



GRAFFIATO TO BE CELEBRATED

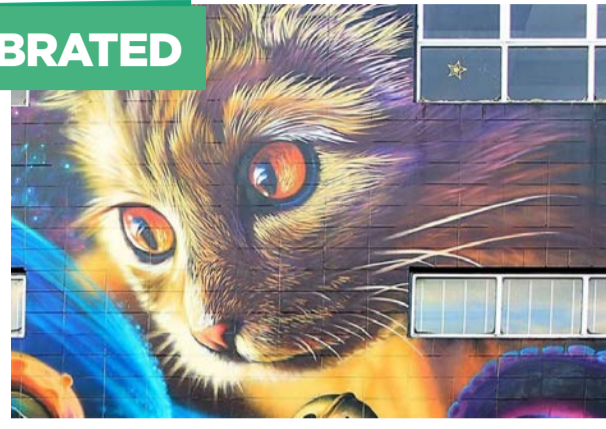
AT TAUPŌ MUSEUM

MURALS HAVE PRIDE of place in our town centre here in Taupō, with street artwork displayed on dozens of back alleys and buildings.

Each year we add to and celebrate these works through the Graffiato festival, as artists from all over the country create new street art to add to the mix. An incredible 120 murals have been painted to date, and this year we are celebrating a decade of Graffiato festivals with an exhibition at Taupō Museum.

Graffiato – 10 Years of Street Art, will run in the main gallery at from September 26 – November 2, exploring the origins of the event, developments within the world of street art and the artists who have contributed works.

Exhibitions officer Kerence Stephen said she was delighted to partner with the Town Centre Taupō and



Graffiato teams to recognise the decade of artwork. "The Graffiato event is a unique and a fun part of our Taupō landscape and the museum is excited to host this exhibition in our galleries," she said.

Artists exhibiting include; D-Side, Gwil Yelz, Erin Forsyth, City, Component, Enforce 1, Swift Mantis, Toby Jenkins, Benjamin Work, Margarita Vovna, Freak, Flox, Beck Wheeler and TrustMe.

MAPARA ROAD FOOTPATH UPDATE



WITH JUST 50M of new concrete footpath and kerbing remaining to be poured, the Mapara Road footpath is just weeks away from completion.

A further 100m of pathway was poured last week and infrastructure manager Denis Lewis said the final stretch of 50m would be poured as soon as the weather cooperated.

"Once the final pour is complete it will be just a matter of reinstating some of the roadway and tidying up drainage and the like, so we are on track to have everything finished by the end of September," he said.

"We've had very positive feedback from the community about this project. The road is popular with walkers, but it does see quite a lot of traffic, so the new footpath makes it much safer as well as more convenient."

HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT

FIVE MILE BAY'S WATER

CONSULTATION OPENS TODAY for the funding of the connection of Five Mile Bay to the Taupō water scheme.

During the development of the Long-term Plan 2018-28, our councillors made the decision to extend the Taupō water scheme to include Five Mile Bay. This will enable Five Mile

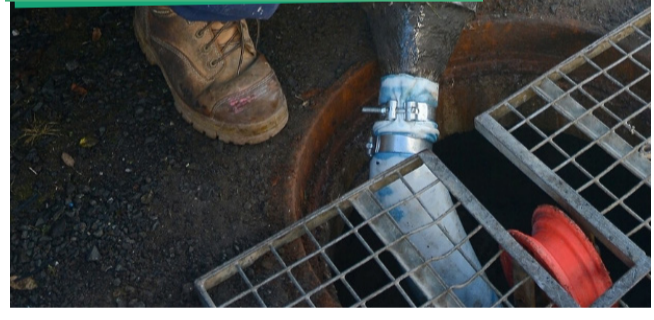
Bay residents to receive treated drinking water which meets the New Zealand Drinking Water Standards.

However, a decision still needs to be made on how the work will be funded. We are seeking feedback on the funding options available, before starting the construction of the pipeline. This is expected to start in early 2021 following this public consultation.

There are four funding issues being consulted on which cover various aspects of the costs of connecting Five Mile Bay properties to the water scheme. You can find out all about them and have your say by visiting taupo.govt.nz/5milebaywater.

ASSESSING TURANGI

SEWER NETWORK



THE FINAL STAGE of the Turangi sewer network cleaning and condition assessment is now underway in the industrial area and eastern residential part of the town. This work follows on from cleaning and assessment work that was carried out on the western residential section of the town last year.

Infrastructure manager Denis Lewis said the project would complete a comprehensive assessment of the Turangi sewer network and would be closely followed by renewals works.

"Our contractor Hydrotech will be using state of the art equipment to clean the sewer pipes and closed circuit television to give us a really good picture of the state of the pipes and then we can address any repairs and renewals that may be needed in a very cost effective way," he said.

"We hope to have the cleaning and condition assessment work completed before Christmas. This will give us a solid base for relining work to be carried out in the future, and that in turn will mean the sewer network in Turangi will be more resilient for many years to come."



HUKA FALLS ROAD FOOTPATH NEARING COMPLETION

CONSTRUCTION OF THE new footpath on Huka Falls Road is nearing completion, with the final stretch of elevated footpath being prepared for concreting.

Project manager Nick Beacock said although the weather had not been ideal, good steady progress was being made by local contractors Burgess and Sons and sub-contractors Harden-Up.

"We are now working on the elevated part of the footpath

as it nears the entrance to Huka Falls which is the most technically challenging section of the footpath" he said.

"We are well and truly on the home stretch and if we can get a good run of fine weather, we'll have everything in place by the end of September.

"The footpath is not only a lot safer for pedestrians, it will also offer some great views and I think locals and visitors alike are going to enjoy it."

