



District gears up to commemorate ANZAC centenary

This Saturday will mark the centenary of the ANZAC landings on the Gallipoli Peninsula and those service men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice will be remembered at a number of dawn and civic services around the district.

TAUPŌ

Dawn service at Taupō cenotaph

The dawn service will be held at Taupō cenotaph at 6am. Extra lighting and a big screen is being brought in to improve visual aspects of the service following feedback from last year's event. The parade will leave for the cenotaph (outside the Great Lake Centre) from the Taupō RSA on Horomatangi Street at 5.45am.

Civic service at Taupō cenotaph

The Taupō civic service and parade will be held at 10.30am at the Taupō cenotaph outside the Great Lake Centre. Those who want to take part in the parade can meet at 10.15am outside Taupō Bowling Club on Lake Terrace for the march to the cenotaph. Families, including children and grandchildren, of servicemen and women are welcome to march to Taupō RSA following the service, along with anyone else interested in taking part.

MANGAKINO

Service at Soldiers' Cemetery

A 15 minute memorial service will be held at Soldiers' Cemetery on Lake Road, Mangakino at 10.15am. Representatives from police and the defence force will attend and the Last Post will be played. All welcome.

Civic service at the cenotaph

A civic service will be held at 11am at Mangakino cenotaph on Wairenga Road, Mangakino.

TURANGI/TOKAANU

Dawn service

A dawn parade and service is being held at Waihi Marae in Waihi village at 6am. There will be free buses leaving from Turangi RSA, Turangi Library car park and the Church of the Latter Day Saints car park on Puataata Road at 4.45am for those who wish to attend. The road to Waihi will be closed to all other traffic. This will be followed by a service at 8am at Tokaanu Church.

Civic service at Turangi RSA

At 10am a flag ceremony will be held at the RSA section of Turangi Cemetery. A civic parade and service will be held at 11am at Turangi RSA on Katopu Place. Following this, a lunch will be held for current and returned servicemen and women and invited guests at Turangi RSA.



ANZAC SERVICES

Taupō cenotaph

Dawn service – 6am
Civic service – 10.30am

Mangakino Soldiers' Cemetery

Memorial service – 10.15am

Mangakino cenotaph

Civic service – 11am

Waihi Marae

Dawn service – 6am

Turangi Cemetery RSA section

Flag ceremony – 10am

Turangi RSA

Civic service – 11am

Cenotaph upgrade recognises ANZAC centenary

Taupō's cenotaph has a bright new look and is ready to host the town's ANZAC services after an extensive refurbishment. The cenotaph has been hidden behind fencing for the past few months as contractors worked on the upgrade.

The refurbished cenotaph will be unveiled just before the ANZAC Day dawn service for the community to see the changes for the first time. The new design was modelled on the emblem of the centenary commemorations, with the paving being coated in red and black to resemble a poppy underfoot.

New granite panels and plaques were affixed to the cenotaph itself, giving it a modern-day look and feel and making it a fitting location for respects to be paid to fallen soldiers.

The cenotaph upgrade was done to commemorate the centenary of World War I this year with the help of a \$144,000 grant from the government's Lottery World War One Commemorations and Environment and Heritage Committee.

The refurbishment is a joint project between the council, the Returned Services Association, Ngāti Tūwharetoa and the Taupō branch of the Society of Genealogists.



Museum exhibition remembers

An exhibition that features Taupō's sister city Noumea and tells the tale of how two Pacific colonies experienced World War I is coming to Taupō as part of the centenary commemorations.

Never a Week Goes By is the story of South Otago and New Caledonia and how they and their people were impacted by World War I. It contrasts the two settlements' experiences during the Great War with soldiers' stories and focusses on five New Zealand men who perished in the war.

The exhibition also features images and details of New Zealand's essential industries at the time, tangata whenua and the lives of women in rural communities.

The New Caledonia content of the exhibition investigates the unique attributes of the nation and how French colonies reacted to the threat to their homeland.

New Caledonia has its own indigenous people, the Kanaks, and their experiences are contrasted with New Zealand Māori.

New Caledonia's capital Noumea is a sister city of Taupō, so this exhibition will provide a unique insight into a part of Noumea's history that our community would not otherwise experience.

Never a Week Goes By was curated by South Otago Museum and is touring the country this year.

It will be on display at Taupō Museum from August 8 to September 14.

Spotlight on our fallen heroes

A collection of stories, images and words on the Taupō District's servicemen and women is being collated through a project called Kete Taupō.

Our library and museum teams are working alongside the Taupō branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists to bring the stories together in one online space.

Kete Taupō will be a digital repository for not only World War I information, but also the district's arts, cultural and heritage resources.

There is very little recorded about those who lived in the district in the early part of the 20th century, so this project will try to gather this valuable information.

Later this year the library and museum will be holding workshops to show the community how to access the information. If you want to access it sooner, library staff can help.

Do you have a family story to tell? Help create Kete Taupō by submitting your own family stories, letters and photos.

Email kete@taupo.govt.nz or visit Taupō District Libraries or Taupō Museum to contribute.



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

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



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