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GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ
Taupō District Council

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SHARING THE LIONS WALK

There is nothing like a brisk walk or ride around our beautiful Lake Taupō, getting some exercise and breathing in the fresh air. More of us are doing just that, with the Lions Walk in particular getting a lot of bike and foot traffic. The summer months always see more people outdoors and the path can get pretty full at times, making it harder to negotiate two-way traffic. It's important to remember to share the space, so to help remind us, our parks and reserves team has organised for a graphic to be painted on the path to remind all pedestrians and cyclists alike to make room, slow down and share the space. Parks and reserves ranger Shannon Hanson (pictured above) has been out applying the first of the signs. "This is a friendly reminder to be courteous when passing one other on the path," she said. "We have a great number of people out there enjoying the area, and we want everyone to give each other plenty of room." The graphic shows both a walker and a cyclist sharing the path which is accessible to all, whether you choose to travel on wheels or by foot. Weather permitting, Shannon and the parks and reserves team will be out over the next few weeks with a stencil adding the graphic at key points along the path. Please take care if you see painting happening.

BUILDING CONSULTATION



It's almost time for us to all have our say on the best site for our civic administration building. Whether it's the Tūwharetoa Street site, Tongariro Domain, Lake Terrace or whether we should lease, we want you to tell us your preference. Council voted for the Tūwharetoa Street site as their preferred option earlier in the year, with provisions for extra in-berm car parking in the surrounding streets, as opposed to initial plans which included an underground parking option. A long-term leasing option was also discussed, and this and all of the other options are up for consideration. Things to consider for the new building are not limited to the site, with our Civil Defence capability and a possible museum upgrade all to be considered. When you make a submission you will be given the option on whether you want to present your view to Council in person at one of our public meetings. If you do we will book a time for you to attend one of our consultation events.

CONSULTATION EVENTS

Consultation is from Tuesday April 2 and closes Friday May 3.

- » **River Road, River Road Community Hall**
Thursday April 4, 10am-12pm
- » **Ata's Bar and Eatery, Mangakino**
Monday April 8, 11am-1pm
- » **Turangi Council Office, Turangi**
Tuesday April 9, 11.30am-1pm
- » **Great Lake Centre, Taupō**
Tuesday April 9, 5:30pm-7pm
- » **Tipsy Trout, Kinloch**
Thursday April 18, 11am-12.30pm

A consultation document is available online or you can collect one from any of our council offices. This outlines all of the options, including advantages and disadvantages and the possible financial impact for each site. Find out more at and submit your preference at taupo.govt.nz/consultation

BE CAREFUL ON OUR RURAL ROADS

It's that time of the year again when the sunshine seems to be declining and the cooler air hangs about a bit longer in the mornings. Despite autumn coming quicker than we would like, our rural community still has to get up to milk, move stock and in some cases, brave the cooler weather in the ute or on the farm bike on the road. Regardless of our street address, road safety is something we all need to be aware of, with icy roads and limited visibility just around the corner. You'll be aware of advertising on billboards and on the radio in ongoing efforts to keep us all safe on our roads with the message that our country roads simply aren't made the same way as a main road or motorway. Road safety coordinator Dianna Harrison said the message is as simple as being aware of this fact. "Country roads are in most cases are not as wide as main roads and present different dangers than what we experience in an urban environment. Stock trucks and slow moving tractors, deep roadside ditches and power poles close to the side of the road are all examples of possible dangers to road users," she said. Initiatives for those who live rurally are in the planning stages in an effort to grow this awareness and have some fun at the same time. Gala events, winter driving tips and much more are coming soon!

COUNTRY ROADS HAVE LOTS OF ROAD USERS, LIKE TANKERS, SLOW MOVING TRACTORS, STOCK, SCHOOL BUSES, CYCLISTS AND TOURISTS.

ADJUST YOUR SPEED FOR RURAL ROADS. GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ

For more information on road safety go to taupo.govt.nz/roadsafety or keep an eye on our Facebook page for upcoming events.

WHAT'S ON?

- Mar 30 2019 Great EV Road Trip, Colonel Roberts Reserve
 - Mar 30 Whakaipo Bay Community Planting Day, Whakaipo Bay Recreation Reserve
 - Mar 30-31 NZ Waterski Racing National Championships, Lake Maraetai, Mangakino
 - Until Apr 1 The Small Print, Taupō Museum
 - Until Apr 8 Progression, Taupō Museum
- For more information visit www.GreatLakeTaupo.com

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