

## DOMESTIC FLIGHTS INCREASED FOR THE DISTRICT



**THE TAUPŌ DISTRICT'S connection to the domestic tourism market has been further strengthened by news Air New Zealand is increasing the number of flights on its return Auckland-Taupō route.**

The national carrier announced a revised schedule yesterday that will see three more weekly return services provided from Monday, November 2.

It will see the number of flights boosted to around 80 per cent of what they were pre-COVID. Early morning

Sounds Air flights to Wellington have also resumed.

Mayor David Trewavas is calling for locals to get behind the additional flights.

"The key to securing the flights long-term will be based on bookings and I really hope the loyalty of our local people to Air New Zealand and Sounds Air will be replicated by visitors from out-of-town, he said.

"We are looking forward to a bumper summer."

## APPLICATIONS FOR THE WASTE MINIMISATION FUND

ARE NOW OPEN!

**ARE YOU AN individual, community group or organisation looking to fund an initiative that will help us reduce, reuse or recover materials that would otherwise end up in the landfill? Or maybe you want to raise awareness around food waste, single-use plastics, and other wastes.**

If that sounds like you, please follow this link to find out more and apply to our Waste Minimisation Fund: [www.taupodc.govt.nz/wmf](http://www.taupodc.govt.nz/wmf)

Applications close 5pm Monday, November 30, 2020.

## TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO APPLY FOR SUMMER LICENCES

**ARE YOU HOPING to get a recreational business up and running in the Taupō District this summer?**

With the warm weather fast approaching, we are asking anyone hoping to operate a business from our reserves to get your application in now. We need all applications submitted by Sunday, October 25 to allow us time to evaluate them before summer arrives.

This include proposals for hiring equipment out for recreational activities such as kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, bike and electric bikes, to name a few.

These applications are assessed by councillors and either approved or declined based on a variety of factors.

The application form is available at [taupo.govt.nz/summerlicences](http://taupo.govt.nz/summerlicences) and needs to be submitted to [info@taupo.govt.nz](mailto:info@taupo.govt.nz) along with any additional documentation you wish to provide.



## CONSULTATION CLOSING SOON FOR FIVE MILE BAY WATER FUNDING

**YOU CAN STILL have your say on the funding of the connection of Five Mile Bay to the Taupō water scheme – but get in quick!**

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.

You can have your say by visiting [taupo.govt.nz/5milebaywater](http://taupo.govt.nz/5milebaywater) before 5pm on Monday, October 19.

## LAST CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY



**TOMORROW IS YOUR last day to have your say on the keeping of animals, birds and bees around our district.**

Our bylaws that outline what you need to consider when keeping animals, birds and bees are up for review, but before we draft them, we want to hear your feedback on what you think we need to include.

The bylaws cover things like:

- Dog ownership, including where you are allowed to walk your dog.
- Keeping of bees in residential areas
- Keeping livestock in residential areas
- Penalties for breaking the bylaw

We will collate your feedback and use it to draft the bylaws, we will then do a formal consultation with the community. This is expected to happen in December and January.

Head to [taupo.govt.nz/consultation](http://taupo.govt.nz/consultation) to have your say before 5pm, Friday October 16, 2020.

## FREE COMPOSTING WORKSHOPS ARE HERE

**THERE ARE A lot of ways to do your bit for the environment and composting is an easy one. When we throw away green waste, such as food scraps or lawn clippings, it ends up in our landfill.**

Composting is an inexpensive, natural way to deal with this waste. Composting will help you reduce green house gas production and decrease landfill deposits while saving you money and improving your garden.

So why not come along to one of the free composting workshops we're holding in partnership with Taupō Community Gardens in Taupō or Awhi Farm in Turangi?

The 90-minute workshops are held on the last Saturday of the month at 1.30pm, between October and May (except for December) at the following locations: The workshop dates for 2020 in both Taupō and Turangi are:

- Saturday 24 October 2020
- Saturday 28 November 2020

To find out more and to register head to [taupo.govt.nz/composting](http://taupo.govt.nz/composting).

