



MAKING SPACE FOR WASTE

Ever wondered where all our rubbish ends up?

Even though we work hard to minimise waste in our district, whatever we aren't able to recycle has to go to our landfill.

At the moment, we're constructing a new waste disposal area at Broadlands Road Refuse and Recycling Park so we continue to have enough space to accommodate our rubbish.

We construct these areas periodically and each one is big enough to handle about four years' worth of waste.

The areas consist of a liner that prevents any discharge from the rubbish from seeping into the surrounding environment. Any liquid is then drained and processed through our wastewater treatment system.

Stormwater and solid waste asset manager Brent Aitken said the team wanted to see as much waste as possible be recovered, reused or recycled to minimise the space needed for waste disposal areas.

"The construction of the new area is a good reminder to recycle everything we can," he said. "Waste minimisation is important to our district to remain as clean and green as possible."

Visitors to the recovery resource park won't be able to see the work taking place and service levels will remain unaffected during the nearly \$1 million project, which is expected to be completed in February.

Contractor Spartan Construction is carrying out the work, which has been included in the Long-term Plan 2015-2025.



PLENTY TO CELEBRATE

It's great to be back at the helm of our wonderful district for another three years. I can't wait to get into building on the successes we as a council achieved over the last term.

Elections are always an interesting time where you are never quite sure what the results will be or if you will receive the mandate from the community to return to the job.

I have to say I feel incredibly privileged and humbled to be returned with such a strong majority. As you know I am incredibly passionate about this place that we all love, and I as I said during my campaign, I have lots more to do!

I'd like to thank all of those people who took time to vote in the elections. We were one of the few districts to get more than 50 per cent of eligible voters to return their forms and, while that is not a good turn out by any means, when compared with the return rates in other centres it shows our community is passionate about this place they call home.

It is also great to see so many community-focussed people in the Council Chamber by my side. I welcome newcomers Christine Rankin and Tangonui Kingi. As the only two new faces in the Council Chamber this time around, they can take heart by the fact they are surrounded by an experienced and capable team ready to work in the best interest of the district.

As you may have noticed, the district is absolutely buzzing at the moment. There were 13 events on around the district over Labour weekend and accommodation and hospitality places were full to overflowing. Traditionally Labour weekend marks the start of the busy summer season and with a great line-up of events from now through until Easter, we can be assured the visitors will keep on coming, building on the success of a strong September quarter. According to the latest Marketview report, spending in our district increased by 7.5 per cent for the three month period to the end of September and there were 6.6 per cent more transactions. Spending from Rotorua cardholders was up 22.1 per cent, while the rest of New Zealand increased by 12.4 per cent and international cardholder spending was up 11.7 per cent.

Those are just a few of the highlights. You can check out the rest of the report at taupo.govt.nz. It's a great read.

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THE CHANGING SHAPE OF WHAREWAKA'S LAKEFRONT

If you've taken a stroll out to Wharewaka lately, you will have seen the beginning of a wonderful transformation on the lakefront.

Over the last few weeks, contractor Deano's Earthmoving and Logging has been hard at work rolling the existing bank to create a smoother slope down to the lake and forming the route for a new road.

Along with this, a shared path and timber barrier will be constructed in the next couple of months.

The work is being done to create a smooth and safe route along the lakefront

between Wharewaka and Five Mile Bay. There is currently a gap in the shared path between the two locations, and the idea is to join the two. The concrete path will be 2.5 metres wide and cater to both pedestrians and cyclists.

To allow work to take place, the vehicle access to the lakefront at Wharewaka Point is currently closed, and it will not reopen until the work is completed by the end of the year. Pedestrians and cyclists are still able to access the area. Get down there and have a look at the great progress!



POIHIPI WIDENING WORK CONTINUES

Work on the widening of parts of Poihipi Road is on track and expected to be completed by the end of this month.

We're doing the work to ensure a safer route between Taupō and Kinloch for both motorists and cyclists.

Contractor Inframax has completed most of the work on a 500 metre section east of Tukairangi Road and 100 metres at the Poihipi Road power station entrance.

A 350 metre stretch west of Mapara Road is currently under construction

and should be finished by mid-November.

Inframax is also undertaking some work for us on Broadlands Road. This is a full reconstruction and widening of a 500 metre-long section about 3km north of View Road. It is expected to be completed by the end of the month.

Please take care around our contractors through these road works and drive safely and slowly.

Everything should be completed and looking good in time for summer!



» What's on?

- 4 Nov Starlight Cinema Fireworks & Laser Extravaganza, Owen Delany Park
- 5 Nov River Wild raft/run race, Tongariro River
- 5 Nov The Taniwha multisport event, Mangakino
- 9 Nov Celtic Illusion dance show, Great Lake Centre
- 12 Nov Grease the Musical, Great Lake Centre

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

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