



WEEKEND OF EVENTS IN TAUPŌ

Are you ready for a weekend of music, motorsport and more? Then Taupō is the place to be!

The annual Taupō Summer Concert is on tomorrow at the Taupō amphitheatre, featuring Bonnie Tyler, the Alan Parsons Live Project and Icehouse.

The concert is something many music enthusiasts look forward to each year and this year's show had sold out before the end of 2016.

District events manager Steve Giles said the Taupō District was already swelling with visitors gearing up for a fantastic gig.

"We are thrilled to be able to host this fantastic concert for another year as it just keeps on getting better."

Also on this weekend is the celebration of the historic 50th anniversary of the world championship title of New

Zealand's only Grand Prix World Champion, the late Denny Hulme in 1967.

Held at the Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park over two days, the event will feature a field of Formula One cars from the 60s and 70s and historic touring cars from the 80s and 90s.

"This is a must for anyone interested in motorsport and the history of Formula 1," Steve said. "It's such a privilege for us to be able to host such an important historical event and we can't wait."

But that's not all. We also have Thunder on the Great Lake returning with the first round of the 2017 New Zealand Offshore Powerboat Championship. Boats will be on display from today at Northcroft Reserve and all the action will be out on Lake Taupō from 12.30pm Sunday.

We're looking forward to an action-packed weekend!

IT'S ALL GO HERE IN PARADISE



Isn't summer in our district great? While the weather hasn't been as good as we'd usually expect for January, that hasn't stopped our district from buzzing. Motels and hotels are full, shops are busy with happy customers and a plethora of events are keeping everyone busy and having a good time. I've had positive feedback about the variety of activities on offer during

summer – something for the whole family.

The next couple of weeks will be super busy due to some notable events happening in the district. This weekend is the Taupō Summer Concert and the Taupō Historic GP, along with the infamous Thunder on the Great Lake offshore powerboat event. Next weekend – Waitangi weekend brings with it musical and cultural fun in Pukawa for the Waitangi Tūwharetoa ki Pukawa festival, as well as Wanderlust Great Lake Taupō and the NZ Bomb Comp and Flochella concert in Wharewaka.

Looking forward to the year ahead for council, it's likely to be another busy one with a number of rounds of consultation coming up where you can share your views with us.

The first of these will be the consultation on our draft freedom camping bylaw. This will take place from February until April, and will run in conjunction with consultation on the draft reserves management plan for Reid's Farm.

Consultation on our Annual Plan starts in April, and we'll be asking for your views on a number of other issues.

The council team will be working on a number of other projects throughout the year during 2017, and we'll be keeping you in the loop with these.

For those heading to any of our great events over the weekend, have fun and be safe!

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WAITANGI WEEKEND SET TO IMPRESS

Can't get enough of all the events the Taupō District has to offer? Next weekend is another big one!

For more information visit www.GreatLakeTaupo.com



WAITANGI TŪWHARETOA KI PUKAWA

Pukawa Marae is organising the free festival, which will feature performances by Ardijah, The Beatgirls and Rodger Fox Big Band as well as multi-cultured food stalls, rides, games and more.

After running the event for the past few years, we have handed the reigns over to Pukawa Marae for 2017 to allow the community to do what it does best – bring people together.

Free buses are also running from Taupō, Waitahanui, Turangi, Mangakino, Taumarunui and everywhere in between if on the main route, but seats are limited so contact our strategic relationships advisor Cornelia Dempsey at cdempsey@taupo.govt.nz to register.

Noon to 5pm · Sunday, February 5 · Pukawa Lakefront Reserve

WANDERLUST GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ

It's back for 2017 and will be another huge event with popular artists Ladyhawke, Tiki Taane and more performing. The yoga, music and food festival is about mindful living and has been coming to the Taupō District since 2015.

Various times from 6am · February 2 to 5 · Wairakei Resort



NZ BOMB COMP AND FLOHELLA

The bombing competition and ZM-sponsored music event are likely to attract visitors from around the North Island. The events will see bombing enthusiasts battle it out for the title before New Zealand artists Theia, MAALA, Jupiter Project and Mitch James perform.

NZ Bomb Comp from February 4 to 6 · Flochella on February 5 from 3pm · Wharewaka Point

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