



UPGRADE OF MANGAKINO RUGBY CLUB TO SPORTS CLUBROOMS CONFIRMED

THE REFURBISHMENT OF the Mangakino Rugby Club will soon get a new lease of life as the town's sports clubrooms, with work scheduled to begin in early 2021. The new fit for purpose space will not only be used for sports teams, but for wider community activities too.

We know the Mangakino community is looking forward to the return of home games and being able to properly host out of town teams again. An exact timeline for the work

will be finalised early next year before work gets underway. The refurbishment comes after part of the building was devastated by fire in 2017 leaving part of the building unusable. Councillors approved the refurbishment at Tuesday's Council meeting. A tender for the work has been let to Wade Construction. In total, the project is expected to cost \$620,000 and was included as part of the Long Term Plan 2018/28.



HEY DOG LOVERS! PLEASE BYO PET POO BAGS

YOU MAY HAVE noticed we're running low on refills for our doggy doo bag dispensers around the district. We're doing our best to get bags but unfortunately due to COVID-19, there are significant shipping delays.

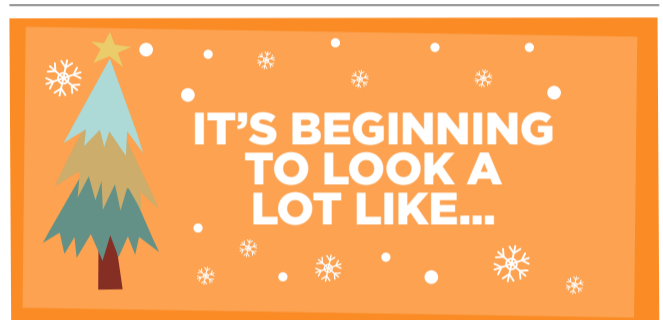
Dispensers are not being refilled until further notice. Please keep this in mind when you are heading out with your pooch. Using things like bread bags or veggie bags is great way to reduce waste and clean up after your fur baby at the same time. There are also bags available for purchase at the supermarket.



WAIRAKEI DRIVE TO BE RESEALED THIS WEEK

A REMINDER THAT Wairakei Drive will be resealed with a waterproof layer this week to improve its surface and make it safer before the busy holiday period, weather permitting.

The work is covering a 2.5km section from the top of Control Gates Hill to the Loop Road rest area at a cost of \$150,000. Traffic management is in place with reduced speed through the roadworks.



SANTA PARADE AND Christmas in the Park time! Taupō District Council is thrilled to support these great events. Get the family together and join in some festive fun as we celebrate in Taupō, Turangi and Mangakino.

- Taupō – Saturday, 5 December at 1pm
- Turangi – Saturday, 12 December at 11am
- Mangakino – Saturday, 12 December at 11:30am

ROAD CLOSURES

For everyone's safety, there will be minor road closures on the event days

- TAUPŌ:**
- Rifle Range Road, 6am–2pm.
 - Tongariro Street from Rifle Range Road to Spa Road (parade route), 12pm–2pm.
- TURANGI:**
- Ohuanga Road from Turanga Place through to Te Rangitautahanga Road and Hinerangi Street, 3.30pm–5pm.
 - Traffic will be able to travel through this route but anticipate minor delays.
- MANGAKINO:**
- Rangatira Drive to College Street, 10.30am–12.30pm.

WOOF ALL ROUND AS DOG POUND EMPTY FOR OVER A WEEK

IT'S A CAUSE for celebration as Taupō animal management complex has been significantly quieter than usual. This is thanks to a combined effort of residents keeping their dogs secure, plus the hard work our compliance officers are doing to get the message out to owners to keep their dogs secure.

Compliance team supervisor Ross McDonald said it was unheard of to be in this position at this time of the year. "This is achieved through awesome teamwork, a great approach to customer service and a solid commitment from the community. "Roaming dogs that have been dropped to the pound by members of the public have been reunited with their owners within a day or two. Dogs that are suitable for rehoming have gone to rescue agencies such as Animal Care Turangi – who have been an outstanding support to us." We'll high-paw to that.



SIGN THE KIDS UP FOR SUMMER READING WITH OUR LIBRARIES

SUMMER IS COMING but that doesn't mean our kids' literacy skills have to slip during the holidays – we have a fantastic summer reading programme!

Children aged five to 11 in Taupō and Turangi can register all this week for the Taupō District Libraries Summer Reading Programme 2020/21. It encourages kids to keep reading during the summer break with incentives for reporting back to our friendly librarians on books the kids are reading. We also hold a party at the end of the programme for all our participants to attend, where they receive a certificate and a gift! To sign up, visit Taupō or Turangi libraries and register!

SPEAK WITH A COUNCILLOR DROP-IN SESSIONS

WE'RE HOSTING DROP-IN sessions for the community to talk with local Taupō Councillors. Come along, ask questions and share your thoughts.

When: Thursday 17 December 2020, 9.30–10.30am.

Where: Council Chamber, 107 Heuheu Street, Taupō

Further dates will be announced for 2021.

