



## ADHERING TO LITTER DISPOSAL

New rubbish bin and footpath stickers encouraging people to dispose of litter responsibly will soon be appearing around the Taupō district.

The stickers were the result of the 'It's not okay to litter' poster competition which was organised by Taupō District Council last year and which drew over 200 entries. Competition winner Bavneet Kaur was on hand to see the first of them applied and says she is happy to see her work being put to a great cause.

Council's environmental ranger Shannon Hanson says the stickers are a great way to draw people's attention to the bins and hopefully divert litter from ending up on the ground.

"Due to wind and rain, litter on the streets often ends up in our lake, and even small things like cigarette butts and food wrappers can have a really detrimental effect on the lake's ecosystem. It was great to see how much local kids care about the environment through this competition - they've done their part, now we as a community have to do ours."

## NATIONAL CYCLING EDUCATION SYSTEM PILOT AT WAIPAHIHI PRIMARY SCHOOL

We've partnered with the New Zealand Transport Association initiative with the Accident Compensation Corporation to deliver a pilot of a national cycling education system at Waipahihi Primary School.

Taupō District Council is passionate about children being safe and responsible road users. The system provides a range of learning opportunities that will enable kids to go from basic bike skills to making trips safely on the road, particularly in high traffic environments.

As more people start to cycle, we need to make sure they have the skills and experience required to enjoy the ride, and be safe.

Waipahihi School is undertaking the pilot programme with parents, caregivers and staff getting the opportunity to upskill their riding ability.

The programme begins February 26.



## ROAD CLOSURES

All road users are advised of the following road closures this weekend for Ironkidz and re-sealing work:

### FEBRUARY 24-25

» Norman Smith Street from Noble Street to SH1: 7.00am – 6.00pm.  
Detours are via Wairakei Drive, Acacia Bay Road and Poihipi Road.

### FEBRUARY 25

» Lake Terrace from Mere Road to Tongariro Street: 6.30am – 1.00pm.  
» Tongariro Street from Lake Terrace to Heuheu Street: 6.30am – 1.00pm.  
Detours are via Mere Road and Heuheu Street.

All detours are clearly marked with signage. Speed restrictions and traffic management staff will be in place during this time. Motorists are advised to take care. Thank you for your co-operation.

## WHAT'S ON?

- Feb 23-25 Two Rooks COLA Summer Drift Matsuri, Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park
- Feb 24 Across the Lake Swim, Acacia Bay and 3 Mile Bay, Taupō
- Feb 24-25 North Island Wakeboarding Championships, Lake Maraetai, Mangakino
- Feb 25 Ironkidz triathlon, Lake Terrace, Taupō

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

## CANINE CELEBRATION AT TAUPŌ MUSEUM



It is often said that every dog has its day. Taupō Museum is going one better, by celebrating the Chinese New Year with Dog Show, an exhibition that runs through until early April.

The 12-yearly cycle of the Chinese animal zodiac recognises this year's sign as the dog. To celebrate this fact, expressions of interest were taken from artists across our district, which has resulted in this unique exhibition, showcasing a collection of recycled, dog-themed sculpture and artworks.

Don't worry about leaving your best friend at home either. You can bring your dog too! While Dog Show itself is for pooch-lovers, the Niven Room at Taupō Museum is hosting an exhibition for your tail-wagging companion. Whether it's Harry the hound, Bertie the beagle or Doug the dalmatian, you can teach an old dog new tricks by taking them to featured artworks and interactive displays catered to them.

So don't let sleeping dogs lie, take yourself and your extended kennel-dwelling family along to Taupō Museum.

### DOG SHOW

Main Gallery, Taupō Museum  
Exhibition: On now until April 2

### EXHIBITION FOR DOGS

Niven Room, Taupō Museum  
Exhibition: On now until March 5