



TAUPŌ SUMMER CONCERT ALL GO FOR THIS LONG WEEKEND

TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL is thrilled to welcome back the much-loved Taupō Summer Concert this weekend, as part of our long weekend festivities.

There's a fantastic line-up of iconic Kiwi acts including Gin Wigmore, Dragon, The Jordan Luck Band, Stellar* and Hello Sailor. The original line-up was revised following the changing situation in Australia with Covid-19.

Council events manager Steve Giles said the outdoor music festival, which will take place at the Taupō Amphitheatre this Saturday January 30, 2021, continues to be one of the most popular events of the year.

"The Taupō Summer Concert always provides an important economic boost to the district – particularly for accommodation and hospitality sectors – with previous years seeing nearly \$5 million injected into the economy from visitors making the most of the Auckland Anniversary long weekend.

"Following Covid-19, it is great to see events of this calibre back on the agenda, with a special kiwi flavour of impressive acts this year," he said.

Greenstone Entertainment CEO Amanda Calvert said she is excited for this weekend's event and encourages people to come along and enjoy a great day out in Taupō.

"This is a great way to get family and friends together again and we can't wait to see thousands of happy, smiling faces enjoying themselves at the show."

Tickets to the Taupō Summer Concert are still available from the i-SITE Taupō, My Music Taupō or at www.greenstoneentertainment.co.nz.

**WHAT? TAUPŌ SUMMER CONCERT
WHERE? TAUPŌ AMPHITHEATRE
WHEN? SATURDAY JANUARY 30, 2021**



PHASE TWO OF HOROMATANGI ROUNDABOUT TO GET UNDERWAY

THE SECOND PHASE of the Horomatangi Street and Ruapehu Street intersection will get underway from Tuesday February 2.

This will include the finishing touches to the roundabout and the four corners including landscaping, seating and paving.

Project manager Darren Penketh said the work would begin on the eastern (school) side of the intersection and progress over a 12 week period.

"We will ensure minimal disruption over this time, including aiming to have all roads remaining open during the day.

"We're asking motorists to be careful and slow down, as our contractors will be working in the area, with small shoulders of the road closed, but roads remaining open to through-traffic," he said.

"Thank you to everyone – particularly affected businesses – for your patience while we have worked to transform this area," Mr Penketh said.

The work is part of the government-funded Taupō Town Centre Transformation project which aims to ensure the continued and sustainable growth and development of Taupō's town centre, with a focus on the needs of our community. It will transform our public places into spaces that attract people to spend time and invest in the town centre. It will also deliver on the community's aspirations for an attractive town centre with shared streets focused on the needs of pedestrians and cyclists.



NOW RECYCLING #5 PLASTICS

THE COLLECTION OF number 5 plastics will resume in the district from Monday, providing the opportunity to save up to 35 tonnes of waste from landfill each year.

From February 1, number 5 plastics will join the currently collected numbers 1 and 2 plastics in our recycling regime.

Asset manager solid waste Brent Aitken said the ability for contractors to collect number 5 plastics meant great gains for the district.

"We have been lucky enough to find a New Zealand market for number 5 plastics, which will add a further 17 per cent to the volume of plastics currently recycled in our district," he said. "Plastic is light but it still takes up a huge amount of room in landfills so this will save space in our landfills and benefit the environment as a result."

The district was able to recycle all plastics numbered 1-7 until October 2018 when China restricted imports of recyclables, which meant the recycling of numbers 3-7 had to cease.

Mr Aitken said since then the team had been searching for alternative avenues to recycle these plastics to continue to reduce waste in the district.

He said there were some rules around what could be recycled – only kitchen, laundry and bathroom number 5 plastics could be recycled, not outdoor plastics such as plant pots.

"We need to start small in this instance and see how well the recycling of this group of number 5 plastics goes before we can look to expand," he said. "The things that can be recycled include lots of single-use plastic such as yoghurt, hummus, icecream and takeaway containers that are number 5."

Mr Aitken wanted to remind people all containers needed to be thoroughly rinsed before being put out for collection to qualify for pick up.

"You can find the plastic type number in the recycling symbol on most plastics, usually on the bottom of the item, so make sure it's 1, 2 or 5," he said.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

WE'RE SEEKING YOUR feedback on a range of bylaws that help shape many everyday Taupō District community matters. Bylaws exist to promote a friendly and peaceful environment for us all to enjoy. They're made by councils to guide the way we live, work and play in our district.

Council adopted the following bylaws and policy for consultation at its December meeting:

- draft Control of Dogs Bylaw 2021
- draft Dog Control Policy 2021
- draft Animal Bylaw 2021
- draft Litter Bylaw 2021
- draft Public Places Bylaw 2021
- draft Reserves Bylaw 2021

To find out more details about the proposed changes and to make a submission, visit taupodc.govt.nz/bylawreview2021 or any council office in Taupō, Turangi or Mangakino.

Deadline for submissions is 5pm, Monday February 15 2021.

