



IRONMAN NEW ZEALAND IS NEARLY HERE!

ANOTHER EPIC IRONMAN event is set to hit our district this weekend, and we can't wait! Originally scheduled for earlier this month, a change in Covid-19 Alert Levels prompted organisers to postpone the event until this weekend.

The Nutri-Grain IRONMAN incorporates a 3.8km swim, a 180km bike ride and a 42.2km run, and will kick off at dawn on the Taupō lakefront on Saturday, March 27.

Hundreds of local volunteers will be helping out on the day and thousands of supporters and spectators will be flooding into our district to enjoy the event. We are excited!

It's important to remember in the lead up to the event, there

will be a lot of cyclists out training on the roads around our district. Please keep an eye out for them and give them a wide berth.

Road safety coordinator Sarah Wraight said the cyclists were getting plenty of kilometres in ahead of the event and often moved in groups.

"I'd encourage all motorists to keep a watchful eye on cyclists and drive slowly and carefully around them in the lead up – and during – this event," she said.

Please note, there will be road closures on the day of IRONMAN – find out more at taupo.govt.nz/roadclosures.

ACACIA BAY TO JOIN TAUPŌ WATER SCHEME

WORK IS NOW underway to connect Acacia Bay to the Taupo town water supply and stop/go traffic management is in place on Acacia Bay Road.

This new connection will provide Acacia Bay and Mapara residents with access to water that meets New Zealand Drinking-Water Standards criteria and will also help to improve resilience in the network.

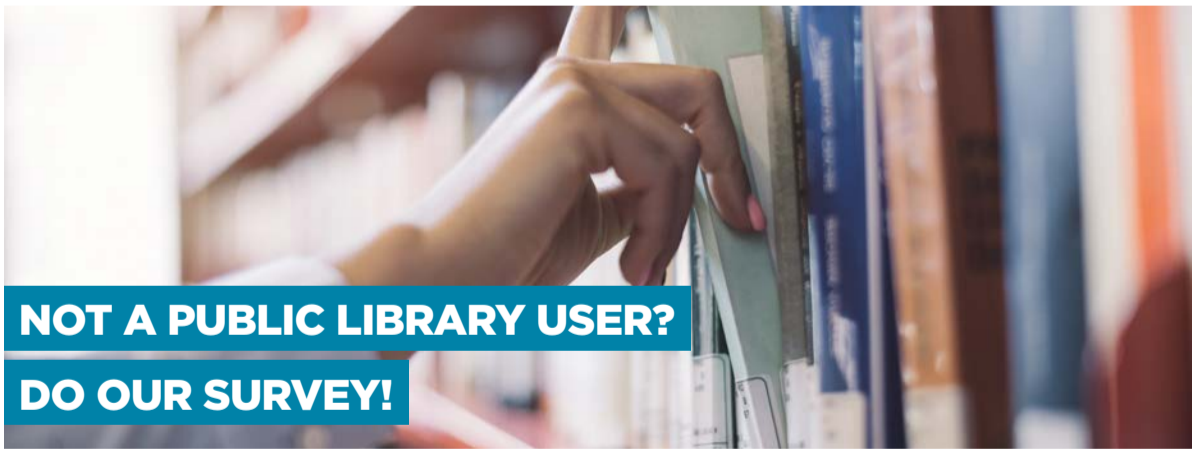
Connecting Acacia Bay to the Taupō scheme will see the Nukuhau pump station upgraded, a new pipeline installed along the Acacia Bay straight between Nukuhau and Acacia Bay, and several large water mains either side of the Control Gates Bridge upgraded. The project has a total budget of \$4.5 million.

While we are installing the new pipeline between Nukuhau and Acacia Bay we are taking the opportunity to upgrade the pathway with a wider, shared-use path. There is an increasing



number of walkers and cyclists on this stretch of road, so this upgrade will make this safer and more convenient for users.

The work is being carried out by Camex Civil contractors and is scheduled for completion in October 2021.



NOT A PUBLIC LIBRARY USER? DO OUR SURVEY!

THE TEAM AT Taupō District Libraries has launched a survey to canvas the thoughts of those who live or own property in our district but don't currently use the libraries.

This will help us improve our library collections and access to borrowing – helping more of our community access the things they need!

The survey takes less than five minutes to complete and we

want to hear from residents and ratepayers who haven't used the Taupō, Turangi or Mangakino Library within the last two years.

If this is you, pick up a survey from any of our libraries or do it online at taupo.govt.nz/libraries.

Data gathered from this survey will be used alongside other information to help improve Taupō District Libraries collections for our community. The survey is open until Friday, April 16.

OUR PLAN. OUR TAUPŌ DISTRICT.

LONG-TERM PLAN DROP-IN SESSIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

SHAPING
OUR FUTURE.
TAUPŌ DISTRICT LONG-TERM PLAN 2021-2031

OUR TEAM, ALONG with elected members, are enjoying getting out and about in the community across the district to talk with you in person about the Long-term Plan (LTP). Next week we're in Tirohanga, Turangi and Mangakino so come along and ask 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 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. It 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 at taupo.govt.nz/ltp

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Tirohanga community	Monday, March 29 10.30am-midday Tirohanga Hall
Turangi-Tongariro Community Board	Wednesday, April 7 12.30pm-1.30pm Former Turangi service centre
Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group	Tuesday, April 13 10am Mangakino service centre

RUBBISH AND RECYCLING CHANGES FOR EASTER

EASTER IS COMING! And along with us all having a nice break, we will also have some changes to our rubbish and recycling schedule so our contractors can have a break too!

If your rubbish and recycling is normally collected on a Friday, it will be collected the previous Thursday before Good Friday – so that means rubbish normally collected on Friday, April 2, will be collected Thursday, April 1.

This means our contractors will be collecting a lot more rubbish and recycling than normally on Thursday, April 1, so please be patient and expect it may be collected later than usual. We may also be using different trucks for different recyclables, so if some recycling is collected and some left, don't stress! Another truck is coming! Monday collections will run as normal.