



What's happening these holidays?



At a loss for things to do with the kids these holidays?

Luckily we have plenty going on at the Taupō Library and Taupō Museum to entertain them!

This week we had the Mighty Maui puppet show, monster book making and a magic trick class, and there are more fun activities next week.

At the library, we're hosting acclaimed illustrators Donovan Bixley and Craig Philips who are coming to talk about their work on Thursday, July 16 from 4pm to 5pm. This is free to come along to and will be a great way for children to learn how stories can come alive with illustrations.

Later that night from 6pm to 8pm we're holding a very special event – it's the Harry Potter Family Quiz Night!

Do you and your kids know a thing or two about Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone? Because you can dress up in costume, bring along some snacks and settle in for a great night of Harry Potter-related trivia.

To register your team of four to six people, contact Claire at the library on 07 376 0413 or email her at cgriffiths@taupo.govt.nz.

At the museum on Tuesday, July 18 we've got two sessions on wind art. Kids can get into our Matariki theme and learn ways to make toys and artwork using their lungs! Spaces are limited for this one so contact the museum to make a booking.

We will also be holding our regular Toddler Time on Wednesday at 10.30am with stories, rhymes, crafts, songs and fun for the little ones.

In Turangi we've got activities for five to 12 year olds including craft time making a witch or wizard hat and a movie morning.

✳ There are heaps of other activities going on at the library and museum next week – go to www.taupo.govt.nz/library for the full programme.

Kinloch reserve use under review

We are reviewing the use of several reserves in Kinloch. Before decisions are made the council would like your feedback.

KINLOCH BIKE KIOSK PROPOSAL

A mountain bike kiosk in Kinloch to provide for the increasing number of bikers using the area may become a reality after a proposal was put to the council last month.

The kiosk would act as a hub for mountain biking activities and provide bike hire, transfers, repairs and maintenance and sell parts.

It would be located near the Bike Taupō shelter and help to promote the Great Lake Cycle Trails.

However, the creation of the kiosk would require an amendment to the Kinloch Reserve Management Plan. Currently commercial activity is not allowed on the Kinloch Domain Reserve, so this would need to be altered before the council could grant a licence for the kiosk to operate from the site. Should we amend the plan to allow the kiosk or keep the area free from commercial activity?



✳ If you would like to talk to our staff about any Kinloch Reserve issues you can meet us at the Tippy Trout on Wednesday 15 July 2015 between 4pm and 6pm to ask any questions and share your views. Submissions are now open until 5pm on August 7 and can be done at www.taupo.govt.nz or by picking up hard copy forms from one of our offices.

Reserve management plan for south western bay settlements

The first ever reserve management plan for the south western bay settlements has been adopted by council and covers the reserves of Pukawa, Omori, Kuratau and Whareroa.

The South Western Bay Settlements Reserve Management Plan was adopted at the council's June meeting.

We held several meetings with the community and over 80 submissions were made when the plan went out for consultation over the summer period, which led to some key changes being made.

In the draft, there was an allowance for freedom camping for one annual rally at Omori, but a large number of submissions were against this so the plan was changed to ban freedom camping altogether.

The draft plan also suggested a process begin that would see Pukawa Esplanade Reserve be handed back to original owners Ngati Manunui. However after hearing feedback from the community, we decided we would instead work with iwi and the community to improve relationships and the community's understanding of the cultural and historical significance of the reserve.



✳ The new reserve management plan is now available at www.taupo.govt.nz or on hard copy from any council office.

One week left to nominate volunteers

Do you know a volunteer organisation that does great things in our community? Get in quick to nominate them for the Trustpower Taupō District Community Awards!

Nominations close a week from today. Nominating is a simple process that you can do online and is a great way to show your support and appreciation for an organisation.

The awards recognise volunteer organisations in both the Taupō District and nationally and this year celebrate their 21st anniversary.

Nominees can be entered into five categories: heritage and environment, health and wellbeing, arts and culture, sport and leisure and education and child/youth development.

Previous winners of the Supreme Award include the Tauhara Community Support Initiative and the Taupō Model Railway Club.

We help run the awards, supported by The Hits Taupō.

The awards are one of 26 regional awards held around the country. The regional awards for Taupō are held in September and then the national final will be held later in the year.

To nominate a community volunteer group or find out more, call into your nearest council office, visit www.trustpower.co.nz/communityawards or search Trustpower Community on Facebook.

✳ Entries for the awards close on Friday, July 17 2015.

What's on

- Until 18 July** School holiday activities at the museum and libraries
- 7 or 8 July** Driver Directions, Ricoh Taupō Motorsport Park
- 11-12 July** Taupō Hobby Expo, Taupō Events Centre
- 16 July** Family Quiz Night, Taupō Library
- 26 July** Emirates Melbourne Cup in Taupō, Roberts Reserve

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

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



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