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GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ  
Taupō District Council

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## SINGLE USE PLASTIC BAGS... REFUSE

The new initiative of no single use plastic bags has been popular across the district since coming into effect last year. For some residents who weren't getting close to filling a yellow rubbish bag, you could always use a couple of plastic bags tied together and put half a refuse sticker on it for pick-up.

For those who were using single use plastic bags, you still have an option! Any 30 litre bin liner is fine to use as an alternative for rubbish collection.

Stormwater and solid waste manager Brent Aitken said this is the alternative available to those residents who don't have a lot of waste. "A reasonable number of residents just don't produce enough waste for the larger 60 litre rubbish bags. They can use a smaller 30 litre alternative with a half sticker for collection."

Any other bags or larger options will be marked as not suitable for pick-up if they are not the 30 litre size if they carry half a sticker.

Other kerbside collection options, including wheelie bins, will be reviewed at the end of the current contract in 2021.

» There is no change to kerbside refuse and recycling on Waitangi Day. Please remember to have all rubbish and recycling at the roadside by 7.30am.



## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL LIBRARY PROGRAMME

It was a magic morning at Taupō Library as young readers and our team celebrated the end of another wonderful summer reading programme last Wednesday.

The programme helped over 120 children across the district keep on top of their reading over the holiday break, with programmes run across both Turangi and Taupō Libraries. The young bookworms spent time not just reading but also coming into the library to read to librarians when they 'checked in'.

Museum and library manager Luisa Haines said it is encouraging to see such large numbers in the programmes each school holidays. "We always have a large number of children sign up. We're at the point where we know we are always going to have enough readers - the challenge for us is finding fun and new activities for them to do! Our staff really enjoy these too, they go above and beyond to ensure the kids have a great experience."

The festivities concluded with magician Mike Lindsay putting on an amazing magic show, leaving everyone spellbound on the final day of the programme.

Many thanks to our friends at Taupō Paper Plus for donating some vouchers for the children.

## WAITANGI PARTY AT PUKAWA

This Saturday Pukawa Marae presents another Waitangi Tūwharetoa ki Pukawa festival.

This year the festival, as well as acknowledging New Zealand's national celebration, also offers activities throughout the day. These will include multi-cultured food stalls, waka ama, coastguard boat rides, games & spot prizes, live ta moko demonstrations, children's activities and top of the range live entertainment.

This year the entertainment is again looking fantastic with the ever popular Beatgirls, reggae exponents 1814 and all the way from Hamilton, The Brown Brothers will be on hand with their decks to warm up the crowd with some big tunes and great vibes across the course of the day.

So get along to and enjoy a day out with the whanau at the lakefront reserve at Pukawa. The day starts at 11am and finishes up at 4pm.

» If current weather is anything to go by remember to slip, slop, slap and wrap!

Presented BY PUKAWA MARAE

# Waitangi

Tūwharetoa ki Pukawa Festival

Sat. 2nd Feb 2019  
11am - 4pm

ALCOHOL, SMOKE & DRUG FREE  
FREE EVENT

Featuring  
THE BEATGIRLS | 1814 | THE BROWN BROTHERS  
WITH WAIATA FROM OUR PAKEKE O NGĀTI TUWHARETOA ROOPI  
LOCAL COUNTRY AND WESTERN ROOPI - FIVE-NINE

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY - WAKA AMA RIDES - FOOD STALLS (HEALTHY OPTIONS)  
KAUMATUA ACTIVITIES INCLUDING - FREE CUP OF TEA, CAKES - MIRI MIRI (MASSAGE)  
FOR THE TAMARIKI - BOUNCY CASTLES - BOAT RIDES - SWIMMING AND MORE

FREE SHUTTLE - FROM TURANGI, TAUPŌ, MANGAKINO AND TAUMARUNUI  
CONTACT DAVE ON davepotaka@gmail.com OR 021 023 67463

## SPRINKLER RESTRICTIONS WATER ALERT

Predictions of a long hot summer and increased water use has meant implementation of sprinkler restrictions are in place across the Taupō District.

The restriction is a precautionary measure to manage seasonal demand, which this year has been less than usual, so further restrictions have not been necessary.

- » USE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS ONLY BETWEEN:  
7am - 9am  
7pm - 9pm
- » HAND-HELD HOSING ANYTIME

## » WHAT'S ON

- Feb 1-3 Speedworks Motorsport NZ Championship: Denny Hulme Trophy, Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park
  - Feb 4 Waitangi Tuwharetoa ki Pukawa festival, Pukawa, Lakefront Reserve
  - Until Feb 25 Around the Mountains, Taupō Museum
- For more information visit [www.GreatLakeTaupo.com](http://www.GreatLakeTaupo.com)

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