

TAUPŌ DISTRICT ONE OF THE FIRST TO USE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY ROAD RESURFACING PRODUCT



A NEW ENVIRONMENTALLY friendly road resurfacing product has been used for the first time in the Taupō district this week.

The solvent-free product was used to resurface a small section of Lakewood Drive in Nukuhau.

Infrastructure manager Denis Lewis said he was excited about the benefits of the new product.

"We're one of the first councils in the country to trial this environmentally friendly product which contains no solvents," he said.

"Along with the environmental benefits, we'll also expect to see reduced road maintenance costs.

"This process of road resurfacing is new here. It is more commonly used overseas and aims to extend the life of the chip seal before resealing of the road is needed," he said.

SEWER LINING RENEWALS IN RICHMOND HEIGHTS

WORK TO RENEW several sections of sewer lines in Richmond Heights will begin next week.

Around 850 metres of sewer lines will be relined from Grace Crescent, through to Richmond Avenue, Parata Street and Matuku Streets, following recent inspections of the sewer pipes.

Affected residents will be contacted directly, with access to some manholes necessary to complete the replacement. However, head of operations Kevin Strongman said the lining replacement wouldn't involve major trench work.

"The lining will be mechanically wound through the pipes at the manhole access points – removing the need to access the entire pipeline by digging trenches. This will significantly reduce disruption to those in the area," he said.

Traffic flow may be affected at the Parata Street entrance to Waipahihi School and road users are advised to avoid the area or find an alternative place to park for the duration of the works.

The project will begin on Tuesday February 25 and is expected to be complete by mid-March, weather permitting.



KAIWAKA POINT CLOSED FOR GREAT LAKE WALKWAY UPGRADE

CONTRACTORS HAVE BEGUN work to widen the path at Kaiwaka Point as part of the Great Lake Walkway upgrade.

The work is expected to be complete in this area approximately mid-March, weather permitting. This means the entire Point will be closed during this time.

At the same time, the final finishing touches to the first stage of the path from Rainbow Point to the Two Mile Bay boat ramp are taking place, and we are looking to have this section re-opened in the next week.

Landscape architect Fraser Scott is looking forward to seeing the first stage re-opened to the public.

"It will be a great first milestone and we will be inviting the public to come along and celebrate with us when we do open this section. At this stage, it is looking like it will be ahead of schedule," he said.

Thanks to everyone for your patience and understanding as we work to improve this important waterfront asset.

'LOOKING GOOD' COMES TO TAUPŌ MUSEUM

A NEW EXHIBITION will hit the walls of Taupō Museum this month and will showcase artist Ken Sandō's charcoal and acrylic works and create a visual and narrative twist of what it is to 'look good'.

"My art making is motivated by certain questions that I have about imagery and perceptions of reality and what is considered to be truth," he explained.

"Questioning what is considered normal or everyday can lead down some pretty interesting 'rabbit-holes' and it is this pursuit for answers that drives my creativity."

As an artist with over 30 years' experience, Ken has exhibited nationally both as an individual artist and in group exhibitions.

Looking Good runs from February 29 to April 6 at the museum.



SECURE YOUR LOAD

IT'S GREAT TO see that we're all taking advantage of the warmer weather, ticking the 'to-do' list off around the house and completing those renovations and garden jobs.

Now is a great time for a reminder around securing your load on trailers and utes when heading to the transfer station.

The last thing we want is litter flying everywhere as you head there, so let's look after the place we love.

Thanks everyone!



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COUNCIL HAS APPOINTED THE EXTERNAL AND MĀORI REPRESENTATIVES FOR SEVERAL OF ITS COMMITTEES

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST were sought in December 2019 to fill a number of positions, with final appointments made at the council meeting on January 30.

Head of democracy, governance and venues Tina Jakes said the appointments aim to further strengthen representation of community and Māori interests in local decision making.

The committee appointments include:

Kinloch Representative Group

- Renee des Barres - Māori representative
 - Belinda Walker and Tim Brittain - Community representatives
- ### Mangakino / Pouakani Representative Group
- Lisa de Thierry and Mark Seymour - Community representatives
- ### Taupō East Rural Representative Group
- Evelyn Forrest - Māori representative

Emergency Management Committee

- Tyrone (Bubs) Smith - Māori representative

Taupō Reserves & Roding Committee

- Janice Wall - Māori representative

Risk and Assurance Committee

- Anthony Byett - Chair independent external representative
- Danny Loughlin - independent external representative

Taupō Airport Authority Committee

- Christopher Johnston - business representative

Three vacancies are still to be filled including two community representatives for the Taupō East Rural Representative Group and one Māori representative for the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group.

WHAT'S ON?

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| Feb 21 | NZ House and Garden Tours, Taupō i-Site |
| Feb 22 - 23 | Badthurst' 12-hour endurance race, Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park |
| Feb 22 - Mar 30 | Beyond the Surface exhibition Taupō Museum |
| Feb 22 | Beer Appreciation Day, Riverside Park |
| Feb 25 | Council meeting, Council Chamber |
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