



TURANGI LIBRARY HOST POETRY

Turangi Library played host to those who perform prose or vocalise a verse or two last week with a poetry evening.

The night coincided with National Poetry Day and many people came and contributed with both existing and original works over a variety of winter foods provided by the Friends of Turangi Library committee.

Poets Matthew Lark and Geni Johnston from Taupō were the main presenters on the night, coordinating readings

from the seven poets from "Live Poets Taupō" who attended, as well as those in the audience who also wanted to share.

Turangi librarian Pamela Quinlan said the event was deemed a success, with a great deal of fun had by all in attendance, by both those who shared and those listening.

"It was one of the most popular and successful evenings we've ever had," she says.

"We hope to do it or something similar again at some stage."

EXHIBITION OPEN

SUZHOU

FAITH AND LIFE 618AD-1279AD
In association with Suzhou Museum

AUG 31 –
NOV 11
Taupō Museum



This week marks the opening of the Suzhou - Faith and Life exhibition at Taupō Museum.

The museum is proud to host this world-class exhibition, which is visiting the Taupō District and New Zealand for the first time as part of the tenth anniversary of our sister city relationship with Suzhou, China.

The exhibition features artefacts from the Tang and Song Dynasties, some dating back to 618AD. Visitors will get a glimpse into a fascinating world of faith and life that is over 1000 years old, with something for everyone. Did you know that during the Tang Dynasty, gunpowder, waterproofing, gas stoves, and air conditioning were all invented? These facts and many more make this an informative learning experience for all ages.

The exhibition runs until November 11 and is open every day of the week. It is free to local residents and all children, with visiting adult's \$5 and seniors and tertiary students \$3. When you decide to pop down, be sure to also check out the fantastic archway gifted to the Taupō District by Suzhou at the southern entrance to the Tongariro Domain.

» WHAT'S ON?

- Aug 31 Bikes are Back Motorcycle Event, Colonel Roberts Reserve
- Sep 1 Hoka One One Kinloch Offroad Festival, Kinloch Domain
- Sep 2 Whakaipo Bay Community Planting Day, Whakaipo Bay
- Sep 3 Celtic Illusion, Great Lake Centre
- Sep 6 Creative Catwalk Wearable Art Competition, Great Lake Centre
- Sep 6 Design Junkies – Refurbishment/Up-cycled Furniture Showcase Great Lake Centre
- Until Nov 11 Suzhou – Faith and Life, Taupō Museum

For more information visit www.GreatLakeTaupo.com

COUNCILLOR PROFILE

Second up in our profiles of your elected representatives is Taupō-Kaingaroa Ward Councillor Christine Rankin.



Falling in love with Taupō and wanting to make it your home is a familiar story to many, and one very familiar to Councillor Christine Rankin. Eager to leave Auckland behind, Cr Rankin and her husband moved here three years ago and are still in love with the Taupō District.

"I really feel I belong here," she says, "and I love working for the people of Taupō. In fact I think I've had more cups of tea in

Taupō homes than in all my previous political career combined! And that is what I love about my role, meeting people and hearing what they want from their Council and for their town."

As many will know, Cr Rankin has had a long political career, having served as head of the Department of Social Welfare and later on Auckland Regional Council. As a Taupō-Kaingaroa Ward Councillor, her portfolio is economic and business development, and she also serves on the Wairakei Tourism Trust and the Taupō Airport Authority. "As soon as I was appointed as a committee member on the Taupo Airport Authority, I realised we needed a new terminal and I have worked towards the achievement of this goal. I was also determined that we must have a very real Economic Development Strengthening Strategy and I am very proud of the extremely professional and real plan we now have. It shapes our future."

"Well-managed economic development brings jobs to our district, and that means that families can thrive and stay together and not have to move to work. I work a lot with Council staff like Jessica Simpson (economic relationship manager) and John Ridd (head of economic development and business transformation) and I'm very proud of our economic development plan. Taupō is streets ahead of other districts in this regard."

Pictured L-R: John Ridd, Cr. Christine Rankin, Jessica Simpson



Mayor David Trewavas



Deputy Mayor Rosie Harvey



John Boddy



Barry Hickling



Rosanne Jollands



Tangonui Kingi



Anna Park



Christine Rankin



Maggie Stewart



Kirsty Trueman



John Williamson