

STAY SAFE ALL, AND STAY THE COURSE



WE FIND OURSELVES in unusual times, and it's more important than ever that we all support each other through this, and know that together we can stay the course. Mayor David Trewavas shares his thoughts:

We all felt as safe as we could, in our little piece of paradise. Then Delta started brewing. And well, here we are, fighting to keep this much more infectious strain of COVID-19 at bay. Last year, throughout our district, we all hunkered down and helped each other through the first lockdown. And I'm immensely proud of the job we all did then, and fully expect we'll do the same this time. We are a community, bound together by respect and love - we'll get through this, as we did superbly last time. I am proud to be a part of this community, which always does its bit when called upon. We will get through this, as we did last time. So let's stay the course. Take care of yourself and each other. If you need help, please reach out to someone. Be safe and please remember to stay in your bubble. Kia kaha, everyone.

The Taupō District, along with most of New Zealand, will remain at Alert Level 4 until 11:59pm on Friday 27 August, with a review on Friday. Auckland will remain at Alert Level 4 until 11:59pm on Tuesday 31 August 2021, with a review on Monday. For more information about council services and facilities at Alert Level 4, please head to taupo.govt.nz/covid-19. For information from government around Covid-19 including locations of interest, please head to covid19.govt.nz

KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS UPDATE

WHILE WE'RE AT alert level 4, kerbside rubbish collections will continue across the Taupō District, but there will be no kerbside recycling collection.

You can dispose of your recycling in your rubbish bag (please no glass) or ensure you thoroughly clean and store your recycling appropriately for pick up when we move down alert levels. You may also be able to repurpose some of your recycling - like glass jars - to use around the house.

Our landfill and district transfer stations will be open but only bagged rubbish will be accepted and only if it is essential. All bags will need a council sticker or you'll need to be using a prepaid yellow bag. We will not be accepting bulk loads, recycling or green waste at this stage, and be aware safety protocols may mean a longer visit while transferring your waste.

As we transition to lower alert levels recycling services will gradually be reintroduced.

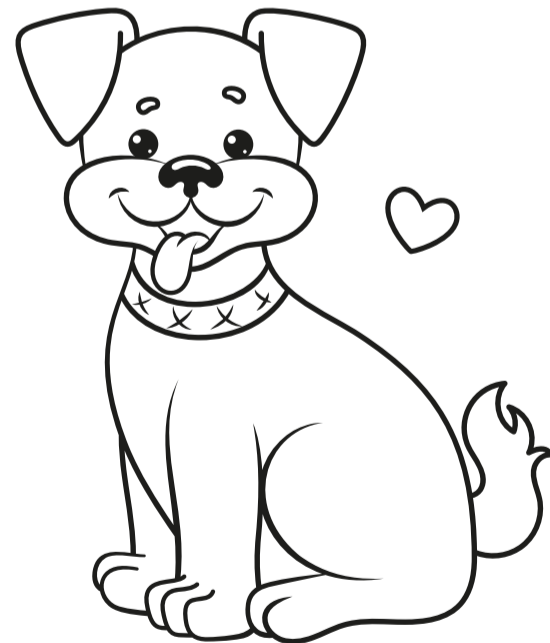


BOOK LOVERS BEHOLD

WHILE OUR LIBRARIES in Taupō, Turangi and Mangakino are closed in alert level 4, members can still download e-Books and e-Audiobooks for free! And if you're not a member, you can sign up online for a free, temporary Digital Only Membership which gives you access to all e-Books, e-Audiobooks and online resources. Find out more at www.taupodc.govt.nz/ebooks

Note that all loans of library items will be extended without fines and fees while the libraries are closed. After-hours book returns slots are closed too, so just hold onto any loan items you have until the libraries reopen.

If you have any urgent queries about your library account or items checked out to you, or would like help accessing library resources online, please phone 07-376 0899 or email info@taupo.govt.nz



DOG APPRECIATION DAY!

COLOUR IN RALPH and snap a photo, show us your artworks by posting on facebook and tagging our Facebook page! www.facebook.com/TaupoDistrictCouncil

KEEP CONNECTED

DURING THESE TRYING times, please follow all COVID instructions from the government, but rest assured that our essential council workers have been on the job to keep things functioning in our district and will continue to do so.

Our call centre will always be in operation to answer your calls - you can contact us anytime by calling 07 376 0899 or 0800 ASK TDC (0800 275 832) or email info@taupo.govt.nz.

For phone numbers or other contacts when you want more general help, advice or information, please head to covid.govt.nz

If you need help with financial assistance or social service support, including food grants, please visit www.msd.govt.nz or ring the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) on 0800 559 009. This number is for everyone who may need assistance.

It is normal to feel anxious or stressed in times of difficulty. There are useful tips on how to stay mentally healthy and where you can get help at www.covid19.govt.nz/wellbeing

Golden rules for Alert Level 4

-  Stay at home in your bubble
-  Feeling unwell? Call your doctor or Healthline on 0800 358 5453 about getting tested
- If leaving the house:**
-  Wear a mask and keep a 2m distance from others
-  Keep on scanning QR codes
-  Wash and sanitise hands often
-  Stay local and be kind to one another

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WE'VE GOT THIS!

