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BLOCKAGE DETECTION TECHNOLOGY KICKS OFF WASTEWATER EXPLORATION WORK

Wastewater pipe inspections are underway in Acacia Bay as we start a comprehensive programme in an effort to proactively stop spills to the lake.

Testing includes checking, maintenance and identification of all pipes requiring future repair and includes use of blockage detection technology.

It is the first time a portable onsite assessment tool has been used in the district. The technology transmits radio frequencies through a pipe to check for any blockages or obstructions effecting the flow rate of the pipe.

Problem areas can then be identified for further inspection, repair and maintenance.

Chief executive Gareth Green said he acknowledged there had been far too many spills into the lake and waterways and the council wanted them to stop.

"As half the number of spills we have are caused by tree roots, wipes or fat blocking the pipes, increasing the amount of camera surveillance to ensure any potential issues are known of and dealt to early, is our first priority," he said.

"While there are other factors that can cause spills we cannot control, like the effect of nature or the actions of others, like our community we're saying enough is enough. We are committed to doing all that we can to prevent them happening in the future."

The council would be consulting with the community in March about increasing the amount currently spent on preventative work.

CHILDREN GET WITH THE PROGRAMME AT DISTRICT LIBRARIES

It was Harry S. Truman who said, "Not all readers are leaders, but all leaders are readers."

Of the children recently enrolled in the reading programme hosted by Taupō and Turangi District Libraries, no doubt some leaders will emerge.

At the Taupō library, 109 five to thirteen-year-olds signed up and started reading books, checking in on-line and visiting the library to record their progress.

One pleasing aspect was the growth of what senior librarian Kevin Collins described as 'reluctant readers', contributing in group sessions and enjoying the whole experience.

"Bridging the gap between comics and graphic novels to chapter books or from fiction to non-fiction is a big step for some" he says.

In addition to the literature being discovered, upon completion participants received gifts, a certificate and a book based on the material discovered during the programme. Both libraries hosted New Zealand children's author Stu Duval at the final party, which was well received by both librarians and children.

The Taupō and Turangi libraries run programmes every school holidays. You can find more information in the lead up to the holidays at www.taupo.govt.nz/libraries.



» HOW TO STAY IN TOUCH

Connect isn't the only way to stay in touch with us.

In addition to seeing us face-to-face at **46 Horomatangi Street**, you can follow on social media with **Facebook** and **Twitter**, or download our app, **Antenno** for notifications from us.

For more detail we have our website, www.taupo.govt.nz. This is the best place to search out anything you require more in-depth information on. You can find everything from how to pay your rates, to lane availability at AC Baths and what's going on within our Taupō District libraries.

So whether it's searching for the next museum exhibit, registering the dog, or climbing the rock-wall, check us out online!

» GREAT LAKE RELAY

This Saturday competitors will tackle the challenge of the Great Lake Relay.

Over 3500 athletes will be running or walking the 155km around the lake or doing the length of the lake course from Turangi to Taupō.

There are no road closures in effect for this event, but motorists are advised to take care.



» WHAT'S ON?

- Feb 17 – Mar 5 Dog Show, Taupō Museum
- Feb 17 – Mar 5 Exhibition for Dogs, Taupō Museum
- Feb 17 Great Lake Relay, Lake Taupō
- Feb 17 – 18 Taupō Wellbeing Market, Great Lake Centre, Taupō

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