

# Media Release



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## Contract awarded for Turangi town centre upgrade

**The Turangi community can look forward to a new and improved town centre following the Taupō District Council's decision to award the contract for the Town Centre revitalisation project during its final council meeting of the year.**

The contract for the Turangi Town Centre revitalisation work was awarded to Higgins Limited for \$358,919.

The Turangi Town Centre revitalisation will see improvements to the Turangi central business district and streets over the next three years. The concept includes the creation of a more vibrant town centre to encourage both locals and travellers to enjoy what Turangi has to offer.

The awarded contract will be applied to the first phase of the project, which is the redevelopment of the main entrance into the town. The cost of the revitalisation was previously allocated in Council's Long Term Plan 2011/12. Work is expected to begin early next year around February and Council will make the draft plans available to the public.

The project, conceived from the Southern Structure Plan consultation meetings, is themed to recognise the Tongariro River and the surrounding landscape. The plans have been inspired by the area's natural features.

It is also hoped that the changes will slow traffic entering Turangi from State Highway 1 onto Pihanga Road by creating the feel of a roundabout.

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