

COUNCIL SERVICES AT ALERT LEVEL 2



AS WE HEAD into Alert Level 2 and back towards normal life, we can all get back to what we usually do. Here's how the Taupō District Council facilities will be operating for you in the new environment.

Our community facilities are progressively reopening as of yesterday, with restrictions in place to help reduce the potential spread of Covid-19. All community facilities will have the following restrictions, as per the government guidelines at this level:

- Mandatory contact tracing
- Physical distancing of 2m
- Face coverings required indoors (unless exercising)
- A maximum number of 50 people indoors, and 100 people outdoors (potentially fewer depending on the ability to keep 2m apart at specific facilities).

We will also have additional health and safety measures in place including encouraging contactless payment and additional sanitation procedures.

THE FACILITIES THAT ARE OPEN FROM YESTERDAY INCLUDE:

- Taupō, Turangi and Mangakino Customer Service Centres
- Taupō, Turangi and Mangakino libraries (no events and activities, no public computer or meeting room access)
- Taupō Museum
- AC Baths and Aqua classes (indoor and outdoor 25m pools and leisure pool only)
- Fitness Studio

- Turangi Turtle Pools
- SuperLoo and all public toilets with running water
- Great Lake Centre
- Playgrounds, sportsgrounds and Owen Delaney Park
- All landfill and transfer stations

Council's kerbside rubbish and recycling services will also be back to normal from Wednesday.

Today, gym classes will restart at the Fitness Studio and on Saturday the Rockwall will reopen to the public (members will have access from Friday).

On Monday, swim school classes will resume, and the Events Centre will be open to users where they can show they have Covid-19 plans in place.

We will be updating at taupo.govt.nz with further details on these facilities and what specific restrictions will apply when you visit.

WHAT WE ALL NEED TO DO TO KEEP SAFE:

Stay home if you're sick: If you have cold or flu symptoms, stay home and call Healthline or your doctor about a free COVID-19 test.

Keep track of where you've been. This is now mandatory for everyone aged 12 and over. You can do this by using the NZ COVID Tracer app. Scan QR codes everywhere you go and turn on Bluetooth tracing.

Practise good hygiene: Wash your hands with soap. Cough or sneeze into your elbow. Clean surfaces.

Face coverings must also be worn on public transport.

For more information about what measures you need to take to keep safe go to covid19.govt.nz



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Share your views on the future of three waters by completing our short survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/threewatersreform

COMMUNITY GRANTS

THE LATEST ROUND of our community partnership grants have seen several local organisations who are working hard in our communities supported in their missions. This includes the non-profit Taupō Learning Centre, which has received funding to support three years of leasing of a specialised vehicle for assisting people in gaining or regaining their drivers licenses through skilled practical training.

This work will help support those who may need a helping hand to be able to get their driver's license, helping even more people enjoy the benefits of mobility, which has flow-on benefits for those who need to drive to get to work or education. The council has a range of funding rounds across various areas, all designed to see our district grow and thrive. Head to taupo.govt.nz/grants to learn more.

WORK UNDERWAY FOR TURANGI PIHANGA ROAD



PIHANGA ROAD IS now scheduled for improvements under the Turangi Street Revitalisation Project. The \$6.5 million government-funded project is renewing kerbing and channelling damaged by tree roots or age and has been ongoing in several residential streets. With COVID-19 restrictions beginning to ease, our contractors are eager to get back onto the project and the Pihanga Road segment in particular, which was about to get underway just as the country went into lockdown.

Existing kerbing and channelling will be replaced, and Turangi Tongariro Community Board Chair Clint Green says this will make a huge difference to the town's entrance.

"The work already carried out on residential streets in

Turangi has been very well received," he said, "and has really improved the look of the streets. No trees will be removed, but as most visitors to our town enter via this way it will make for a much more appealing introduction to Turangi and I'm very much looking forward to this being completed."

To ensure the work can be carried out swiftly and safely, Pihanga Road will be closed from 7:30am to 4:30pm from Monday, 13 September to Friday, 8 October, providing no COVID-19 restrictions are in place. Overnight during this period the roadway will be open, but the shoulder will remain closed and the community is asked to please use caution around the work site.

