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GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ  
Taupō District Council

COMMUNITY NEWS WITH TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL 30 DECEMBER 2016



We'll be ushering in the New Year with two rounds of fireworks, music and family fun on the Taupō lakefront, so join us to welcome the arrival of 2017!

Entertainment and music will start at 8.30pm at Tongariro South Domain. The first fireworks display on the lakefront will be at 10pm with the Twilight Mini Bang to cater to our

young families and those who want an early night.

The Big Bang will follow at midnight with a spectacular display of fireworks that will light up the sky above Taupō.

During the day on New Year's Eve we have the Reggae By The River concert taking place with UB40 playing live.

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

## LOOKING BACK ON A GREAT YEAR



It's that time of the year again, where Christmas has come and gone and we are hopefully enjoying some quality time with friends and family. At the end of every year we often find ourselves reflecting on the past 365 days, and I know I certainly have over the past few weeks. This year has been another busy one for council, and a very positive one.

In October we conducted a successful election process which resulted in one of the highest voter turnouts in the country. I'm proud to be at the helm of a community where so many people recognise the value in exercising their democratic rights. There were a number of people who put their hands up to look after the place we love and whether they were successful or not, they deserve to be congratulated.

Taupō District Council has had some tremendous wins this year. The Taupō District was awarded the International Festivals and Events Association World Festival and Event City Award for a city of less than 50,000 people and we signed contracts with IRONMAN New Zealand and Taupō Summer Concert to keep both events here into the future. Turangi's Christmas in the Park 2015 also won a national award for the best community event.

We also maintained our Standard and Poor's credit rating due to our strong financial management, reflecting council's commitment to working towards the best outcomes for the Taupō District.

Other highlights included completing the final stage of the Mangakino town centre upgrade and having our 5 millionth visitor through the Taupō Superloo. Taupō Airport has also been busy with people making the most of the new 50-seat Air New Zealand planes and Sounds Air's service, and tourist numbers are continuing to rise.

Reflecting on the year is a good way to see how far we've come, and think about where we are heading. We know there is plenty to look forward to in 2017.

Enjoy the holiday season and make sure you make the most of everything we have on offer in our wonderful district. Make sure you slip, slop, slap and drive safe, and look out for each other.

All the very best, and we'll see you in the New Year.

Mayor David Trewavas > dtrewavas@taupo.govt.nz

## PLENTY ON THESE HOLIDAYS

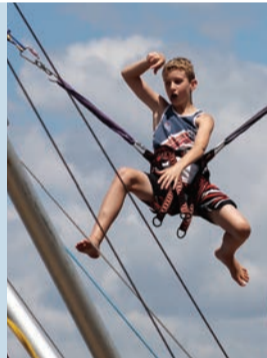
Fancy some entertainment this summer? Our district is buzzing with exciting events and activities on offer with something to tempt all ages.

Just take a look around the lakefront during the summer period and you'll find stand-up paddleboarding, kayaking, electric bike hire, Segway rides, trampoline bungee and more. Mahon's Amusements is holding its annual summer carnival at Tongariro Domain, the horse racing is on today and we'll have our annual New Year's Eve fireworks display tomorrow night.

This year we're hosting the Reggae By The River concert at Riverside Park on New Year's Eve too, which will be a great show to attend during the day before the evening displays.

Luckily for us, it doesn't end after the festive season - later in January we have the 2017 Epic Swim on Lake Taupō, powerboating events in Mangakino and Taupō, the legendary Taupō Summer Concert and Wanderlust to look forward to!

Visit [www.GreatLakeTaupo.com](http://www.GreatLakeTaupo.com) to find out what's happening and when.



## Handy holiday information

### COUNCIL OFFICES - HOLIDAY HOURS

Friday 30 December: 9am-3pm

Monday 2 January: Closed

Tuesday 3 January: Closed

Wednesday 4 January: Normal office hours resume

### LIQUOR BAN

Taupō's town centre liquor ban extends to 24/7 over the holiday period and also covers Reid's Farm on Huka Falls Road and several reserves.

For detailed maps and more information go to [www.taupo.govt.nz/liquorban](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/liquorban).

### RUBBISH AND RECYCLING SERVICES

There will be no changes to refuse and recycling collection services over the New Year period.

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. For operating hours, visit [www.taupo.govt.nz/rubbish](http://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?

Until 6 Jan	Taupō Summer Carnival, Tongariro Domain
30 Dec	Interislander Summer Festival Taupō Races, Taupō Racecourse
31 Dec	Reggae By The River, Riverside Park
31 Dec	Great Lake Taupō's Big Bang, Taupō lakefront
8 Jan	Devilskin New Zealand Tour, Great Lake Centre
14 Jan	Epic Swim, Lake Taupō
28 Jan	Taupō Summer Concert, Taupō Amphitheatre

For more information on Taupō District events visit [www.GreatLakeTaupo.com](http://www.GreatLakeTaupo.com)

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