



PUMP STATION WORK MAY AFFECT WATER PRESSURE

Areas affected by fluctuating pressure



Keeping our infrastructure in good shape is important to make sure we avoid running into problems, so we are always looking at the equipment we use to deliver services to the community.

Sometimes that means an inconvenience but it's all part of looking after the place we love.

On Tuesday, our contractors will be changing the pressure control unit at the Nukuhau pump station, as it is old and needs to be replaced.

This means 400 Nukuhau properties may be affected by water pressure fluctuation from 7.30am. This includes the area connected by Lakewood Drive and Jarden Mile, the Brentwood subdivision and northern parts of the suburb around upper Vauclose Drive. It should all be back to normal before 3.30pm.

Infrastructure manager Denis Lewis said it is important work that ensures pressure control will remain stable in the future for these properties.

"It's better for us to replace old equipment like this before it fails, so we can make sure we can continue to provide steady water pressure for our community," he said.

The work is part of our standard renewals programme. No properties will go without water while the work is carried out – it may just flow at both lower and higher than normal pressure. We hope to have the work finished as soon as possible.

For more information, visit www.taupo.govt.nz.



CONNECTIONS FOR THE FUTURE



I am honoured to be leading a delegation of representatives from the business, retail, education and local government sectors to China tomorrow. It is a country that is hugely important to us as a nation and a district.

This is an opportunity for us to showcase what we have to offer, grow links with the business community and learn more about how our two countries can benefit from each other. For many of those going it's their first visit to China, and a great chance to learn about the market, consider how they might export their products, open doors and build relationships.

While we're there, we will be launching the project to have a thousand Chinese tourists visit Taupō for three days this year. It's a chance to promote our district as a tourism destination and is a package tour supported by the New Zealand Shaoxing Association & the Shaoxing Municipal Government. It's a really exciting development in our relationship with Shaoxing and will be a great boost to our economy.

We're also going to be promoting the dairy products of Miraka and Shanghai Pengxin while in Shanghai with a supermarket demonstration. This will be a fantastic way to experience Chinese business and see how people respond to some of the exports we're producing in our district.

Another cool element of the visit will be the signing of an agreement to strengthen bonds between Taupō's St Patrick's Catholic Primary School and Suzhou Middle School No 1. This will be the start of a relationship between the two schools that will be mutually beneficial, and is an opportunity for our future generations to learn about opportunities with China.

As a country, our relationship with China is broader and deeper than ever – it is now our second-largest trading partner, with two-way trade more than doubling since the free trade agreement came into force eight years ago. China is also our second-largest and fastest growing tourism market, pouring \$1.7 billion into the economy last year. Chinese visitors also have the highest daily spend of any of visitors, which is very important to the Taupō District, where it is one of our major industries.

As a district, we have close relationships with our Sister City, Suzhou, and Friendship City, Shaoxing, and know we will strengthen these ties while we are here. I know we'll come back better equipped to move forward with our relationship with China for the future.

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YOUTH WEEK 2016

Youth Week is back for 2016, with an exciting line up of events for our young people to enjoy around the district.

This year the theme is 'Aroha Mai, Aroha Atu – Giving Back is Giving Forward'. It's all about recognising the amazing contributions and achievements of young people.

There's plenty on in Taupō, with hip hop dancing, youth mentoring, a planting day with Kids Greening Taupō, sports activities and exercises around the theme of giving back.

In Turangi, we have a basketball competition next Friday at 5.30pm at Turangi Gymnasium, and a pool party the following day at the Turtle Pools.

For our Mangakino youth, we have basketball, touch and skate competitions over the week – it should be awesome!

All sorts of fantastic community agencies are helping out with Youth Week, which runs from May 21-29.

It's a great show of community spirit!

All the events are free and all our young people are welcome to come along! Get all the details from www.taupo.govt.nz/youthweek

or like Taupo District Council on Facebook to find out more.

FREE EVENTS!

- Hip hip
- Youth mentoring
- Planting Day
- Basketball
- Touch rugby
- Skate comps



PROGRESS ON POIHIPI ROAD WORK

Contractors are in the final stretch of the reconstruction and widening of parts of Poihipi Road, with work expected to be completed by the start of next month.

Work has been completed on a section about four kilometres from the Taupō end of the road, and is being finished on the final 500 metres of a one kilometre stretch about 1.5 kilometres from town.

We made a commitment in the Long-term Plan 2015-2025 to undertake a number of projects to improve safety on key cycle and heavy traffic routes, and this work is part of that. Roding company Inframax Limited is carrying out the work.

We hope this work will make travel along Poihipi Road will be safer and easier for all our road users!



What's on?

- 21 May** Mini Drivers Fun Day, Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park
- 26 May** 2degrees Comedy Convoy, Great Lake Centre
- 28 May** Banff Mountain Film Festival, Great Lake Centre
- 4 June** Greening Taupō Community Planting Day, Huka Falls
- Until 7 June** Enclose, Enfold, Envelop, fibre exhibition, Taupō Museum



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