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URBAN HQ PROPOSAL FOR TURANGI

THE TURANGI-TONGARIRO Community Board has been presented with a commercial proposal to set up a container development for start-up businesses dubbed 'Urban HQ'.

The proposed site is the public carpark located at the south-end of the Turangi Town Centre. To read the full proposal head to taupo.govt.nz/urbanhq.

This site is currently classed as a roadway, and as leasing a legal road is not permitted, the Turangi Tongariro Community Board

would need to recommend that council grants a Licence to Occupy. The proposed Licence would be for a maximum of 12 years. Before a decision is made, the Board is seeking feedback from the community on the change in use of the public carpark, and we'd like to hear your thoughts. You are able to provide your feedback up until July 29, either in person at our Customer Service Centre, over the phone by calling 07 386 7017 or by heading to taupo.govt.nz/urbanhq.

SOFTWARE SAVES AT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

AN INNOVATIVE SOFTWARE application developed locally is bringing substantial cost savings to the Taupō wastewater treatment plant.

The software, developed by local firm DWEENG Ltd in conjunction with the treatment plant staff, controls the plant's pumps to make optimum use of off peak power. Operations manager three waters Kevin Sears said the

approach sounds simple but implementing it required a fair amount of work as the process had to be reliable. The software is now being used at both the Taupō Plant and the Rakaunui Road plant and year on year comparisons are showing excellent results. "Compared to May 2019, in May of 2020 we saw a saving of nearly \$4,500, so that is really significant," he said. "We are always looking to make energy savings across all council facilities, and by working with DWEENG we've come up with a great, cost effective solution. We're now looking at using a similar approach at the water treatment plant and at a couple of other sites."



IRRIGATION PROJECT WELL UNDERWAY

WITH WORK NOW underway on the Kinloch Golf Course irrigation system, contractors are on track to complete the project before summer.

Treated wastewater from the Kinloch treatment plant will be used to irrigate the golf course fairways via a subsurface drip irrigation system. Infrastructure manager Denis Lewis said that although the construction portion of the project had been delayed due to COVID-19 restrictions, contractors were confident that the work would have the fairways back in shape for summer. "This is a very sizeable piece of work with some specialised equipment essentially ploughing in the drip feed tubes 250mm beneath the surface of the ground before they are connected up to the larger irrigation pipes," he said. "We are required by regional council to increase the area used to disperse treated wastewater, and using it to irrigate the golf course is a win-win solution. This system means we can use the treated wastewater to good effect and help save clean water over the summer."



TAKE THE CHALLENGE!

THE MARGARET SWEENEY Challenge is underway and it's a great way to warm up in winter.

The Challenge has been held at the Turangi Turtle Pools for six years and commemorates Margaret Sweeney, who represented New Zealand in breaststroke at the 1950 British Empire Games and who was the first person to swim the length of Lake Taupō. In 2019 the Challenge came to Taupō's AC Baths, and this year the events will run side by side in both locations.

Entrants in the Challenge must swim 25 or 50 kilometres over a three-month period. Entrants can choose how much and how often they want to swim in order to compete the distance they choose, so the Challenge is suitable for all fitness levels and schedules.

You can sign up for the Margaret Sweeney Challenge by visiting the reception desk at either of the pools. Entry to the Challenge is free.



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