



TIME TO REFLECT THIS ANZAC DAY

Fallen servicemen and women will be remembered in dawn and civic services around the Taupō District on Anzac Day. The main ceremony will be held at the cenotaph on Tongariro Domain in Taupō at dawn.

Those involved in the dawn parade will depart from the Taupō RSA on Horomatangi Street at 5.50am. It will travel along Horomatangi, Ruapehu, Tamamutu and Tongariro streets before arriving at the cenotaph for the 6.15am service.

This route accommodates those with mobility issues as it avoids the speed bumps of Heuheu Street and was successfully introduced last year.

Later in the morning, at 10.30am, a civic service and parade will be held. Mayor David Trewavas is scheduled to take part in the service and to make a short speech.

All ex-servicemen and women as well as other interested parties can take part in the parade. Those who want to join in can assemble outside the Taupō Bowling Club on Lake Terrace at 10.15am, ready to march to the cenotaph outside the Great Lake Centre.



WITH TOGETHERNESS COMES RESILIENCE



Monday is Anzac Day and it will mark 100 years since the first Anzac Day services were held, after the Government of the day declared April 25 1916 a half-day holiday in recognition for the dead of Gallipoli.

On this day we put our differences aside and gather as a resilient nation for all New Zealanders to remember the sacrifices of our forefathers and reflect on this harsh part of our history.

It is this sort of resilience and togetherness I feel is necessary to have injected back into our communities and everyday lives. I recently attended a Ministerial workshop on the National Disaster Resilience Strategy. A clear theme was that, at the heart of any resilience strategy, there needs to be neighbourhood and business buy-in to collaborating in times of community strife or disasters.

Being resilient will make us better prepared and more connected with each other. We need to figure out how we can go back to the behaviours of days gone by when we were more reliant on each other and we enacted our wonderful no.8 wire philosophy, without all the red tape of processes and regulations of what you can and can't do.

By working together and supporting one another, we can identify gaps and create new initiatives to develop positive community ventures as well as help plug any perceived vulnerabilities.

Last Saturday we had a perfect example of how we can do this in small but important steps. It was the opening of the fantastic new pirate playground at Besley Park in Acacia Bay. Councillors and council staff were there to engage on the Annual Plan consultation, the pirate ship was swarming with children playing together, there was a sausage sizzle, sack races, Civil Defence presence and everyone together supporting a great cause and spending time with one another. These gatherings help create resilience and show how it can be done if we try.

As Taupō's Emergency Management chairperson, I know we have well-crafted regional and local plans in place but, at the end of the day, these are simply pieces of paper and policy that, without the element of us all taking part, are worthless. We need that Anzac Day feel of togetherness in our communities on a more regular basis. We actually do all need each other.

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ROAD CLOSURES

To make way for the Anzac parades in Taupō, some roads will need to be closed on Monday between 5.30am and 8am, and again from 9.30am and noon. These are:

- Tongariro Street between Spa Road and Lake Terrace
- Horomatangi Street between Ruapehu and Titirapunga streets
- Lake Terrace between Tongariro and Titirapunga streets



OFFICE HOURS

Our offices in Taupō, Turangi and Mangakino will be closed this Monday, April 25 for Anzac Day.

Taupō District Libraries will also be closed, but Taupō Museum will be open from 10am to 4.30pm as normal.

Normal rubbish and recycling collection will apply. All landfills and transfer stations will open at 1pm except for Omori, which is closed Mondays.

COMMUNITY GETS INTO THE PIRATE SPIRIT

Pirate children, parents and playground lovers in their hundreds turned out for our awesome pirate party in Acacia Bay last weekend and we had a fantastic time!

It was great to see so many members of our community joining in the festivities at the opening of the playground at Besley Park on Wakeman Road.

We had competitions for best dressed pirates, a talk-like-a-pirate competition, sack races, a sausage sizzle, spot prizes, pirate music and plenty of pirate fun!

The party was in celebration of the opening of the park and Mayor David Trewavas was joined by Michael Donnelly of the Acacia Bay Residents' Association to officially cut the ribbon – with pirate swords of course!

Thanks to everybody who came down and saw us – it was a fantastic way to celebrate our awesome new playground!



Were you and your family there? See more photos by liking us on Facebook by searching Taupo District Council.



DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT

Time is running out to give your feedback on the 2016/17 Annual Plan, so make sure you have your say before submissions close on May 6.

Under new legislation councils are only required to consult on their annual plans if there are significant changes from what they had indicated for that year in the Long-term Plan.

We are keen to hear your feedback on the proposal to extend the Taupō water supply to Waitahanui and how we propose to fund it. We

are also consulting on minor changes to some fees and charges.

More information on the proposed changes can be found in the consultation document, which is available at www.taupo.govt.nz or at your nearest council office. Submissions can be made until 5pm on May 6.



What's on?

Until May 2 Rah de Rah de Rah exhibition by Dali Susanto, Taupō Museum

April 22-24 New Zealand Truck and Racing Festival, Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park

April 26-28 Donate at the Blood Drive, Great Lake Centre

May 6-7 North Island Masters' Swimming Championships, AC Baths

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

Email your elected members at councillors@taupo.govt.nz

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