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AC BATHS SWIM-AREA BBQ TO GO

THE AC BATHS covered BBQ area is to be removed to boost safety at the facility. The covered BBQ was located behind the “bombing island” near to the deeper end of the leisure pool.

Pools operations manager Ryno Nienaber said this means parents and caregivers can be distracted by food preparation.

“People often become very busy preparing their food on the BBQ,” he said, “and it’s easy to become focused on that instead of the little ones in their care, who are in close proximity to the dangerous deep end of the pool.

“We have also seen an increase in the size of groups using the BBQs, as well as in behaviour that can cause conflict with other pool users, so in the interests of safety for all we will be removing the covered BBQ area.

“Most public pools in New Zealand do not allow any food, or limit food from commercial outlets onsite, so we think that removing this while keeping one other BBQ, which is better located, is the best solution.

“People are still welcome to bring pre-prepared food with them and consume it on site, and of course refreshments are available at Splashes Café inside.”



MARGARET SWEENEY AWARD DATE UPDATE

MANY SWIMMERS ACROSS our district have been hitting the water regularly in search of the magical 25 or 50-kilometre distance to complete the Margaret Sweeney Challenge.

The challenge is named after the first person to swim the length of Lake Taupō, a nearly 14-hour feat she completed in 1955, and one not successfully achieved again until 1977.

Both AC Baths and the Turtle Pools swimmers were pushing to meet these benchmarks before we went into lockdown with the deadline for kilometres looming.

All is not lost however!

With our pools reopening under Level 2, we have pushed out the end date for our avid water-goers who now have until November 11 to get the required kilometres in. Our friendly staff at either facility will be able to update you on your progress to date or tell you more about the award.

Please follow all Level 2 guidelines next time you pop in for a dip.

TOWN CENTRE TRANSFORMATION TAKING SHAPE ON TONGARIRO



DESPITE LESS THAN great weather, we’re still making good progress on the town centre transformation with work going well on Tongariro Street between Tamamutu Street and Horomātangi Street. Our contractor is almost done with the underground stormwater infrastructure in this roadway section, and once completed we’ll be moving on to the more visible, above-ground work on the street itself.

Weather permitting, our contractors will begin forming the kerbs for the new centre median, and creating the new kerbs containing the built-out sections of footpath in front of the shops.

Project manager Travis Delich said there will be some disruption to parking and traffic flows, and to ensure a safe working space for contractors, southbound traffic will be temporarily diverted down Tamamutu Street.

“Our team will be working as quickly as possible to get this section of work done,” Mr Delich said, “so please drive safe and follow the guidance of our traffic management team.

“Pedestrian access to businesses will be maintained at all times however, so come on down to support our local businesses and see how things are taking shape!”

REPRESENTATION REVIEW OUTCOME

AFTER DELIBERATING THIS week on our residents’ and ratepayers’ submissions, the council is now putting forward its preferred representation arrangements for the next two local government elections in the Taupō District.

Council was required to take a fresh look at how many elected members there are and what communities they represent across the district following its recent decision to establish a Māori ward.

This representation review aims to ensure fair and effective representation for people and their communities, which will in turn strengthen local democracy.

The proposal approved by councillors, now to be reviewed by the Local Government Commission, is for the following arrangements for the 2022 and 2025 elections:

- Taupō Ward (7 councillors). This is the status quo.
- Mangakino/Pouakani Ward (1 councillor). This is the status quo.
- Taupō East Rural Ward (1 councillor). This is the status quo.
- Turangi/Tongariro Ward (1 councillor). This is a reduction from 2 councillors.
- One district-wide Māori Ward – Te Papamārearea (2 councillors).
- Mayor elected at large

The council also proposes to disestablish the Turangi-Tongariro Community Board from October 2022, with its role instead to be undertaken by two new council committees, including one to be co-governed between council and Ngāti Tūrangitukua, the mana whenua (the iwi that holds authority) of the Tūrangitukua rohe (area) that includes the Tūrangī township and its immediate surrounds.

