

COVID-19 AND OUR COMMUNITY

IT'S IMPORTANT TO follow the Ministry of Health guidelines for COVID-19, a new flu-like illness that can affect your lungs and airways and can spread from person to person.

The simple message is - if you feel unwell, please stay at home and avoid coming into our service centres or public facilities. We're also asking our community to contact us by phone or email instead of in person, wherever possible.

Prevention – how to protect yourself and others

- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or by covering your mouth and nose with tissues.
- Put used tissues in the bin or a bag immediately.
- Wash your hands with soap and water often (for at least 20 seconds).
- Try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell.
- Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.
- Avoid personal contact, such as kissing, sharing cups or food with sick people.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects, such as doorknobs.
- Stay home if you feel unwell.
- Call Healthline on 0800 358 5453 if you have any symptoms and have been to any countries or territories of concern or have been in close contact with someone confirmed with COVID-19.

For more information and the latest health advice please head to: covid19.govt.nz.

Protect yourself and others against COVID-19

Cover your coughs or sneezes with tissues or your elbow

Put your used tissue in the rubbish bin or in a plastic bag

Wash and dry your hands often, especially after coughing or sneezing – use soap or hand sanitiser

Stay away from others if you're unwell

health.govt.nz/COVID-19
Protect your family/whānau from COVID-19 (coronavirus)

COVID-19 HEALTH ADVICE
0800 358 5453



NEW HOOP FOR BRICE STREET RESERVE

A NEW 3 on 3 basketball court has been installed at the Brice Street reserve.

Budding Olympic 3 on 3, NBA and WNBA players can now work on their craft in this new location, following its completion earlier this month.

The new court complements the play equipment and tree planting that have been added to the reserve over the years.

The project has provided a great space for all ages to play and was opened with plenty of local basketballers and Taupo-nui-a-Tia students braving the rain to have a shoot off.

CANCELLATION OF EVENTS

FOLLOWING THE GOVERNMENT'S directive for a cap of 500 people to be placed on mass gatherings and events, a number of events planned in the Taupō District have been cancelled. This includes Iron Maori which was planned for Saturday, EasterFest, Market Central on Sunday, Home and Garden Show, Children's Day (Teddy Bear Picnic), Chiefs Under 20s v Hurricanes Under 20s, China Lions v South China Tigers, Mitre 10 Family Fun Day, Anzac Breakfast, NZMRL League, NZSS Ultimate Frisbee, Global Rapid Rugby and some theatre shows booked at the Great Lake Centre.

"We will be keeping a watching brief on developments in the

events space and our team will be working with event organisers on a case-by-case basis," said Chief Executive Gareth Green.

We have also made the decision to cancel today's 'play and have your say' engagement session at the Tongariro playground. This is a precautionary approach to protect the health of our community.

Community feedback on the playground development is important to us, and we will be looking at other ways we can facilitate this.

Thank you for your understanding.

For more information you can go to: taupo.govt.nz/COVID-19.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM EVENTS

Until further notice the following library and museum events are cancelled:

TAUPŌ LIBRARY

- Wednesday Toddler Time Sessions
- Friday Rhyme Time Sessions
- Thursday Genealogy Assistance Sessions.
- Thursday JP service
- Thursday Senior Computer Assistance
- School holiday programme

TURANGI LIBRARY

- Wednesday Toddler Time
- Tuesday Tiny Toes
- Thursday JP service
- Wednesday Genealogy service

- Book group
- School holiday programme
- All school visits
- All exhibition opening events
- All artist talks/workshops
- School holiday programme

We have also put our library housebound service on hold and are not currently taking any meeting room bookings. Thank you for your understanding as we look to protect the health of our community.

MEETING CANCELLATIONS

The following council meetings have been cancelled this month:

Friday 20 March 2020 – Taupō East Rural Representative Group meeting

Tuesday 24 March 2020 Council Chambers – All public workshops and presentations

Thursday 26 March 2020 – Kinloch Representative Group public forum and meeting

Tuesday 31 March 2020 – All presentations and public forum.

NEW RETAINING WALLS FOR WILY TERRACE AND ACACIA BAY ROAD

WORK WILL GET underway this month on five new retaining walls on Wily Terrace and Acacia Bay Road.

Camex Civil engineering has been contracted to undertake the work which will stabilise the roadways, footpaths and the adjacent slopes.

We will be maintaining access for residents during the work. For other motorists, please be aware that there may be some delays with road closures and single lanes. We will be confirming the schedule of this next week.

The work has a budget of \$1m and will get underway this week, with an expected completion date of 30 June.



UPGRADE FOR MIRO STREET

FROM MONDAY 30 March, we will begin major works to upgrade the road surface of Miro Street.

Heavy traffic volumes and the age of the existing road has meant that the most economic and long-term solution is to substantially upgrade the surface below the road.

At the same time, we will be repairing sections of kerbing and channelling as well as making changes to the Matai Street intersection, to help reduce the effects of heavy vehicles.

The first section of road to be upgraded will be between 31 to 86 Miro Street, which will involve one lane with a stop/go signal at times.

The work is expected to be complete by Friday, 22 May, weather dependent.

