



NEW MURAL FOR OTUMUHEKE

A new mural now welcomes visitors to the Otumuheke Stream bathing area after it was created this week by popular Taupō artist Gary Bennett. The mural adds to the recently completed Otumuheke Stream project in the Spa Thermal Park that saw the popular attraction upgraded with seating, a new bridge, a café area, a viewing platform and planting. The project was a collaborative effort by Tūwharetoa iwi, Patuiwi Trust, Waikato Regional Council, Taupō Police, and the Department of Conservation to upgrade the site to ensure it is preserved well into the future. Bennett has been painting murals here in Taupō for

ten years following a Council request on how best to deal with graffiti in our district. Gary answered the call, having been commissioned to paint some, including a pump shed on Lake Terrace and a popular cricket scene in the Kaimanawa Reserve on Rifle Range Road.

Landscape architect Fraser Scott was delighted with the new addition.

“Gary’s eye for creating interesting and unique images always adds something special to our projects. With this one, his native plant artwork helps blend the structure in with the surrounding landscape, helping us to finish this project on a real high.”

GOT TIME FOR A BRIEF RUN?



Ever had that dream where you turn up in a public place with no clothes on?

Next week you can make that dream a reality!

As part of the 35th Anniversary of IRONMAN New Zealand, a classic event is planned for here in Taupō... the IRONMAN New Zealand Undie Run!

For only a cheeky \$10, you can get out your best bloomers, boxers, briefs or fancy dress and run, walk or sprint your way down Lake Terrace.

All entry fees for the event are being donated to the Greenlea Rescue Helicopter Trust, which saves lives all over the Central North Island with its search and rescue service. This is obviously a great cause, and well worth getting your kit off for.

There will be spot prizes for the best ‘un-dressed’ and lots more, so come and join in a bit of fun!

» Kellogg’s Nutri-Grain IRONMAN New Zealand Undie Run
8am, Thursday 28 February 2019
North Domain – Taupo lakefront

THE SMALL PRINT

The rule book gets thrown out at Taupō Museum as ‘The Small Print’ has artists using any form of printmaking to make artwork an exhibition.

The idea was established by The Print Council Aotearoa New Zealand and is an ever evolving one, having been around for the past decade. It has always proved to be popular with locals and visitors alike and is an annual nationwide touring exhibition that showcases prints across the country.

Any method of printmaking is accepted, within certain paper size and weight criteria, some of which are for sale to viewers.

The Print Council Aotearoa New Zealand was established over 20 years ago. It is a member run, national, non-profit making organisation that promotes fine art printmaking.

The exhibition is on until April 1.

» For more information visit the team at Taupō Museum or go to www.printcouncil.nz

COMPOSTING WORKSHOPS CONTINUE

FREE

WORKSHOP DATES

Our free composting workshops are still running each month, with compost bins and worm farms being given away after each one.

We have partnered with Taupō Community Gardens in Taupō and Awhi Farm in Turangi with the aim to educate all those who attend on how to make composting work in your own backyard.

They are being held monthly until May at 1.30pm during the last Saturday or Sunday of each month. For information and to register, go to taupo.govt.nz/composting.



Turangi

- February 23
- March 30
- April 27
- May 25

Taupō

- February 24
- March 31
- April 28
- May 26

