



WEEKEND OF EVENTS IN TAUPŌ



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Fancy yourself a bit of an expert at doing sweet bombs? Enjoy some live music? Or interested in practising your yoga skills? This Waitangi weekend you can do it all!

WANDERLUST GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ

Wanderlust Great Lake Taupō started yesterday at Wairakei Resort and runs until Sunday. This festival has many points of interest – from live performances from Lady Hawke and Tiki Taane to yoga classes, food demonstrations and more. This is the third year Wanderlust has come to Taupō and we love welcoming the event back each year!

NZ BOMB COMP AND FLOHELLA

From tomorrow, the NZ Bomb Comp kicks off at Wharewaka Point from 10am and it will run each day until Monday. District events manager Steve Giles said it

was the second year for the competition and it was a unique, fun event that everyone could enjoy.

“This is the kind of event dreams are made of – having a platform to do bombs off in a prime lakefront location can only mean a great time,” he said. “It’s also a fantastic spectator event, with lots of room around the Wharewaka lakefront to get a good view.”

The Bomb Comp will be followed by a free ZM-sponsored concert on Sunday which starts at 3pm and features Kiwi musicians Theia, MAALA, Jupiter Project and Mitch James.

WAITANGI TŪWHARETOA KI PUKAWA

Also on Sunday is the free Waitangi Tūwharetoa ki Pukawa festival, featuring Ardijah, the Beatgirls and Rodger Fox Big Band. There will also be food stalls, rides and games to entertain the whole family.

The event runs from noon until 5pm at Pukawa Lakefront Reserve.

MORE FUN TO COME



It’s been a huge last few weeks in the Taupō District and I know many people, myself included, love it when our patch comes alive with the hustle and bustle of summer and the events that come with it.

Last weekend we hosted the ever-popular and sold out Taupō Summer Concert on a cracking summer’s day, and it was an absolute pleasure. I had the privilege of hosting Deputy Prime Minister Paula Bennett at the concert, who had a great time enjoying the music and sunshine. The Minister actually grew up in Taupō and no doubt enjoyed her stay in her home town.

Motorsport fans were also able to feast on the action at not only Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park for the Historic Taupō GP, but also on our great lake for round one of the New Zealand Offshore Powerboat Series.

The crowd weren’t the only ones to benefit from these events, of course – it was great to see our town bursting at the seams with the thousands of out-of-town visitors coming to stay. Retailers and accommodation providers would have had yet another profitable weekend, and that’s the way we like it! Events supporting businesses and vice versa. I’d also like to thank all the operators who hosted and supported all the people involved in events over the weekend – many commented we live in an amazing place and I couldn’t help but agree.

Of course, it’s not over for us yet – far from it – that’s part of being the Events Capital of New Zealand! This weekend we’ve got Waitangi celebrations in Pukawa, Wanderlust Great Lake Taupō at Wairakei Resort and the NZ Bomb Comp and Flochella out at Wharewaka.

Apart from that, it’s business as usual again here at the council, with the first full council meeting of the year scheduled for Tuesday. It’ll all be streamed live on our website, or come on down to the Council Chamber on Lake Terrace. We are always keen to see members of the community at our meetings.

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FIRE RISK STILL HIGH DESPITE RAIN

The Taupō District remains in a restricted fire season, despite significant rainfall in recent weeks.

Volunteer rural firefighters have dealt with nearly 40 calls this season already and permits are required to light open fires in rural areas.

Rural fire manager Roger Nelson said although there had been some rain, it still paid to take care. The forecast was for plenty more hot weather.

“We need to be extremely careful with fire and need to keep our community safe,” he said.

The restricted fire season normally runs until April or May, depending on the conditions.

FREE NEUTERING FOR MENACING DOGS

Do you own a dog that has been classified as menacing? Did you know you can have it neutered for free?

We’re working to help reduce the risk of harm by dogs and have recently announced a campaign that allows owners of menacing dogs to have them neutered for free.

Earlier this year council received a \$15,000 of Department of Internal Affairs grant as part of a nationwide subsidised neutering programme which will be used to neuter menacing dogs in the local community.

Consents and regulatory manager Scott Devonport said the number of menacing dogs in the district is increasing, meaning extra monitoring and control is needed.

“This neutering campaign will help to reduce the number of menacing dogs in the Taupō District, which will in turn help to reduce the number of dog attacks that take place and make the community safer. While most dog owners are responsible and their dogs are safe, we need to ensure we’re protecting the



community from dogs that have the potential to cause physical and emotional harm to dog attack victims.”

All menacing dogs can be neutered for free, and unregistered menacing dogs can also be registered and microchipped at the discounted rate of \$35.

Menacing dog owners who wish to have their dog neutered, registered or microchipped should contact council on 0800 ASK TDC (0800 275 832) or visit a council office in Taupō, Turangi or Mangakino.



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