



IS YOUR CHILD A LITTER SUPERHERO?

Is your child a budding artist? Are they enthusiastic about keeping the Taupō District clean and green?

Boy, do we have the competition for them!

We are waging a war on litter and want kids to design an A4 poster with an 'IT'S NOT OK TO LITTER' message. Ideas from the competition will be used to help clean up our district and the winner will receive a \$400 kids' bike voucher kindly donated by Top Gear Cycles. There are plenty of spot prizes too!

Litter campaigner Carol Lamb is supporting the poster campaign, and believes it is important children spread the anti-litter message.

"We need our children to teach others to find our environmental heart," she said. "Our sports clubs and fields are being polluted with litter. The amount of litter being tossed out of car windows is horrendous. Every exit road from Taupō is affected." Carol has collected 3.5 tonnes of litter over 570 hours volunteering for the past 17 months.

The posters were a great way to spark an interest in environmental protection of our district within the community, she said.

"We've got to start somewhere and we're hoping the kids can encourage their parents not to toss their litter on the side of the road," she said. "It'll be great to see the kids' artwork – they might come up with something totally out of the box, something quirky that will get the message through."

SEE OUR MOA BEING RESTORED



A precious moa skeleton at Taupō Museum is being restored – and you can come and see how it's done!

The Friends of the Museum coordinated the drive to restore the skeleton with a huge fundraising effort. Conservator Judith Streat will be working on the skeleton at the museum in view of the public during August.

The skeleton was found in Waikaremoana in 1969 in a cave and is one of only a few complete skeletons left.

It currently has at least five different kinds of glue holding its bones together, many of which have discoloured. Its legs were also assembled incorrectly and need to be inverted.

Conservation science has come a long way since the moa was first put together so the museum team is keen to see this put to good use during the restoration.

The moa is being rearticulated and restored in the Niven Room at Taupō Museum and once complete the team is planning to create a full display for it.

➤ **SEE THE RESTORATION OF THE MOA**
10am-noon every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday between August 14 and September 1.
(Sessions are subject to change.)

➤ What's on?

- 29 Jul **MINKISI – Art and Belief in West and Central Africa**, Taupō Museum (Until 4 Sep)
- 3 Aug **Royal New Zealand Navy Band in Concert**, Great Lake Centre
- 5 Aug **Hoka One One Taupō Marathon**, Taupō
- 13 Aug **Charter Parade**, Tongariro North Domain
- 16 Aug **The Merchant Wine, Craft Beer and Food Expo**, Great Lake Centre

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

➤ Drop your child's entry into your nearest Taupō District Council office or email it to communications@taupo.govt.nz. Entries close at 5pm on Friday, August 11. For more information and competition terms and conditions visit taupo.govt.nz.



DOG REGISTRATIONS NOW OVERDUE

Dog registrations will have arrived in your mailbox or email inbox in June, and are now overdue.

We are aware of at least 900 dogs that have not yet been registered for the coming year, so their owners need to get in touch with us to arrange payment as soon as possible.

To avoid a fine, dog owners need to register their dogs by this Monday, July 31.

Dogs should be registered by July 1 each year. All dogs over three months of age need to be registered for the 2017/18 year as soon as they reach this age.

If you haven't received your registration forms, please get in touch with our friendly Customer Services team on 07 376 0899 and they will help you out.

Already paid and want to go online?

Signing up online is easy, and it's a great way to help us save paper! All you have to do is go to taupo.govt.nz and set up an account, and once you're done you can register, pay and manage all your details online. If you get organised and do it now, you'll be all ready for next year!

To set up your account, you will need your customer number and dog owner number. Again, if you don't have these, give our Customer Services team a call and we can provide you with the details you'll need. Otherwise, they should be on your most recent dog registration form.

