

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF OUR DISTRICT

SUBMISSIONS OPEN SOON FOR LONG-TERM PLAN

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TAUPŌ DISTRICT LONG-TERM PLAN 2021-2031

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THE LONG-TERM PLAN (LTP) sets out our vision, key projects, initiatives and budgets for the next 10 years. With input from our communities, we develop a new LTP every three years.

We need your help – important decisions like these need to be a collaboration between Council and community to make sure we all get the best outcomes. The LTP affects you and your whanau, so it's important you have your say.

Mayor David Trewavas said he wanted to hear from as many people as possible.

"We're asking for feedback on a range of priorities such as the best way to fund council water supplies, the future for the council administration building, and funding for Taupō Museum and Art Gallery. We want to hear from you about any of the issues highlighted, or anything to do with the LTP such as budgets, services and projects.

"Following the global pandemic of Covid-19, we've had to

rethink some of our plans and reprioritise some of our projects and activities in an attempt to balance what we can afford while ensuring the Taupō District remains a great place to live," he said.

Head to our website and read through all our key priorities or just the ones that resonate with you. Then have your say – it will just take a few minutes depending on how much detail you'd like to give us.

Submissions open on Monday, March 15 and close on Friday, April 16, 2021 at 5pm. If you indicate you wish to present your submission in person, you will be contacted directly to arrange a time at the public hearing.

Our team, along with elected members, will be getting out and about in the community all across the district to talk to you in person about the Long-term Plan in the coming weeks, with times, dates and locations to be announced soon.

Find out more and have your say at taupo.govt.nz/ltp.



PUBLIC MEETING IN TURANGI

DO YOU WANT to hear about what activities the council has planned for Turangi, learn about what we've achieved as a community, and how you can have your say.

Come along to a public meeting on Thursday, March 18 at the Senior Citizens' Hall from 6pm to 7pm.

We have lots in store for Turangi and want to share it with as many members of the community as we can – so come along!



HOROMATANGI INTERSECTION UPDATE

THE WEATHER HAS been hit and miss, but that hasn't put a halt to work on the Horomatangi St/Ruapehu St intersection.

All stone walls and seating rocks are now in place on the eastern side of the intersection, and the garden spaces have been dug out and filled with fresh soil.

All concrete footings on the eastern side were also poured last week, so our contractors are busy laying paving stones this week and this side of the intersection is really starting to take shape!

Once complete, the team will move onto the other side of the intersection from May 18, weather permitting.

Thanks to everyone for your patience as we create a people-friendly public space, as part of the Taupō Town Centre Transformation project

NEW BIKE REPAIR STATION FOR TAUPŌ LAKEFRONT

IF YOU'VE EVER had a puncture or needed to adjust your bike mid-ride, you know what a pain it can be – so we've come up with a solution!

To help get cyclists out of sticky situations, we have installed a new bike repair station near the viewing platform atop the water treatment plant at the bottom of Rifle Range Road.

Screwdrivers, tyre levers, wrenches and other equipment are attached to the station and can be used to pump or change a tyre tube, adjust a seat height or carry out minor repairs so cyclists can continue their ride. All are fixed to a central base by steel cables.

Road safety coordinator Sarah Wraight said the team came up with the idea after seeing similar stations in action and functioning well in other towns and cities that value cycling.

"A well-designed and supported cycleway needs good infrastructure to back it up, and this is what our bike repair station is for," she said. "It means cyclists don't need to carry cumbersome tool kits and spares, and they can just go out and enjoy their ride, knowing help is available at this point on the shared path."

Ms Wraight said the location was chosen because it was

a main thoroughfare for cycle traffic using the Great Lake Walkway. It was also a high traffic and visibility area under CCTV surveillance, which was hoped to mitigate vandalism.

The station is a trial and if successful and the equipment is looked after by the community, others may be set up in the future. It had already been met with positive reviews after being installed last month, Ms Wraight said.

The bike repair station was funded in conjunction with Waka Kotahi – NZ Transport Agency, which contributed just over half of the total \$5000 cost.



SPEAK WITH A COUNCILLOR

HAVE YOU GOT something on your mind you'd like to talk to your elected members about?

We're holding a drop-in session with our Taupō Ward councillors from 9.30am to 10.30am on Thursday, March 18 in the council chamber.

Come along and chat to one of the councillors, share your views and be heard!

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