



## New fitness equipment for Spa Thermal Park

New, modern exercise equipment is being installed in Spa Thermal Park that people of all ages can use to get fit for free!

Over the last few years we have had a number of requests for this type of equipment in our reserves through Long Term Plan and Annual Plan consultation processes.

We are taking action now because we are removing parts of an old wooden fitness trail in Spa Thermal Park that are no longer safe.

The new equipment will include a stationary bicycle, an overhead press and an abdominal work out bench. It will be installed in the next few weeks.

This original trail was installed 36 years ago by the Taupō Jaycees, around the time the old playground and skate bowl were built. The playground has since been replaced and the old fort renovated to bring it up to current standards.

Policy and operations group manager Gareth Green says much of the equipment does not meet current safety standards. "There are some very high climbing structures and no soft-fall surfaces,



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which could do someone real damage if they were to slip and fall," he says.

"We want to do all that we can to help ensure people stay safe."

## Dyslexia-friendly books at Taupō Library

Do you know a young person who has dyslexia?

It's a lot more common than you think – one in ten New Zealanders struggles with reading because of dyslexia.

The team at Taupō Library recognised a need for dyslexia-friendly books through feedback during its summer reading programme. Now they are introducing a whole new dyslexia-friendly collection to make it easier for our dyslexic community.

Dyslexics often think in pictures, rather than words, which can make mastering reading a lot harder for them. They receive and retrieve information in a different part of the brain to word-based thinkers.

The collection has books for kids and teens that are printed in fonts that are easy to read with plenty of brightly coloured pages to keep things interesting.

These books aren't just for dyslexics, either – they are all great books in their own right and will appeal to a broad range of children and teens.

Remember, you can ask us to buy additional books so we can add them to the collection! We take all book requests into consideration.

Come and check out the new dyslexia-friendly books at Taupō Library. If you're not sure where to start, ask our friendly staff – they are there to help!

# If you're in Turangi or Mangakino you can request these books and we can send them out to these libraries too.



## Bright light for dark spot

New LED lamps now flood a dark corner of town with light after a generous donation from local lighting company Pure LED.

The company donated the lights for the alleyway that runs from Tuwharetoa Street to Gallagher Street. A man was allegedly assaulted in the area after a night out in town recently and we were concerned about the low light in the area.

Chief executive of Pure LED Daniel Deere said the company wanted to contribute the lights to make a part of town safer and show people what LED lights could do.

"We knew that particular area was too dark with the lighting it had, and we thought we could do something good for the community by brightening it up," he said.

Local electricians Action Electrical installed the lights free of charge.

Mayor David Trewavas was grateful for the contribution from the two local businesses. "It's great we are able to form positive partnerships with the business community that can make a real difference to the place we live," he said.

The old lights consisted of four 70 watt bulbs and produced fairly limited light. The new light has two lamps that are only 30 watts, but they produce about five times as much light.

The LED lights are more cost-efficient and will save about \$140 a year in power. Over the lifetime of the lamps they will save over \$1500.

LEDs also produce a white light which is better for CCTV monitoring.

"This has made this area of town a lot brighter and safer to walk up the alley way at night," Mr Deere said.

## Lots to do in Mangakino-Pouakani

In the Mangakino-Pouakani ward, we know winter is truly upon us when we see snow sprinkled on Titiraupenga and the Tirohanga hills.

There have been some beautiful frosty mornings lately, thankfully followed by some brilliant sunny afternoons so children can get outside during the school holidays.

If you are looking for a great activity for the whole family try a two hour walk along the Waikato River Trails between Mangakino and Whakamaru (includes a cool swing bridge)!

At Whakamaru, be sure to check out the new information signage in the shape of a penstock created by Mangakino Community Led Development Group. The penstock is reflective of the hydro activity that takes place in our area and stands proudly at the front of Little Helpers' new premises by the Whakamaru shops. It has lots of things to do and places to see so is well worth checking out.

It is really great to see our area continuing to develop and another great local business expanding. Economic development is also apparent across the Waikato River where forests are being converted into dairy farms.

Mangakino Lakeside Village is clearly showcased now on the drive from Whakamaru to Tokoroa and looks so picturesque. At a hui I recently attended with Raukawa Trust Board, we invited their officers to come to speak to the Mangakino Pouakani Representative Group about the new farms, Ata Rangi Pastoral. Our representative group meetings are held bimonthly and are open to the public - anyone is welcome to attend.

In council's recently completed 10-Year Plan, our ward will see a continuation of the Mangakino lakefront enhancement with a new toilet block, and concept designs are being drafted for stage two of the Mangakino civic centre redevelopment.

Many thanks go out to Wairarapa Moana Incorporation, PGG Wrightson and Ballance for their combined donation towards new playground equipment for the town centre. I also wanted to thank Mighty River Power for their assistance earlier this year in removing weed from the lake. Our district is very lucky to have many great local businesses that really care for and support our communities.

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## What's on

- Until 2 Aug Te Hau - The Wind exhibition, Taupō Museum
- 26 July Emirates Melbourne Cup in Taupō, Colonel Roberts Reserve
- 1 Aug Hoka One One Taupō Marathon, Taupō
- 8 Aug The Global Run – Team Taupō, Taupō Events Centre
- 9 Aug Greening Taupō Community Planting Day, Oruanui Road

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