



INTERSECTION UPGRADE GATHERS MOMENTUM

The intersection of Roberts and Ruapehu streets is undergoing a major makeover and the first two corners are starting to take shape.

The intersection serves as a gateway from the lakefront to the town centre and is being upgraded to address security concerns and to encourage people to linger longer in the area.

Work at the Bayley's corner began at the start of the month and is nearly complete, with new street furniture and gardens in place. Paved areas on all corners are being completely reconstructed while temporary walkways provide footpath access for pedestrians.

Work has also begun at the McDonald's corner, with the team upgrading concrete kerbs and laying the foundations for street furniture. Paving on the corner is expected to begin today.

TR Construction is carrying out the work on our behalf and hope to start demolition on the third and fourth corners in the next few weeks. The entire project is expected to be completed in July.

The Roberts and Ruapehu streets intersection is the fourth major CBD intersection to be upgraded in recent years, all featuring lower, less intrusive planted areas and a modern timber, stone and concrete design.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR TRUSTPOWER AWARDS

Are you part of a voluntary group or community organisation and want to be recognised for contributing to the Taupō District? Or perhaps you've admired the work of an organisation and want to see them recognised?



The Trustpower Taupō District Community Awards are your opportunity and nominations are now open!

The awards are run in partnership with council and reward the work of the voluntary organisations that make our district great.

All voluntary groups and community organisations are eligible for the awards, which recognise past achievements or work undertaken by volunteers over the previous 12 months.

You can enter a group or organisation into one of five categories: heritage and environment, health and wellbeing, arts and culture, sport and leisure or education and child/youth development.

Anyone can enter a group, and it only takes a few minutes. There are cash prizes up for grabs for the winter, and the supreme winner will go on to represent that Taupō District at the TrustPower National Community Awards.

Visit taupo.govt.nz to enter a group before Friday, 14 July. If you'd like more information, contact council community projects officer Hellmuth Hartung at hhartung@taupo.govt.nz.



It's getting cold out there! We have had our first frosts of the year and Mount Tauhara even had a dusting of snow this week. Winter is on its way!

You may have experienced first-hand the effects of the coming winter on our roads. Road safety coordinator Dianna Harrison said it was important to take extra care during the colder months, as ice, fog and rain could make for challenging driving conditions.

"Increase your following distance, take extra care on windy roads and when approaching intersections. Remember to turn your headlights on so you can be seen at all times of day."

We have free winter vehicle packs available from our offices that include an ice-scraper and other useful tools to help you keep safe on the road during winter. These packs can not only help you deal with an icy start to your day, but can also give you some handy tips for winter driving.

It also pays to be extra prepared if you're driving long distances in the coming months. Pack blankets, water and snacks just in case you find yourself stuck in bad weather or a snow event.

Stay safe – and warm – out there!

WATCH OUT FOR ICY ROADS

What's on?

- 27 May Snow Dump: Happy Valley on Tour, Colonel Roberts Reserve
- 27 May Banff Mountain Film Festival, Great Lake Centre
- 28 May 2km Colour Run-Walk, Waipahihi Reserve
- 29 May Four Flat Whites In Italy, Great Lake Centre
- 11 June Craters Classic MTB, Wairakei Resort
- Until 12 June The Crescent Moon: The Asian Face of Islam, Taupō Museum
- Until 12 June Heirlooms – Taupō Embroiderers' Guild, Taupō Museum

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