

CONSTRUCTION WORK RAMPS UP ON TAUPŌ TOWN CENTRE TRANSFORMATION PROJECT



THERE'S LOTS GOING ON as part of the Taupō Town Centre Transformation project!

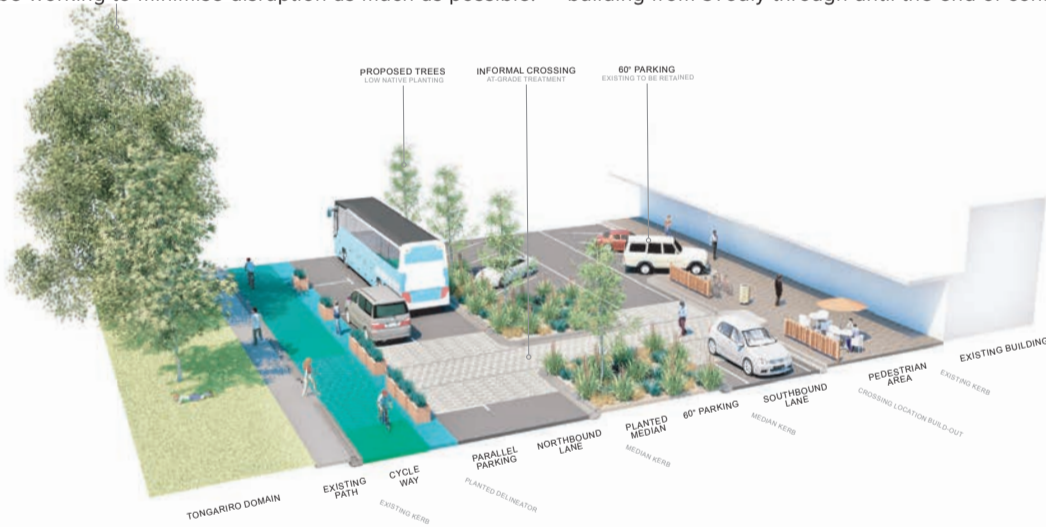
From next week, you'll see work getting underway on Tongariro Street, a key piece of the puzzle for this \$20.6 million government-funded project.

Once complete, Tongariro Street will be reduced to two lanes, with a slow speed zone. There'll also be improved pedestrian linkages between the CBD, Tongariro Domain and Lake Terrace along with additional outdoor dining spaces and a dedicated cycle lane running adjacent to the Domain. A substantial increase in the number of shopper car parks is also on the cards.

Camex Civil is delivering this phase of the project and will be working to minimise disruption as much as possible.

The first phase of work will start on Monday August 2 with the removal of the current centre traffic island south of Spa Road roundabout to te Heuheu Street. It will then be concentrated between the Tamamutu Street and te Heuheu Street intersections, before moving onto the next phase. This phase is expected to be underway through until the end of November, all going to plan.

Throughout construction, parts of Tongariro Street will be reduced to one lane, as well as restricted access into, and out of, Tamamutu Street. Please expect further road closures as part of this work, these will be clearly sign-posted. Bus stops normally on upper Tongariro Street will be temporarily relocated to Paora Hapi Street, in front of the old St Johns building from 31 July through until the end of construction.



TITIRAUPENGA STREET UPGRADE MOVES TO TE HEUHEU STREET

OVER ON TITIRAUPENGA STREET, construction works will move from Horomatangi Street to te Heuheu Street in the next week, to begin the upgrade of this next intersection.

This upgrade includes the addition of traffic lights to support the change in priority along this stretch of road. There will also be significantly improved pedestrian and cycling access on all four corners of the intersection. Once complete, traffic travelling along Titiraupenga Street will now have priority. Construction here will include each corner of the intersection upgraded consecutively, starting on the north-east (park side) and moving clockwise from there. Each corner is expected to take six days to complete, weather permitting, with basic traffic management allowing the intersection to be open at all times.

Once this is complete, there will then be a seven-day full intersection road closure to allow for the pavement laying to take place. In total, we are expecting this to take five weeks to complete, all going to plan.



MANGAKINO SPORTS HUB IS OFFICIALLY OPEN!



THE NEW MANGAKINO SPORTS HUB was opened last weekend with a community gathering and celebration.

Mangakino-Pouakani Ward Councillor Kirsty Trueman said the refurbished sports hub will be a wonderful asset to the community.

"After the devastating fire in 2017, it will be exciting to see the return of home games and be able to properly host out of town teams again. I know our Mangakino Hawks whanau, women's soccer team, school holiday rangatahi and King Country rugby teams will be rapt to use this awesome community facility.

"A wall inside the hub is dedicated to the local rugby history and the community can once again enjoy seeing the old photos and memorabilia on display," said Mrs Trueman. "Special thanks to Lisa De Theiry, Kristen Karauna and Josh Standen for their input into this project." Thanks also to volunteers from our community who came in to help clean, put up photos and support our opening. The Mangakino dump station, which was temporarily closed during the refurbishment, is now open. Thanks for your patience during this time.

Al₂O₃ 2SiO₂ 2H₂O



A NEW EXHIBITION SHOWCASING the resurging world of great New Zealand pottery kicks off early next month at the Taupō Museum and Art Gallery.

The exhibition is titled "Al₂O₃ 2SiO₂ 2H₂O", the chemical name of kaolinite, a group of minerals that primarily form clay.

It features an exciting diversity of fascinating works by kiwi artists Fiona Tunnicliffe, Maureen Alison, Janet Smith, Duncan Shearer, Ross Palmer, Trish Seddon, Lissie Brown, Mike O'Donnell, Annette Bull and Kirsty Gardiner.

Fiona, an award-winning potter who is curating the exhibition, said there has been a resurgence of clay in the last couple of years.

"Whether it was lockdown boredom or 'the great pottery throw down', an interest in self-sufficiency or an awareness of buying local and hand-made, classes are full, and kilns and wheels are changing hands with an enthusiasm that hasn't been seen since the 1960s."

Al₂O₃ 2SiO₂ 2H₂O runs from 7 August to 20 September at the Main Gallery of the Taupō Museum. There will be an opening for the exhibition on Friday, August 6 at 5.30pm. The Museum and Art Gallery is open seven days from 10am to 4.30pm and entry is free to Taupō District residents with proof of address.

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