



BLOWING SMOKE TO FIX PIPES

We're always trying to find new and innovative ways to look after the place we love, and this month we're doing it with bright red smoke!

The smoke is being used to detect sewer leaks in some of Taupō's sewerage pipes, so we can fix them up before they lead to possible spills.

It involves pumping read marker smoke into sewer lines to see if any leaks show up above ground, allowing us to identify and fix them in the system. It's the first time we've used the smoke testing and it's happening in an area centred around Matai, Miro, Tauhara and Elizabeth streets.

We're starting on it next week and it will take a few weeks to complete.

The smoke is non-toxic and dissipates quickly. It also doesn't stain and has only a slight odour.

If you notice it in your home or business, please make contact with a member of the smoke testing crew who will be on site in the area or call Robbie Sherrock on 027 406 6638.

The smoke testing is one of several pipework projects we're

working on over the next few months.

If you've seen all the action in Heuheu Street (above), you'll know our contractor Downer has been working hard on some urgent wastewater pipe replacement work there.

The pipe being renewed crosses the street adjacent to the service alley at 14 Heuheu Street and is being done in conjunction with the inspection of a water pipe.

This work is being carried out at night to minimise noise disturbance and infrastructure manager Denis Lewis said the work was being done now to reduce disruption over summer.

"The sewerage pipe and the water pipes have reached the end of their useful lives, and in order to ensure there are no spills or breakages, we need to do these replacements now," he said.

We also have sewerage pipes marked for replacement in Mangakino, with work expected to start after Easter next year, while in Turangi we are about to carry out a comprehensive survey of sewerage pipes to show us what needs repair or replacement at the southern end of the lake.

TOURING EXHIBITION AT TURANGI LIBRARY



An exhibition that combines both words and visual art is being held at Turangi Library to celebrate authors through photography.

Christchurch photographer Maja Moritz's exhibition, 43 New Zealand Authors, features photographs of some of the country's best known and loved authors in their own environments.

It is a chance for book-lovers to see what some of their favourite authors look like in a contemporary and interesting environment.

Moritz said photography was about telling stories without words, so the exhibition was a unique way of linking words and pictures.

"Having worked as a photojournalist for a number of decades, my journalistic storytelling view of people and situations also played its part in the way this production was realised," Moritz said.

Customer services supervisor at Turangi Library Pamela Quinlan said securing the exhibition over the busy holiday period was a great coup for the library and the town.

"Hopefully it'll draw in both locals and visitors who will then get to experience the fantastic library facilities we have at the southern end of the lake," she said.

Recognisable authors such as Dylan Horrocks (above), Witi Ihimaera, Al Brown, Annabel Langbein and 2013 Man Booker Prize winner Eleanor Catton.

The exhibition is free at Turangi Library until January 3.

CELEBRATING TEN YEARS OF STUDENT VISITS

A visit by 25 students and three teachers from Jean Mariotti College in Noumea to Taupō Intermediate has marked the tenth anniversary of a cultural exchange programme between the two schools.

During their stay the students visited Mount Tauhara, Taupō Museum and AC Baths, and attended a civic reception at the Great Lake Centre on Monday, where they were welcomed by Taupō Mayor David Trewavas and entertained by Geoff (Snow) Rameka and students from Taupō-nui-a-Tia College.

Noumea and Taupō have enjoyed Sister City status since 1995, based on the promotion of fruitful exchanges in the cultural, sporting, social, economic and tourism fields.

Then, in 2005, Colleen Westerman, teacher in charge of second languages at Taupō Intermediate, met with one of Noumea's deputy mayors, Francine Beyney, while she was on a civic visit to Taupō. Noumea was looking for a school willing to begin a cultural exchange with Intermediate aged students, and Eric Vallon from Jean Mariotti College contacted Colleen



Mayor David Trewavas with students of Taupō Intermediate and Jean Mariotti College.

describing their school, their intentions for a long-term exchange programme and his wish to get this underway as soon as possible if Taupō Intermediate were interested.

Taupō Intermediate principal Bill Clarke and Colleen agreed it would be a fantastic opportunity for students to gain an insight into the lives of others from another part of the world by living with a French family for two weeks and attending classes at Jean Mariotti College.

Taupō Intermediate made its first visit to Noumea in 2006 and Jean Mariotti College came to Taupō in 2007, and since then the two schools have built a solid relationship between students and staff.

» What's on?

- 11 Nov Harcourts Hound Day, Owen Delany Park
- 11-12 Nov River Wild – Raft & Run, Tongariro River
- 12 Nov Taupō Child and Parent Expo, Great Lake Centre
- 16 Nov Gutsy Girls Adventure Film Tour, Great Lake Centre
- 22 Nov Saturday Night Fever – The Musical, Great Lake Centre

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