



REMEMBERING SIR COLIN



OUR NEW SPACE IN TAUPŌ

The doors opened to our new customer service centre on Monday, heralding a new era for Taupō District Council.

Our new office is situated at 46 Horomatangi Street, next to the PostShop, where you'll be able to access council services.

The move was made following a number of health and safety concerns with the Lake Terrace office and the council's decision to build a new building on a site which yet to be determined.

The new customer service centre was officially opened with a ribbon cutting by Mayor David Trewavas.

Mr Trewavas said the site was designed to be a modern, vibrant environment that was welcoming for the community.

"This will be the home for our frontline team for the next few years so we wanted it to be warm and inviting both for our staff and our visitors," he said.

Mr Trewavas said while there had been some concerns about the effect on parking in the CBD, there was not expected to be any more pressure on the timed parking areas than if the site was occupied by a retailer.

Staff had also been encouraged to take up the 'September Challenge' for the month of September in support of people living with Cerebral Palsy, and to walk to and from their new place of work as much as they could.

Over the past two weeks, many people around the country and around the world have been remembering the great Sir Colin Meads – Pine Tree, as he was affectionately known.

As well as making a huge contribution to rugby, Sir Colin made a tremendous contribution to the Taupō District and attended a number of functions and events to speak, especially events to do with rugby.

He helped our district to become part of the King Country Rugby Union and this support has seen a number of Taupō boys moving up the ranks into the King Country Rams. Sir Colin also helped to support Taupō as a destination for the Rugby World Cup in 2011, travelling to Wales and Ireland with council and King Country Rugby Union representation.

He regularly helped in our community, planting native trees at Whakaipo Bay alongside hundreds of volunteers who were no doubt all chuffed to have met the rugby legend.

The annual Jock Hobbs memorial under-19 rugby tournament will once again take place at Owen Delany Park this month, where over 400 players will converge on Taupō to play for the Graham Mourie Cup and the Michael Jones trophy. I am sure that every one of those players will at some stage think of Sir Colin and many games will be dedicated to his memory.

I'll always treasure the time I had with Sir Colin in both my previous role of chief executive of King Country Rugby Union and as mayor, and will always be grateful for the support he showed for our community.

His influence has stretched over generations, and the respect New Zealanders have for him extends outside of rugby circles. He was a Kiwi legend and will be sorely missed.

Mayor David Trewavas » dtrewavas@taupo.govt.nz



The intersection of Roberts and Ruapehu streets has undergone a major makeover and is now open for pedestrians and traffic to use.

The intersection is an important entry point into town and serves as the gateway from the lakefront to the town centre. It was upgraded to address security concerns and encourage people to linger longer in the area.

The intersection now boasts new street furniture, gardens and paved areas in place and we think it looks great!

TR Construction carried out the work on our behalf and has also built four median islands to improve pedestrian safety, which have been planted by our gardeners.

The Roberts and Ruapehu streets intersection was 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.

Go and check it out and enjoy the new intersection experience!

A FABULOUS NEW GATEWAY INTO TOWN

» What's on?

- Sep 1 Moa reticulation, Taupō Museum
- Sep 2 Hoka One One Kinloch Off-Road Challenge
- Sep 3 Whakaipo Bay Community Planting Day
- Sep 3 Minkisi – collector's talk, Taupō Museum
- Sep 15 Moto TT, Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park

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



Mayor David Trewavas



Deputy Mayor Rosie Harvey



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