



TDC rates officer Mark Hall casts his vote



KEEPING UP WITH WATER DEMAND

We're doing a lot of work around the district at the moment. Here are a couple of water projects that are about to get underway.

Acacia Bay residents may have noticed work taking place around Acacia Heights Drive and the Cherry Lane water reservoir. It's all part of upgrading the water supply to the area.

Contractor Spartan Construction is currently carrying out work on behalf of council to install a new water pump station near the water reservoir off Cherry Lane. This will increase water supply capacity to the community, especially in summer when more visitors mean the demand for water is higher.

The current pump station on Mapara Road will be removed once the new water pump station next to the Cherry Lane reservoir has been constructed and pipe line is being laid along Acacia Heights Drive and through the walkway to Cherry Lane.

Infrastructure manager Denis Lewis said the walkway will need to close early next week until October 17 to complete the required work.

"We hope this won't be an inconvenience for residents while we work to ensure we can complete this work as quickly as possible in time for the busy summer season."

Work is expected to cost \$672,000 and be finished in early 2017.

We're also getting work underway to build two new water reservoirs in Motuoapa.

The two existing reservoirs that sit on the hill behind the settlement are becoming too small to supply the demand of water required as the township grows. Like Acacia Bay, demand in the summer months puts a lot of pressure on water supply, and the new reservoirs will be three times the size of the current ones to service Motuoapa's needs all year round.

"The tanks have come to the end of their lives so it makes sense to replace them with larger tanks to match the demand from population and visitor growth in the Motuoapa community," Denis said.

A new retaining wall is currently being built by our council team and work to design and build the new reservoirs will be completed by service engineers. The project is expected to cost \$861,000 and work installing the tanks will begin later in the year and continue through the summer.

What's on?

- 24-25 Sept Sika Show & Competition, Great Lake Centre and Tongariro Domain, Taupō
- 24 Sept Harcourts Hound Day, Owen Delany Park
- 26 Sept-7 Oct School holiday programme, Taupō District Libraries
- 27 Sept Council meeting, Council Chamber
- 28 Sept Beyond the Barricade, Great Lake Centre
- 30 Sept Waste-free parenting workshop with the Nappy Lady, Great Lake Centre

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

MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT

There are just over two weeks to return your completed voting papers to make your vote count in the local elections.

If you were enrolled to vote by August 12 you should have received your local elections voting papers by post. All you need to do now is complete these and send them back to the electoral officer in the envelope provided, leaving enough time to make sure they will arrive by noon on October 8.

Democracy and community engagement manager Tina Jakes said voters should think about hand-delivering their papers after October 3 to ensure they reach the electoral officer in time.

"You can drop your voting papers in to council offices in Taupō, Mangakino or Turangi to ensure they are received in time to be counted."

Tina also recommends voters read about each candidate in the candidate profile booklet included voting packs.

"This booklet includes details about the issues that matter to each candidate and what they would look to focus on if elected. It's a great way to find out more about the people who have put their hand up to look after the place we love."

If you haven't received your papers you can visit a Taupō District Council office and cast a special vote.

More information about the elections and voting is available on www.taupo.govt.nz

HOLIDAY FUN!

AT TAUPŌ MUSEUM AND DISTRICT LIBRARIES
26 SEPTEMBER - 7 OCTOBER

The school holidays are here and it's not just kids that are excited. The Taupō District Libraries and Taupō Museum teams are getting ready to host a whole lot of activities for kids, with school holiday programmes kicking off on Monday.

At Taupō Library and the museum we're making real playdough for the littlies, working on secret codes, making disguises, paper rockets and woven flowers, enjoying stories and meeting firefighters (unless there's a fire to put out!).

We also have our popular dinosaur hunt returning, where you can hunt out our plastic dinosaur figurines in hidden spots, old school games like dominoes and chess, a kids' heritage walk and plenty more.

All of the activities we're running at the library and museum are free, but some require bookings.

Turangi Library is also running a programme these holidays which is all about monsters! Kids can go along and create a monster mask, a card with a felt monster to glue on or a taniwha on a stick. These are also free but do not require bookings – just turn up ready for some fun!

Mangakino Library also has activities on for kids, with rainy day movies, arts and crafts.

FIND OUT WHAT'S ON

To see the full programmes, visit www.taupo.govt.nz/libraries or grab one from the museum or any library.



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