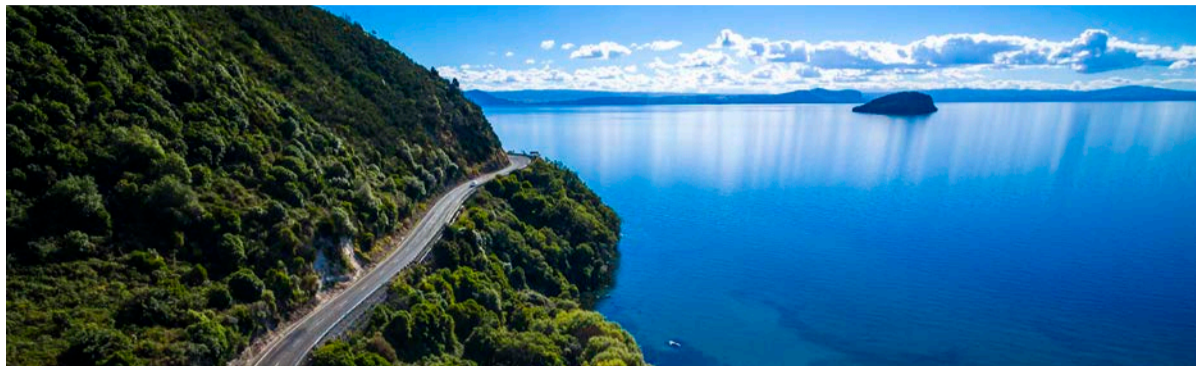


## COUNCIL SURVEY RESULTS ON 3 WATERS



### THANK YOU TO everyone who took part in council's online survey on the Government's proposed Three Waters reform.

Three Waters involves how we as a nation will manage drinking water, wastewater and stormwater into the future, for the benefit of all.

As part of our feedback to Government at the end of this month, we asked the community to share their thoughts on these reforms - with 587 people responding to the survey.

From this, we have established that:

- 44% felt poorly informed or not at all informed
- 64% felt it was extremely important that local government continued to deliver the three waters
- 32% of respondents would be prepared to pay more for councils to continue to deliver three waters
- There is a recognition that benefits can be achieved

through economies of scale but a fear of substantially escalating infrastructure costs

- There is a strong sense of ownership of local assets and a corresponding concern about losing local influence, particularly when it comes to making sure that water infrastructure is in place to support growth aspirations
- There is a feeling that the reform process is undemocratic and seems to be driven by a predetermined set of outcomes. People feel like they have not had a chance to voice their views.

Thank you everyone for your feedback - we have taken it fully on board in our draft submission to Government, which will be decided on at Tuesday's council meeting at 1pm. With Covid restrictions and social distancing requirements, the best way to watch this meeting is online via [taupo.govt.nz/meetings](http://taupo.govt.nz/meetings).

## WATER MAINS UPGRADE GETS UNDERWAY IN RICHMOND HEIGHTS

**ALONGSIDE THE LARGE-SCALE projects on the go around the district, numerous work programmes are getting underway to maintain and improve the vital infrastructure that keeps our communities safe and healthy.**

One of these includes upgrading the water main infrastructure in Richmond Heights.

This mahi involves 2.1kms of water pipes, 1.9kms of water mains and various service connections reaching the end of their expected life being replaced on Richmond Avenue, Hyde Avenue, Victoria Street, Kempton Place, Kew Place, Hampstead Place, Newberry Place, Ascot Close, Avon Close, and Shepherd Road.

The \$1.2 million project has been scheduled as part of council's Long-term Plan.

Project manager Ben Schubert said the work is expected to be completed by April next year, and as well as making the water supply more resilient, residents should also see an increase in their water pressure.

"This project will be carried out in stages," Mr Schubert said, "so no area will have works ongoing in their streets for more than two months. But we'd like to ask the community to please use caution around the work sites.

"We'll be working as quickly as possible to minimise disruption - and if any local water shutdowns are required, our team will be in touch to give those affected prior notice."



In celebration of Keep New Zealand Beautiful Clean Up Week which runs from Monday 25 to Sunday 31 October, we are hosting the spooky spectacular, Pick or Treat!

Join us for our litter pick up event on Sunday 31 October from 10am to 12pm starting at the Float Plane Carpark on Redoubt Street.

Come in costume, there will be free lollies for the kids and it will be an all-round, great family day out.

## NEW TERMINAL TO TELL TAUPŌ DISTRICT STORY

**AS WELL AS creating a higher capacity and more future-proofed facility, the aim of the Taupō Airport upgrade project is to provide a unique and memorable gateway to our district.**

For Paul Raven, who is the project's lead architect from local architects, Stephenson and Turner, that means making sure the new terminal design tells the story of the Taupō District.

"My focus has always been on how we can make the built environment a better place for people to live in, and an environment that they feel a part of and belong in," he said.

"Story-telling is always within that and it's the same for every project we work on; we look at the site, the environment and the people that are part of that, and then work on how we bring that together in the design."

Having moved to Taupō five years ago to start Stephenson and Turner's local office, Paul said it is the team's involvement in design work for numerous projects throughout New Zealand and the Pacific, including airports,

that means he is ideally suited to our Airport upgrade.

"The really exciting thing about the project is that we all have the opportunity to make this something that lets people know exactly where they are," he said. "So many airports are generic; they could be anywhere. Taupō Airport will be the gateway to our district and will tell the story of this place where we live.

"So far it's been a wonderful journey and a great opportunity to meet and work with people like Ngāti Tūwharetoa / Ruakawa artist and master carver Delani Brown to give a connection to the people, the land and to really tell the stories of the past, the present and maybe the future."

Rimu logs from Pureora forest and mauri stones from Tauhara are part of the stories, as are depictions of the mountains that surround us and a restored work by Kiwi artist Barry Brickell.

"But the stories will be more than skin deep - they will be within the bones of the building itself," he said.



L-R Paul Raven of Stephenson and Turner, Phil King of Taupō District Council, Airport operations manager Kim Gard, and Airport general manager Rhys Frearson.

