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COMMUNITY NEWS WITH TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL 29 JUNE 2018

GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ
Taupō District Council

SWIMMERS GO TO GREAT LENGTHS IN TURANGI

Are you finding it too cold to get out and pound the pavement? Living in Turangi? Like to swim?

If you're a yes to all of these, why not take up the Margaret Sweeney Challenge.

The event is named after former Empire Games swimmer Margaret Sweeney, who on top of being a New Zealand breaststroke champion, and representing New Zealand at the games, was the first person to swim the length of Lake Taupō.

This aptly named test of endurance pits participants up against either 25km or 50km distances. This sounds daunting to say the least, however you do have two months to complete the 25km challenge and three months for the 50km. Regular visits are the way to go, so as long as you are putting in the time, you'll get there!

Turangi resident Bev Campbell found this out last year.

"I started late and had to play catch-up, so this year I'm getting in from day one. It's good to have a goal and a great incentive to get regular exercise," says Bev.

Get in touch with Turtle Pools staff to find out more and book your entry. The challenge begins on July 2.

TAUPŌ DISTRICT LIBRARIES AND MUSEUM HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

We're now only a week from the winter edition of the school holidays and the thought of, "What on earth will I do with the kids?!"

It's holiday programme time from Monday July 9, with something for children and teenagers in both Taupō and Turangi.

There's dancing, swinging parrots, flying furballs, pottery and face-painting - have we caught your interest yet? The programme also coincides with Mirror Magic at Taupō Museum, which is an amazing interactive exhibition coming our way over the holidays too. This is proudly brought to us by the Friends of the Museum team and features plenty of things to reflect on.

So instead of cracking open another DVD case for the movie they've seen a hundred times, or re-reading the book they have at home, how about heading to the library or museum to see what's happening? If it's a certain event you're after, please be aware you have to book for some of the content and while most are free, some have a small fee for art and craft materials.

There really is plenty to see and this all lines up with Winterfest. We even have a late night at the museum on Thursday July 12 if you want to warm up after braving the cold during the day.

For more information, you can check out what's on at **taupo.co.nz/museum**, or pop into the library or museum to get your copy of the event programme from late next week.

SUBMISSION CLOSURE REMINDER

HAVE YOUR SAY ON REPRESENTATION

It's not too late to give us your opinion on representation in our area.

If you're in Mangakino or Kinloch and couldn't get to the drop-in sessions, you can still tell us your thoughts online or pop in to one of the upcoming ones scheduled at our Taupō office.

Representation is a vital part of local government and we want hear from you.

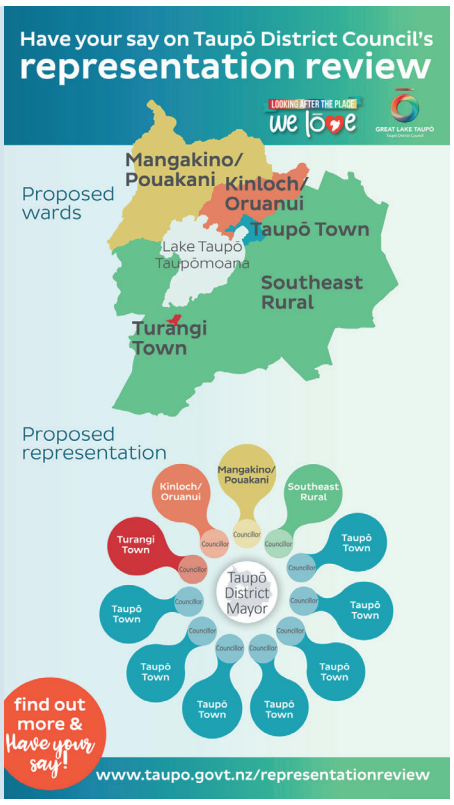
Online submissions will be accepted at **taupo.govt.nz/representation**.

DROP IN SESSIONS

Taupō
- Customer Service Centre, 46 Horomatangi Street
  Tuesday, July 3, noon-2pm
- Customer Service Centre, 46 Horomatangi Street
  Wednesday, July 11, 3pm - 5pm

Turangi
- Turangi Service Centre
  Tuesday, July 10, 3pm -5pm

Submissions close at 5pm on Friday July 20, 2018



WHAT'S ON?

Jun 30	Greening Taupō and Contact Energy Community Planting Day, Wairakei Drive
Jul 1	HOKA ONE ONE Tauhara Trail Run/Walk, Off Road Highway
Until Aug 5	Mirror Magic, Taupō Museum

For more information visit www.GreatLakeTaupo.com

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