



## AC BATHS SWIM SCHOOL GETS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The AC Baths Swim School has continued on its award-winning way after receiving a 'Recognition of Contribution Award' at the 2017 Swimming New Zealand Awards last weekend.

The swim school was nominated in the 'Quality Swim Schools' section at the national swimming awards and out of hundreds of nationwide entries, it was one of only eight to receive the coveted award.

Pools and activities operations manager Nigel Newbery and swim school supervisor Lorraine Te Punga were on hand to accept the award.

"I couldn't be more proud of the team for the work they

do and it is great to see this being recognised on the national stage," Mr Newbery said.

"Our swim school team take great pride in helping children grow their confidence in the water and it is a job they take incredibly seriously. This award is a reflection of their commitment and dedication and firmly establishes us as leaders in the learn-to-swim industry," he said.

The swim school teaches around 900 children each term. It is so popular there is currently a wait-list for classes.

In 2013 it won the Outstanding Swim School of the Year award for 'Under 1000 people in a learn to swim programme'. That year it also won the Quality Swim School of the Year Award.

## A WINNING SUMMER



As the temperature starts dropping and we find ourselves settling into autumn, it's a good time to reflect on what was an amazing summer for our district.

The Taupō District's reputation as the events capital of New Zealand has gone from strength to strength with an extra \$4.2 million pumped into the economy by events in the last 12 months. This figure brings the total economic impact from council-supported events to \$32.7 million, up from \$28.5 million the previous year.

The past year has been full of highs for events in our district and was capped off recently with Kellogg's Nutri-Grain IRONMAN New Zealand here in Taupō being named as the world's best IRONMAN by athletes. The district also saw the fastest ever sell-out of the Taupō Summer Concert, Safe Turangi Christmas in the Park being voted best community-owned event at the New Zealand Association of Event Professionals awards and Taupō being awarded the International Festivals and Events Association International World Festival and Event City Award.

Events like Wanderlust, the Global Games and the John McCartney Football Invitational Tournament have been great contributors to both our economy and our district's vibe, and we were thrilled to be able to host them.

We also had a number of new and exciting events that we hope will continue to grow in our district, including the inaugural Taupō Ultramarathon and the Taupō Historical GP at Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park.

While things quieten down somewhat in the events space, we can still get excited about the changing seasons. Autumn is a beautiful time of the year – we will soon see snow returning to the peaks of the Tongariro National Park and anglers will be out trying to catch a trophy trout during early spawning runs through our rivers. Over the coming months we'll welcome travellers supporting the DHL Lions' Series 2017 and we'll see Whakapapa's Happy Valley be the first ski field in New Zealand to open for the 2017 season.

There's a lot to look forward to, and that's why it's no surprise visitors keep coming back and why we all love living here.

Enjoy your Easter weekend!

**Mayor David Trewavas** > dtrewavas@taupo.govt.nz

## OUR CIVIL DEFENCE TEAM LENDS A HAND IN THE BAY



While the Taupō District escaped the worst of Cyclone Debbie last week, our colleagues in the Bay of Plenty were not so lucky so we have sent a team of people over to assist in the recovery.

Three council staff and four Civil Defence volunteers left on Monday to assist the team in the Whakatane District as Edgcombe residents returned to their homes following the devastation caused by flooding. They are expected back today.

Corporate and community group manager Brian Fox said this was the second event Taupō District Council had assisted with over the past few months. A team of staff were also sent to assist in Kaikoura following the earthquakes in November last year.

"This allows our teams to get some hands-on practical experience and, one day, if we find ourselves in need of assistance we know the favour will be repaid," he said.

## Easter refuse/recycling collections and operating hours

### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14

- > If your rubbish is normally collected on a Friday, it will be collected a day earlier, on Thursday, April 13.
- > The district's refuse and recycling facilities will be closed.
- > Our offices in Taupō, Turangi and Mangakino will be closed.

### EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 17

- > Kerbside collections and all refuse and recycling facilities will operate as normal on Easter Monday.
- > Our offices in Taupō, Turangi and Mangakino will be closed.

### ANZAC DAY, APRIL 25

- > Kerbside collections will operate as normal.
- > Refuse and recycling facilities will have limited hours:
  - Broadlands Road: 1pm–6pm
  - Kinloch: 1pm–5.30pm
  - Turangi: 1pm–6pm
  - Mangakino: 1pm–3pm
- > Our offices in Taupō, Turangi and Mangakino will be closed.

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?

- 12-16 Apr Easterfest, Great Lake Centre
- 15 Apr Family Fun Day, Tongariro North Domain
- 18-28 Apr School Holiday Programme, Taupō Museum and District Libraries
- 21 Apr Waste Free Parenting Workshop with Kate Meads, Great Lake Centre
- 22 Apr Food Lovers Masterclass with Kate Meads, Great Lake Centre
- 22 Apr Greening Taupō Community Planting and Family Day, Wairakei Drive Rest Area

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



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