



### NEW LEASE AGREEMENT SEES PUBLIC ACCESS MAINTAINED AT RANGATIRA POINT



**THE ICONIC RANGATIRA Point lake edge walking track will continue to be open to the public, following the signing of a 20-year lease agreement with landowners Rangatira Point Block Inc.**

The signing took place on Friday May 28 at the Nukuhau marae and was attended by Rangatira Point and marae representatives, Mayor David Trewavas and elected members. "This is very exciting, and I love the collaboration we have seen, with us being the landowner and working with council," said Tom Loughlin, spokesperson for Rangatira Point. "It's about looking after this place and sharing it with all our visitors, regardless of where they come from, but it's also a great example of working together, putting our resources together and looking after the land. This is a new relationship for us with council, it's a blank canvas and

the beginning of a great journey that gives us the opportunity and the confidence to keep moving forward and working with our neighbours." Mayor David Trewavas said it's a fantastic outcome for everyone involved, as well as locals and visitors. "The Rangatira Track is a beautiful location, something that has been enjoyed and cherished for generations, and it's excellent that the landowners will continue to share it with us all. This is a real collaboration and it's been an honour to be a part of it." The Department of Conservation – who has leased the land for the past 30 years – approached council to discuss the opportunity to partner with Rangatira Point Block Inc. and ensure continued public access to the track. Last year, we committed to ensuring public access was maintained and set aside \$63,000 per annum for this purpose.

### SPEAK WITH A COUNCILLOR

**DROP-IN SESSION IN TAUPŌ**

**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 on Thursday, June 10 in the council chamber. Come along and chat to one of the councillors, have your say and be heard.  
June 10  
9.30 to 10.30am  
Council chamber, 107 Heuheu St.

### FREE E-BIKE CYCLING SKILLS COURSE

**KEEN TO IMPROVE YOUR E-BIKE CYCLING SKILLS?**  
Join us for a free 2.5 hour course in Taupō that's ideal for anyone who has recently purchased an e-bike or who simply wants to improve their e-bike riding skills.  
• Learn to ride safely in a variety of traffic conditions - the focus will be on riding on the road  
• Must have basic bike handling skills  
• Bring your own e-bike  
It's free to attend, but places are limited so register now at [taupo.govt.nz/roadsafety](http://taupo.govt.nz/roadsafety).  
Saturday, June 12  
9am to 11.30am



### FACILITIES OPENING HOURS FOR THE LONG WEEKEND

**THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY public holiday means opening hours for our facilities will be a little different.**  
It's business as usual for kerbside rubbish and recycling collections, so if Monday is your usual pickup day please make sure everything is kerbside by the usual time of 7:30am. Taupō, Turangi and Mangakino libraries will be closed on Monday, June 7.  
Taupō Museum and Art Gallery will be open as usual, 10am to 4:30pm  
All customer service centres will be closed Monday, 7 June. AC Baths will be open 7am to 7pm.  
Landfill and transfer centre hours vary by location. You can find out hours for specific centres by visiting [taupo.govt.nz/rubbish](http://taupo.govt.nz/rubbish). We wish everyone a safe and wonderful long weekend!



### A REMINDER TO KINLOCH RESIDENTS TO REDUCE INDOOR WATER USE DURING PEAK TIMES

**WITH THE QUEEN'S Birthday long weekend coming up and tourists travelling to enjoy our beautiful district, we're asking the Kinloch community to help us out and be mindful of indoor water use during peak times. These include weekends – particularly long weekends such as Queen's Birthday – and school holidays.**  
The Kinloch wastewater treatment plant is being upgraded to accommodate ongoing and future growth in Kinloch. As part of these works, the capacity of the current treatment plant has been reduced. For day-to-day normal water use this is fine. However, during peak times and holiday periods our capacity will be stretched.  
We will be operating this way through to November so we can complete the work before the end of year busy period. Thank you for helping us to get on with safely upgrading the plant.

### BE PREPARED WITH OUR FREE WINTER VEHICLE PACKS

**WITH THE CRISP frosty morning and beautiful snow covering our maunga (mountains), winter has arrived!**  
To help you keep safe on the road during winter, pick up a winter vehicle pack from our customer service offices in Mangakino, Taupō and Turangi. They include an ice-scraper and other useful tools which help you deal with an icy start to your day, as well as some handy tips for winter driving.  
Keep safe and don't forget to slow down and drive to the conditions.

