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GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ
Taupō District Council

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SEE IN THE NEW YEAR WITH A BIG BANG

Celebrate the arrival of 2017 on the lakefront with us on December 31, with two rounds of fireworks, music and family-friendly fun!

We will start the evening with some entertainment and music at 8.30pm at Tongariro South Domain. The first fireworks display on the lakefront will be at 10pm with the Twilight Mini Bang. This is one for our young families and those who want to get to sleep at a reasonable hour!

The Big Bang will follow at midnight with a spectacular

display of fireworks that will light up the sky above Taupō. What a way to welcome in 2017!

In the lead up to the big event, there is plenty happening around the district, including the Taupō Summer Carnival from December 26 and if you're into horseracing, the Interislander Race Series on December 30. Earlier on New Year's Eve we have the Reggae By The River concert happening with UB40 playing live.

Wherever you are, stay safe and have fun this New Year's Eve!

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL



The countdown to Christmas is here which means quality time with those you love, spending time doing things you enjoy and hopefully being able to take some time out to relax. And what better place to do that than right here in our wonderful district.

I honestly think we are very lucky to live here, and I'm never more proud of being a resident of the Taupō District than during summer. There's a certain kind of magic here, especially on warm days, when town is buzzing with visitors, our lakes and rivers are sparkling, and everyone seems to be having a great time.

What's more, our district never disappoints when it comes to activities and events to get involved in over the summer. With everything from watersports to shopping, fishing to skydiving and even a spot of golf only ever a short drive away, you might be a bit overwhelmed by everything on offer. Check out www.greatlaketapu.com to find an activity perfect for you and your family – there really is something for everyone.

I would like to extend a warm welcome all the visitors who will be spending the festive season here with us in the Taupō District. I urge you to explore and experience everything our piece of paradise has to share.

Please take care these holidays, drive safe and look after each other. I wish everyone a fantastic festive season, a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Mayor David Trewavas » dtrewavas@taupo.govt.nz

BE KIND TO YOUR NEIGHBOURS

We know it's a celebratory time of year, but it's important to consider your neighbours when it comes to noise this festive season.

We tend to see a spike in noise complaints at this time of year, so we are encouraging people to keep the noise at a reasonable level after dark. We have many young families and residents who enjoy quiet who we know will appreciate it.

Be aware that noise complaints don't just relate to loud music – people talking outside at night can prompt complaints too.

If you're planning a party, let your neighbours know early. This can help prevent noise complaints on the day – it works out for everyone!



REMEMBER THE LIQUOR BAN

We want you to have fun this New Year period, but it's important to do it safely and be responsible.

Taupō town centre has a year-round liquor ban that is extended to 24/7 over the New Year period. It runs from noon on December 27 to 7am on January 4 and includes Reid's Farm on Huka Falls Road, a popular camping spot.

The town centre ban stretches to Kaimanawa Street in the east, north to Tamamutu Street, to Ruapehu Street and to the Harbourmaster's office. The lakefront between these points is included, and the ban also applies to a number of our reserves.

We are working with police to monitor liquor ban areas closely as the holiday season gets underway, so make sure you're aware of the rules before you head out.

For detailed maps and more information go to www.taupo.govt.nz/liquorban.

Handy holiday information



COUNCIL OFFICES – HOLIDAY HOURS

Friday 23 December: Close at 1pm
Monday 26 December: Closed
Tuesday 27 December: Closed
Wednesday 28 December: 9am-3pm
Thursday 29 December: 9am-3pm
Friday 30 December: 9am-3pm
Monday 2 January: Closed
Tuesday 3 January: Closed
Wednesday 4 January: Normal office hours resume

RUBBISH AND RECYCLING SERVICES

There will be no changes to refuse and recycling collection services over the Christmas break.

Please ensure it is kerbside as normal by 7.30am on your day of collection.

Landfills and transfer stations will be open throughout the holiday period except for Christmas Day. For operating hours, visit www.taupo.govt.nz/rubbish.

If you need to contact council at any time, you can call 0800 ASK TDC (0800 275 832). This is a 24/7 service.

What's on?

- 24 Dec Christmas in the Pool, AC Baths
- 26 Dec–4 Jan Taupō Summer Carnival, Tongariro Domain
- 30 Dec Interislander Summer Festival Taupō Races, Taupō Racecourse
- 31 Dec Reggae By The River, Riverside Park and Taupō amphitheatre
- 31 Dec Great Lake Taupō's Big Bang, Taupō lakefront

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

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