



GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ
Taupō District Council

LONG TERM PLAN 2012-22



To Taupō with Love

The 'Heartland Sculpture' represents Taupō's position as the heart of the North Island and was handed over to the Taupō District Council on Sunday 25 September 2011 by the Friends of the Lake Taupō Museum and Art Gallery Inc.

The piece, which sits proudly on the Tongariro South Domain, was constructed by local artist Brett Taylor, who took inspiration from the early settlers of Taupō. The heart is made of stone and is covered with 10mm of high-tech colour and clear resins.

The massive stained Matai logs that create the main structure around the heart were hauled out of the Waipohotu Forest near Mangakino. Brett says the heavy structure, fastened with bronze straps, represents the infrastructure and hard work of early New Zealand settlers. The bronze stars at the top of the wooden structure represent those used by settlers to navigate to New Zealand.

// To see more of Brett's work visit www.brettaylor.co.nz