

GREAT LAKE PATHWAY PROJECT REACHES LAKE TERRACE



THIS WEEK, CONTRACTORS working on the Great Lake pathway project have begun on Lake Terrace, following the completion of a large section from opposite Mobil to Hot Water Beach.

The area of work is between the water treatment plant lookout, opposite the fire station, to Hot Water Beach, opposite Taharepa reserve.

This stretch of footpath is almost one kilometre in length,

so will be sectioned off into three pieces to be completed one at a time, rather than the whole stretch being done at once. Please follow the detours in place.

The section from opposite Mobil to Hot Water Beach – which has included working closely with Waipahihi C75 Trust and the Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board, is now open. Thank you for your patience as we have worked to complete this large section.

SHARE YOUR LOCKDOWN STORY FOR MATARIKI

Tupu-ā-Nuku, Tupu-ā-Rangi, Waitī, Waitā, Waipunarangi, Ururangi, Matariki, Hiwa-i-te-rangi.

TAUPŌ MUSEUM IS inviting the community to share their lockdown stories, as part of a new exhibition: Wish upon Matariki – once upon a lockdown.

The team at the museum want to hear about some interesting stories about what our community got up to during lockdown.

From essential workers, to activities within each 'bubble', to hunting for teddy bears and everything in between – the team are asking how lockdown was for you?

The new exhibition is timed to celebrate Matariki, the star cluster that heralds the new year in the Māori calendar.

To request an application for submitting your story, please send an email to pwinitanamurray@taupo.govt.nz.

The exhibition opens on Saturday July 4 and runs through until Monday August 10.

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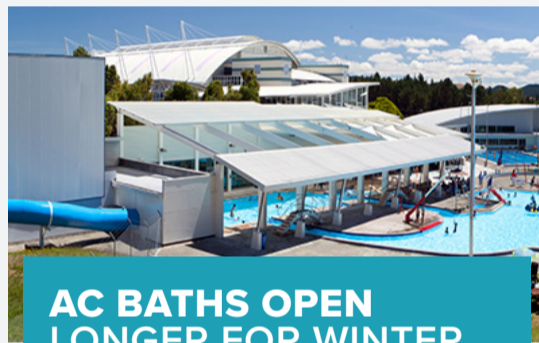


THE TAUPŌ AND Turangi i-SITES are being merged, and will be managed by council from July 1, 2020.

With New Zealand's borders remaining closed to international visitors for the foreseeable future the decision was made to create better efficiencies leading into a tough 12 months ahead.

In the 2018/19 year, council subsidised the i-SITES by \$304,000 and with no international visitors for the foreseeable future and revenue continuing to decline, there was an opportunity to create better operational efficiencies by running the district's i-SITES as part of the council's customer service operations.

AC BATHS OPEN LONGER FOR WINTER



NOW THAT WE'VE reached Level 1, the AC Baths has returned to longer opening hours.

In the midst of the indoor pool closure and renovations, business and operations manager Scott Attenborough is delighted to be able to return to the later closing time of 9pm.

"With our indoor pool closed for repairs, we wanted to get back to a later closing time during the week to provide the best level of service we can for all of our lane-swimmers," he said.

"These changes in opening and closing times will help us achieve that."

NEW OPENING HOURS

Monday – Friday 6am – 9pm

Saturday – Sunday 7am – 7pm

REMEMBER TO FLUSH YOUR TAPS!

SOME TAP FITTINGS – including those with filters – contain metals that can build up in the water that sits in them overnight.

The health risk from these metals is small, but the Ministry of Health recommends running about a mug full of water through any taps you use for drinking water each morning to flush out those metals before you make your morning cuppa.

This is in no way a reflection on our water supply, so it is recommended for all households, whether you are on public or private water supplies.

WORK RESUMES ON MANGAKINO SEWER NETWORK UPGRADE

CONTRACTORS ARE BACK on the tools in Mangakino following the move to alert level one as part of the country's COVID-19 response.

Six kilometres of sewer pipes will be checked and relined to make the network more resilient, work that follows on from 6.8kms of pipes that were checked and relined in 2018.

Head of operations Kevin Strongman said the cost of the entire project was expected to be \$2.85 million but relining was a very cost-effective method of upgrading the network without the need for trenching in new pipes.

"When this work is complete, the entire Mangakino sewer network of over 18km will have been checked and upgraded where needed. This is a much-needed infrastructure project for the township that will help to reduce overflows and I'm very pleased to see the final phase getting back underway," he said.

The work is expected to be completed by November, weather permitting.

Left to right: Tom Woodham and Martin Spies of contractors Interflow, Graeme Jackson, network engineer three waters at Taupō district council, and Sam Shephard and Dave Morris from Interflow.



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RENEW BY 1ST JULY

