



## TURANGI SERVICE CENTRE ON THE MOVE TEMPORARILY

Taupō District Council's Turangi office will undergo a refit over the coming months in preparation for Department of Conservation staff to move into the building later this year.

While the work is taking place, Turangi Service Centre staff will move temporarily to Turangi Library where you'll be able to talk to our team about all the usual council services.

Turangi Tongariro Community Board chair Andy Hema said the move to have DoC staff working alongside council staff was beneficial for the Turangi community.

"Bringing DoC and council together in this space will naturally allow more cohesiveness between the two

organisations, which will mean better environmental and community outcomes for the southern Lake Taupō area.

"It also allows us to better utilise the building and bring more workers into Turangi Mall, adding to the vitality to the town centre."

Council staff will be based in Turangi Library from today with refit work commencing shortly. Service centre staff will be available to assist the community between 8am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

Council and DoC staff will move back into the service centre building later this year, and we'll let you know when they're back in their refurbished space.

## INTRODUCING OUR NEW ALTERNATE RECOVERY MANAGER



Our facilities manager Garreth Robinson is no stranger to emergency situations – growing up in South Africa he was the victim of a home invasion, was shot at in his car and faced a myriad of other awful situations.

So when he was asked to be the alternate recovery manager for the council as part of the Civil Defence structure, he knew he had a good, calm demeanour suitable for the job.

"I've seen a lot of things in South Africa that have certainly mentally prepared me for emotionally-charged situations like the recovery period in the aftermath of a natural disaster," he said.

The role exists to ensure cover for our recovery manager Brian Fox in a post-disaster environment and the appointment helps us meet the requirements of our disaster recovery plan that was introduced in 2013.

Garreth will act as second-in-charge to the recovery manager and provide coverage when he is away.

As council's facilities manager, he is already familiar with the community's assets, generators and welfare centres.

His experience also extends to being a volunteer for rural fire and is passionate about supporting the Taupō community in times of need.

"I'm looking forward to the challenges ahead. I like the pressure and adrenaline," he said.

Over the next few months Garreth will receive training in recovery management to prepare him for the role.

## What's on?

- Until 20 Aug Weber Bros Circus, Tongariro Domain
- Until 1 Sep Moa rearticulation, Taupō Museum
- 2 Sep Hoka One One Kinloch Off-Road Challenge
- 3 Sep Whakaipo Bay Community Planting Day

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## BE SAFE AROUND SCHOOLS



### SIMPLE TIPS FOR SAFE DROP OFFS AND PICK UPS

- » Ensure kids get in and out of the car on the footpath side of the car.
- » Park away from yellow lines, intersections and driveways.
- » Use the 'Kiss and Drive' if available at your school.
- » Drive slowly outside schools and prepare for any surprises.
- » Never double park outside a school or in loading zones.
- » Walk to and from the school gate with your children. Parking at the school gate causes congestion which creates extra hazards for children to negotiate.
- » Never call your child from across the road, instead walk over and escort them across.
- » Take extra care on wet days.

School pick ups and drop offs can be stressful times for parents and kids, so it's important to slow down and take your time when you're driving around schools.

Council and police have been working with schools around our district to make sure children and their parents know how to be safe outside the school gate, and there are some simple lessons you can teach your children about being safe around roads.

Road safety coordinator Dianna Harrison said now's a great time to remind children how important it is to take care when walking to and from school.

"You can ensure they know to use zebra crossings, refuge islands or kea crossings if available, and teach your kids how to stop, look and listen for traffic when crossing any road. Teaching your child how to judge travelling distances and check for hazards is just as important, take the time when walking with your child to talk about different hazards and count how long traffic takes to get to them."