



### VAL RAYMOND EXHIBITION TO TRANSFORM TAUPŌ MUSEUM

**AN EXTRAORDINARY SELECTION of the very diverse artwork of the late New Zealand artist Val Raymond is being exhibited in Taupō to honour and celebrate her life's work.**

Val's family has selected an unusual collection of her paintings created over seven decades to create the exhibition titled 'Transformation'.

Known for years for her portraiture and landscapes, Val Raymond was well-recognised and best-known for her meticulous research mainly in the Central North Island and Lake Taupō environment, which was a strong foundation to build on and grow creatively from.

'Transformation' will highlight the progression of Val's work over the decades including works from her acclaimed major collections such as the 'Exhibition Millennium 2000 - Feather and Fibre' abstract expression series, which followed what could be described as her "all-consuming, creative metamorphosis" during the 1990s.

'Transformation' will be on show on both galleries at Taupō Museum from Saturday 19 February until Monday 28 March.

Taupō Museum is open seven days from 10am to 4.30pm and entry is free to Taupō District residents with proof of address.

Please be aware all visitors aged over 12 years and three months are required to use their My Vaccine Pass when visiting Taupō Museum.

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### RATES REMINDER

**A FRIENDLY REMINDER that rates for the third instalment are due by 21 February.**

Rates are billed in four instalments for the rating year which begins on 1 July and ends on 30 June. Your rates invoice will have been posted or emailed to you on the first day of the month. For more information visit [taupo.govt.nz/rates](http://taupo.govt.nz/rates).



### CALL FOR RUBBISH IDEAS

**LAST CALL FOR applications! If you have a great idea on how to reduce waste, or reuse or recover materials that would otherwise end up in the landfill, our waste minimisation fund could help bring that idea to life! But get in quick - the last day to submit an application is Friday 25 February.**

Last year, funds went to projects ranging from a paper shredder for a school to make fire bricks from its paper and cardboard recycling, to a local kōhanga reo starting up a reusable nappy programme. We're excited to see what waste-minimising projects people come up with this year!

To apply, your project must be based within the Taupō District or mostly benefit the local community. Grants are available for up to \$2,000 for any project that contributes to waste minimisation, waste avoidance, reduction of waste to landfill, and/or the recovery of materials or energy. These grants are funded by the national waste levy which is set by the Ministry for the Environment.

Find out more and apply at [www.taupodc.govt.nz/wmf](http://www.taupodc.govt.nz/wmf).

### KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR CYCLISTS



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

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.

### THE ULTIMATE ROMANTIC LITTER PICK UP

**DON'T FORGET OUR mix and mingle litter pick-up event coming up this Sunday, 20 February!**

Love & Litter is an initiative by our environmental ranger Shannon Hanson to reach new groups of people and encourage them to come along and care for our place.

If you wish, you can wear a T-shirt colour to indicate whether you're open to making connections, red if you're taken or any other colour if you're just there for the litter.

A study by online dating site Zoosk showed 78 percent of singles want to date someone who cares about the environment and an event like Looking for Love and Litter is a perfect way to connect, Shannon says.

"But it's just about finding like-minded people, it doesn't have to be romantic, it's just about coming and mingling."

After the two-hour clean up, the Pub'n Grub is offering a discount for anyone who wants to come along to mingle and chat with their fellow litter picker-uppers.

Meet on the lakefront opposite Taupō Mini Golf at 10am. Taupō is in Red under the Covid-19 traffic light framework so vaccine passes are required to attend.



Taupō District Council environmental ranger Shannon Hanson.

### TAUPŌ AIRPORT UPGRADE FLYING AHEAD

**GREAT PROGRESS HAS been made on the Taupō Airport carpark upgrade, with the new seal in place and line marking complete.**

Project manager Pernille Fletcher said the next work would be installing street art and lighting to make a safer environment for carpark users in the winter months. Planting would also be carried out in the green spaces around the carpark.

"Stage two of the upgrade will be getting underway from July," Pernille said. "This will see work begin on the new pick up/drop off area, rental car parks, and the bus zone."

The new terminal building is also starting to take shape, with the foundation completed and the steel superstructure and timber framing progressing well.

"We are beginning to get an idea of the scale of the new building, which will be nearly twice as large as the existing terminal, and the more unique aspects of the build that reflect our district will also be taking shape soon."

With the site work ongoing, airport users are asked to allow extra time when catching flights, and also to use caution around the work site at all times.

