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COMMUNITY NEWS WITH TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL 20 DECEMBER 2019

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GREAT LAKE WALKWAY UPGRADE GETS UNDERWAY NEXT MONTH

CONSTRUCTION ON THE Great Lake Walkway upgrade will begin in January 2020, following detailed design, tender and consultation processes with hapū and affected landowners.

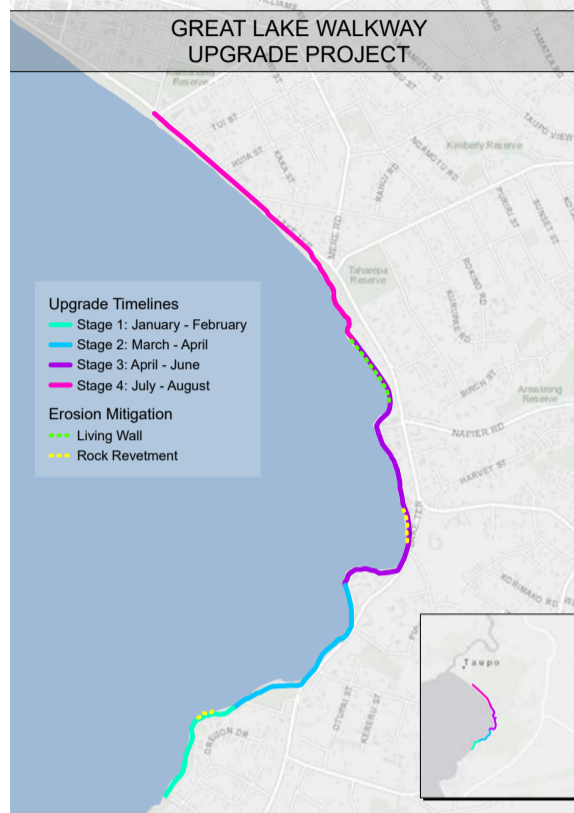
The upgraded section will be from the water treatment plant on Lake Terrace, opposite Rifle Range Road, to Kowhai Road at Rainbow Point with work to be completed in stages along the walkway.

The final costs of the project are \$4,160,000 and cover widening and improving the walkway surface, addressing safety concerns, important erosion control work, and improved design that will reflect the values of local hapū.

The upgrade will provide significant long-term benefits for the community, our visitors, our lakefront environment and our economy said chief executive Gareth Green.

"The widening of the path and erosion control works will create a more user-friendly experience for visitors and locals, accommodate an increase and changing use of our lakefront and enhance the cultural importance of this outstanding natural area.

"From next year's IRONMAN world championships event alone, which relies on an upgraded path to accommodate the number of participants competing, we will see \$19.5 million brought into our district," he said.



We will be working to minimise disruption for users of the walkway, with alternative routes included where possible. Please note, access to Rainbow Point Beach and Reserve will be restricted for four weeks in February while the first phase of work is completed there.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



On behalf of Taupō District Council staff and councillors I'd like to wish everyone the very best for the summer holiday season. As always, the summer is shaping up beautifully here and I hope and trust that you will all have the chance to enjoy it with friends and family.

There is so much going on throughout the district, from Christmas events to sporting events

and the summer concert, as well as our busy town centres with great shopping. There really is something for everyone in the Taupō District, so make sure you get out and about this summer and be a part of it.

Wherever and however you choose to celebrate this summer, make sure that you do it responsibly and that you look after yourselves and those around you. Take care on our roads and out on the water, so that we can all be sure that we get home safe and sound and see and enjoy 2020 in our little piece of paradise.

Mayor David Trewavas

FURTHER SAFETY MEASURES AT INTERSECTION

Further safety measures have been introduced at the new Arrowsmith / Kiddle / Napier Road intersection, following a post construction audit to see how the changes were working.

Last month, the intersection layout changed priority, giving traffic travelling on Kiddle Drive and Arrowsmith Avenue the right of way, with vehicles on Napier Road required to stop.

The previous layout was named one of New Zealand Transport Agency's top 10 crash sites in 2009 with the new design created in consultation with traffic specialists to ensure safety was the number one priority.

Head of operations Kevin Strongman said the council had listened to community feedback since the new layout was introduced.

Additional 'stop ahead' markings on both approaches will be installed by January along with threshold markings (red surfacing with 50 speed-limit painted on the road).

EVERY DROP COUNTS

As the district fills up with visitors and temperatures rise, demand for water increases dramatically.

Last year, we saw an increase in demand of 50 per cent across the district in January and we are expecting a similar increase this year, so we are asking residents to act now to reduce demand.

Please only water your garden and lawn every second day (using the odds and evens system based on your street address). This applies to fixed sprinklers only. Hand held hoses can be used at any time.

NEW YEAR'S DAY LITTER PICK-UP

We all love living and visiting our district so why not take the opportunity on New Year's Day to get together with friends and continue to look after the place we love?

A litter pick-up event is organised for January 1 between 8am and 10am at the Lakefront Reserve (opposite Taupō Mini Golf). You are welcome to show up at anytime through until 10am and stay for as little or as long as you want.

Everything is provided (although gumboots may be a good idea for areas where water level is high).

Come along, keep our lakefront looking great and treat yourself at the end with pancakes fresh off the griddle!

TAUPŌ SAFE TRADE ZONE

Taupō District Council and Taupō Police are pleased to announce the creation of a safe trade zone in Taupō. It is believed to be the first of its kind in New Zealand.

The trade zone, located in the west car park of AC Baths, is an area where parties can meet to exchange goods purchased off internet platforms such as Facebook, Trade Me and other online buy, sell, and swap sites. The zone is clearly marked with green paint and is covered by CCTV for added security.

