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Taupō District Council

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## VELODROME UPGRADE

Whether you're the next Eddie Dawkins or just a weekend warrior track cyclist, you'll be pleased to know this week marks the start of an upgrade of the velodrome at Owen Delany Park.

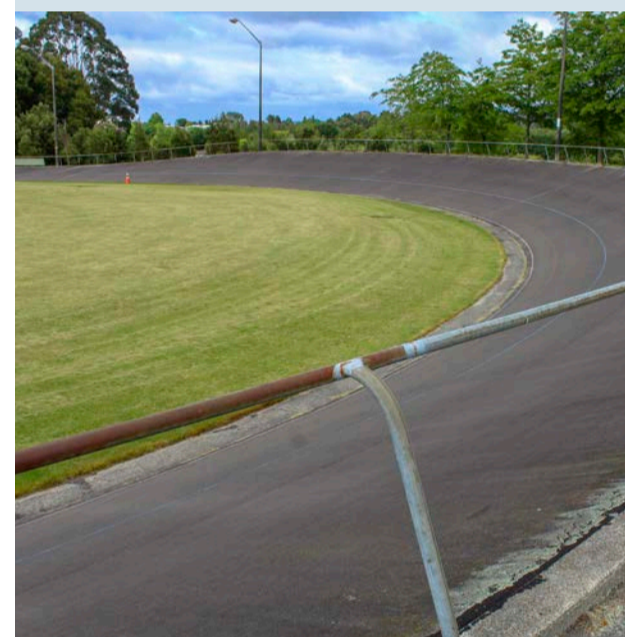
Work is being undertaken to resurface the track, which will ensure a faster and smoother surface for all cyclists.

The first phase of the upgrade will be outside of the track itself however, with the lighting units and poles being removed to allow access.

Council project manager Travis Delich is involved in the upgrade and is excited to see what the finished product will look like.

"Getting the velodrome sorted here will ensure we continue to have a fantastic facility for both local and visiting riders to enjoy."

People are advised to take care when in the area when machinery are operating. The track will be closed periodically over the course of the works.



## ARE YOU READY TO GET THRU?

Like a lot of us at the beginning of this week, you may have been happily working when your building was plunged into darkness during the power outage.

This was a timely reminder to us all to get organised in the event of a disaster.

During the outage this week our Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) was activated with staff manning stations to look after communications, welfare and much more. Even though the event wasn't one where a state of emergency was declared, everyone still came together to ensure we were all safe and kept informed.

In terms of readiness, we all have a part to play. We've all heard the words 'get ready get thru', but what does it actually mean?

Civil Defence emergency manager Ian Connon says the breadth of what is covered when something occurs is more in-depth than a lot of us realise.

"We have procedures for a lot of situations. We are prepared across many different scenarios and people's safety is paramount in these events," he says. "In a power

outage, one example could involve getting a generator to a person who requires power for medical reasons."

Most of us see getting ready as having a survival kit in case of emergencies, but it's so much more than that.

In most emergencies you should be able to stay in your home. Plan to be able to look after yourself and your household for at least three days or more. Assemble and maintain your emergency survival items for your home as well as a portable getaway kit in case you have to leave in a hurry. You should also have essential emergency items in your workplace and in your car.

We all need to continually educate ourselves and to have plans around contacting family members, looking after pets, what radio stations to listen to and much more.

The Get Ready Get Thru website has many great resources to prepare ourselves in the event of an emergency.

Are you ready?

» For more information, go to [getthru.govt.nz](http://getthru.govt.nz) to start or renew your journey in getting prepared for an emergency.

## ON THE ROAD AGAIN – AT TAUPŌ MUSEUM

The word collaboration is defined as meaning 'the action of working with someone to produce something'. This kind of partnership will be literally on display at Taupō Museum as they bring you their latest exhibition 'On the road again'.

Helmut Hirler and Sally Maguire of Artmosphere Gallery in Waipawa bring their unique photography and painting to Taupō alongside some new works by their friend and fellow artist Gary Waldron.

Helmut is an award-winning photographer who has spent a lot of time traversing New Zealand on his motorcycle, relishing being able to be under an open sky with a camera. His images are taken with an older camera on black and white film with the ability of only taking four shots per roll of film!

All of the artists have taken the opportunity to present many things you may see in a road trip across our beautiful country as well as within our Taupō District.

So if you've decided to remain here on a 'staycation' and you're not travelling too far this festive season, you can replace 'Are we there yet?' with a few more positive comments at Taupō Museum!



## » WHAT'S ON?

- Nov 23 BDO Lake Taupō Cycle Challenge – Criterium, Tongariro Street, Taupō
- Nov 24 BDO Lake Taupō Cycle Challenge, Taupō  
*For road closures go to: [taupo.govt.nz/roadclosures](http://taupo.govt.nz/roadclosures)*
- Nov 24 Run Red for Children, Two Mile Bay Reserve, Taupō
- From Nov 24 On the Road Again, Taupō Museum



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