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COMMUNITY NEWS WITH TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL 28 JUNE 2019



EVER THOUGHT ABOUT **SERVING** YOUR COMMUNITY AT COUNCIL?

BUDDING LOCAL BODY politicians can find out more about standing for Taupō District Council or Waikato Regional Council at a series of information sessions next week.

The sessions provide information to prospective candidates around the nomination process, campaigning, time commitments and legislation that is applicable during the election itself. Those intending on running can learn what they could expect if they are successful at the election and serve our community on a council.

The Taupō District Council election will be for the mayor and 11 councillors, including one from the newly established Taupō East Rural ward, seven from the Taupō ward, two from Turangi/Tongariro and one from Mangakino. There will also be an election for the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board which will include four members from Turangi town and two members from the remaining area the ward covers.

Nominations open Friday, July 19 for the local elections in October.

- ### INFORMATION SESSIONS
- July 1 Presentation**
 Council chamber, 107 Heuheu Street, Taupō
 7pm-8.30pm
 - July 2 Drop-in session**
 Taupō customer service centre, 46 Horomatangi Street, Taupō
 9.30am-10.30am.
 - July 2 Presentation**
 Mangakino service centre, Mangakino
 1pm-2.30pm
 - July 2 Drop-in session**
 Turangi service centre, Turangi
 4.30pm-5.30pm
 - July 2 Presentation**
 Turangi service centre, Turangi
 7pm-8.30pm

SWIM CHALLENGE COMING TO AC BATHS

ALL AVID SWIMMERS in both Turangi and now Taupō are invited to clock up a few kilometres at the pool and enter the Margaret Sweeney Challenge.

The challenge is named in honour of Margaret Sweeney, who represented New Zealand in breaststroke the 1950 British Empire Games and who was the first person to swim the length of Lake Taupō.

Entrants in the Margaret Sweeney Challenge must swim 25 or 50 kilometres over a three-month period, with those who finish the former distance receiving a certificate and those doing the 50km distance being awarded a medal. Entry to the Challenge is free, and participants choose how much and how often they want to swim.

Business and operations manager Scott Attenborough said it was great the Challenge would also be held in Taupō.

“We’re really excited to have the Challenge coming to the AC Baths. People often think of our district’s pools as a summer thing, but with our thermal heating they really come into their own in winter. And this is great for everyone – you don’t have to be a competitive swimmer or super fit, you can just do it at your own pace. You can also nominate a friend to take up the challenge and work on it together.”

The Margaret Sweeney Challenge begins in Turangi and Taupō on July 1, and entrants can sign up at any time by visiting the reception desk at either pool.

PLASTIC FREE JULY NEARS

As we head into the middle of the year, we are again working hard to look after the place we love by holding events during Plastic Free July.

There is something for everyone if you want to educate yourself and others by attending a workshop or by making something, such as a reusable ‘boomerang bag’.

Events are being held across the Taupō district, so whether you’re in Mangakino, Turangi or Taupō, you can be part of the months’ festivities without travelling too far.

For more information, keep an eye out on social media or go to taupo.govt.nz/plasticfreejuly.



IT’S NEARLY TIME TO REGISTER YOUR DOG FOR THE YEAR

DOG REGISTRATIONS WILL have arrived in your mailbox, or your inbox if you’re signed up to receive them online.

Signing up online is easy and it’s a great way to help us save paper – and for you to avoid queues! All you have to do is go to dogs online and set up an account, and once you’re done you can register, pay and manage all your details online.

To set up your account, you will need your customer number and dog owner number. If you don’t have these, give us a call and we can provide you with the details you’ll need. Otherwise, they should be on your most recent dog registration form.

Remember, dogs need to be registered by July 1 and please make sure we have your correct address details as these are sent to you in the post.

All dogs over three months of age need to be registered for the 2018/19 year as soon as they reach this age.



Update NORTHERN CORRIDOR: IMPROVEMENTS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

Colder overnight temperatures have seen our contractors doing some work during the day.

There will be seal laying, line-marking and a cycle lane created over the next week or so between 9am and 3pm around the intersection of Wairakei Drive and Norman Smith Street.

Our contractors will try to manage any congestion issues as best they can as they arise.

The project is on target for the new intersection layout and traffic lights to become operational in early July.

» WHAT'S ON?

- Jun 29 BANFF Mountain Film Festival, Great Lake Centre
- Jun 30 Greening Taupō and Contact Energy community planting day, Taupō
- Jun 30 A Gift of Music, Great Lake Centre
- Until Jul 1 Matariki Hunga Nui, Taupō Museum
- Jul 4 Late Night at the Museum, Taupō Museum

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