



## LATIN AMERICA COMES TO TAUPŌ

Tired of watching the same old movies?

Taupō Museum have some films with a distinctly Latin American flavour for us all to enjoy for a limited time from **November 30 to December 7** with the Latin American and Spanish Film Festival running for the best part of a week.

The festival is run by all the Latin American and Spanish Embassies, with the 2017 edition attracting approximately 6,000 spectators across New Zealand to enjoy the films.

This year 11 participating nations have films to offer, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru, Spain and Uruguay.

The selection includes a wide range of genres, topics and styles, giving us the chance to immerse ourselves in a couple of languages, Spanish and Portuguese, and within the cultural and social aspects of these countries.

So if you're at a loose end, pop down and take a look!

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

[lasff.co.nz](http://lasff.co.nz)  
[taupo.govt.nz/museum](http://taupo.govt.nz/museum)

## RUAPEHU STREET INTERSECTION NEARING COMPLETION

The upgrade to the intersection of Paora Hapi and Ruapehu streets is progressing well, with seating, boulders, planting and paving all nearing completion.

The intersection has been upgraded along with other intersections in the Taupō central business district, and the owner of Streetwise Coffee Taupō Dave Palmer (pictured below) says it will be great to have it finished with summer on the way. "It's a great environment to work in, and it's a lot safer now too thanks to the upgrade. Thanks also to all our loyal customers who persevered while the upgrade work was taking place – there's plenty of parking and seating and the CBD is looking great, so come down and enjoy it!"

Work will be completed in October with an opening to be held November 1.



## WHAT'S ON?

- Oct 26-28 Spring Challenge, Taupō Events Centre
- Oct 31 Turangi Community Halloween Party, Tongariro Community Hall
- Nov 1 Heartland XV v Fiji, Owen Delany Park
- Nov 2 Starlight Cinema Fireworks Extravaganza, Owen Delany Park
- Until Nov 11 Suzhou: Faith and Life, Taupō Museum

For more information visit [www.GreatLakeTaupo.com](http://www.GreatLakeTaupo.com)

## COUNCILLOR PROFILE

This week in our profile of your elected representatives is Taupō-Kaingaroa councillor, John Boddy.



John Boddy may only be in his second term as a Taupō-Kaingaroa councillor, but he has been keenly interested in local - and international - politics for many years. He regularly attended council meetings prior to being elected in 2013, and for many years his involvement in Federated Farmers saw him around the negotiating table in Europe, America, and Asia.

"When I was sixteen years old I looked at the navy, the forest service and farming," he says. "And fortunately I chose farming! It was basically my life for 32 years, including 13 years on the board of the Federated Farmers cadet training scheme, with six of those years as Chairman of the scheme I myself had trained under. Following that I was based in Paris for the International Federation of Agricultural Producers, and as World Dairy Group chairman my role was all about breaking down trade barriers as well as the everyday concerns of the world's dairy farmers. It was exciting, but to be honest I prefer to be working on things that are closer to home."

For many years Cr Boddy ran a successful business in Bonshaw Park with his wife Ruth, and it wasn't until he sold this that he felt he had the time needed to dedicate to being a councillor in Taupō. "I've been self-employed since the age of 21, a farm owner and a business owner, and that taught me it's all about listening to people," he says. "Listening to people and talking through their concerns – so that means a lot of telephone calls, and a lot of knocks on my door, but that's fine. My portfolio is the elderly, but I'm also on the Taupō District Licensing Authority. Every day is different and I care a lot about our district and being able to help people in the community is an honour."