

IRONMAN LOGO FOR 2020 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS REVEALED

There are now fewer than 300 days to go until the world's best descend on our beautiful Lake Taupō district for the 2020 IRONMAN 70.3 World Championship!

And what better way to mark the occasion then to reveal the IRONMAN 70.3 World Championship logo for 2020.

Head of community, culture and heritage Dylan Tahau said the new logo had a distinct kiwi look about it.

"It was important to encompass our culture in this logo and it's great to see it incorporate a Tāniko pattern which expresses ideas and values important not only in Te Ao Māori but specifically to Ngāti Tūwharetoa.

"The design was created by Ngāti Tūwharetoa artist Kingi Pitiroi and represents the connecting of cultures from around the world - like each individual strand in the weaving we will be welcoming thousands of people to Taupō from all walks of life," he said.



KERBING RENEWALS UNDERWAY IN TURANGI

WORK TO RENEW sections of kerbing and roadside channels in Turangi have begun.

The renewals are part of a planned work programme that began last year as part of the long-term plan. TR Construction will be carrying out the work, which has a budget of \$448,593.

Infrastructure manager Denis Lewis said this stage of the programme was focusing on Te Iwiheki Road, including Te Wharekaihua Grove and Parekarangi Grove with work expected to be complete there by May. The kerbing renewals in the Te Rangitautahanga Rd area will start on Monday 18 May and be completed by August.

"While some of the kerbing has been damaged by trees, it is mostly a case of general wear and tear over time, and more importantly renewing the kerbing and channeling will help improve drainage. We will also be reinstating some driveways where necessary," he said.



WATER MAINS AND WASTEWATER RENEWALS GET THE GREEN LIGHT

A TWO-YEAR WORK programme will soon get underway to renew water mains and wastewater rising mains in parts of Taupō.

The areas selected for renewal were primarily based on the age and material of the infrastructure, with both the water and wastewater pipes coming to their end of their life.

It includes phased works along parts of Tauhara Road, Puia Street, Rifle Range Road, Konini Street, Taharepa Road, Crown Road, Miro St, Chad Street, Mere Road, Titiraupenga St in Taupō and Caroline Drive in Bonshaw Park.

Infrastructure manager Denis Lewis said a decision was made to combine the pipeline renewals to reduce tendering, project management and construction costs for council, as well as make a larger work package more attractive to contractors.

"Along with this, we've grouped the renewals into specific areas to streamline the work and minimise disruption to the community - it means the road will only have to be dug once.

"Renewing these pipelines will greatly improve resilience to the network," he said.

The project is expected to cost \$2.94 million and is budgeted for within the 2018-28 long term plan. The first phase of work will begin in February and follows a similar programme carried out in Turangi and Tokaanu in 2019.

For more information, including the proposed work schedule, head to our website.



WASTE FREE WORKSHOPS REGISTER NOW

ATTEND KATE MEADS' longest running and most popular workshop and get inspired about ways you can minimise waste in your home.

For over 10 years, Kate has been travelling the country, delivering waste minimisation seminars, with topics ranging from using cloth nappies right through to re-usable coffee cups. Kate is extremely passionate about her work and believes that education and the sharing of knowledge is one of the most powerful tools we have in the battle against waste.

You will receive a free pack full of waste minimisation products, including a couple of cloth nappies to have a go at! Prepare to be inspired, become motivated, and take control of your household's impact on our future.

Kate is running two workshops at the Great Lake Centre on Wednesday, February 12.

10am Taupō 'Waste Free Parenting' Workshop.

6pm Taupō 'Waste Free Living' Workshop.

For more information on the workshops go to thenappylady.co.nz and for tickets go to eventfinda and search for Kate Meads.

MARKING A DECADE OF SERVICE TO CIVIL DEFENCE

TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCILLOR Anna Park has been appointed deputy chair of the Waikato Civil Defence Joint Committee.

This year also marks a decade for Cr Park in emergency management, following her initial appointment in 2010 to the committee.

She has served as its chair since 2013 when she was also appointed to the Waikato Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint Committee as the delegated representative of Taupō Mayor David Trewavas.

"We are again in a time of real change with new central government legislation, and the forever moving feast of what an 'event' looks like," Councillor Park said.

"The tragedy of the Australian bush fires is an example of this. I am deeply humbled that I am included in the leadership of the Waikato region's emergency management space."



APPLY NOW FOR A COMMUNITY GRANT

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW open for a number of community grants covering sporting, creative and community functions across the wider Taupo district.

These include the Creative Taupo Grants, Creative Communities Scheme, Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund and the Mangakino/Pouakani (MP) Community Grant.

For more information on each of the funds, the criteria or to apply please head to taupo.govt.nz/grants.



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- Feb 8 Huka River Swim Control Gates Bridge/Hipapatua Reserve
 - Feb 12 Waste Free Parenting Workshop Great Lake Centre
 - Feb 12 Waste Free Living Workshop, Great Lake Centre
 - Until Feb 17 Ko Taupō Te Moana, Taupō Museum
- For more information visit www.lovetapu.com

