

KIA ORA MARAMA - OUR NEW SOUTHERN LAKE COMMUNITIES ENGAGEMENT PARTNER



MARAMA ISHERWOOD IS Taupō District Council's new engagement partner for the southern lake settlements. The newly-created role aims to help connect community groups and organisations and give smaller communities and interest groups more of a voice in Council planning and the delivery of services.

Originally from the Hokianga, Marama met husband Shane in Melbourne and together with their three children they have lived at Rotoaira since 1988.

"We settled over at Rotoaira, where Shane was born and raised, and where we still live today," Marama said. "I started working at Whakapapa Skifield for Ruapehu Alpine Lifts in 1989, and after 32 years of dedicated service there, I accepted the new role as the Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner late last year. I'm very excited to be able to play a role in serving the community I'm passionate about. For me, the southern end of the lake needs the opportunity to shine, and with the right people in the right places we can make it shine bright like a diamond!"

Community engagement and development manager Libby O'Brien said Marama's face will be familiar to many across the southern Lake Taupō area.

"It's been key to get someone into this role who already knows the people who make up these communities and knows how they work," Libby said, "as well as understanding how to work with whānau, hapū and iwi. Marama fits the bill perfectly as she is already a part of the community and has a strong understanding of the rohe and its people. We're so excited to have her on board to make a real difference in the southern part of our district."

WATER USE SOARS OVER LONG WEEKEND

SOME WELCOME RAIN last week brought relief to the parched lawns and reserves of the Taupo District.

It also had a short-lived impact on water use across the district, with 11,000 cubic metres less water used during Wednesday 26 January.

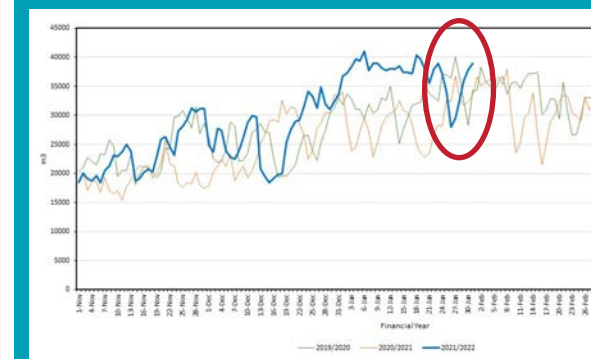
Since then, water consumption has risen again - particularly in Kinloch where a record amount of water was used over Auckland Anniversary Weekend.

Our water teams are keeping a close eye on the amount being used to ensure our water treatment plants have enough capacity and are asking locals to conserve water where they can.

Please continue to observe the level one water restrictions which mean that sprinklers and fixed irrigation may be used on alternate days only, depending on your street address. So if your address ends in 0, 2, 4, 6, or 8 you can use sprinklers on even calendar days; if your address ends in 1, 3, 5, 7, or 9 you can use them on odd calendar days.

Thank you everyone for your water-saving efforts so far.

WATER USE COMPARISON 2019-2022



WATER RESTRICTIONS DISTRICT WIDE

LEVEL 1

Sprinklers on alternate days only

Hand-held hosing anytime

LOVE THE ENVIRONMENT?
JOIN THE ULTIMATE ROMANTIC LITTER PICK UP

looking for love and litter

ON SUNDAY, 20 FEBRUARY AT THE LAKEFRONT RESERVE OPPOSITE TAUPŌ MINI GOLF STARTS AT 10AM

YOUR MY VACCINE PASS IS REQUIRED

TONGARIRO STREET WORK RESTARTS THIS WEEK

AFTER A BIT of a break for the Christmas/New Year period, things are about to ramp up again in our Taupō Town Centre Transformation, with high-vis, hard hats, and machinery making their return to Tongariro Street!

The initial work will concentrate on the Domain side of the street between Spa Road and Tūwharetoa Street, with additional parking, the bus stop spaces, a cycle lane/shared

pathway, and improved pedestrian crossing points being built. Later in February the construction of a permanent roundabout at Story Place/Tongariro Street gets underway.

While we will be working to keep the road open as much as possible, there will be some short-term closures for kerbs and sealing, so please drive with caution and follow the guidance of our traffic management team.



NEARLY THERE AT KIDDLE DRIVE ROUNDABOUT

THINGS HAVE BEEN going well on the new Kiddle Drive/Arrowsmith Avenue roundabout, with all of the drainage work complete and the roundabout really starting to take shape.

While there are still a few weeks of work to go before the project is complete, our contractors have temporarily opened the intersection. They are still on site working however, so please drive carefully if you're passing through this area.

We'll have to do one more short road closure from 8 to 13 February to finish off the pavement and concrete works, and then the project should be completed by mid-February.

While the closure is in place, pedestrians and cyclists will still be able to move through the area, with signage on site to direct everyone.

Thanks for your patience everybody, the home stretch is in sight!

