

THANK YOU IRONMAN!

THANK YOU TO everyone who came out in force for last weekend's IRONMAN New Zealand events. From the athletes to the volunteers to the supporters across our district, it was great to see everyone out there enjoying it so much.

A big thank you also to all those athletes who voted the Taupō District's Nutri-Grain IRONMAN New Zealand the best IRONMAN in the world – out of 40 events across the globe!

"We love showcasing our district to the world - this event is one of our highlights every year so it's great to hear that it's also a highlight of those visiting," Mayor David Trewavas said.

We're looking forward to welcoming everyone back here for the IRONMAN 70.3 World Championships later in the year too - see you then!



GROUND ASSESSMENT GETS UNDERWAY FOR NEW CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

GEOTECHNICAL ASSESSMENT OF the ground beneath the site of the proposed Civic Administration Building is about to get underway.

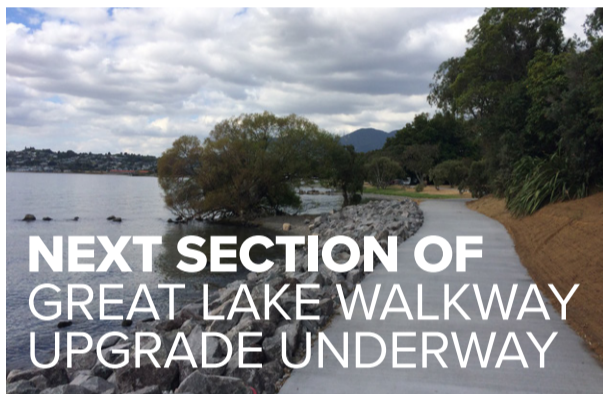
As a result, the car park at the eastern end of Tūwharetoa Street (between Farmers and Central Motor Group) will be fenced off from Sunday 14 March through to Friday 20 March, so that drilling and earthworks can take place.

Project manager Phil King said the assessment is needed before detailed design work on the new building can begin.

"With drilling and earthworks taking place, there will be no access to the area during this time.

"However, we have recently added 80 in-berm carparks on Tūwharetoa, Titirapenga and Roberts streets which can be used while this area is closed," he said.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause during this time.



NEXT SECTION OF GREAT LAKE WALKWAY UPGRADE UNDERWAY

WE'RE PROGRESSING WELL along the Great Lake Walkway – with both Rainbow Point / Two Mile Bay and Kaiwaka Point now complete.

We have now closed the next section on the waterfront from Hot Water Beach (opposite Taharepa Reserve) to the bay opposite Mobil.

It is expected to be closed through until Monday 27 April, with work including with an alternate route for path users.

Landscape architect Fraser Scott said he was impressed with the progress to date.

"I'd like to particularly thank those residents on the lakefront who have been affected by the work to date – your patience and understanding is very much appreciated.

"Anyone wishing to see what the new path will look like can now head to Rainbow Point / Two Mile Bay or Kaiwaka Point, where the new section of path is now open," he said.

REVISED WATER RESTRICTIONS NOW IN PLACE

WATER RESTRICTIONS KINLOCH

LEVEL 1
Sprinklers on alternate days only

Hand-held hosing anytime



WATER RESTRICTIONS REST OF AREA

RESTRICTIONS LIFTED



WHAT'S ON?

- Mar 13 Discovering and Understanding DNA
Taupō Library
- Mar 14-15 Taupō Wellbeing Market 2020,
Great Lake Centre
- Mar 14-15 The Visionary Art of Elizabeth Grainger Kyle,
Great Lake Centre
- Until Mar 30 Beyond the Surface exhibition, Taupō Museum
- Until Apr 6 Looking Good exhibition, Taupō Museum

For more information visit www.lovetaupo.com



ROTARY DONATE LEGO TO LIBRARY

LEGO IS ON the menu at the Taupō Library after a generous donation of blocks from Taupō Rotary along with a further \$1000 to purchase more!

As a widely accepted learning tool, Rotary were keen to see more lego-based activities at the library – particularly as part of the children's holiday programmes.

"It can help with reading, literacy and teamwork and is a really great way to implement more fun activities where children can not only work together but also demonstrate their creative talent," said Library Manger Luisa Haines. "We'd like to say a huge thank you to Taupō Rotary for their generous donation – it will help us to create a great learning environment. We are really looking forward to sharing this with visitors to the library," she said.



NIGHT CLOSURES COMING UP FOR SH1 DESERT ROAD

NZTA HAS ADVISED that State Highway 1 Desert Road will be closed for five nights from 15 March for resurfacing work in the Three Sisters area.

While work is taking place, traffic heading between Waiouru and Turangi will be diverted around the western side of Tongariro National Park from 6pm to 5am.

The narrow width of the Desert Road in the Three Sisters area means that it needs to be closed for the resurfacing equipment and staff to be able to operate safely.

More information head to nzta.govt.nz/media-releases/sh1-desert-rd-night-closure-next-week/.

