

CLIMBING CLUB TAKES TEENS TO NEW HEIGHTS



ARE YOU LOOKING for a fitness-focused activity to keep your teenagers occupied a couple of evenings each week? The Stalactites Climbing Club might just be what your family is looking for!

It is aimed at teens aged 13 to 17 and runs at the Taupō Events Centre's Indoor Rockwall weekly during the term. You don't need climbing experience to join. The two-hour sessions focus on technique and fitness and keeping things social.

Taupō District Council fitness and activities team lead Doireann Meade says climbing is a great fitness activity for teens.

"It's really social, while providing a safe environment for self-progression. Not only is it great for functional fitness, but it also encourages teens to take responsibility for others through belaying and supporting less-experienced climbers in the group.

"The teens are a really welcoming bunch of young people, who like to push themselves and are really encouraging of their peers."

The Indoor Rockwall caters to both visitors and members and has the Chalkies climbing group for children aged 5 to 12, Stalactites climbing group for teens 13 to 17 and social climbing for adults.

The qualified Rockwall instructors can teach you from scratch and work on building your climbing skillset.

"There is no pressure, you can work at your own pace, we want young people to come and give climbing a shot. We also spend a lot of time off the wall working on our movement and fitness, with circuit training and abdominal workouts," says Doireann.

The \$100 term fee includes tuition and equipment hire (shoes and harness) during classes, as well as access outside of class times, though equipment must be hired during any additional visits.

For more information visit www.taupodc.govt.nz/recreation.

RUBBISH COLLECTION AND COUNCIL SERVICES ON ANZAC DAY

RUBBISH AND RECYCLING

There is no change to collection services. If your normal day is Monday, please have your rubbish and recycling at the kerb side by 7.30am.

TAUPŌ MUSEUM & TAUPŌ DISTRICT LIBRARIES

Taupō Museum will be open from 1pm to 4.30pm on ANZAC Day. All libraries will be closed.

RAT COLLECTION

The Great Lake Centre RAT collection site will be closed on ANZAC Day but rapid antigen tests can be collected from Lakes District Health Board's 79 Miro Street testing station on ANZAC Day from 9am to 1pm.

POOLS

AC Baths will be open from 10am to 7pm and the Tūrangi Turtle Pools will be open from 10am to 6pm.

TAUPŌ EVENTS CENTRE

The Fitness Studio will be open from 10am to 7pm and the indoor rockwall will be closed.

CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRES

Our customer services centres in Taupō, Tūrangi and Mangakino are all closed on ANZAC Day.



BE IN TO WIN WITH THE EARTH DAY BREAD BAG CHALLENGE!

IN CELEBRATION OF Earth Day 2022 tomorrow we are proposing a litter challenge to our community - the bread bag challenge!

We are giving away eight prizes to eight random winners who participate in the challenge between Monday 18 April and Sunday 24 April 2022.

To participate, grab a bread bag, or any bag you've got on hand. Use gloves if you've got them or pick some up from any of our Customer Service Centres.

Go for a walk in your neighbourhood, local park, or nearby waterway, collect any litter you find and fill up your bread bag.

Snap a picture of your bread bag and post it in the comment section of the Bread Bag Challenge post on our Facebook page or email it to wasteminimisation@taupo.govt.nz. We would also love to know where you picked up your litter and any observations about the items that you found.

Please dispose of your rubbish responsibly.

That's it - you're in to win a prize! There are eight prizes up for grabs, from Misfit Garden produce boxes to pool and rockwall passes. Winners will be selected at random on Tuesday 26 April and contacted via Facebook or email.

ANZAC DAY SERVICES AROUND THE TAUPŌ DISTRICT



MONDAY 25 APRIL is ANZAC Day, when we pause to reflect on the sacrifice of those who have served in our armed forces.

In Taupō, the Dawn Service has this year been combined with the Civic Service. This service will be held at 6am at the Taupō Cenotaph outside the Great Lake Centre. There will not be a separate service at 10am as in previous years. The traditional 9am Cemetery Service will go ahead as usual at the RSA section of the Taupō Cemetery in Rickit Street.

At the southern end of the lake, there will be no dawn service this year.

However, there will be a 10am Cemetery Service at the Tūrangi Services Cemetery, Aonini Road followed by a Civic Service at 11am at the Tokaanu-Tūrangi and Districts RSA.

In Mangakino, there will be a 10.15am Cemetery Civic Service at the RSA cemetery, Lake Road, followed at 11am by a Civic Service at the Mangakino District Services and Citizens Club, Wairenga Road.

We will remember them.

