

AC BATHS LEISURE POOL TO CLOSE TEMPORARILY FOR MAINTENANCE



THE AC BATHS' leisure pool and hydroslides will close for 10 days this month for essential maintenance to be carried out.

The pool is scheduled to close at 2pm on Sunday, March 21 and reopen on Tuesday, March 30 at 6am when the complex opens.

About a million litres of water will have to be pumped out of the leisure pool to allow the first major maintenance and closure at the AC Baths since its refurbishment in 2013.

The work will encompass replacing all the tiles around the bombing island and on the entry stairs, replacing disintegrating lining in the "water overflow" areas of the pool, the repair of pipes and valves and the cleaning and inspection of areas

inaccessible when the pool is full.

Two lanes of the outdoor 25m pool will be open for public and leisure use from 10.30am to 3.30pm and from 6pm to closing each day during the closure to allow a space for leisure pool activity while avoiding peak outdoor 25m lane pool times.

The learn-to-swim pool, indoor and outdoor 25m pools and saunas will remain open. All aqua shallow classes normally held in the leisure pool from Monday March 22 to Monday March 29 have been cancelled and will resume Wednesday, March 31 as per the timetable. There will be no changes to aqua deep classes, which will be held as normal in the indoor 25m pool.

The maintenance has been planned and budgeted for in the Long-term Plan 2018-2028.



APPLY NOW FOR A WASTE MINIMISATION GRANT – UP TO \$5000 AVAILABLE!

ARE YOU AN individual, community group or organisation looking to fund an initiative that will help 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 or other waste. You could be eligible for a grant from the Waste Minimisation Fund!

Grants are available for up to \$5,000 – from a total pool of \$10,000 – so there's plenty to go around. Applications are now open and close March 31, 2021. Click here to find out more and apply.

The grants are funded by the national waste levy which is set by the Ministry for the Environment.

ONE WEEK TO GET NOMINATIONS IN FOR BY-ELECTION

NOMINATIONS FOR THE Tongariro ward by-election are open but close next Thursday, March 11, at noon, so get your nomination in now.

The position was recently vacated following the resignation of Amanda Maclaren.

Head of democracy, governance and venues Tina Jakes said under the Local Electoral Act,

where a position is vacated more than 12 months before a local body election, a by-election must be held.

Anyone interested in representing the Tongariro ward on the Turangi Tongariro Community Board can find a nomination form at any council office or online at taupo.govt.nz/elections.



APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY SPORTS AND SOCIAL SERVICES GRANTS ARE OPEN NOW

ARE YOU AN individual or part of an organisation that could benefit from a community sports grant or a social services grant?

We are delighted to offer a variety of funding to community groups and we are now accepting applications.

Social services community grants are for organisations and individuals making a difference in the sector so if that sounds like you, we'd love to hear more! Waiora Community Trust will distribute funding on our behalf and applications close March 26, 2021.

Community sports grants are for clubs and individuals making a difference in the sports sector. If you're an outstanding sportsperson or involved in a voluntary sports club, and you think you could put some funds to good use, here's your chance to make an application! Sports Advisory Council will distribute funding on our behalf and applications close March 29, 2021.

Head to taupo.govt.nz to find out more and apply.

IRONMAN 2021 POSTPONED DUE TO COVID-19

THE NUTRI-GRAIN IRONMAN New Zealand due to kick off on the Taupō lakefront this Saturday, March 6, has been postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions.

The event is now scheduled to be held three weeks later on Saturday, March 27.

Its postponement is due to Taupō's rise to Alert Level 2 on the New Zealand Covid-19 alert scale, which means gatherings or events of more than 100 people are not allowed.

District events manager Steve Giles said it was unlucky timing and many hundreds of athletes were likely to be disappointed by the delay, but would be pleased to hear a new date had been confirmed.

"We were really saddened to hear the news, but are looking forward to resuming planning and preparation for the new date," he said.

"Unfortunately this is just one of those things we have to deal with for the greater good at this time, as the priority is always



stopping Covid-19 from spreading in our community."

We will update you with new information on the Nutri-Grain IRONMAN New Zealand as it comes to hand, but for all the latest, visit Ironman New Zealand on Facebook.

Road closures due to take place this weekend have been cancelled accordingly, so all these roads will be open as usual. Road closures will now take place around the new date.

COVID-19 Alert Level 2

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Stay safe and lookout for each other.**

