



Hey, Acacia Bay!

What do you want in your playground?



If you've been feeling like Acacia Bay's Besley Park could use a better playground to make it a more interesting, useful space –

you're in luck! We are going to build a new playground in early 2016 and we want your help choosing the equipment.

The new playground will replace much of the old equipment behind the tennis courts, but will be located across the road from the Acacia Bay Community Hall on Wakeman Road.

We will be putting it here because it's easily accessible and visible, but will be nestled among the trees which will make for a

great environment for children to explore.

We want our new playground to be safe, attractive, exciting and unique, and are catering mostly for children aged five to 12 years old. We also want to make sure the playground reflects the unique identity of the Acacia Bay community – so this is where you come in!

There are five options we are looking at that were shortlisted by the Acacia Bay Residents' Association, and we want your feedback on which designs you like the most. Different designs have different equipment – from slides and swings to rope structures, see-saws and climbing walls. All the information on the designs is available on at www.taupo.govt.nz, so go and check it out and tell us what you think!

Alternatively, come along to the Acacia Bay Community Hall between 4pm and 6pm on Tuesday, November 3 to share your views.

Onwards into summer

With summer fast approaching, there is plenty happening around our district.

Labour Weekend brings the Turangi Fire Brigade 50th Jubilee and Turangi Māori Golf Tournament. These should be great events and the district will be buzzing. This is just the start of an exciting events season, and there is a lot to look forward to!

Don't miss the Starlight Cinema Fireworks and Laser Extravaganza on Friday, November 6 at Owen Delany Park from 5.15pm. This will be followed with the Tongariro River Wild Challenge down in Turangi on Saturday, November 7, which should be another hit with locals and visitors alike.

Over summer, the council's Community Engagement team will be again hosting the Our Neighbourhood series, so be sure to keep an eye out for an event near you.

Also mark December 12 in your diary! The Turangi 50th Jubilee finale and Christmas in the Park will be huge this year. Congratulations to Safe Turangi for securing pop artist Stan Walker to perform at the event. The committee has gained enough funding for the event to be free, which is fantastic for our community. You can check out other events that are coming up at www.GreatLakeTaupo.com.

One event dear to my heart is the annual Turangi and Taupō annual foodbank drive which kicks off on Monday, November 2 at 5.30pm. I am sure the community will once again get in behind this really great cause.

In Turangi Tongariro Community Board news, we recently adopted our 2015/16 Community Plan which sets out a number of key objectives and projects for the future. This is available on the community board section of the council's website and is worth a read.

Looking ahead, please keep safe on the roads and in and around water. If you're going away please make sure your pets and home are cared for so you don't come home to any nasty surprises. If you see rubbish please pick it up – it may not be yours, but it is your town, and we all need to do our bit to keep it looking pristine.

As always, if you would like to have a chat with me please feel free to give me a call.

Have a safe and happy weekend.

Maggie

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Get ready for a busy weekend!

In the Taupō District for the long weekend? Boy, do we have plenty for you to do!

Labour Weekend kicks off our busy summer season in the district and we are looking forward to a diverse range of events over the next few days.

Street art festival Graffiato is back for 2015, and will run from Saturday to Monday around the Taupō town centre. The festival sees street artists painting the town's walls and buildings in vivid colours, and the community and visitors can watch it all unfold as it happens.

The best part is that we're left with fantastic new murals brightening up our town centre! Make sure you head into town and see how it's done.

For sport and motorsport enthusiasts, we have the BMX North Island Titles competition on Saturday and Sunday at Taupō BMX Club at Crown Park. Over 700 entrants will be descending from around New Zealand and Australia for the event. Supporters and spectators are expected to number up to 3,500 – that's a lot of bikes, riders and supporters!

Motocross Fest will be happening Saturday and Sunday, featuring

plenty of motocross action with juniors to veterans. The event is on at Digger McEwen Park and you can go along for \$10 per person (under fives are free) or \$20 a car load.

Arts and sports not your thing? How about shiny pick-up trucks? There will be a display of the finest at Tongariro Domain on Sunday from 10am to 3pm, along with live bands, competitions and spot prizes.

Fancy a spot of shopping? Head along to the Kinloch market from 9am to 2pm on Sunday at Kinloch Domain. The annual market is expected to have over 270 stalls and is getting bigger every year!

There's something for everyone this weekend in the Taupō District – we hope to see you out there!



Trackside BMX Photos

Rubbish and recycling collections stay the same over Labour Weekend

Rubbish and recycling collection days remain unchanged over the long weekend. So if your rubbish and recycling is normally collected on a Monday, it will still be collected this

Monday, October 26. Make sure it's out at the kerbside before 7.30am, as usual.

Enjoy your long weekend!

What's on

- 24-26 Oct Graffiato, Taupō town centre
- 25 Oct Kinloch Market, Kinloch Domain
- 27 Oct Council meeting – Hirangi Marae, Turangi, 1pm
- 28 Oct Footnote New Zealand Dance – Watch This Space, Taupō Museum, 4pm
- 28 Oct Council Catch Up with the Mayor and Gareth Green, Saluté Delicatessen, Horomatangi Street, 9.30am

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

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