

ACACIA BAY ROAD WATER CONNECTION TRACKING WELL



WORK IS PROGRESSING WELL on our project to connect Acacia Bay and Mapara residents to the Taupō town water supply. If you regularly travel on Acacia Bay Road, you'll see the large stack of blue pipes has now disappeared – that's because they are all in the ground! Our contractor Camex will now be pressure testing the new system, reinstating the grass by hydroseeding the roadsides,

and connecting the new pipe to the existing Acacia Bay water main. But it's not down-tools just yet; in the coming weeks they're moving onto the second and final stage of the project, which involves connecting the mains around the Countdown supermarket. As usual, thanks for your patience, the crew really appreciate it and it won't be too long before this project is complete.



HAVE YOUR SAY

ON CHANGES TO OFF-LEAD DOG AREAS IN ACACIA BAY

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STAGE TWO OF TURANGI STREET REVITALISATION PROJECT GETTING UNDERWAY



THE SECOND PACKAGE OF work in the Turangi Street Revitalisation Project is underway. The \$6.5 million project, funded by the government under the Crown Infrastructure Programme, aims to improve streetscapes in Turangi township by repairing footpaths, kerbing and channelling that has been damaged by tree roots. 111 trees will be removed, and a replanting programme is in place.

The second package of work will see kerbing and channelling renewed in Hera Grove, Rea Grove, Marotoa Grove, Te Rewha Street, Mawake Place, Maria Place, Te Iwiheke Place. Work on Mawake Place started during the school holidays to reduce impact on Te Kura O Hirangi. Work is continuing in the first stage of this project and is progressing well.

SWIMMING SESSIONS TAKE OFF

LOCAL FAMILIES ARE BENEFITING from a council community grant for swimming sessions tailored to children on the autism spectrum. The sessions improve their water skills and contribute to their wellbeing.

ADDI consultancy pastoral care manager Whaea Tarn, who is the main teacher for the lessons, said the AC Baths sessions are great for the students in gaining confidence, cognitive processing, positive self-esteem and independence.

"Swimming for our lovely students helps their body and mind relax and stay calm. The pool helps not only by exercising, but it sees the release of endorphins that results in holistic effects.

"This activity also improves lives of the tamariki and their whanau – their tamariki return home from school with low or no 'stimming' (self-stimulatory behaviour), so it becomes much easier for the child to communicate and focus on their home lives."

ADDI students have been attending swimming sessions for a few years now. They were recently put on hold as it was too expensive to fund each child. Thanks to the community grant administered through the council's Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group, the initiative is up and running again.



REMINDER

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS AND GRANT DISTRIBUTOR APPLICATIONS DUE SOON

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.

Applications are due no later than July 30, 2021 so if you haven't already, time to get writing.

For further information on partnership agreements and grant distributors including the full eligibility and criteria head to taupo.govt.nz/grants

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REMEMBER TO HAVE YOUR SAY ON OUR DISTRICT'S REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

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PUBLIC MEETING IN TURANGI

DO YOU WANT TO HEAR about the latest council news and activities for Turangi?

Come along to a public meeting on Wednesday, July 28, 5.30 to 7pm, at the Turangi Senior Citizens Hall (please note change of venue). We'll be discussing a range of topics including the representation review. All welcome!