



## ARTHUR CRESCENT PLAYGROUND NEXT IN LINE FOR UPGRADE

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The playground at Anna Reserve on Arthur Crescent is being upgraded after consultation with the community to find out which equipment best suited local children.

We worked with the Arthur Crescent community earlier this year to determine what they wanted from their neighbourhood playground, and after listening to their feedback, we selected a Playco Playgrounds model that suited.

It features a caterpillar slide, ninja logs, a basket swing, climbing walls, a chain walk, a jungle net and plenty more to keep the community entertained.

Different sections of the playground are suitable for different age groups – so there's something for both toddlers and primary school-aged children.

Parks operations manager Andrew Moor said the design was chosen because it included many of the most popular items chosen by the community when we met with them earlier this year. "We are sure it will appeal to a broad range of children and become another well-used community facility," he said.

Before we install the new playground we have to take the old equipment out, and we have been working on that this week.

From next week we will install the new equipment, and the playground will be closed until we're all done. It should only take a week or two before it's all up and running.

The upgrade of the playground is part of our programme to renew old playgrounds in poor condition in our district. We recently upgraded playgrounds at Acacia Bay, Waitahanui and Mere Road.

We are excited about Arthur Crescent's new equipment and look forward to seeing it in use!

## CLEANING UP OUR DISTRICT



This week is Keep New Zealand Beautiful's Clean Up Week, which is a great opportunity to get stuck in and help make the Taupō District shine.

It's also an opportunity to recognise those in our community who work hard to keep our district clean and green.

There are a number of local groups who get out and about picking up rubbish throughout the year, with people of all ages getting involved. Many of you will know of

Carol Lamb, Taupō's own litter campaigner who picks up thousands of pieces of litter each month, simply because she wants to help keep Taupō clean and tidy.

Locals will also remember the late Walter de Bont, who picked up rubbish along the lakefront each day on his walks.

You may have taken part in a community or school clean-up, which is a great way to get people together to make a difference in our communities. Groups such as Greening Taupō also help to make our district beautiful and while not tasked with picking up litter, this organisation makes a real difference in many of our green spaces.

I'd like to thank everyone who has picked up litter in our district as part of this year's Clean-Up Week, or at any other time during the year.

Our council team works tirelessly to pick up rubbish and litter on a daily basis, but there's still too much litter being dropped around our district. There are some really simple ways you can make a difference, but the obvious one is to put your rubbish in a bin. If there isn't a bin where you are, take your rubbish home.

This week is also Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori – Māori Language Week, which is a great excuse for learning a few words and phrases from one of our official languages. Here's a great one to start with:

Tuku o para kit e ipu para! – Put your rubbish in a bin!

*David*

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## CELEBRATING TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI – MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK 2017

This year's Maori Language Week slogan is "kia ora te Reo Māori" – give life to the Māori Language, and we've been celebrating it at Te Kaunihera ā Rohe o Taupō – Taupō District Council with a few simple tips and tricks. We are introducing bilingual signage to our offices, so staff and visitors can read signs in both English and te Reo Māori, normalising and enhancing the use and improving understanding.

Strategic relationships manager Dominic Bowden said te Reo Māori was important because it was unique to New Zealand, and its survival was dependant on all Kiwis.

"We want to see more te Reo in everyday conversations – not just this week, but ia wiki (every week)," he said. "It's important for our culture, our community and our heritage as a nation."

Mr Bowden said staff were being encouraged to use te Reo Māori wherever possible, including in greetings, email signatures and everyday language.

"It's as simple as picking a favourite word and swapping it out for its corresponding Māori word," he said. "It's a really easy and effective way of familiarising yourself with the language. Correct pronunciation is always a big challenge. I think an



indication of progress is if our community can consistently pronounce 'Taupō' correctly, so kia kaha Toe-Paw!"

This week marks 30 years since te Reo Māori became an official language of New Zealand, so it's an extra special one. We encourage everyone in our community to get involved!

### » What's on?

- 16 Sept All Things Green, Waipahihi Botanical Reserve
- 17 Sept Greening Taupō Community Planting Day, Reid's Farm
- 22 Sept Taupō Hire Race Day, Taupō Racecourse

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