



OUR SUPERHERO HAS BEEN FOUND!

In the last week of July we put out a call for a superhero to help us design an A4 poster with an 'It's not ok to litter message' to help us clean up our district.

We had an overwhelming response with more than 200 entries and the quality was so outstanding it took us a little longer to judge than first thought.

It was not an easy task for our judging panel of Mayor David Trewavas, anti-litter campaigner Carol Lamb, and main sponsor Mark Gibson of Top Gear Cycles, to choose a winner but in the end there was one entry that stood out from the rest.

Taupō Intermediate student Bavneet Kaur, pictured with her entry, is the proud winner of a \$400 voucher toward a new bike. Bavneet's entry was seen by the judges to capture all the elements of the anti-litter message including doing the right thing by putting rubbish in the bin and recycling where possible. The design will now be used to promote the anti-litter message across the district.

Other finalists were Harper Walshe, Lucas Waitere-Nadayave, Emma Hampson-Tindale and Jimmy Vennell.

Spot prizes of The Edge Indoor Rockwall passes for highly commended entries went to Henry Dawson, Summer Goddard, Katherine Davy, Callum Pettman and Alyssa Hurley.

A big thank you to our sponsors Top Gear Cycles, Taupō Hobbies, Tech Central, Starlight Cinema Centre and Glynn and Mary Pointon. Special acknowledgement also to the students from Taupō Intermediate, St Patrick's Catholic and Taupō Primary schools who produced several outstanding entries.

MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT



Saturday's general election has now been and gone and it's a bit of a weird feeling waiting to find out who is going to lead the country for the next three years. What will Winston demand? Which way will he go? Who will be prime minister later this year?

Congratulations to our local MP Louise Upston, who once again won the Taupō Electorate seat with a strong majority. Louise and I have worked closely together over the years and I'm looking forward to working with her over the coming parliamentary term.

While we're likely to be waiting until after October 7 to see who is going to make up our next government, the good news is things are likely to be a bit more straightforward when it comes to our local by-elections taking place in Turangi.

There are only a few more days to go until voting closes in the by-elections to fill two positions – one on the Turangi-Tongariro Community Board, and one as a Turangi Ward representative on Council.

People often say to me they don't ever feel like their vote counts. It definitely does, especially in by-elections where the outcome can often come down to just a couple of votes.

If you're keen to vote but not sure who to give your vote to get in touch with the candidates. Ask their opinions on issues that are important to you. Share your concerns with them and ask them how they could help you.

Voting closes at noon on Friday, October 6 so please complete your votes and return your papers in the envelope provided before this date. Preliminary results will be announced later that day with the declaration of the final result on Monday, October 9.

Mayor David Trewavas » dtrewavas@taupo.govt.nz

CATCH UP AND COFFEE WITH YOUR MAYOR

Would you like to talk to Mayor David Trewavas about a probing issue? Or have you got some good ideas you'd like to share with him or our chief executive, Gareth Green?

Come along to Tom and Shorty café in Mangakino, next Friday, October 6 between 10.30am and 11.30am, to have a chat and a coffee with them. They look forward to meeting you.

There's no need to RSVP, just turn up on the day, grab a coffee and share your thoughts. See you there!

» What's on?

- 8 Oct Modern Māori Quartet with Annie Crummer, Great Lake Centre
- 14-15 Oct Taupō Ultra Marathon, Whakaipo Bay Recreation Reserve
- 18 Oct Foodlovers Masterclass with Kate Meads, Great Lake Centre
- 19 Oct Waste Free Parenting Workshop with Kate Meads, Great Lake Centre
- 20-23 Oct Graffiato, Taupō town centre

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

WASTE-FREE WORKSHOPS TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY



Want to reduce your ecological footprint and find easy solutions to waste-free parenting? You're in luck!

The nationally renowned 'Nappy Lady', Kate Meads, is coming to Taupō next month to run two workshops: one on waste-free parenting and one on food waste reduction.

Ms Meads teaches communities that want to make responsible choices to reduce their waste output.

We are supporting the workshops because we are enthusiastic about waste minimisation in the district, and think this is a great way to find out how to help.

Stormwater and solid waste asset manager Brent Aitken said the council was constantly striving to facilitate less waste going into landfills.

"These days we recycle all sorts of things – from milk bottles to pizza boxes," he said. "It's logical we would encourage recycling food and family waste, and Kate teaches the best ways of achieving that."

The food waste reduction workshop, Food Lovers' Masterclass, includes information on meal planning, smart shopping, smart storage, the difference between use-by and best-before, and more.

All those who attend receive a waste-free starter pack worth \$100 to take home.

» FOOD LOVERS' MASTERCLASS

Wednesday, October 18, 6pm to 8pm
Great Lake Centre

» WASTE-FREE PARENTING WORKSHOP

Thursday, October 19, 6pm to 8.30pm
Great Lake Centre

\$15 plus booking fee per person.
Visit www.thenappylady.co.nz to book.



Mayor David Trewavas



Deputy Mayor Rosie Harvey



John Boddy



Barry Hickling



Rosanne Jollands



Tangonui Kingi



Anna Park



Christine Rankin



Kirsty Trueman



John Williamson