

HAVE YOUR SAY ON TAUPŌ LAKEFRONT HOLE IN ONE

COUNCIL HAS RECEIVED an application from **Taupō Moana Group Holdings Limited (TMGHL)** to develop the **Hole in One** site they occupy on the **Taupō lakefront** and we want to hear your thoughts on their proposal.

TMGHL is the commercial subsidiary of the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board. They currently hold a licence over part of the Taupō Lakefront Reserve that lets them operate the Hole in One Golf activity. The site is located on Taupō Lakefront Reserve and we manage the area through guidelines in the Tapuaeharuru Bay Lakeshore Reserves Management Plan.

The application we have received involves further

development than what is allowed under their current operating licence. For the development to go ahead, it would mean we first need to make a few changes to the Tapuaeharuru Bay Lakeshore Reserves Management Plan. Development of the site will also be subject to TMGHL being granted the required resource and building consents which will be subject to a separate public consultation process.

You can head to taupo.govt.nz/consultation to read more and to have your say about the proposal and the identified changes required to the Plan. Feedback is open until 4.30pm on Monday, 14 March 2022.



WATER RESTRICTIONS LIFTED ACROSS THE DISTRICT

WATER RESTRICTIONS PUT in place across the district over the busy summer period have now been lifted.

The district moved to level one water restrictions on December 13 in anticipation of high demand over summer.

With that demand now reducing, it means the level one restrictions are no longer required, but Council's asset manager water Tom Swindells said it was always good for people to be mindful of their water use.

"Water is not an infinite resource and often people look out to the lake and don't quite understand that regardless of the lake level, our water treatment plants can only treat a certain amount of water per day.

"It's great that water consumption has been reduced and that we can lift the restrictions, but we always want to remind people to be aware of their water use and use their sprinklers and water systems responsibly," he said.



ACACIA BAY TRACKS CLOSED

TWO WALKING TRACKS in Acacia Bay are currently closed following erosion last week.

The first track is between Brunette Drive and Mapara Road and the second is below the Wily Terrace/Acacia Bay Road alignment, but fortunately there are alternative routes available.

Council's team lead assets Kieran Smith said a structural engineer would be assessing the tracks and a decision would be made on repair options.

"There has been some significant damage to these sections of track, but the good news is that there are paved footpaths available for users.

"Until a structural engineer can do a full assessment of the damage we are asking people to use the alternative routes, so please follow the signage that will be in place at all times."



TURANGI STREET REVITALISATION BACK IN FULL SWING

DESPITE DISRUPTIONS CAUSED by Covid-19 restrictions and some very uncooperative weather, the Turangi Street Revitalisation project is making great progress.

The project aims to revitalise Turangi streets by replacing kerbing and channelling damaged by trees and was an initiative by the Turangi-Tongariro Community Board and Taupō District Council, with \$6.5 million in funding awarded as one of the government's shovel ready Covid-19 response projects. Packages one and two of the project were approved by the community board last year, and project manager Peter van Niekerk says the team have made excellent progress and are currently ahead of schedule.

"Package one was completed in October last year and we are currently working in Marotoa, Rea and Hera Groves as part of package two. If the fine weather continues we should see this completed in the coming weeks, and the community board have now approved package three, which includes Patikura Place, Rota Street, Toi Grove, Nehi Grove, Poihaere Street, Meri Grove, Raukura Street, Noni Street, and Te Whakarau Street. Work is already underway on tree removals in Noni Street and Te Whakarau Street.

"We have a really great team in Turangi, with a lot of locals putting in some hard work to really improve the streetscapes of their town. In December the team poured 750m of kerbing and channelling in a single day, which is an amazing result, and we also have our water truck out and about regularly watering the trees we have replanted in the berms.

"The damage done to footpaths by tree roots can be considerable, making them unsafe and hazardous for mobility scooter users, and the damage to gutters means there is water pooling in some streets. So the new kerbing and channelling makes a huge difference - both to safety and the appearance of the streets - and we have had great feedback from residents, many of whom have been battling the leaf falls from the larger trees for many years."

Downer's team leader Dayna Morgan said residents had been fantastic and very welcoming to the project.

"We have two new team members with us now, both Turangi locals, and it's great to have them on board," she said. "It's also great to be working with the community on this. We've had good conversations with those directly affected by the tree removals and concreting - and we've also had quite a bit of baking brought out to the team, ice blocks on the hot days, and even some smoked trout! So a big thank you to everyone for that - it's a great welcome!"

