

TURANGI LOCALS HELPING TO SHAPE THE TOWN



Out with the old and in with the new – Shaun Barnes with the damaged channelling in Turangi.

WE'RE SEEING GREAT PROGRESS with the Turangi Street Revitalisation Project, thanks to a great team, including Turangi locals who are on the tools and helping to shape their town. The Project includes replacing kerbing and channelling that is in need of an upgrade.

Five Turangi residents are a part of the Downer Taupō construction team, with three of those having been previously unemployed. The new team members were all hired thanks to central government funding for shovel ready projects and completed the Downer 'Road Ready' programme that gives them all the skills they need to join the Downer whanau.

Turangi resident Shaun Barnes is one of the new employees and said it's great to be on the project and leaving his mark.

"I've always had an interest in roading, but more around the highways," he said, "so this residential kind of work is something new for me. But it means I'm picking up a lot of new skills and in years to come I'll be able to say that I did that, I worked on that. And I like being able to give something back to the community – there's not too many jobs that are like that."

Downer project manager Brad McKenzie said the first part of the project is underway and tracking well. "The residents have been outstanding to deal with through the busy construction period so far," he said, "and our team really appreciate how welcoming they have been."

"A number of our team working on the Turangi Street Revitalisation project are locals and they all love working close to home and are proud to be improving the look of their town."

TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL ANNUAL SURVEY

SHARE YOUR VIEWS

Head to taupo.govt.nz/survey for more info and to have your say.

Prezzy cards to be won!

APPLICATIONS FOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY ON OUR RESERVES ARE OPEN

IF YOU'RE HOPING TO operate a business from our reserves this summer, now's the time to apply for a licence.

Examples of businesses which need to apply include those who are hiring equipment out for recreational activities such as kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, bike and electric bikes – to name a few. The application form is available at taupo.govt.nz/summerlicences and needs to be submitted to info@taupo.govt.nz along with any additional documentation you wish to provide no later than 5pm, July 30. Applications are likely to be assessed by councillors in September.

APPLICATIONS FOR PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS AND GRANT DISTRIBUTORS NOW OPEN

COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND GROUPS are invited to partner with council to deliver key outcomes for the Taupō District communities. These partnerships are for organisations and groups who require more than \$5,000 per annum to deliver key outcomes and will be for three years.

Council also requires support to distribute community grant funds throughout the Taupō District for those who operate in the social wellbeing, sports, and arts & culture areas.

Further information on partnership agreements and grant distributors including the full eligibility and criteria taupo.govt.nz/grants



AC BATHS PRIVATE POOLS REOPEN AFTER UPGRADE

THE AC BATHS PRIVATE thermal pools are back open after an extensive upgrade. The new pools are bigger and better, and facilities manager Darren Penketh said there are also two new showers for sauna users and a 'history wall' charting the changes to the facility over the years.

"There are now four private pools and they are much larger, so groups have room to spread out a bit more," he said, "and there are also landscaped gardens in each pool room to make the spaces more user friendly. It's great to get this project over the finish line as it has been delayed by COVID-19 and interruptions to the supply of materials, but I think the finished pools look fantastic."

The pools cost \$25 per person, for a 30-minute session. Minimum of two people required. Pay at reception, advance bookings will be available soon.



HOLIDAY FUN AT THE LIBRARIES

WHETHER IT'S TAKING PART in Matariki and winter-themed crafts, coming along to our popular Movie Mondays or getting creative with Lego play sessions, there's bound to be something for the whole whanau to enjoy.

There are events on most weekdays. Head to taupo.govt.nz/holidayprogramme and check out the holiday programme for times and dates.

LIBRARY BOOK SALE!

Taupō & Turangi libraries
Come and grab a bargain
July 12 to July 24 (closed Sundays)

