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New citizens welcomed

A group of 16 people from around the world were welcomed into the district and the country at a citizenship ceremony at Taupō District Council yesterday.

The new citizens hail from Canada, Sweden, South Africa, Thailand, United Kingdom, Samoa and America. They all took an oath or affirmation to confirm their status as citizens. One new citizen lives at Wairakei with the rest residing in Taupō.

The ceremony in the council chamber began with a rousing haka by members of Taupō-nui-a-Tia College's kapa haka group. Mayor David Trewavas then welcomed the citizens and each took the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance.

"It's my pleasure to be able to see such a diverse group of people become citizens, particularly as they have chosen to live in our district," Mr Trewavas said. "I am sure they will each add something unique to our patch and make it a more interesting place to live with such a great mix of ethnicities and cultures."

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