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NEW HOME FOR A PIECE OF ART HISTORY

A piece of art history has now found its rightful home in Taupō. The 1889 work by Charles Decimus Barraud (1822-1897) depicting Lake Taupō was due to go under the hammer at Cordy's auction house in Auckland when it was spotted by long-time local resident and former deputy mayor Christine McElwee.

Taupō District Council was fortunate enough to be able to gain the financial support of the Friends of the Museum who recognised the importance of the painting and so, together with funds from a bequest from the estate of Trevor Hosking, the painting was successfully purchased, and will now be displayed in Taupō Museum.

Library and museum manager Luisa Haines said the painting was a valuable addition to the collection.

"Barraud's landscape paintings provide a record of early New Zealand scenes and are considered of important

heritage value. Hopefully we will see more joint efforts like this in the future that add other significant works to the collection." The newly acquired painting will join another of Barraud's

works in the museum, though staff are not yet sure of just where it will be hung.

Mayor David Trewavas said the painting offered an important glimpse into the past and was a valuable addition to the museum's collection.

"It's fantastic to see this painting of our river, lake and mountains find a good home here in Taupō, and it's also great to see how the community came together, at really short notice, to purchase it for the district."

Above L-R: Christine McElwee and Roger Marshall of Friends of the Museum. Mavor David Trewavas, and museum displays officer Jon Primmer with the newly acquired artwork.

NEW STORMWATER

The stormwater separator on Lake Terrace opposite Ruapehu Street was officially commissioned this week.

Centrifugal force is the key driver of the water separator, which literally 'spins out' waste that is collected, including cigarette butts, plastic waste, cans and other pollutants, ensuring water entering the lake is as clean as possible.

Solid waste and stormwater manager Brent Aitken says we're committed to looking after the place we love.

"We have more of these separators planned in prominent locations around the district. This one makes sense due to the high volume of rubbish entering the stormwater system from our CBD."

"This ongoing programme will ensure we keep improving the quality of stormwater entering our Lake and Rivers. To avoid litter entering our water ways the best option is to use the bins provided and recycle where possible," he says.

The separator or 'Downstream Defender' as it is known by producers Hynds, is another installation in the ongoing effort to improve the quality of the district's stormwater and look after our waterways.

The next separator installation is planned for Turangi later in the year.



NEW ZEALAND ARMY CHARTER PARADE

Cadets and officers from the New Zealand Army will march down the streets of central Taupō on Sunday for the 20th annual Charter Parade.

The parade starts at 11am and reaffirms the army's historical links with the district.

The group will be in full dress uniform for the parade, which is always a colourful display.

The parade will travel along Heuheu, Ruapehu and Horomatangi streets and finish back at the Great Lake Centre. It will be followed by a concert by the New Zealand Army Band outside the centre at 12.30pm. If wet, it will be held in the East Wing.

This is a great opportunity for our community to come and see the army in their finest.

We want everyone to come and experience some military fanfare!



WHAT'S ON?

Aug 4	Hoka One One Taupō Marathon, Acacia Bay, Lake Terrace, Lions Walk
Aug 5	Charter Parade, Great Lake Centre
Until Aug 5	Mirror Magic, Taupō Museum
Aug 9	Taupō Pathways Employers Evening, Great Lake Centre

For more information visit www.GreatLakeTaupo.com

ROAD CLOSURES

Please be aware the following roads will be closed during the Hoka One One Taupō Marathon and associated events:

- » Tongariro Street from Heuheu Street to Lake Terrace, 7am to noon.
- » Lake Terrace from Tongariro Street to Mere Road, 7am to noon
- » Ferry Road from Lake Terrace to Redoubt Street, 7am to noon.
- » Story Place from Police Station to Redoubt Street, 6:30am to 1pm.

All detours are clearly marked with signage and motorists are advised to take care. Thank you for your co-operation.



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