

COMMUNITY NEWS WITH TAUPO DISTRICT COUNCIL 15 JULY 2016



LIFE-SAVING DEFIBRILLATOR NOW AT COUNCIL

TAUPŌ WINTER FESTIVAL COMES TO LIFE

Taupō is set to come alive this weekend with a celebration of the arts, community and family in the form of the inaugural Taupō Winter Festival.

The festival is perfectly placed in the middle of the school holidays and is filled with lots of free family activities during the day, followed by theatre and comedy shows in the evening.

District events manager Steve Giles says the festival will bring a great vibe to Taupō during what is traditionally our off-peak season. "Taupō is really going to come to life this weekend with the festival

jam-packed full of events for everyone. As well as being of great social and economic benefit, it also provides more arts and culture events to our busy events calendar."

The programme was kicked off last night with comedy show *Sons of a Bitch* and continues today with the ice slide at Tongariro North Domain, a lantern making workshop, the colouring in of a giant mural and an exhibition at the Great Lake Centre – all from 10am and all free. Into the evening a firelight celebration and light trail at Tongariro South Domain will keep things toasty, before a session of Whisky and Jazz at the Great Lake Centre to round out the night.

The free activities for the whole family continue throughout the

We all know a defibrillator can save a life – and now we've got the community covered at our Lake Terrace building in the event of an emergency. A defibrillator is used to shock the heart into working normally

again in the event of a cardiac arrest and a group of our staff were trained in how to use it last week. The defibrillator is located in the customer services area for easy access.

Customer services manager Mary-Ann Jamieson said it was a good location for a defibrillator with 120 staff in the building and around 100 coming people through the doors every day.

"You never know when someone will need the assistance of a defibrillator and I think it's great peace of mind for our team and for those who visit us at the office," she said.

The defibrillator is one of 10 in the Taupō central business district. Mrs Jamieson said it was something the team had wanted for some time and it was great to now have one available to use. "You never know when it could be needed," she said.

Director of Emcare Services and registered nurse and paramedic Dave Anderson taught the team about CPR, the defibrillator and what to do in an emergency.

"In places with high customer traffic it's not if, it's when a cardiac arrest will happen, so it's important to be prepared for it with the right training and equipment," he said.



weekend, and comedy songwriter Wilson Dixon and New Zealand's leading 80s music touring show Automatic 80s will keep adults dancing into the night at the Great Lake Centre on Saturday. Door sales for the two evening shows will be available from 7pm. The festival's final day on Sunday starts with a pancake breakfast before more free family activities continue until 4pm.

The Taupō Winter Festival promises to be a whole lot of winter fun, so check out **taupowinterfestival.co.nz** for more information and a full festival programme.

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

 $\mathbf{N}_{\text{people a chance to play a significant role in the future of our district.}$

Elected roles up for grabs in October's election include the district's mayor and councillors, regional councillors, community board members and members of district health boards.

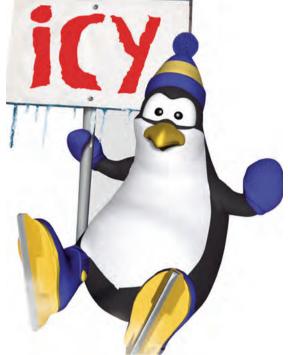
If you're interested, you simply need to be a New Zealand citizen who is on the New Zealand Electoral Roll. Two electors who are on the Taupō District Electoral Roll must then support your nomination, which needs to be at any Taupō Distirct Council office before YOUR VOTE YOUR COMMUNITY

nominations close at noon on Friday, August 12. Regional council or district health board candidates will need to make sure their nominations are recieved at the appropriate regional council or district health board office.

The names of candidates who have been nominated for Taupō District Council roles will be updated on the council website regularly.

Candidate nomination forms are available on our website, from our offices in Taupo, Turangi and Mangakino or by phoning 0508 440 010. Candidate Handbooks that include information on the different roles and rules around campaigning are also available.





It's cold outside and while it'd be lovely to just rug up and stay in bed for the winter, most of us still have to get in our cars to drive somewhere!

It's important to do this safely, and that means ensuring your vehicle is clear of ice and mist before setting off.

We have free winter packs including an ice scraper available at our offices so you can quickly de-ice your windscreen this winter. Pop in and grab one from Lake Terrace, Turangi or Mangakino – they make the job a lot easier! Stock is limited, so get in quick.

Winter is a good time to remind yourself to take it easy on the roads, too. They can get pretty frosty and icy in the Taupō District, so slow down and enjoy the journey.

Be safe, keep warm and think of summer!

What's on?

15-17 July	Rewind Taupō in Film, Great Lake Centre
15-17 July	Ebbett Taupō Ice Slide, Tongariro North Domain
16 July	Chateau Tongariro River Shiver, Turangi
16 July	Wilson Dixon, Great Lake Centre
16 July	Automatic 80s, Great Lake Centre
16 July	Master carver Delani Brown talk, Taupō Museum
16 July	Pak'n Save Pancake Breakfast, Great Lake Centre
16-17 July	Artists Open Studios, Great Lake Centre
16-17 July	Taupō Hobby Expo, Taupō Events Centre
17 July	Mid-winter Swim, Taupō Lakefront

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

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

For more information call 07 376 0899 or go to www.taupo.govt.nz