Taupō Mayor David Trewavas said council welcomed the initiative and was fully supportive of the safe trade zone. "With more and more people using online market places to buy and sell use items, this is a great way for our community to stay safe and avoid scams. We believe this is a first for New Zealand, but I'm sure other locations will be following this lead," he said.



Taupō Mayor David Trewavas, left, and Senior Sergeant Jason Henderson with the green markings designating the new safe trade zone.

KEEP THE FOLLOWING SAFETY TIPS IN MIND WHEN CONDUCTING TRANSACTIONS

- » Do not go to a transaction alone.
- » Make sure a friend or family member is aware of the transaction details.
- » Insist on meeting in the Taupō safe trade zone.
- » Don't go into someone else's house, and don't allow them into yours.
- » Complete the transaction during daylight hours.
- » Be extra cautious when buying or selling valuable items such as vehicles and jewellery.
- » Only use cash to complete your transactions and never deposit money into a person's account.
- » Trust your instincts, if it sounds like a scam, it probably is.
- » If somebody is not willing to come to the safe trade zone it is probably not a legitimate transaction.

NEW MARKET COMES TO NORTHCROFT DOMAIN

Head along to Northcroft Domain on Sunday January 5, 2020 from 9am to 1pm to experience an exciting new community market.

With the current lease on the Riverside Park site expiring on December 31, expressions of interest were sought from people interested in running a market, with all considered alongside a number of criteria.

It is a fantastic spot, directly across from our beautiful lake, and I'm really looking forward to what this location will offer said new market operator Karen Cederwall.

"We're planning some exciting things for the Domain, including the option of a twilight market. We're also looking at community-based projects including regular classes for art, cooking and yoga.

"At the moment though, I'm focused on gearing up for January and I'm so looking forward to seeing you all there," she said.

Christmas edition



GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ
Taupō District Council

TUESDAY 31 12 19

THE GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ

BIG BANG

New Year's Eve

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

COME JOIN US ON THE LAKEFRONT TO WELCOME IN 2020 IN STYLE!

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CUSTOMER SERVICE HOURS

Our customer service centres will be open the following hours over the holiday season:

Monday December 23	8am-5pm
Tuesday December 24	8am-3pm
Christmas Day	CLOSED
Boxing Day	CLOSED
Friday December 27	10am-2pm
Monday December 30	9am-3pm
Tuesday December 31	9am-3pm
Wednesday January 1	CLOSED
Thursday January 2	CLOSED
Friday January 3	10am-2pm
Monday January 6 - onwards	Return to normal hours

CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE
46 Horomatangi Street, Taupō

FOR ANY OTHER INFORMATION
Phone: 0800 ASK TDC
Email: info@taupo.govt.nz
Website: taupo.govt.nz

» DOG EXERCISE AREAS



Dogs may be exercised off-leash in the following public places provided they are kept under control:

Control Gates Reserve, Spa Thermal Park (excluding children's play equipment), Kimberley Reserve, Tamatea Water Reserve, Titoki Water Reserve, Hawaii Street Reserve, Secombe Park, Besley Park.

From December 1 to March 31 between 9am and 7pm, dogs are prohibited from:

The Lakefront Reserve, Two Mile Bay Reserve and beach area, part of the beach area from Mapou Road to Kowhai Road, Wharewaka Reserve and beach area from below Kohatu Parade to Wharewaka Point and the beach. This excludes walkways where dogs are allowed on lead.

For more information, head to taupo.govt.nz/dogs.

» LIQUOR BAN

Over the New Year period from 12 noon December 27 until 7am January 4 there is a 24-hour alcohol ban which covers Taupō town centre, all lakefront reserve areas and Hipapatua Reserve (Reid's Farm).

A permanent alcohol ban also applies to Otumuheke Stream bathing area in Spa Park 24 hours a day, every day.

Please head to taupo.govt.nz/liquorban for more information and maps in your area.

» WHAT'S ON?

Dec 22	Drift Antics Xmas Bash, Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park
Dec 30	Interislander Summer Festival Taupō races, Taupō Racecourse
Dec 31 – Jan 1	Big Bang – New Year's Eve, Taupō lakefront
Jan 11	Waikato River Trails Summer Sizzler, Mangakino
Jan 11 – 12	2020 Epic Swim, Lake Taupō
Until Feb 17	Ko Taupō Te Moana exhibition, Taupō Museum

For more information visit www.lovetaupo.com

WHAT YOU FLUSH HAS A BIG IMPACT

On average, we remove 150 tonnes of waste from our sewer pipes across our district every year. That's the equivalent of one bus every month.

We should flush only human waste (poos and wees) and toilet paper. Everything else is 'unflushable' including wet wipes and cooking fats and oils.

By being careful about what is flushed, you can help reduce blockages and overflows that end up in our beautiful lake.

Thanks for helping us to look after the place we love. For more information head to taupo.govt.nz/unflushables

RECYCLING DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIOD

Please be aware of changes to rubbish and recycling collection days on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Monday December 23	Normal collection
Tuesday December 24	Normal collection
Christmas Day	Collection one day later
Boxing Day	Collection one day later
Friday December 27	Normal collection
Monday December 30	Normal collection
Tuesday December 31	Normal collection
Wednesday January 1	Normal collection
Thursday January 2	Normal collection

BROADLANDS ROAD LANDFILL AND REFUSE TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Monday to Friday – 8am to 5.30pm.
Weekends and public holidays 8am to 6pm.
All refuse transfer stations will be closed on Christmas Day.



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