

ALL COUNCIL FACILITIES NOW BREASTFEEDING FRIENDLY

WE RECENTLY BECAME the first council in the Bay of Plenty region to become 'Breastfeeding Friendly Spaces Accredited' after introducing a breastfeeding friendly policy at all of our facilities across the district.

The accreditation is an initiative by Toi Te Ora Public Health to create and sustain breastfeeding friendly environments with the aim of normalising breastfeeding within our communities.

The facilities that are now breastfeeding friendly include: Taupo Super Loo, Library, Museum, AC Baths, Events Centre, Customer Service Centre, Great Lake Centre, and I-Site; Turangi Customer Service Centre, Pools, I-site and Library; and Mangakino Customer Service Centre, Library and Pools.

At all facilities, a comfortable space is provided, and signage is displayed so that visitors know they are supported to breastfeed.

Staff have received training and are committed to ensuring breastfeeding mothers feel welcome at our facilities across our district.

For more information on breastfeeding friendly spaces head to www.toiteora.govt.nz/breastfeeding_friendly.



MAJOR ROAD WORKS AT TE POPORO/BULLI POINT



STARTING THIS SUNDAY, February 16, the New Zealand Transport Agency will be carrying out major road works on State Highway 1 at Bulli Point, between Taupō and Turangi.

The works and closures are planned through to early April.

More information about the project, including a list of dates and times for when the road is closed or under stop/go traffic management is available on the NZTA website at nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh1-bulli-point/.

GREAT LAKE RELAY

THIS WEEKEND TEAMS of runners and walkers will descend upon our district to navigate their way around our Great Lake.

Please be aware there are no road closures in place for this event. Motorists and athletes are asked to please take care and look out for each other!

BEWARE OF CYCLISTS!

AS SUMMER CONTINUES, we are seeing more and more cyclists on our roads. Whether training for Ironman or taking a scenic pedal around our Great Lake or heading to a mountain bike track, plenty of cyclists are taking advantage of the great weather and getting out and about.

Here are some timely tips on sharing the road with cyclists:

- Take special care and slow down when passing. They may need to move unexpectedly and not have an opportunity to signal their intentions.
- Indicate clearly and in plenty of time when turning and stopping.
- Know your blind spots, especially when driving vans, trucks or buses, and check again for cyclists.
- Take another look at intersections. Bikes are smaller than other vehicles and may not be easily seen.
- Avoid overtaking a cyclist just before you turn at an intersection.
- Take care when passing cyclists on the open road. Slow down and, ideally, leave at least 1.5 metres of space between you and the cyclist.
- Check rear-view mirrors and look over your shoulder before you open a car door at the roadside.
- Slow down and be alert when visibility is reduced. Cyclists are often hard to see and are even more so in the rain or in low-light conditions.

WHAT'S ON?

Feb 14 – 15	Great Lake Relay, Taupō District
Feb 14 – 16	Rotary Reunion, Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park
Until Feb 17	Ko Taupō Te Moana, Taupō Museum

For more information visit www.lovetapu.com

A NEW GRANT is available through our Waste Minimisation Fund to help individuals and organisations reduce waste.

The fund of \$10,000 has been made available from the national waste levy, which is paid by landfill operators and distributed by the Ministry for the Environment to local authorities.

Applicants can apply for any amount up to \$5,000 for a project that contributes to waste minimisation, waste avoidance, reduction of waste to landfill, and/or the recovery of materials or energy.

Stormwater and solid waste manager Brent Aitken says there is no time limit on applications, so applications will be accepted until this year's grant fund is used up.

"All our council buildings have recycling systems in place and bokashi composting for food waste, and we'd like to see more work places and schools doing the same, so this grant is a great way to get started. Some other ideas that would qualify for the grant are things like creating a waste sorting station at events or covering the costs of recycling niche items like agrichemicals. Our focus is reducing waste going to landfill, so if you have an idea we'd love to hear it," he said.

To apply you must be one of the following within the Taupō District: an individual, school, business, iwi/Māori group, community group, early childhood centre, or other community-based organisation.

Further information will be available on our website shortly.



CALL TO CONSERVE WATER ACROSS THE DISTRICT

WATER RESTRICTIONS KINLOCH AREA

LEVEL 2

Sprinklers and all fixed watering systems banned

Hand-held hosing anytime



WATER RESTRICTIONS REST OF THE DISTRICT

LEVEL 1

Sprinklers on alternate days only

Hand-held hosing anytime

