COMMUNITY NEWS WITH TAUPO DISTRICT COUNCIL 20 AUGUST 2020





Camex in action: a completed section of the Great Lake Pathway

## **CAMEX TO EMBARK** ON MORE PROJECTS IN TAUPO DISTRICT

THE CAMEX CIVIL team are no stranger to Taupō with a team working across various projects in the Taupō District.

Experts in large scale earthworks, civil siteworks, three-waters infrastructure, process plant upgrades and much more, Camex are working on many projects including the Great Lake Pathway project, retaining walls in Acacia Bay and are now starting the redevelopment of the Ruapehuand Tūwharetoa Street intersections, as part of the Taupō Town Centre Transformation Project.

The team employ 16 staff locally, with the possibility of more to come given the number of projects happening across the district.

General Manager Jason Brewer is delighted to partner with council.

"We're excited about the plans for the Taupō District and being a part of this thriving community, he said.

"Council has been great to work with and our local team are enjoying the various works we've been involved in.'



WHAT'S OUR FUTURE, Taupō District? That's the question we're asking you to think about, and provide feedback on, to help inform the development of the Draft Long-term Plan 2021-2031.

The Long-term Plan is a key planning tool for council which outlines all the activities and community outcomes we aim to achieve over a 10-year period, why we are doing them, and the budget we need to achieve it.

Taupō District Mayor David Trewavas said ensuring the plan is developed in collaboration with the community is imperative.

"We are putting the question to the community – what do you want to see for our district over the next 10 years? It could cover what you want to see for your neighbourhood or for the wider district as a whole," he said.

"It may be a small or big idea, it may be something that can be done next year, or it may take a lot longer to achieve, but the idea of this pre-consultation phase is to gather as many

ideas as possible.

"You may have ideas for how we can better utilise certain areas across the district; how we can protect and enhance our environment; how we continue to grow our economy; what infrastructure you'd like to see; and how you envision our district working in the next 10 years and beyond.

"What we really want the community to think about is - what is it you want to see for you, for your family and friends, and for future generations as part of the Taupō District?"

Feedback is being sought until 5pm, Sunday, September 6 2020 and will help inform the direction and development of the Draft Long-term Plan 2021-2031.

"Once the Draft Long-term Plan is finalised, we will then come back to the community to ask for further feedback on the Plan. That will take place in early 2021," Mayor Trewavas said.

For more information and to provide your feedback, please head to taupo.govt.nz/LTP.

## **POSITIVE SIGNS** FROM PAYMARI EFTPOS GIANT PAYMARK have reported positive June 2020

retail spend data across the Taupō District

Total spend reached \$59.5M, a 12.3 per cent increase on the same month last year.

Turangi returned a strong result too, making gains over last year, with \$4.7M total spend, which equates to 8.2 per cent more than June 2019. Interestingly this was from 116,408 transactions across the month, only marginally ahead of 2019.

Spend across the entire district is 2.3 per cent behind on last year to date.

## **WATER RENEWALS** PROGRAMME GETS UNDERWAY

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WITH NEW WATER mains installed on Miro Street, Caroline Drive and in Bonshaw Park, the ongoing infrastructure renewals programme has now shifted to Taharepa, Tauhara, and Rifle Range Roads.

Infrastructure manager Denis Lewis said the renewals are needed to replace some ageing pipes and make the system more resilient.

"We're replacing the older concrete pipes with a much more modern material that has an increased lifespan. They are also more able to stand up to the heat we have in the ground here in the Taupō District," he said.

"Over the coming months our contractor will be drilling out new passageways for the new pipes, inserting those pipes and then making new connections. We'll also be replacing all the valves and hydrants as we go."

Once the work on Tauhara and Rifle Range Roads is complete the renewals will continue along Taharepa Road towards the lake.



The first rates instalment for the 2020/21 year are due today, **Thursday 20 August.** 

Please head to taupo.govt.nz/rates to find out more.

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