

## NEW TONGARIRO PLAYGROUND IS A GO



**IT'S A WRAP** folks! Work on the Tongariro Domain playground upgrade that began in June 2021 is now complete – and tamariki from our Taupō schools have been putting it through its paces this week. The playground redevelopment was included in the 2018-2028 Long-term Plan and further funding was secured from a private/public partnership between council and the 100% Great Lake Charitable Trust, Contact Energy, and Towncentre Taupō. The upgrade was originally scheduled for 2020 but was postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions, and Mayor David Trewavas said it was great to see the new Warrior Mountains Playground - Te Papa Tākaro o Ngā Maunga Toa welcoming the wider community from Friday 22 October.

"This has been long project and I'd like to thank everyone involved," he said, "from those who joined the

funding partnership, to the community for giving us their input, and to our contractors Bespoke/Fluhler for delivering the playground. This is a playground that can be enjoyed by a wide range of ages and abilities, with much improved accessibility. And best of all we've worked with Tūwharetoa artist Kingi Pitiroi and Hawira Karaitiana of the Taupō Museum to tell our story of the mountains and waterways."

"Together with the Taupō Town Centre Transformation work we are doing on Tongariro Street, the new playground will be a much more integral part of our town, helping to link our CBD and the domain. It will be easier and safer for our young ones to access and it will be a great destination for locals and visitors alike – so come on down and see it for yourself!"

## STREET ART COMES TO THE MUSEUM GALLERY



**NEW WORKS FROM** some of New Zealand's street art originators will feature at Taupō Museum from this Saturday.

The exhibition "Public Access 6" sees the founding members of the Cut Collective, Component, Enforce1, Flox, Peepshow and TrustMe, come together to produce the latest in a series of exhibitions that began nearly 15 years ago.

The exhibit is timed to open with the Graffiti: Taupō Street Art Festival 2021 over Labour Weekend.

Public Access 6 runs 23 October to 29 November at the Main Gallery of Taupō Museum. The Museum and Art Gallery is open seven days from 10am to 4.30pm and entry is free to Taupō District residents with proof of address.

## WHAT'S OPEN LABOUR WEEKEND

- Rubbish and recycling collection is on Monday, so please have your rubbish and recycling out as normal by 7.30am, if this is your day. Landfill and transfer stations remain open, and hours can be found at [taupo.govt.nz/rubbish](http://taupo.govt.nz/rubbish)
- The council's Taupō and Turangi Customer Service and i-SITE Visitor Information Centres are open 10am – 1pm on Labour Day, while the Mangakino Centre is closed.
- Taupō Museum will be open 10am to 4.30pm every day. It's normal opening hours at libraries on Saturday, but all will be closed on Monday.

**PICK or treat**

**HALLOWEEN LITTER PICK UP**  
SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER  
10AM - 12PM

**FLOAT PLANE CARPARK, REDOUBT ST**

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## TOWN CENTRE TRANSFORMATION PROCEEDS ASPACE

**DESPITE SOME CHALLENGES** due to weather and COVID-19, it's full steam ahead on turning our town centre into an area that will do us proud for decades to come.

### TONGARIRO STREET

The Acacia Bay watermain connection was trenched under the road last week, and work is progressing on stormwater, moving in soil for the centre island and removing the old kerbing outside the shops north of Mobil. The southbound lane closure between Spa Road and Tamamutu Street is expected to stay in place during the day until Thursday 28 October. Progress on the footpath area outside NZ Corner/Café 99 continues with pavers likely to start going down soon.



Acacia Bay watermain works - Tongariro Street

### HOROMATANGI ST / TĪTĪRAUPENGA ST INTERSECTION

Asphalt has been laid on the southern side of the road which will mean the carparks are now open. On the northern side of the intersection, we have faced delays thanks to bad weather, concrete supplies and kerbing contractors in lockdown. We are hoping to have these northern side carparks completed soon though.



New asphalt - Horomatangi Street

### TE HEUHEU ST / TĪTĪRAUPENGA ST INTERSECTION

Resealing the intersection is complete, with line marking underway. Temporary traffic lights were set up on Saturday with contractors down from Auckland arriving earlier this week to undertake the works for the light poles. We estimate it will be two weeks before they are fully operational.



Full resal - te Heuheu St / Tītīraupenga St intersection

### TĪTĪRAUPENGA ST/SPA ROAD INTERSECTION

Work transforming the Tītīraupenga Street/Spa Road intersection and installing traffic lights started on Monday. The first stage is on Spa Road's northern side and involves no access for vehicles into, 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 work is complete, the team will then move over to the southern side of the road, work that is expected to take approximately four weeks, depending on weather.

For more information, go to [taupo.govt.nz/towncentretransformation](http://taupo.govt.nz/towncentretransformation)

