

Media Release



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Liquor bans in place to keep our community safe

Liquor bans will be in place throughout Taupō District these holidays to make sure our community stays safe over the New Year period. The liquor bans in Taupō, Kinloch, Acacia Bay, Turangi, Mangakino and many of our smaller settlements at the southern end of the Lake mean no alcohol can be consumed in certain public areas.

Thousands of people will be streaming into our District over the holiday period and the bans are in place to keep everyone safe. Council and police will be watching liquor ban areas closely and new signage is going up in the liquor ban areas to ensure all are aware of the rules.

Taupō town centre's normal liquor ban runs from Thursday to Monday but is being extended to 24 hours a day from 27 December to 4 January. It also incorporates a larger area that covers several reserves and parts of the Lakefront.

The town centre liquor ban stretches from the Lake edge to Kaimanawa Street in the east, north to Tamamutu Street and covers all of Ruapehu Street and to the Harbour Master's office. The entire Lakefront between these points is included. It also includes Nukuhau Street from the Nukuhau Street and Spa Road intersection through to and including the Control Gates Bridge and Walkway Reserve.

For the holiday period, the liquor ban also covers several reserves including the Lakefront reserves in Kinloch, Acacia Bay, Wharewaka, Two, Three and Five Mile Bays; Te Moenga Reserve and Nukuhau Boat Reserve and the public swimming beach area accessed off Rauhoto Street.

In Mangakino the standard liquor ban applies in the town centre and public reserves. There are also liquor bans in Turangi and Tongariro, including Hatepe, Waitetoko, Mission Point, Tauranga-Taupō, Motuoapa, Waiotaka, Pukawa, Omori, Kuratau and Whareroa. A more specific description of which of these areas is included in the liquor ban is available on the Council website at www.taupo.govt.nz.

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