



Dog registrations are now online

Would you rather be spending time with your dog than filling out forms and posting them off? We have the solution for you! You can now register, pay and manage your dog registration online.

All you have to do is go on to our website www.taupo.govt.nz and set up your account. Then, when it comes to registration time, we already have all your details and it's simple to register your dog.

You can also check that all of your details are up-to-date and make any changes you need to.

To set up your account, you will need your customer number and dog owner number. If you don't have these, give us a call and we can give them to you.

We hope these changes will make registering your dog a lot easier.

All dogs need to be registered by July 1. Dogs that are not registered may earn their owner an infringement fee, so it's a good idea to be organised and get it done in time.

If you are having trouble paying your registration fee, give us a call and we may be able to help with a payment plan.



Easter celebrations in Turangi and Mangakino

Celebrate Easter in Turangi with its annual festival this weekend!

Formerly known as the Turangi Colours Festival, the Turangi Easter Festival is back with two days of fun activities this year.

On Saturday a market day will be held in the Turangi mall area. Get down there to check out the large variety of stalls including arts and crafts, the car boot sale, food and live entertainment. The market runs from 9am to 1pm.

A family day at Tongariro National Trout Centre will be held on Sunday from 10.30am to 2.30pm. Organisers encourage people to bring along a picnic, visit the fresh water aquarium, blue duck enclosure and other highlights of the centre.

To entertain the kids there will be a bouncy castle, face painting, Easter bunny egg hunt and kids fishing.

It's a cheap day out – adults are \$10 and children are free! Fishing costs extra and must be booked prior to the day at Turangi iSITE on 07 386 8999.

In Mangakino, the annual raft race will be happening on the lakefront on Easter Sunday. After an outdoor Easter service on the lakefront reserve, the kids will be entertained with a lolly scramble, games, music and the Easter bunny from 10am to 1pm. You can watch the raft race from the reserve from 12.30pm to 1.30pm.

There's plenty to do this Easter so get the family together and enjoy the break.



Take time out

Easter is here and we have a long weekend to relax, enjoy our district and maybe get involved with some of the events on around the place.

We've enjoyed a beautiful long hot summer with retailers, accommodation and service providers reporting great figures. As we head into winter let's hope we can continue with that momentum through to the busy ski season ahead.



This weekend marks the end of daylight saving, so as the days get shorter we will see some cooler weather and some well-needed rain for our farmers.

Hopefully the weather gives us one last reprieve before the big chill sets in so we can enjoy our outdoors over the Easter break.

In Mangakino we've got some good family fun with the annual Mangakino raft race which should be an excellent day out up there. There will be the raft race plus plenty of games, a lolly scramble and I hear there's even going to be an appearance by the Easter bunny.

Down in Turangi we've got another annual fixture with the Turangi Easter Festival. It's spread across two days and has a market day on Saturday and a family day at the Tongariro National Trout Centre on Sunday. It promises to be a fantastic weekend for the southern end of the lake, so if you're out those ways, be sure to call in.

Looking forward to our four-day weekend, I'm sure there will be plenty of visitors to our district, so I encourage everyone to make them feel welcome. Town should be buzzing and no doubt all our cafes and accommodation will be busy.

Easter is, of course, more than just a break for many. It's a good time to spend some time reflecting, relaxing and taking stock of how lucky we are to live here. Our district is stunning this time of year with cool, clear mornings and the leaves starting to turn the colours of autumn. We've got lots to enjoy.

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Young drivers –win a date with The Edge

Do you have a creative teen?

We want 15 to 17 year olds who live in the Taupō District to create a 30 second radio advertisement about road safety. Then they could be joining Jay Jay, Mike and Dom on The Edge breakfast show for a morning!

The winning entry will be made into a real radio advertisement and broadcast on air. The winner will meet Jay Jay, Mike and Dom at their Auckland base and travel and accommodation is on us!

We also want a new 'tag line' for road safety which could be used in future road safety campaigns and help save lives! This competition is aimed at young drivers and has a grand prize of a free defensive driving course and five lessons with a qualified driving instructor. It would be a great way to fast track a young person's driving skills and get them on the road to a full licence.

Visit www.taupo.govt.nz/youngdrivercompetition to find out more about both competitions and enter by May 2 to be in to win.

Volkswagen nationals in Taupō this weekend

VW fans start your engines – the New Zealand Volkswagen Nationals are in Taupō this weekend!

Taupō was the site of the first Volkswagen Nationals in 1991 and it is now the 25th anniversary of the event.

The events runs from tomorrow until Monday and highlights include a drive-in movie, forest cruises, social gatherings, a public show and shine display and much more.

The show and shine event will be on Tongariro North Domain on Saturday, April 4 and will be a great opportunity for visitors and locals to see all kinds of Volkswagens on display.

You'll never see so many Volkswagens together in one place again, so get down and check them out!



What's on

- 3-6 Apr New Zealand Volkswagen Nationals, Tongariro North Domain
- 4 Apr Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story, Great Lake Centre
- 4-5 Apr Turangi Easter Festival
- 11 Apr Taupō Te Wheke Challenge, Taupō Yacht Club
- 11-12 Apr Taupō Wellbeing Fair, Great Lake Centre
- 14 Apr Turangi Tongariro Community Board meeting, 1pm, Turangi Boardroom
- 15 Apr Zoo Boogie Kid's Show, Great Lake Centre



For more information on Taupō District events visit www.GreatLakeTaupo.com

Email your elected members at councillors@taupo.govt.nz

For more information call 07 376 0899 or go to www.taupo.govt.nz

