



HELP US CLEAN UP THE TAUPŌ DISTRICT

Have you spotted groups of people with rubber gloves and high visibility vests around the district over the past week? It's likely it was council staff waging a war on litter by getting out and about doing something about our litter problem.

In conjunction with Keep New Zealand Beautiful Clean Up Week, council has launched a litter campaign that aims to make the Taupō District the cleanest in the country. Groups of council staff have been out collecting rubbish in Taupō, Turangi, Mangakino and Kinloch, and the community is invited to do their bit at a public clean up tomorrow.

Chief executive Gareth Green says the Taupō District's litter problem has increased over the past year, with around 1.8 tonnes of litter being collected each week throughout the district.

"That's simply unacceptable and it's about time we as a community called time on people who are not doing the right thing," he said.

"We all need to take responsibility for sorting out this issue, and contribute to looking after the place we love."

JOIN IN THE CLEAN UP

People who would like to join in the fight can do so from 10am tomorrow starting at the rest area on Wairakei Drive – look out for the signs! There will be a free sausage sizzle and everything you'll need for the clean-up will be provided. The event will run weather-permitting, so check out our Facebook page for updates, or listen to More FM.



SHOW OUR VISITORS AROUND TOWN

Do you enjoy meeting people? Are you friendly, helpful and approachable? We are recruiting community ambassadors for the busy summer ahead, so if you answered yes to these questions, you're our kind of person!

COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS INFORMATION SESSION

September 20
10am 12pm
Taupō Library

We want visitors to our town to experience the best Taupō has to offer, and community ambassadors are there to guide the way. The voluntary role involves giving directions as well as sharing information and knowledge about the town. It's a great way to use what you know to encourage visitors to enjoy all our town has to offer.

Next week we are holding an information session for anyone interested in becoming part of the team.

This is the sixth year the ambassador programme will run and an official Taupō Community Ambassadors group is currently being formed to take over the programme's administration.

We provide training and uniform and ambassadors are only required to commit to a few hours a week.

Contact Veronica King at vking@taupo.govt.nz for more information.

NAPPY LADY COMES TO TOWN

Reduce your ecological footprint and find easy solutions to waste-free parenting at a workshop this month.

Nationally renowned 'Nappy Lady', Kate Meads, is coming to Taupō this month to run her popular waste-free parenting workshop.

Parents and parents-to-be will receive tips and information on recycling, reducing food waste and packaging, composting and cloth nappy basics.

Stormwater and solid waste asset manager Brent Aitken said the council wanted to see less going into landfills.

"We are passionate about minimising what goes into our landfills and know there are smarter ways to operate," he said. "Council is pleased to support the workshop as it contributes to our goal of minimising waste in our district."

The workshop will be held at the Great Lake Centre on



Friday, September 30 from 6pm to 8.30pm and costs \$25 plus booking fee for an individual or couple to attend. All those who attend receive a waste-free parenting starter pack worth \$100 to take home. Book online at www.wastefreeparenting.co.nz.

FULHAM FOOTBALL COACH HEADING TO TAUPŌ

An international football coach will soon be winging his way to Taupō to observe the skills of dozens of New Zealand's rising young football talent.

David Wright, academy coach of the English Championship League's Fulham Football Club, will attend two three-day camps in Taupō between September 23 and October 2. Around 150 young players and their families from around New Zealand will descend on Taupō for the camps, which are open to players between the ages of seven and 15.

The football clinics are being run in association with the Ricki Herbert Football Academy, which runs regional

academies around New Zealand to assist in the development of young footballers, with a strong academy already running in Taupō.

District events manager Steve Giles expected Mr Wright's visit would put the district in the international sporting spotlight.

"The influence of having a coach of this calibre observing these kids will bring good international exposure to Taupō, and as an added bonus will be an increase of domestic visitors in what is seen as our shoulder season," he said.

The clinics will take place at Crown Park and members of the public are welcome to head along to watch.

What's on?

- Until 21 Sept** Jock Hobbs Memorial National Under 19 Tournament, Owen Delany Park
- 17 Sept** Taupō Community Clean-up event, Wairakei Drive
- 18 Sept** Wairakei Drive Community Planting Day, Wairakei Tourist Park
- 24 Sept** Harcourts Hound Day, Owen Delany Park
- 26 Sept-7 Oct** School holiday programme, Taupō District Libraries



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

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