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TURTLE POOLS CLIMBING WALL OPEN



KIDS CLIMBING THE walls at home? Now you have the option of encouraging them to scale new heights at Turtle Pools in Turangi on our new aquatic climbing wall.

There is no need for ropes or climbing shoes, just the water below and the challenge of ascending the wall, which was installed over one of the deep-water pools this week.

Whether you're just looking to complete the challenge or you're a budding Sir Edmund Hillary, you can access the wall during opening hours at no extra charge.

When you're lucky enough to visit, please abide by these rules and enjoy!

- » Climbing wall is for swimmers only
- » Only one climber per side
- » Bend knees and extend arms when entering the water
- » No head first entries
- » No dives, flips or acrobatics
- » Listen to the lifeguards

We ask for your patience in these initial stages as no doubt everyone will be wanting a turn!

VOTE 2019

– HAVE YOUR SAY!

IT'S NEARLY TIME to have your say, by voting for who you want to represent you through this year's Local Government elections.

This year October 12 sees us all elect our Taupō District councillors, who will represent us over the next three years. The Taupō District Council election will be for the mayor and 11 councillors, including one from the newly established Taupō East Rural ward, seven from the Taupō ward, two from Turangi/Tongariro and one from Mangakino.

There will also be an election for the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board which will include four members from Turangi town and two members from the remaining area the ward covers.

Nominations are now open and will close August 16 at midday – so if you want to stand for the council, now is the time!

Nationally the figures for people voting is reasonably low. Local election turnout has been declining since the 1980s and only 42 per cent of New Zealanders voted in the 2013 elections, down from 49 per cent in 2010. In the Taupō District, just over 50 per cent per cent of voters cast their ballot in 2016.

With campaigning and elections looming, please be aware we have entered a three-month election campaign period, so our social media channels are not allowed to be used by candidates, their supporters or members of the public for electioneering or campaigning. This means that all electioneering comments about candidates or existing elected members will be deleted.

Visit taupo.govt.nz/elections for more information and to view the Pre-election Report.



» ROAD CLOSURES

Please be aware the following road closures will be in place during the Hoka One One Taupō Marathon, this Saturday August 3. The route has changed from previous years to accommodate the road closure on Lake Terrace put in place following the wastewater pipe breakage.

- » Tongariro Street from Heuheu Street to Lake Terrace, 7am–4pm
- » Tūwharetoa Street from Tongariro Street to Service Lane, 7am–4pm
- » Ruapehu Street from Lake Terrace to Roberts Street, 7am–4pm
- » Lake Terrace from Tongariro Street to Titirapenga Street, 12pm–4pm
- » Lake Terrace from Tongariro Street to Mere Road, 7am–12pm
- » Ferry Road from Lake Terrace to Redoubt Street, 7am–4pm
- » Story Place from Police Station to Redoubt Street, 6.30am–1pm
- » Acacia Bay Road from Parawera Drive to Whakamoenga Point, 7am–10am (road open to residents and emergency vehicles only)

Detours will be in place during the period of closure and roads will be opened in the event of an emergency.

» WHAT'S ON?

- Aug 3 Hoka One One Taupō Marathon, Taupō
- Until Aug 12 CATalogue Exhibition, Taupō Museum

For more information visit www.lovetapu.com



WASTE MINIMISATION ON TRACK

WE ALL HAVE an ongoing commitment to looking after our environment, whether it's recycling, buying plastic-free options or planting trees around our district.

Council is on track to meet its waste minimisation target by diverting waste away from landfill sites across the district, which is a benchmark set out in our Waste Management Minimisation Plan (WMMP).

Stormwater and solid waste asset manager Brent Aitken said we have choices available to us which helps us in this process. "It is really pleasing to see our community taking advantage of the sustainable choices available

across our district, whether it's taking the opportunity to purchase a home composting kit, recycling products or other activities to minimise waste," he said.

"We aim to continue sustainable practices including recycling, which makes a cleaner district for all of us."

Another pleasing sign is we have experienced a reduction in glass and plastic materials being recycled across the district.

» For more information on waste initiatives go to taupo.govt.nz/refuseandrecycling