



Brighten up your Guy Fawkes with fireworks and laser display



Are you ready for an explosive Guy Fawkes this year? Get down to Owen Delany Park next Friday, November 6 for one to remember! We are proud to be supporting the Starlight Cinema Fireworks and Laser Extravaganza, which is back for 2015.

It promises to be an evening full of entertainment for the whole family with fireworks, a laser show and a movie.

Gates open at 5.30pm and The Spongebob Movie: Sponge Out of Water will screen from 7.15pm in the lead up to the main event. Tickets can be bought on the gate for \$5 per person. Children under two are free.

In the event of poor weather, the display will be postponed to Saturday, November 7. Any postponement announcement will be made on the Starlight Cinema Fireworks & Laser Extravaganza Facebook page and broadcast on MoreFM.

Take care with fireworks

If you're celebrating Guy Fawkes at home this year, please take care with fireworks.

While they can be fun with proper adult supervision and care, fire is a hazard that cannot be taken lightly. Safety should always be the number one priority.

Here are some simple rules to follow to get the best out of your Guy Fawkes:

- Keep pets inside in the lead up to and during Guy Fawkes. Many get frightened when fireworks go off.
- Always use fireworks outside and keep a bucket of water handy.
- Don't hold fireworks in your hand.
- Point fireworks away from homes.
- Light one firework at a time and never relight a dud.
- Soak fireworks in water before putting them in the bin.

We are currently in a restricted fire season in the Taupō District, which means a permit is required for a fire to be lit in a rural area. We will not be issuing permits in rural areas for Guy Fawkes bonfires this year due to the safety risk.



Are you backing black?

The All Blacks have made the Rugby World Cup final – not that there was ever really any doubt they would, right?

Our team is backing black this Sunday and earlier this month we held our very own all-black Mexican wave to show our support.

The wave was part of a stuff.co.nz campaign to create the country's biggest online Mexican wave.

We organised the wave for during our morning tea break, and 50 of our staff headed over to the Lake Terrace water treatment plant platform to get into the spirit.

The video of our Mexican wave has been viewed on Facebook nearly a thousand times. Check it out and get behind the All Blacks this weekend.

Bring it home, boys!

Taupō Framed: be part of the art

Fancy yourself a creative type?

Now is your opportunity to show people what you can do with the Taupō Framed exhibition at Taupō Museum! The exhibition will consist of 100 framed artworks and the museum needs you to fill one.

Each artist who wants to take part can purchase a frame from Taupō Museum for \$10. They use this to frame an original artwork of their own which reflects the theme 'Taupō Framed' – settings and sights from around the Taupō District that reflect the area.

Artists return their framed artwork to the museum to be hung in the Taupō Framed exhibition, which will run over summer.

Exhibitions officer Kerence Stephen said about 60 frames had already been sold to a diverse group including painters, pumice carvers, printmakers, sketch artists, photographers, fibre artists and more.

"It doesn't matter what kind of art interests you – it can all be framed," she said. "We have already had some work coming in and it's looking fantastic."

She said the idea was that people visiting town could purchase a framed picture as a souvenir.

The exhibition is based on the format of our previous One Hundred canvas exhibitions held in the past. It worked the same way but with the end result being framed instead of on canvas.

Ms Stephen said the use of boxed frames was to encourage a variety of mediums from photography, painting, printing and three-dimensional works to weaving, carving, clay and fibre works.

The exhibition is being sponsored by the Friends of the Museum. For more information, visit the museum or contact them on 07 376 0414.



Women's Sevens gets international with Samoa

The first round of the Women's Sevens Series is being held in Taupō this weekend, and this time it will have an international flavour with the inclusion of a team from Samoa.

The draw consists of six teams, with the other five top teams from New Zealand made up of the best female sevens players from around the country.

District events manager Steve Giles said the event brought together New Zealand's best women's sevens players. It was the second time Taupō had hosted the competition and the first time an international team had been invited to play here.

"It's fantastic we're able to have a quality international women's sevens team here for the event – it certainly takes it up a notch in terms of competition," he said.

The event runs from today to Sunday, and will also include ten age-grade teams from around the North Island, including a Taupō team. Games are being held from 10am to 5pm each day until Sunday.

It's free to go along and should be a great event, so go and check it out!

What's on

- 31 Oct-1 Nov Women's Sevens Series, Owen Delany Park
- 6 Nov Starlight Cinema Fireworks and Laser Extravaganza, Owen Delany Park
- 10 Nov Turangi Tongariro Community Board meeting, 1pm, Turangi Boardroom
- Until 30 Nov Art From a Different View, Taupō Museum

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