

TOWN CENTRE TRANSFORMATION TREKS ON



WE'RE CONTINUING TO make good headway in creating a town centre that will do us proud for decades to come. Here's our latest update on the mahi:

TE HEUHEU ST / TĪTĪRAUPENGA ST INTERSECTION

The nasty weather didn't stop the team working on the Tītīrapunga/te Heu Heu intersection, but COVID restrictions certainly have.

With Northland, Auckland and parts of Waikato all at Alert Level 3 our supply chain has been interrupted. This means our team has had to extend the closure of this intersection until Saturday 16 October, despite pulling out all the stops to find a work-around.

Thanks to the affected businesses and residents who have been working with us on this piece of the project, and thanks also to drivers for their patience - hang in there folks, these are trying times for us all but the team are determined to get this over the line and get things back to normal as soon as possible!

TONGARIRO STREET

We have a big few weeks ahead of us to try and knock out the majority of the works on Tongariro Street, between Spa Road and Tamamutu Street.

Our goal is to get in and get out as quickly as we can.

This means there will be a fair amount of disruption with road and lane closures as well as heavy machinery onsite.

We will be working on everything from stormwater pipes, the connection to the Acacia Bay water supply as well as the kerbing and centre islands, much like the work that has been completed further down Tongariro Street.

To allow this work to happen, there will be a southbound lane closure on Tongariro Street, from Spa Road through to Tamamutu Street for the next two weeks, weather permitting. Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

TĪTĪRAUPENGA STREET / SPA ROAD

From Monday 18 October, we are expecting work to begin on transforming this intersection and installing traffic lights here. This date is weather permitting.

The first stage of this work will begin on the northern side of Spa Road and will involve no access for vehicles in to and out of Opepe Street.

During this first stage, which is expected to take four and a half weeks, Spa Road will remain open to traffic but please expect delays and disruption while the work is underway.

Once this is complete, the team will then move over to the southern side of Spa Road.

KINLOCH WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE NEARING COMPLETION



WORK TO INCREASE capacity at the Kinloch wastewater treatment plant has been progressing well, with work continuing throughout lockdown under strict COVID-19 protocols.

The \$15.5 million upgrade will not only increase the plant's capacity to treat wastewater but will accommodate ongoing and future growth in Kinloch.

Council infrastructure manager Denis Lewis said the project was on track despite interruptions caused by COVID-19 restrictions and the plant should be commissioned prior to Christmas.

"The upgrade will also improve the reliability and resilience of the plant," Mr Lewis said, "and that means we can continue to manage our wastewater responsibly so that we can protect the health of our community in an environmentally sustainable way."

"This has been a fairly complex and quite large-scale piece of work and we'd like to thank our contractor Spartan Construction and the project team for delivering this essential project under very difficult circumstances.

"We are on track to have the plant running just prior to Christmas, but there will be a few months of work following this to finalise the site and we'd also like to thank everyone in the community for their patience while this has been underway."

LOOKING AFTER THE PLACE WE LOVE!



EVERY YEAR WE dispose of 15 tonnes of recycling from our street recycling bins, and in order to get a better idea of what is going into the bins and how we might be able to improve the service, our environmental rangers Shannon and Parva got the unenviable task of carrying out a bin audit!

The five bins chosen were on the Lakefront Reserve across from the Mini Putt, the Float Plane carpark, Kaimanawa Reserve, the Hot Water Beach car park, and Two Mile Bay, and while the rangers were generally very pleased with the amount of glass, aluminium cans, and plastic drink bottles that were going into the correct recycling streams, they did notice quite a lot of non-recyclable items too.

"We found coffee cups, takeaway packaging, and plastic straws in the bins," Shannon said.

"Coffee cups and other takeaway cups may look like they're recyclable paper, but they're actually lined with a thin layer of plastic to protect our hands. Think about it, without this, a hot drink in paper would seep right through. So these cups are not recyclable and must be thrown in the rubbish bin."

"Only plastics with a number 1, 2, or 5 can be recycled," Parva said, "so that means sushi containers, plastic straws and cutlery, and plastic lids need to go in the rubbish bin. It only takes a moment to sort, but it makes a huge difference in helping us keep as much recycling out of landfill as possible."



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