

## TRANSFORMATION PROJECT SHAPING THE FUTURE



ANYONE DRIVING ALONG ACACIA Bay Road over the last few months will be familiar with the friendly faces of the Camex Civil team, who have been doing great work on connecting Acacia Bay and Mapara residents to the Taupō town water supply. And with the next stage of the Taupō Town Centre Transformation getting underway, Camex project manager Chris Whale said you'll soon see them in and around the central business district too.

"We're really excited to be a part of these projects that are shaping the town," Chris said, "but we're also really excited to be able to welcome so many young workers to the industry and play a part in setting them on a career path. We established our depot here in Taupō two years ago, and we now have a

fulltime team of local employees on board. With accredited trainers in-house we are focused on building that team's trades capabilities, including cadetships, apprenticeships, and upskilling programmes. It's about giving our people long-term employment skills and supporting the growth of the community, and it's been great to have so many locals become a part of that."

"We'll be moving into new premises in Taupō over the coming months to support our growth within the Taupō community - and as part of that growth we're looking for more workers to join our team, so if you want to be a part of transforming Taupō get in touch!"

## TONGARIRO PLAYGROUND COMING TO LIFE

WORK ON THE TONGARIRO SOUTH Domain playground is progressing at pace, with the representations of our mountains and waterways taking shape and starting to tell the story of our district. Project manager Travis Delich, seen here with the excavated water feature, said that after the delays caused by COVID-19 restrictions it was exciting to see the playground progressing so well.

"It's great to see our designs becoming real," Mr Delich said, "and we really want to thank 100% Great Lake Charitable Trust, Contact Energy, and Towncentre Taupō for working with Council to help fund this. We also want to thank our contractors Fluhler and Bespoke for sharing our passion for this project and pulling Kingi Pitiroi's designs into the project. They are putting in some fantastic work, a lot of which has to be really exacting and done in all kinds of weather, like this water feature where kids of all abilities will be able to release water into a rain garden as well as cross via logs and bridges. It's going to look great and we're looking forward to seeing our tamariki putting the new playground through its paces once it is completed in spring."



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## HERE COMES THE HONEY!

FOOD BANKS THROUGHOUT THE district will soon be substantially sweeter thanks to the busy bees of the central plateau. Beehives on council's commercial lands around Taupō township and Taupō Airport have produced a bumper harvest, and under council's agreement with the hive operators a percentage of that has been gifted to council and will be distributed to local food banks. The scheme has been in operation for five years now and commercial manager Flash Sandham said it's fantastic to see the honey going to a good home.

"We were originally approached by the Westervelt Honey company about having hives located on our commercial land," Mr Sandham said, "and in return, have been gifted a proportion of the hives' output, which we have always passed on to the food banks. The hives are now operated by Oha Owahaoko Honey Ltd Partnership and council is happy it can continue to share the honey we receive with the community."

"This year we have about 800 jars of honey to distribute, and we'll be sharing it between Taupō, Turangi and Mangakino foodbanks in the coming weeks."



## GILLI SUTTON PAINTING COLLECTION TO GO ON SALE



AN ECLECTIC SELECTION OF paintings from the Gilli Sutton collection is being released for sale by tender this month with the proceeds going towards supporting future young artists.

Gilli, a well-known and much-loved Taupō identity, was passionate about encouraging emerging painters, sculptors, poets and writers, many of whom owe their subsequent success to the encouragement and financial backing so generously given to them by Gilli.

She amassed an extensive collection of works of art and has shared this passion through gifts to the Taupō Museum and Art Gallery, the Taupō District Council and to the Waitakaruru Arboretum Sculpture Gardens.

Brett Taylor's magnificent "Heartland Taupō" sculpture beside the Museum, Robbie Graham's imposing "The Crossing" on the Taupō lakefront and the Ora Garden of Well-Being at the Taupō Museum were made possible through Gilli's philanthropic foresight ensuring a legacy to be enjoyed by future generations of art-lovers.

In keeping with her ideals, an eclectic collection of artworks from Gilli's Estate will be for sale by tender at the Taupō Museum from 14 August to 20 September 2021.

Among the exhibits is a work by the sought-after artist Charles Barraud of Lake Taupō which will be auctioned separately at the Waikato Art Auction on 20 September.

The Friends of the Taupō Museum and Art Gallery will be hosting an opening function on Friday 13 August at 5.30pm. All moneys raised will be invested and administered for the support of future young artists in the Taupō District.