



Matilda has all the *right words*

A Taupō teen who won our road safety competition has claimed her prize at The Edge radio station in Auckland.

Matilda Fulljames, 16, from Taupō-nui-a-Tia College won the competition with a 30 second radio advertisement with a road safety message for young drivers. She visited Auckland on Monday and met Jay-Jay, Mike and Dom from The Edge. She also had her ad professionally recorded to play on local radio.

Matilda says visiting The Edge was an awesome experience and she had a lot of fun recording her advertisement.

“Hanging with Jay-Jay, Mike and Dom for part of their morning show I got to see how the banter and the technical bits all fitted together and who did what and when,” she says.

“It was really interesting to hear how the DJs planned their week – not an easy task.”

She also spent time with another Edge DJ who Matilda says opened her eyes to the opportunities of radio and voiceover work.

She had a tour around other departments, met web designers, promotions staff, editors and production staff.

Matilda hopes her advertisement will have a positive impact on the decisions of young people.

“The ad is youth speaking to youth. I hope they listen. I hope lives are saved.”

Listen out for Matilda’s ad from Wednesday on The Edge.



Section of Huka Falls Road to close temporarily

Are you a regular visitor to Huka Falls or the walking and mountain biking tracks around it? Be aware that we will be closing a section of Huka Falls Road from Tuesday to allow important repairs to be carried out.

The section of road just north of the entrance to the Huka Falls car park up to Loop Road will be closed for about three weeks.

Access to the Huka Falls car park will still be available when travelling from the south.

Part of the road that has subsided is being repaired. It runs alongside a bank above the Huka Falls car park and is collapsing.

We are fixing it now so it is safe for everyone to use.

The road will be excavated from the edge back to the centreline over an area of 30 metres. Because the road is only six metres wide at this point, the decision was made to close the section of road to ensure the safety of contractors and the community.

The subsidence is visible and those using the road will be able to see where the section had dropped about five centimetres.

The work is being fully funded by the New Zealand Transport Agency.



Competition winner Matilda Fulljames (centre) and her mother Lizzie Fulljames (left) with The Edge morning crew at their studio.

Watch out for livestock and farm machinery

We are asking motorists to drive carefully on our rural roads in the coming days, in anticipation of ‘Gypsy Week’.

This is the time of year when sharemilkers move their dairy herds to greener pastures.

Farmers gain permits and council staff monitor stock on roads over this busy time. It also ensures those moving stock and equipment are provided with information on the safest way to do this.

You can fill out the permit online at www.taupo.govt.nz or at any council office. There is no cost to obtain the permit.



Get your free ice scraper from us today

It’s getting cold out there!

While we might like the idea of hibernating for the winter, unfortunately most of us use our cars to go to work.

Icy windscreens can be a real hazard on winter mornings, so we’re giving away free ice scrapers and polishing cloths to make it easy.

When you’re in a rush you don’t want to be mucking

around trying to remove ice without a proper tool and we think our ice scrapers make light work of the task.

Come and grab one from one of our offices at your convenience while stocks last.

Frosts will become more frequent as we head into winter, so it pays to be prepared.

The days of sitting in your car with the heater on full bore waiting for the ice to melt are over!



New water main for Mangakino

A new water main is being installed in Mangakino to ensure residents a steady and reliable water supply. Fulton Hogan has been contracted by us to replace the water main, which is just over 1km long. Contractors plan to start work on Tuesday.

The existing main crosses private farm land, so the new one is being relocated in the berm of Waipapa and Lake roads. Most of the adjoining land is farm land so it is expected it will have little impact on residents.

There will be a water shutdown of about two hours when the switch is made from the old water main, but contractors are aiming to keep disruption to a minimum.

The old pipe has a history of breakages.

A speed limit of 30kmh will be in place along Waipapa and Lake roads while contractors are laying the water main.

The project is expected to be completed in July.

What's on

- Until 8 Jun Taupō Ink – Drawings by DiDi Chapman, Taupō Museum
- 11 June Driving On - older drivers refresher course, REAP
- Until 15 Jun Active Arts Taupo, Celebrating 50 Years! Taupō Museum

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