



WORK TO BEGIN AT WHAREWAKA



The creation of a new path, sealed road and parking area between Wharewaka and Five Mile Bay will begin next month.

The construction of the shared path is to connect the gap between the two lakeside suburbs. It will be 2.5 metres wide and cater to both pedestrians and cyclists.

The path will run through the area that is currently gravel and used as an accessway for vehicles and pedestrians. A sealed road and car park will also be built, and a timber fence installed to

separate vehicles and pedestrians for added safety.

Work will begin at the start of August, with contractors setting up on site before reshaping the surrounding banks and creating the foundations for the path.

The area where work will take place is currently closed to vehicles to allow space for our contractors to build the path safely. Pedestrians and cyclists are still able to access the area.

Work is expected to be completed by early November, in time for summer.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF REID'S FARM



It's time to have your say to help shape the future of Reid's Farm, the reserve on the banks of the Waikato River that has been a popular spot for picnicking, sightseeing, kayaking and camping for many years.

A review of the Reid's Farm Reserve Management Plan is currently underway and a working group has been formed to investigate options for the reserve. Members of the community are being asked to share their views as part of the consultation process by completing a short online survey.

Policy manager Nick Carroll said the review will look at how the reserve is used as a whole, and will incorporate survey responses to include what people would like to see Reid's Farm used for in the future.

"The reserve is used for a range of activities and as part of this initial consultation we'd like to hear from as many people as possible – from local residents and organisations, to visitors who use the reserve. We want to know what people value about Reid's Farm, and what improvements they would like to see there."

Mr Carroll said the community's feedback will inform a large part of the working group's findings, and will help to build a more responsive management plan.

"This will allow us to make improvements and increase safety at the reserve, address some recent issues around camping, and work with community groups to boost the overall visitor experience."

To complete the survey on Reid's Farm, please visit our website at www.taupo.govt.nz or contact reidsfarm@taupo.govt.nz.

FOUR STARS FOR GREAT LAKE CENTRE



Taupō's Great Lake Centre has been confirmed as a four star venue by Qualmark for the eighth year running.

The rating reaffirms the centre's position as a quality venue by Qualmark, New Zealand's tourism quality assurance organisation. It aims

to make it easy for travellers and professionals to select high quality venues, as well as places to stay, things to do, and ways to get around.

The confirmation indicates the Great Lake Centre is held in high regard within corporate conferencing circles and it can continue to

use Qualmark's symbol on its promotional material.

Venue operations manager Scott Attenborough said he was pleased the assessors rated the Great Lake Centre highly.

"The team works really hard to ensure we are providing a quality venue that is run efficiently," he said. "It's fantastic we are continuing to achieve a four star rating and hope to continue this in the future."

The assessor noted the Great Lake Centre had made several improvements and changes since it was last rated. They commented the grounds were well cared for by council staff, the venue clean and tidy and the staff all professionally presented.

WATER LEAK DETECTION WORK BEING CARRIED OUT

When it comes to water usage, we want to be sustainable and look after our resources. It's all about looking after the place we love.

Next month we'll have contractors on the hunt for water leaks on properties around Taupō to ensure our precious water isn't going to waste.

Detection Services is carrying out the work, and will be walking

around Taupō's streets in high visibility clothing and carrying identification at all times.

By finding the leaks we can minimise water loss and therefore the cost of processing water, which benefits the whole community.

Water leak detection is carried out every two to three years as part of our regular maintenance programme.



What's on?

- Until 25 July Ka u Ki Matanuku exhibition, Taupō Museum
- Until 25 July Tamariki Toi – Children's Matariki Art Exhibition, Taupō Museum
- 26 July Council meeting, Council Chamber, Lake Terrace
- 6 August Hoka One One Taupō Marathon, Taupō

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