



TREES TO BE REMOVED TO IMPROVE BOWLING GREEN



Picture: John Ridd and Bob Jollands.

A line of trees is being removed outside the Bowls Taupō Club to prevent future damage to the bowling green.

The decision to remove the trees was made at the Fences, Roading, Reserves and Dogs Committee meeting at Taupō District Council this month.

President of Taupō Bowls Bob Jollands told the committee that grass struggled to grow on the part of the green alongside the trees on the south-western boundary. It was affected by the shade created over the area as well as moisture being absorbed by tree roots.

Our arborists say the trees – 10 cypress, three juniper and one pittosporum – can safely be removed with no impact to the surrounding environment.

Acting operations group manager John Ridd said the removal of the trees would allow the green to bounce back. “At the moment there are several patches of dirt where grass has struggled to grow in the current conditions,” he said. “It’s great we’re able to help improve these grounds.”

The trees are expected to be removed next month and will be replanted with smaller, less intrusive trees.

A PLACE TO PARK FOR BUSES AND TRUCKS



Trucks and buses will soon have official parking spots on Kaimanawa Street, which will help support local businesses and enable hotels and motels to better accommodate customers.

Signs and markings for buses and heavy vehicles will be installed near Suncourt Hotel and Conference Centre, which is a frequent overnight stop for truck drivers. The parking area outside our offices on Rifle Range Road will also be available as a heavy vehicle parking area outside of office hours and we will encourage truck drivers to use this overnight.

Infrastructure manager Denis Lewis said a number of requests had been received by the council to allow parking for heavy motor vehicles in the central business district.

“Currently it’s hard for truck drivers and tour groups to park, stay and visit restaurants and attractions in Taupō,” he said. “With the new, marked parking areas they will be able to stay overnight safely and legally.”

Although the Taupō District Council Traffic Bylaw 2014 does not currently allow for heavy vehicle parking in residential areas, there is an exemption for this area only. The decision means the area vehicles are able to park will be reduced and made official with signage installed.

The signs and markings parking areas are expected to be marked by the end of this month.

E-BOOKS POPULARITY RISING

At Taupō District Libraries we’re always looking for ways to get people into reading – and for us that means embracing technology!

We have had eBooks available to borrow since the middle of last year and, in the last two months, the number of eBooks we’ve issued has tripled.

A lot of people in our community love reading books online – especially our school children – and we are working with schools to get more classes into our eBook programme.

All 22 classes at Taupō Intermediate recently joined up to the programme, and this has contributed to a total of 610 students now using the service. Te Kura o Waitahanui was the first school to join the programme in September.

We hope to approach more schools in the future to get on board with this great initiative as resources allow.



Picture: Te Huirohutu Witika, 6, and Bailey-Paige Wall, 6, learn about how to access ebooks.

DON'T FORGET! DOG REGISTRATIONS DUE JULY 1



It’s time to register your dog for the year!

You can now register, pay and manage your dog registration online. All you have to do is go on to our website and set up your account.

That way we already have all your details when you register your dog and it makes the process simple!

You can also check all of your details are up-to-date and make any changes you need to. To set up your account, you will need your customer number and dog owner number. If you don’t have these, give us a call and we can provide you with the details you’ll need.

Remember, dogs need to be registered by July 1, so you have a week to get it sorted.

All dogs over three months of age need to be registered for the 2016/17 year as soon as they reach this age.

What's on?

- 2 July** Greening Taupō and Contact Energy Community Planting Day, Taupō SPCA
- 3 July** Hoka One One Tauhara Trail Run and Walk, Mt Tauhara
- 3 July** 18th Century Unwrapped – Opus Orchestra, Great Lake Centre
- 14-17 July** Taupō Winter Festival, Taupō



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