



CREATING SAFER ACCESS ALONG THE LAKEFRONT

New refuge islands are about to be installed at two Lake Terrace intersections and a footpath realigned to make it safer for pedestrians.

Currently, pedestrians who want to cross the intersections of Mere Road and Lake Terrace and Taharepa Road and Lake Terrace have to cross very wide sections of road. Refuge islands installed over the next couple of weeks will provide resting points on both roads.

Repairs to the road surface were carried out in June ahead of the start of the project, which will also see the existing footpath moved north to align with the new refuge islands.

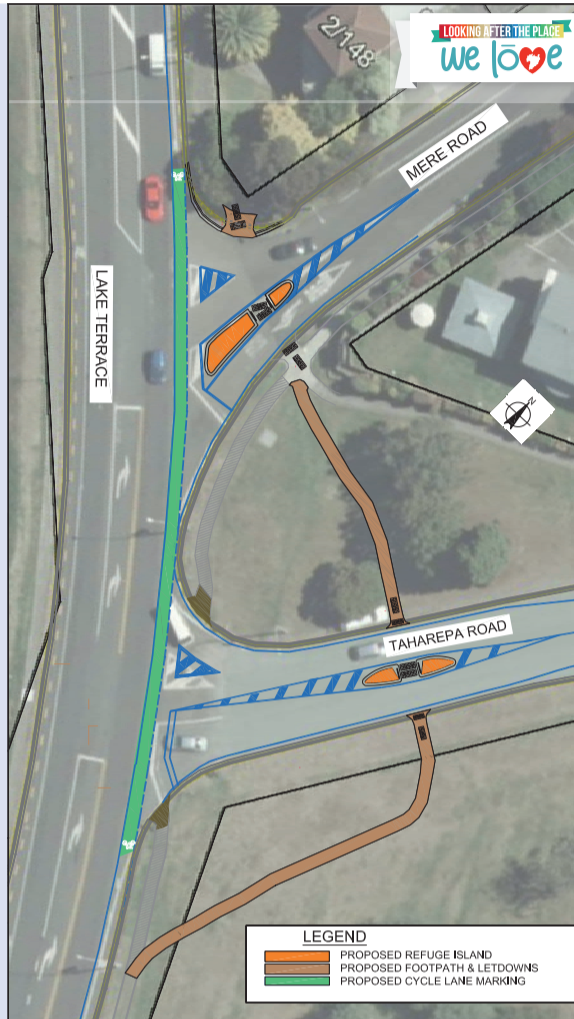
New kerb ramps and tactile pavers will be installed to improve access for those with limited mobility and green cycle lane markings will be done later this year to make motorists more aware of cyclists.

Infrastructure manager Denis Lewis said the new layout and additions would improve accessibility and visibility for pedestrians at the intersection.

“The volume of traffic that moves through this area makes it quite difficult to cross these intersections,” he said. “The refuge island on Mere Road has been designed to reduce the number of vehicles turning right on to Lake Terrace, which will also make crossing easier and safer for pedestrians.

“We hope motorists can be patient while work is in progress, and take care once it is finished, until they get used to the new layout.”

This project will be funded through our minor improvement programme which is subsidised by the New Zealand Transport Agency.



LEARN HOW TO COACH YOUR YOUNG DRIVER



Do you want to support a young driver as they learn the skills they need on the road? We can help!

To support SADD (Students Against Dangerous Driving) in their 30 year celebrations, we are providing an information session for parents and caregivers of young drivers in partnership with the police.

The evening will focus on the use of coaching by parents and caregivers who are helping their children with driving skills. A new young drivers website being launched by the New Zealand Transport Agency will be showcased, along with other resources available to parents, caregivers and young people.

Ensuring our youngest motorists behave safely is paramount. In 2015 there were seven fatalities involving young drivers and their passengers in the Taupō District alone, and so far in 2016 there have been six.

To help your young driver get the best education on the road – come along to our session!

Date » Tuesday, September 6

Time » 6pm to 8.30pm

Location » Great Lake Centre, Taupō

To register your interest, visit www.taupo.govt.nz/roadsafety.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP KIDS LEARN



Are you a college student who isn't sure what to do with your spare time in the upcoming holidays? Want to gain some valuable work experience while having fun? We've got the perfect idea!

The team at the Taupō Museum and Taupō Library are on the hunt for student volunteers to assist with their school holiday programme, running from October 26 to November 7.

Volunteers are required to help set up activities, assist children during the sessions, and help make sure each event

runs smoothly. No experience is necessary and students older than 14 can get involved.

Taupō Museum and Library education officer Claire Griffiths said activities include storytelling, arts and craft sessions, learning how to care for pets and hearing local Taupō tales.

“Volunteering gives students a chance to develop skills and confidence working with children in a professional environment.”

Claire said volunteering is so enjoyable that a number of volunteers return to help out every holiday.

Students who are interested in lending a helping hand during the upcoming holidays should contact Lindsey at lseaton@taupo.govt.nz. Adults who are interested in volunteering at either the museum or library can also contact Lindsey for more information.

IMPROVING WAYS TO PAY AT THE SWIM SCHOOL

If you're an AC Baths Swim School parent (or swimmer!) and have been wondering when you'll be able to pay by internet banking – the time has arrived.

Results of a recent survey on how we could improve our swim school service showed this was a priority for many. So, from term four, customers will receive an invoice with a unique customer code and the option to pay via internet banking, direct debit or in person at the AC Baths reception.

Improvements to the way you can pay are just one of the exciting things we're doing at the swim school. We recently launched an application for smartphones that you can download for Android or iPhone. Visit your app store and search for AC Baths Swim School to download it for free. It's a great tool to find out term dates, tell us if your swimmer will be absent, read about the different levels, get alerts about what's happening, and plenty more!

What's on?

- 3 Sep** Hoka One One Kinloch Offroad Challenge, Kinloch
- 9 Sept** Menopause the Musical – On Fire, Great Lake Centre
- 9-11 Sept** Zirka Circus, Te Kapua Park, Turangi
- 11 Sept** Whakaipo Bay Community Planting Day, Whakaipo Bay Recreational Reserve
- Until 12 Sept** People, Pots and Places exhibition, Taupō Museum
- Until 12 Sept** Print Still Works exhibition, Taupō Museum

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

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