



HARD WORK PAYS OFF FOR KEEP NEW ZEALAND BEAUTIFUL AWARD

Winning the Keep New Zealand Beautiful Award for the 'Most Beautiful Large Town' is achieved by a great team.

Everyone from our parks and reserves staff, to keen locals, organisations such as Greening Taupō, our local schools, and many more combine to look after the place we love. Our calendar is full of projects, tree-planting days and rubbish pick-ups to name but a few.

Taupō District Mayor David Trewavas is very happy with the result, given the hard work everyone put in around the district.

"We as a council have worked hard to proactively promote a number of initiatives over the past 12 months and volunteer groups like Tidy Taupo, Greening Taupo and Boomerang Bags have really put us on the map for beautifying our environment," he said. "This award is a great indication of the hard work of both our Council and community to keep Taupō beautiful. It's all about looking after the places we love."

Winning this award is recognition of our entire community digging in (quite literally in some cases!) for a Taupō we can all be proud of.

COUNCILLOR PROFILE

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



The reason for Rosanne Jolland's involvement in local government is simple: "I want to be able to say to my children, what have you done today to make this place – our place – better. To do that, I have to live by my own actions. And I want my children to grow up in an environment where they can see that all our lives are full of possibilities and opportunities – and that we all need to take responsibility for that future."

Councillor Jollands has a degree in economics and has worked in advertising and communications for many years, both in New Zealand and overseas. Taupō became her home in 2003 when she and her family decided find a better quality of the life, and she has been a passionate advocate of the district ever since. "Back in 2013 there were some particular issues here in Taupō that motivated me to get involved in local politics," she says, "and what I like about the role is the access it gives me to the wonderful people in our community. For me it's about working with awesome groups and people such as Greening Taupō, the Kinloch Representative Group and characters such as Tiny Deanne, building connections, all working together to make a difference in our community. It's local democracy in action that I love, and I see my role as something of a matchmaker, connecting the aspirations of our community."

And with her portfolio being Growth and Planning, Cr Jollands has plenty of opportunity to use her economics background. "The Taupō District does not create growth, growth comes from people wanting to live and work in our fabulous region – so I see that my role is to align that growth with people's aspirations in such a way that we maintain what is so special about Taupō for residents as well as those who come in the future. We need to be bold and brave, find new and better ways to improve and enhance our quality of life here."



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 - Nov 9 Tour of Duty Taupō, Great Lake Centre
 - Nov 9 Lake Taupō District Sports Awards, Great Lake Centre
 - Until Nov 11 Suzhou: Faith and Life, Taupō Museum
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