



Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs graduates recognised

Taupō local Hugh Longden loves his home town, and with training available to him through his work place, he doesn't have to go anywhere.

"I don't plan on leaving anytime soon," he says.

The 23-year-old assistant manager at Noel Leeming graduated with his National Certificate in Retail Level 3 earlier this week at our annual Industry Training Organisation (ITO) graduation ceremony.

He was joined by nearly 40 other industry training graduates who have learnt on the job and gained qualifications.

Mr Longden said he planned to build on the qualification with a diploma next year.

Mayor David Trewavas welcomed the trainees, apprentices, students, employers and supporters to the graduation, which was held to recognise the achievements of trainees and apprentices who had completed their study.

The event was part of the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs initiative, a nationwide network of mayors who work together to have young people engaged in education, training, work or other positive activity in their communities.

Over 70 local employers were recognised for supporting the trainees and teaching them skills that will equip them well for the future.

Mr Trewavas said the training meant young people and

others in our community were able to gain qualifications and stay in the district.

"We want to retain our young people and the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs is a way of encouraging this," he said. "Our district is growing and it's great to see so many graduates celebrating their successes."



Hugh Longden, 23, receives his certificate from Mayor David Trewavas.

Take care with your pooch

Summer is coming and it's a great time of year get out and explore with the dogs, but it's important to remember others in the community might not be quite so enthusiastic about a smooch from your pooch!

Because of the influx of visitors and number of people enjoying the sunshine, we have a few rules around dogs and considerate behaviour.

In many reserves and public spaces dogs need to be kept on a leash, and from December 1 to March 31 there are some areas dogs are not allowed between 9am and 7pm. As has been the case in previous years, these include the beach areas in Two Mile Bay, from Rifle Range Road to Taharepa Road and between Mapou and Kowhai roads, Kinloch and Hatepe esplanade reserves, Wharewaka Reserve and beach area and the Lakeshore Recreation Reserve Kuratau.

Other areas have a year-round ban that is in force 24/7. These include all of our sportsfields, courts, and children's playgrounds, the beach and reserve area in Acacia Bay North, Turangi town centre mall, Pukawa Esplanade Reserve and more. You can find everything you need to know at www.taupo.govt.nz/dog-areas.

It helps to be considerate when out with your dog - please remove and dispose of your dog's droppings responsibly and do not allow your dog to annoy or attack other dogs or people.

We try to balance the needs of dogs and there owners with the safety and security of the community and our visitors, so please know the rules and respect others in the community.



Youth employment organisation to benefit from donation

Taupō Pathways for Youth Employment is \$42,000 better off after a generous contribution from the Taupō Employment Support Trust.

The trust was formed in the 1980s to help members of the Taupō community into employment. At the time there was a high rate of unemployment and the trust's work reduced this over several years.

When the trust felt its work was done, it decided to finish up, but still had just over \$42,000 left in its account. Its constitution stated anything left over was to be given to the council or a trust formed in Taupō with a similar purpose.

This is where the Taupō Pathways for Youth Employment Trust comes in! The trust exists to support youth in employment, and this was seen as a perfect fit for the extra funds.

Chairman Andrew Lilburn said the funding would help give the trust credibility with other funders, and said it was "a lovely surprise".

Mayor David Trewavas gratefully accepted the cheque from the Taupō Employment Support Trust at a gathering last week.

"It's fantastic to be able to transfer money from one worthy cause to another with similar goals," he said. "I know this money will benefit our youth in their quest to be trained and find quality employment in our district."

Taupō Pathways for Youth Employment Trust is linked with the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs that Mayor David Trewavas is involved with. The initiative aims to connect people under 25 to local employment and training opportunities for the betterment of the district and retention of young, skilled workers.

Great challenges and worthy missions

Last week I had the great pleasure to visit Poronui Lodge, owned by the American-based Westervelt company since 2007.



Now no matter what your views are on overseas investment in the district, there is simply no denying the good work this company is doing in our little corner of the world.

President Michael Case, New Zealand general manager Steve Smith, and Westervelt Renewable Energy president Alicia Cramer have been leading the charge on some pretty exciting developments here, the most recent being the purchase of a property in Turangi to develop a honey extraction plant likely to create up to 40-odd new jobs.

Westervelt's philosophy is pretty impressive. They are committed to managing all of their operations and lands in an environmentally responsible manner and creating sustainable value from their resources and relationships. They have a strong focus on protecting high value environmental and cultural sites on their land and are continually improving their environmental practices.

They also want to build long term partnerships with their communities, clients and stakeholders to support sustainable environmental improvements and that definitely gets a big tick from me!

In our district, they are involved in everything from producing wayu beef and honey, to forestry, tourism and providing a top-notch wedding venue and high-end accommodation. All the while they do it employing local people and contributing to the community in a number of ways, including giving jars of honey to the foodbank.

It was certainly great to see some of their operations first-hand and I wish them well on their conservation mission.

Speaking of missions, more than 7000 people will be on a mission of their own this weekend. It gives me great pleasure to welcome everyone here for the 39th annual Contact Lake Taupō Cycle Challenge. This award-winning event is certainly considered one of the premier events on our annual calendar and the town is certainly buzzing. Good luck to everyone competing, I am sure you will do yourselves proud.

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What's on

- 28 Nov Taupō Community Gardens Open Day - 2-4pm, Waipahihi Reserve (off Waipahihi Hall car park)
- 5 Dec Taupō Christmas Parade, Taupō lakefront
- 6 Dec Mangakino Christmas Parade, Mangakino town centre
- 6 Dec Kinloch Neighbourhood Christmas Party - 3.30-6.30pm, Kinloch Domain
- 6 Dec Acacia Bay Family Get Together - 4-6.30pm, Acacia Bay Community Hall

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