



COUNCIL BUILDING DEMOLITION UNDERWAY



The former Taupō District Council office at 72 Lake Terrace is currently being prepared for demolition. Contractors Ward Demolition are on-site and have started removing windows from the front of the building.

The decision was made to vacate the building following the detection of friable asbestos, the requirement to undertake earthquake strengthening, and some other health and safety issues early last year. The building is being wrapped to allow for the safe removal of the asbestos.

Staff were relocated to various sites throughout the Taupō CBD and 72 Lake Terrace has been vacant since September last year.

Once the demolition is complete, the site will be grassed until a decision on the future site of the council's administration functions is made.

A masterplan is to be developed around the preferred site for a new building by the Great Lake Centre fronting Story Place, and it will include provision for cultural, arts, and heritage facilities to replace Taupō Museum.

The plan will consider what efficiencies can be made and what opportunities can be capitalised on as part of a wider picture on where to establish its main office.

Investigations are expected to be complete mid-year with feedback sought from the community on the options soon after.

HAVE YOU HEARD THE GOSS?



There's a new addition to HeuHeu Street.

'Hot Goss' by Anah Dunsheath is a sculpture consisting 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'.

The Taupō Sculpture Trust believes this reflects the vibrancy of HeuHeu Street. This sculpture is in addition to the popular 'Tiki' installation on Ruapehu Street, which had a variety of contributors. Hot Goss has also received support by way of Strettons.

REMEMBER

MAKE SURE THINGS GO WHERE THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO!



WHAT YOU PUT DOWN THE PLUGHOLE OR FLUSH HERE

CAN CAUSE BLOCKAGES

AND END UP HERE!



WASTEWATER REMINDER

We all want safe, efficient, wastewater services that protect our public health and property, without compromising our waterways.

In recent times, our district has experienced spills into our lake due to wastewater pipe blockages. Among the causes were fats and wet wipes entering our storm water system.

Every time there is a spill, our recovery process springs into action. With safety to our community top-of-mind, letting everyone know is vital. Signage is placed in and around the shoreline of the affected area, and our communication channels run red-hot. Social media, our app Antenno and Taupō District Council website are used to supply regular updates.

Our contractors are simultaneously in clean-up and repair mode, finding the blockage site, clearing it and carrying out any necessary repairs.

Water samples are taken daily and sent to a local laboratory. These are contamination tested until a safe swimming level is reached. Public Health officials make the final call on when we can remove signs and allow access to the lake.

We need to remind ourselves to do our bit to avoid any repeat occurrences. Let's continue to dispose of any wipes, fats and general refuse in the correct manner to ensure zero impact to our lake and ecosystem. Remember we offer curbside recycling, widespread refuse sites across the district, as well as plenty of bins within our Taupō township.

Remember: Always wrap fat and put it in the bin and if it's not paper, pee or poo don't put it down the loo!

KINLOCH ROAD CLOSURES

The Kinloch triathlon returns this Sunday and there will be some road closures within the township.

This year's edition will again attract a large field, particularly in the sprint distance event which is the primary selection event for triathletes vying for a place in the ITU Sprint World Championships. For supporters and Kinloch residents, there will be delays when travelling in and out of Kinloch.

THE ROAD CLOSURES ARE:

- Kinloch Esplanade: 5am – 5pm
- Kenrigg Road: 6.30am – 3.30pm
- Marina Terrace: 6.30am – 3.30pm

WHAT'S ON?

- Feb 10-11 Rotary RE-union, Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park
- Feb 11 Kinloch Triathlon Festival, Kinloch
- Until Feb 12 Beautiful Marks, Taupō Museum
- Feb 15 Our Neighbourhood; Music in the Park, Mere Road Reserve, Taupō

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