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COMMUNITY NEWS WITH TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL AUGUST 21 2021



PAVING THE WAY ON MAPARA RD

WORK EXTENDING THE MAPARA Road footpath is now complete and locals are already putting it to good use. The new footpath extends pedestrian access to L'Arte Café, and Mayor David Trewavas said it is a welcome addition to an increasingly busy roadway.

"The Mapara Road community has seen considerable growth in recent years, with a lot of young families and very social residents now calling it home," Mr Trewavas said.

"This pathway will make it safer for local walkers, mobility scooter users and young families to get around, but it is also a popular walking route for the wider Acacia Bay community. Thank you to all the road users for their patience while this work was going on, and to our contractors for putting in some great work. We have a number of projects underway around our district and it's great to see them coming to fruition."

Mike Donnelly of the Acacia Bay Residents Association said locals had been looking forward to the new footpath. "We think it's a great addition to the infrastructure around this area," he said, "and I'm sure it is going to be very well used. Great job!"

The footpath extension had a budget of \$400,000, secured as part of the government's COVID-19 stimulus package and was carried out by local contractors Camex Civil.



Mike Donnelly (left) with Mayor David Trewavas on the new Mapara Road footpath

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EXCITING TOWN CENTRE TRANSFORMATION MOVES APACE

IT'S BEEN ALL GO on Tongariro Street, with the entire centre island between Heuheu Street and Spa Road now removed. We have rehomed the plants that were on the strip, with the Day Lillies going into the Fairview Terrace Reserve, the Dianella being planted in the Lakefront Reserve gardens at Mangakino, and the Lomandra being divided and planted in Wharewaka. The large kowhai trees have also been replanted out at Wharewaka Point.

Work had remained busy on Tongariro, and for the wider \$20.6M Taupō Town Centre Transformation Project, until Level 4 lockdown began Wednesday.

Taupō District Mayor David Trewavas said the two-year government-funded COVID stimulus project has so far created 90 local jobs.

"This project is a huge game-changer for us, creating real value for our district - not only through the creation of jobs, but through the transformation of our town centre into a world-class environment that attracts people to visit.

"Of course, now we are one year in, it is exciting to see what we have delivered and the positive outcomes we are achieving across the project.

"Lockdown will mean a break for those on the tools, and I urge the workers and everyone else in our precious community to look after themselves, support each other during this time, and carefully follow all official advice."



Camex's Georgie Williamson and Treelocations NZ's Doug Semmens helping rehome trees as part of the Taupō Town Centre Transformation Project

MANAGAKINO PUBLIC MEETING

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**THURSDAY 26 AUGUST
5.30 - 7PM**

ST JOHN, COMMERCE ST, MANGAKINO



REPRESENTATION REVIEW HEARINGS ON



NEXT TUESDAY COUNCIL HOLDS public hearings from submitters on its initial proposal for representation arrangements for our ward boundaries, councillor numbers and community boards.

We're listening to the views of members of the community who submitted on the initial proposal, which can be found here: taupo.govt.nz/repreview

Submitters have five minutes to speak to council members in support of their submissions. Council will then consider whether it will make changes to the proposal based on all written submissions and the hearings at a meeting on September 7.

Governance quality manager Shainey James said it is heartening that submissions were significantly up on 2018's Representation Review with 118 received and around 13 submitters would be speaking to their submissions in person at the hearings.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the hearings, which run between 10am-noon at the council chamber, 107 te Heuheu Street, Tuesday, August 24.



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