

## NEW TIMING FOR TONGARIRO STREET LIGHTS



**CHANGES HAVE BEEN** made to the timing of the Tongariro Street traffic lights as work on the town centre transformation picks up around them.

The lights have been set to a faster cycle time to better suit the temporary traffic management in place along the rest of Tongariro Street and project manager Travis Delich said this was a temporary measure to prevent queues forming.

"We understand that the new timings may seem to be cycling very quickly," Mr Delich said, "but this is not permanent as we will be removing the lights here early in the new year and replacing them with a roundabout. The roundabout will better suit the revised layout of Tongariro Street, with reduced traffic flows, so until that is under way we are asking people to please drive safely around the work site."

## HEADS UP FOR CYCLISTS THIS WEEKEND



**IF YOU'RE ON** the road this weekend, be aware there may be more cyclists out. This coming Saturday (November 27) was the original date of the BDO Lake Taupō Cycle Challenge, which has since been rescheduled to Saturday 19 February 2022 and some cyclists may still aim to ride around the lake on the original date.

Regardless, the warmer weather always brings more motorcyclists and cyclists out. Taupō Police relieving road policing manager Acting Senior Sergeant Vanessa Meharry says drivers need to always look out for other road users because how they behave affects everyone else on the road. She advises giving cyclists plenty of room when passing, ideally 1.5 metres. You should also wait for a clear space to pass, especially on a narrow road.

Thanks for helping keep all our road users safe.

## SUMMER READING PROGRAMME



**HEY TŪRANGI!** Registrations are now open for the Taupō District Libraries Summer Reading Challenge! The challenge, which will be run online, is a fun way to keep your tamariki reading (and occupied) over summer, with some great prizes up for grabs!

You can register your tamariki online, by email or by phoning the Tūrangi Library. Find out more at [www.taupodc.govt.nz/summerreadingchallenge](http://www.taupodc.govt.nz/summerreadingchallenge).

For all of the kids in Taupō and Mangakino, don't worry, we haven't forgotten about you. Registrations will open for both locations on Monday 29 November! Happy reading everybody!

## REVISED LANE LAYOUT FOR SPA ROAD ROUNDABOUT



**A REVISED LANE** layout will be in effect at the Spa Road/Tongariro Street roundabout from 1 December.

The new road markings will make the roundabout more readable for those turning into the new Tongariro Street layout and project manager Travis Delich said there will also be a subtle change to the shape of the roundabout to better guide people into and out of the revised Tongariro Street.

"The current shape of the roundabout and lane marking means that people are often too far to the right when entering the roundabout from Spa Road," he said. "The revised layout will act as a better guide for those drivers, whether they are turning left into Tongariro Street or right to head north, and it will also better guide drivers travelling south from Control Gates."

"Our team will be working on the new lane markings and roundabout design overnight on Wednesday, 1 December or Thursday 2 December depending on weather. Please drive with caution while this work is underway and follow the guidance of the team."

## A TASTE OF SUMMER COUNCIL WORK FOR STUDENTS

**AS THE WARMER** months approach, we see students finishing up their studies and spending the bulk of their summer with family and friends.

For a group of young people this means gaining some invaluable work experience working for Council.

A variety of roles have been filled this year, with everything from Parks and Reserves staff, right through to information technology and librarians. In all, 29 opportunities have been filled for eager young learners.

People and culture manager Lindsay Nienhuser was delighted to be able to offer the positions again this year.

"We have had great success with students working with us over the past few years. We can offer a variety of roles and a lot of the feedback is around the invaluable experience they gain from our staff," she said.

"We have already welcomed some students into our TDC whānau and look forward to working alongside them again this year."



Student library assistant Sam Stretton on the job.

