



## BRIGHT NEW SCULPTURES FOR TAUPŌ

A new sculpture has been installed in time for summer in Taupō, adding a touch more vibrancy in the town centre.

Taupō Sculpture Trust is behind the work, which is permanent and on a site approved by councillors at a meeting earlier this year under our public art policy.

The sculpture is called Tiki by Tuwharetoa descendant Albie McCarthy and sits at the newly redeveloped intersection of Roberts and Ruapehu streets. There was previously a clip information board at this site, which will be relocated.

Sculpture trust spokesperson Kathy Johnston said the three two-metre-high steel tiki were sure to catch the attention of passers-by.

"This sculpture is able to be enjoyed and appreciated by visitors and locals," she said. "Designs cut into the tiki depict our local maunga and Lake Taupō, as well as peace, compassion and care."

A second sculpture, which is to be installed before Christmas, is Hot Goss by Anah Dunsheath. The sculpture, which will stand on Heuheu Street, consists of three stainless steel figures designed to encourage interaction. The inspiration for the sculpture was taken from candid photographs that capture 'a fleeting look, an attitude, a mood' that the sculpture trust believes reflects the vibrancy of Heuheu Street.

While coordinated and part-funded by both us and Taupō Sculpture Trust, the sculptures are owned and maintained by



the council following their installation. Towncentre Taupō, Café Baku, Westerman Property Solutions and McDonald's Family Restaurant Taupō have also all contributed financially to the funding of Tiki and Strettons has contributed to Hot Goss.

In our 2015-2025 Long-term Plan, Council indicated its intention to develop a public art collection and to create a sculpture trail which will form another attraction for locals and visitors to enjoy. These sculptures form part of this.

A third sculpture will be a temporary installation by the platform above the Taupō water treatment plant, and will go in within the next two weeks. Sculptor Terry Stringer has lent the sculpture trust Flora Totem, a three-metre-high bronze sculpture, for display for the next year.

Tiki was unveiled earlier this week, so we encourage you to go and take a look!

## COUNCIL'S STUDENT PROGRAMME SHOWCASES CAREERS



For a group of students wondering what it's like to work in local government, they need wonder no more – we've employed 21 of them for the summer!

Our summer student programme offers students who live or went to school in the Taupō District the chance to come home to our little patch of paradise for the holidays and gain valuable work experience in a field of their choice. It also gives them an insight into working for local government and shows them possible career paths that could come out of the field they're currently studying.

It's a great way for us to bring our young people home and show them some of the fantastic opportunities that are waiting for them locally when they finish studying.

Bachelor of Management Studies student Katie Dorresteyn is working with our infrastructure team this summer entering and analysing data.

"It's great being in a busy workplace, familiarising myself with a real world environment that's quite different from studying at Waikato University," she said.

"Taupō is home and I love coming back – the lake, all my friends and family are all here and there's nowhere I'd rather spend my holidays."

She said when she's finished studying at the end of next year she'll be looking for employment in a similar office environment.

"It's good to get into the routine of 8am to 5pm work, meet new people and experience something I think will be beneficial in my future employment."

For us, students provide us with an essential resource during our busy summer months, help with special projects and provide an extra pair of hands to help us manage.

Students are with us from late November until early February, when they return to their studies.



## IRONMAN 70.3 ROLLS BACK INTO TOWN

We are once again excited to be hosting one of the two New Zealand competitions that offer triathletes a shot at securing a spot in the IRONMAN 70.3 World Championship in Nelson Mandela Bay, South Africa, for 2018.

IRONMAN 70.3 Taupō was formerly known as the Taupō Half Triathlon until it was rebranded in 2015 to become an official IRONMAN event.

Events manager Steve Giles said with close to 1000 athletes taking part in individual and team events, it was sure to be a huge weekend for the Taupō District, with supporters and spectators streaming in for the occasion.

"Both this event, IRONMAN 70.3 Taupō and the full IRONMAN event in March always create a fantastic buzz around town and we are thrilled to welcome the organisers back for another year," he said.

The event comprises a 1.9km swim followed by a 90km bike ride and a 21.1km run to the finish, and can be viewed along the lakefront.

### EVENT ROAD CLOSURES ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

- › Tongariro Street: Spa Road to Lake Terrace: 4.30am to 3pm
- › Lake Terrace: Tongariro to Ruapehu streets: 4.30am to 3pm
- › Tamamutu Street: Kaimanawa to Titiraupenga streets: 7am to 1pm
- › Tamamutu Street (south lane): Ruapehu to Tongariro streets: 4.30am to 1pm
- › Motutaiko Street: Spa Road to Tamamutu Street: 7am to 1pm
- › Broadlands Road: Landfill access road to the district boundary: 6am to 12.30pm
- › Centennial Drive: Broadlands Road to Rakaunui Road: 6am to 8.30am

Visit [taupo.govt.nz/roadclosures](http://taupo.govt.nz/roadclosures) for more information.

### » What's on?

- 8 Dec Christmas in the Park Taupō, Tongariro North Domain
- 9-14 Dec Downstream exhibition, Taupō Museum
- Until 11 Dec Pre-loved Art Sale, Taupō Museum
- 16 Dec Playday on Track, Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park
- 22 Dec Elemeno P and Jordan Luck Band, Great Lake Centre

For more information on Taupō District events visit [www.GreatLakeTaupo.com](http://www.GreatLakeTaupo.com)

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