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COMMUNITY NEWS WITH TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL 31 MAY 2019

GREENSTONE BRINGS AN IDOL (OR FIVE) TO TOWN

AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND sees five world class acts coming to Taupō as Greenstone Entertainment announces an exciting line-up for its 10th anniversary including the always popular Taupo Summer Concert!

Billy Idol, George Thorogood and the Destroyers, Anastacia, Creedence Clearwater Revisited and Smash Mouth will be turning up for a music extravaganza next year.

We are pleased to play host to these fantastic artists in the Taupō amphitheatre at Riverside Park again. No doubt concert-goers will be treated to some great classics spanning three decades of music in our beautiful Riverside Park.

It's not too early to remind ourselves to drink responsibly and look after each other and remember our liquor ban in the CBD is always in place. So if you're having 'one bourbon, one scotch and one beer' as sung by George Thorogood, we encourage all to have their sober driver or ride sorted beforehand.

This will no doubt be a great event for the Taupō District, so let's continue to look after the place we love and more importantly, each other!



George Thorogood

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER YOUR DOG

DOG REGISTRATION FORMS are being sent out next week so you will be able to register your pooch (or pooches) for the 2019-2020 year.

These registrations are due by July 1, so you have just under a month to get organised. For those of you who have signed up online to have your dog registration forms emailed to you, they should have already arrived in your inbox.

This year your dog will get to sport a bright yellow tag so we know at a glance they're registered for the year ahead.

We have a few changes around registrations this year, including changes to the special dog policy. It will now be known as the responsible owner policy, and the new criteria means it will be accessible to more dog owners – good news, we think!

The responsible owner policy means if you have no record of any roaming, impounding, infringements or other enforcement action, or any late registration payments within the last two years, you may qualify for a discount. We also have minor criteria specific to urban versus rural applications.

If you want to find out about the responsible owner policy, visit taupo.govt.nz/dogs, or read the informative newsletter that will arrive with your registration forms next week. You can also grab a newsletter from our customer service centres in Turangi, Mangakino and Taupō.

There are lots of ways to pay for your dog registration – online, through internet banking, in person at a council office or by cheque through the post. If you have any questions, contact our friendly customer service team on 07 376 0899 and they can point you in the right direction.



NORTHERN CORRIDOR WORK MOVES TOWARD TAUPŌ TOWN CENTRE



Work has started on the intersection of Norman Smith Street and Wairakei Drive as part of the project to improve the northern entrance into town.

The first two stages of the five stage project are largely complete, with some road markings and sealing still to be carried out at the intersections of Poihipi Road and Wairakei Drive and Huka Falls Road and Wairakei Drive when weather allows.

Other stages include traffic calming measures, the widening of the shared path on Control Gates Hill which is currently underway, and safety improvements and the installation of traffic signals at Norman Smith Street.

Work on Norman Smith Street will begin with island modification this week but will largely be carried out overnight to ensure efficiency and safety for our contractors Higgins, pedestrians and motorists. There is likely to be minor disruptions to motorists during this work as the speed limit is reduced to 30kmh and traffic management measures in place.

The passing lane that previously ran up Control Gates Hill is currently partially closed at the northern end, and will be fully closed from Tuesday. The road is a 50kmh zone and all traffic will be travelling at a similar speed with the new limit. For particularly slow vehicles, there will still be a pull over area and shoulder to use once the project is finished at the end of August, weather permitting.

» WHAT'S ON?

- Until Jun 1 Matariki Hunga Nui, Taupō Museum
- May 31-Jun 2 Aotearoa Poitarawhiti a Iwi National Netball Championships, Taupō Events Centre
- May 31-Jun 2 Taupō Art Connection Queens Birthday Art Trail, Taupō
- Jun 1 Blue Light Taupō Drive-in Movie, Taupō
- Jun 1-2 Golden Gloves National Boxing Championship, Great Lake Centre
- Jun 1-2 New Zealand Maori rugby League Rangatahi Tournament, Owen Delany Park
- Jun 2-4 Big 3 Annual Pig Hunting Competition, Mangakino

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