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COMMUNITY NEWS WITH TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL 21 JUNE 2019

WHERE WOULD WE BE WITHOUT OUR LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS?

IT IS SAID 'many hands make light work', and this is certainly the case at Taupō Library. This week is National Volunteer Week, and the library here in Taupō is celebrating the many people who help out at the library.

One such example of this is David and Lauren Lehdorf, who deliver nine boxes of books each month to nine different housebound people who live in the Monte Vista, St Johns Wood and Liston Heights rest homes. At times there have been as many as twelve boxes for their delivery route.

Annette Campbell, Barbara West and Marie Barnes deliver boxes of books to housebound people to those who still live in their own homes. Marie has recently taken on even more due to another fantastic volunteer currently being unwell.

In addition to outbound services the team are also fortunate enough to have extra pairs of hands in the library itself. Dawn Eskelsen comes in each Tuesday to help with the shelving of books, freeing up staff to do other things. Likewise, Richard Rusk gives up his time to come in most Tuesdays and Wednesdays to mend damaged books and process new books among other things, as well as checking the radios at Civil Defence each Wednesday before coming in.

Helene Everest and Jan Leverell also come in once or twice a week to cancel any items that are being removed from the collection and keep the for-sale shelves filled.

If you have ever brought a young bookworm into the



library, you may well know or recognise retired teacher Pamela Lord, who visits the library each Wednesday to help with toddler time.

Last but not least, there is Tanya Walley, a 16-year-old school student who has volunteered for the last couple of years, making up the recommended book lists for teens and helps to shelve and unpack new books when they arrive.

As you can see, Taupō Library has a great deal of volunteer help and wouldn't be able to function without it!

Many thanks to all of these volunteers, for popping in and serving our community. We really appreciate you!

Above: Volunteer Dawn Eskelsen shelving books at the library this week.

WHANGAMATA ROAD IMPROVEMENTS UNDERWAY

OUR CONTRACTORS will be working on sections of Whangamata Road from Monday to improve drainage until more safety measures can be undertaken later this year.

Our infrastructure manager Denis Lewis said the road currently had a shoulder that was higher than the sealed road which prevented adequate drainage during heavy rain, so this was being modified in the worst affected areas.

The work was being done in response to requests from the wider Kinloch community with residents concerned with the condition of some parts of the road.

The speed limit in affected areas would be reduced to 80kmh temporarily for safety reasons.

Mr Lewis said further work would be needed on the road in the future as this preliminary work was a temporary but necessary fix, and discussions with the Kinloch Representative Group around this were beginning shortly.



NORTHERN CORRIDOR: IMPROVEMENTS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

It's all go at the intersection of Norman Smith Street and Wairakei Drive, with road sealing due to start within the next few days.

The work, which is part of a five-phase project to improve safety in the northern entrance into Taupō town, is running ahead of schedule and is now expected to be completed in July.

Our contractors Higgins have spent the last week building islands and undertaking preparation work for the asphalt to be laid next week. Late next week they hope to start adjusting road markings to suit the new layout, weather permitting.

Further south, Higgins have formed and started preparing a safer entry for Pois Road, the Waikato River access road. The shared path that runs up Control Gates Hill is expected to be finished early next week.

» WHAT'S ON?

- Until Jul 1 Matariki Hunga Nui, Taupō Museum
- Jun 22 The Possum Night Run, Taupō
- Jun 25 Doctor Tom's free talk, Great Lake Centre
- Jun 26 Doctor Tom's Walk the Talk, Huka Falls walkway
- Jun 27 Great Lake Taupo Business Awards finalist announcement, Great Lake Centre

For more information visit www.lovetaupo.com

KYND WELLNESS 'WALK AND TALK'

WHEN THE WORD wellness springs to mind, it can conjure up more than one kind of wellness, with both physical health and mental health being important when looking at our overall wellbeing.

If you are interested in measuring, monitoring, and motivating the growth of your wellbeing, Doctor Tom Mulholland will be in Taupō to provide some tools to help us all increase our health in both of these areas – the overall body as well as a 'check-up from the neck up'.

Doctor Mulholland is a former emergency department surgeon and spends his time travelling Aotearoa in his retro Chevy ambulance consulting with communities about their overall health and wellness.

He has an app available also – KYND Wellness, that individuals can use to get an indication on where things are at inside and out, and where any possible improvements could be made. This includes recording measurements on things such as blood pressure and cholesterol for the body and mindfulness and anxiety for the mind.

He is holding a talk and a 'walk and talk' for all those interested in the Taupō District this week.

DR TOM'S WALK THE TALK WELLNESS TOUR
WITH PGG Wrightson

FREE 90-MINUTE TALK
Great Lake Centre
Tuesday, June 25, 7pm

FREE HOUR WALK AND TALK
Huka Falls walkway
Wednesday, June 26, 7am

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