



## LONG-TERM PLAN INFORMATION SESSIONS ARE HEADED YOUR WAY

**SUBMISSIONS ARE OPEN now for the Long-term Plan (LTP) 2021-2031 so make sure you have your say on the future of our district.**

Our team, along with elected members, will be getting out and about in the community across the district to talk with you in person about the LTP and answer any questions you may have. 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. 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. The LTP affects you and your whanau, so it's important you have your say. Submissions are open now and close on Friday, April 16, 2021 at 5pm. Find out more and have your say, head to one of the information sessions below or check out [taupo.govt.nz/ltp](http://taupo.govt.nz/ltp).

More dates and locations will be announced soon so keep an eye out.

### INFORMATION SESSIONS

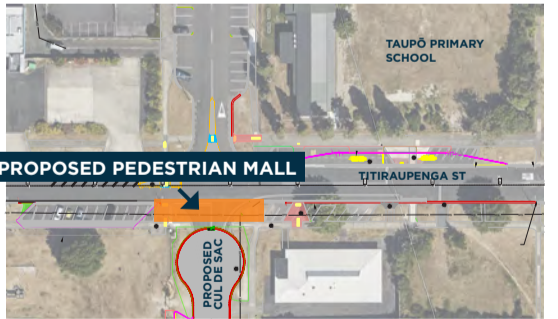
Taupō East Rural Representative Group	Thursday, March 18 11am Wairakei Community Hall
River Road community	Saturday, March 20 9.30-10.30am River Road Community Hall
Mangakino community	Monday, March 22 2pm-3.30pm Mangakino customer service centre
Taupō community	Tuesday, March 23 11.30am-1.30pm Roberts Street Reserve

Senior Expo	Thursday, March 25 9am-3pm Great Lake Centre
Kinloch Representative Group	Thursday, March 25 4.30pm-5.30pm (after KRG meeting) Kinloch Community Hall
Tirohanga community	Monday, March 29 10.30am-midday Tirohanga Hall
Turangi & Tongariro Community Board	Wednesday, April 7 12.30pm-1.30pm Turangi service centre
Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group	Tuesday, April 13 10am Mangakino service centre

## HAVE YOUR SAY ON PEDESTRIAN MALLS PROPOSED FOR TAUPŌ TOWN CENTRE

**WE'RE NOW CALLING for feedback from the community on the creation of two pedestrian malls (spaces that largely operate as a pedestrian zone, with reduced access for vehicles) in the town centre.**

This is part of the Taupō Town Centre transformation project which aims to turn our CBD into an area with quality places, that puts people first.



**HOROMĀTANGI STREET**  
We are proposing to create a pedestrian mall on the eastern side of the Horomātangi Street and Titirāupenga Street intersection. This includes the creation of a cul-de-sac. The main objective for creating the pedestrian mall is to ensure the safety of pedestrians, in particular, Taupō Primary School students who frequently cross here.



**LAKE TERRACE**  
The second pedestrian mall proposed is an area of Lake Terrace near Roberts street. One of the aims of this project is to better connect our public spaces to the surrounding environment and utilise what we are so blessed to have here – a beautiful lake and a real opportunity to create inviting, attractive spaces. This pedestrian mall will allow for a much larger public space and enhance pedestrian and cycling connections along the lakefront.  
If you would like to share your views as part of this consultation, you can submit your feedback until 5pm, Friday April 16 2021. Please head to [taupo.govt.nz/consultation](http://taupo.govt.nz/consultation) to find out more and to submit.

## HAVE YOUR SAY ON MĀORI WARDS

**THE COMMUNITY WILL have a chance to have its say on the introduction of Māori wards, following a decision last week by Council.**

The decision follows changes to the Local Electoral Act in March, which have implications for council's decision to establish Māori wards for the 2022 and 2025 local government elections, which was voted on in November 2020. Previously, members of the community had the right to demand a poll to reverse the decision, but the changes to legislation mean a poll received by the council last month is no longer valid.

Changes to the Local Electoral Act mean council now has more time to seek feedback from the community about their views on the establishment of Māori wards and they chose to proceed with this after discussions at Tuesday's meeting.

Taupō District Mayor David Trewavas said the changes to the legislation aimed to align the treatment of Māori wards with the treatment of general wards as much as possible.

"The decision to seek feedback means we have a chance to further engage with our community on its views and take them into consideration as we look forward to the 2022 elections."

Mr Trewavas said this meant the community would be able to give feedback online or by post from tomorrow, Friday, March 19, which would be considered by councillors at the April council meeting.

Residents and ratepayers will be invited to have their say by filling out a feedback form at [taupo.govt.nz/maoriwards](http://taupo.govt.nz/maoriwards), by emailing the form to [maoriwards@taupo.govt.nz](mailto:maoriwards@taupo.govt.nz) or by sending the form to Sue Mavor, Taupō District Council, Private Bag 2005, Taupō 3352, from Friday, March 19 to 5pm Tuesday, April 6. Physical feedback forms will be available from all council offices and online for the duration of the feedback period.



## AC BATHS SET TO CLOSE FOR MAINTENANCE THIS WEEKEND

**The AC Baths' leisure pool and hydrosides will close for 10 days from 2pm this Sunday, March 21 for maintenance.**

The pool is scheduled to reopen on Tuesday, March 30. 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 see all the tiles around the bombing island and on the entry stairs replaced, new 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 time 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 are cancelled and will resume Wednesday, March 31 as per the timetable. There is no change to the aqua deep classes, which would be held as normal in the indoor 25m pool.

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