



## ARCHWAY INSTALLATION UNDERWAY



As part of our 10-year anniversary celebrations with our sister city of Suzhou, China we have been gifted an archway to commemorate the occasion.

Contractors are currently busy with the challenging installation at the southern entrance to the Tongariro Domain. Complete with concrete footings and pillars, workmen are well equipped with a crane, scaffolding and all the required safety measures to ensure there is no damage to the pieces... or their fingers!

Facilities manager Garreth Robinson is enjoying the challenge of the project and is looking forward to seeing the finished product.

"The archway has several key elements and will have storyboard signage, so both locals and visitors can learn the cultural significance of our relationship with Suzhou," he says.

"It will look great once all of the pieces come together."

An official opening ceremony will take place on August 30, coinciding with the opening of a Suzhou exhibition at Taupō Museum, Faith and Life.

So if you're in the area at the end of this month or September and are planning on exploring artefacts from ancient China at the exhibition, why not pop down to see the archway on the way to the museum.



## ARROWSMITH AVENUE SINKHOLE

Part of Arrowsmith Avenue damaged when a sizeable sink hole opened up last Saturday night, is likely to remain closed for some weeks.

The piece of road between Weka Road and Chesham Avenue is under repair and a detour and traffic management is in place.

A large quantity of pumice and silt also ran down the gully between Korimako Road and Norfolk Road, which is owned by 25 neighbouring properties. Council are working with the owners to undertake some remedial works.

The ongoing risk is minimal and council staff and contractors are working to manage stormwater around the sinkhole in case there is significant rainfall. Council will be inspecting the sinkhole and the gully regularly to monitor the situation.

It is advised that all motorists should avoid the area if possible. Arrowsmith Road will remain closed to through traffic and traffic management will be in place for as long as is necessary during the repair work.

## STUDENTS ABUZZ WITH LOOKING AFTER THE ENVIRONMENT

Both staff and pupils from Saint Patricks School were thrilled to learn about looking after our environment this week.

Hot on the heels of the recent government announcement of New Zealand phasing out single-use plastic bags, environmental rangers Shannon Hanson and Ariel Jeffcoat were on hand to deliver an informative talk on the advantages of cutting down on plastic usage at St Patricks School. The talk included things like substituting cling-wrap with environmentally friendly alternatives, such as beeswax wraps.

"The students were all really well educated about plastic and recycling. We were really impressed with their knowledge and they were all involved in discussions on how we can better look after our environment" Shannon says.



It wasn't all about being stung into action with lunch wrap alternatives, but to discuss and educate the children in positive recycling habits.

"They were concerned with plastic pollution and in particular the negative impact it can have in our waterways."

The discussion was the second such visit from our environment team to primary schools in our district, with more planned for the future.

## TD2050 FEEDBACK

HAVE YOUR SAY

Taupō District 2050 (TD2050) is a growth management strategy which outlines where we want to see future urban growth in our district.

It has been more than 10 years since we developed a strategy and there have been some shifts within the planning framework and in the population and demographic projections for our district since then.

The draft strategy is available for viewing online and we want to hear from you!

Submissions are now open, so if you have any questions, concerns or feedback please have your say. We will be accepting your views until September 14.

You can read more and have your say at [taupo.govt.nz/submissions](http://taupo.govt.nz/submissions)

## WHAT'S ON?

- Aug 19 Community planting day, Wairakei Tourist Park
- Aug 20 Emma Stevens Book talk, Taupō Library
- Aug 23-25 NZ Badminton Masters, Taupō Events Centre
- Aug 24 Stella Awards Gala Dinner, Great Lake Centre

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