft road encroachment policy outlines what is allowed on or under our road reserves, such as fences, retaining walls or tables and chairs outside cafes or restaurants. We do not currently have a policy that provides direction on this, so we want your feedback to help us create one.

To make a submission, visit taupo.govt.nz.

» WHAT'S ON?

May 24 - 26 Swim skills and technique workshops, AC Baths

May 25 - Jul 1 Matariki Huna Nui, Taupō Museum

May 25 Composting Workshop – Taupō, Taupō Community Gardens

May 25 Composting Workshop – Turangi, Awhi Farm Centre for Sustainable Practice

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