



BUILDING IN THE TAUPŌ DISTRICT WITH MARTYN

Back in his day he helped build the Great Lake Centre, Taupō Events Centre and Poronui Lodge – now he's one of the guys making sure buildings are safe in the Taupō District!

Meet Martyn Trainor, building inspector for the council and long-time Taupō resident.

Martyn has lived in the district since 1973 and has been part of the town's history as it has grown. These days he spends his time working closely with builders, carrying out building inspections and ensuring buildings are safe for the community.

Martyn said he loves doing his job because his whole working life has been around building and being a building inspector was a natural progression that provided new challenges.

"As a council, part of our role is to make sure buildings meet the building code so they're safe for the community to use," he said.

His work covers a huge range of inspections – from fire safety features, accessibility for public safety, to bracing and structural integrity.

After plenty of training over the years, he's currently gaining a Diploma in Building Inspections. This is part of council's commitment to ensuring all staff are highly trained in their areas of expertise.

Martyn said the Taupō District has had plenty of building over the last several years, with a huge amount of residential building in Kinloch and Taupō, as well as several commercial builds and refits including Mitre10 Mega, Placemakers and Pak'n Save to name a few.

"There's always something new on the horizon for the district and it's great that Taupō is always growing and improving," he said.

Martyn said he loved how Taupō remained a busy little town.

"It's not as chaotic as a big city, but it's got everything you want."

Pictured: Martyn Trainor (R) goes through a building inspection with Murray Quelch of Kinloch Building and Maintenance.



EASTER – A TIME TO REFLECT



Easter is here, the time of year where we get a bit of time off in the twilight of daylight saving to relax and enjoy our district.

One thing that sets the Taupō District apart from the rest is the beauty of the great lake and the unique features we have on offer.

The challenge we have as a community is how we can grasp some of those unique features and harness them for the betterment of our economy whilst maintaining our outstanding natural environment.

We need to balance the need to create jobs and encourage our district to increase the business opportunities and we need to maintain our visitor industry that is built around our scenery.

Last week it was announced that the proposed carp farm was unlikely to go ahead as Contact was not going to renew the lease for the land and provide geothermal heat for the venture. Now, some people thought the carp farm was a good idea and some people didn't. Those that didn't were very vocal in the opposition and I have to say that is one of the things I love about our community, people certainly are not afraid to voice their opinion!

As your Mayor I have always said I will do what it takes to let the world know that we are open for business. New business creates jobs and that means we can provide services more cost effectively. Without a growing economy there is a risk our industries will sink, our businesses will struggle and people will need to move away to find work.

How do we welcome business that can use our geothermal resource for a venture that is acceptable to our community? Contact Energy and Mighty River Power are our two major players in the geothermal field and we should feel very lucky and proud to have them as major corporate citizens. Working together is something for us all to ponder on as we look to the future and try to find what our next exciting proposition may be.

On a lighter note, there's plenty going on around the district as usual this weekend, so if you're at a loose end be sure to get out and enjoy.

Happy Easter everyone.

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DON'T BE BARKING MAD – DO IT ONLINE!

If you would rather spend time with your dog than fill out forms about them, we have the solution for you!

You can register, pay and manage your dog registration online through our website. All you have to do is visit www.taupo.govt.nz and set up your account. With this, you can register online when the time comes, because we will already have all your details. Simple!

To set up your account, you just need your customer number and dog owner number. If you don't have them, give our Customer Service team a call and we can give them to you.

We introduced these changes last year and already hundreds of people have signed up to make registering their dog easier.

All dogs need to be registered by July 1. Dogs that are not registered may earn their owner an infringement fee of \$300, so it's a good idea to get organised now. Then when you receive your applications you'll be ready to go!

If you are having trouble paying the registration fee, give us a call and we may be able to help with a payment plan.



ACACIA BAY PLAYGROUND OPEN FOR BUSINESS

If you've driven past Besley Park lately, you might have seen our amazing pirate ship playground going up!

We're really excited about the new playground in Acacia Bay and we know the community is looking forward to using it!

The pirate ship was chosen after we sought feedback from the community so we could give residents of Acacia Bay and beyond a unique playground. We're really happy with the result!

KEEN TO CELEBRATE WITH US?



We think there's only one way to properly celebrate a pirate ship playground – and that's a pirate party!

We're planning our pirate party on Saturday, April 16. Mark it in your calendar and we'll bring you more details in the next few weeks!



What's on?

- March 26-27 Turangi Easter Festival, Turangi town centre
- Until March 27 Easterfest, Great Lake Centre
- March 27 Great Easter Sunday Long Brunch, Wairakei Resort
- April 1-3 Taupō Home and Garden Show, Great Lake Centre
- April 2 Taupō Locals Bungy Day, Taupō Bungy
- April 3 Wairakei Tourist Park Local's Day, Wairakei Tourist Park

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

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