

Media Release



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Work begins on water pipe to reservoir

Contractors have begun working on the water pipe that will stretch from the new Taupō Water Treatment Plant (WTP) on Lake Terrace to the Titoki Reservoir.

Contractors Downer NZ Ltd started the work at Taherapa Reserve on Lake Terrace. The water pipe will head toward the intersection of State Highway 1 and 5. It will then travel up the Napier-Taupō Road (SH 5) to Arrowsmith Avenue, Chesham Avenue and Titoki Avenue, finishing at the reservoir.

This week, contractors are working on the section between Taharepa Road and State Highway 5 using trenchless technology. Once it is functional, the pipe will take water from the WTP to the reservoir.

Downer NZ Ltd has been advised of areas that need to be clear for events such as the Taupō Half Marathon. Those directly affected by the work were contacted by contractors and informed of what is happening in their areas.

The work is part of the upgrade to the plant and is expected to take about 25 weeks. The WTP upgrade is a multi-year project with an overall budget of \$27.4M. Funding was allocated in the District's 2010/11 Taupō Water Treatment Capital Works Budget.

The construction of the building and other site works is expected to be completed in June 2013.

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