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COMMUNITY NEWS WITH TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL 12 MAY 2022

WORK STARTS ON SOUTH END OF TONGARIRO STREET



WITH THE BUS stop back, the shared pathway done and the new plants and roundabout in place, almost all of the work on the northern half of Tongariro Street has drawn to a close.

It's great to have this big chunk of our Taupō Town Centre Transformation done - and looking really good! Our team is now working on the southern end of Tongariro Street and the street will be closed on and off

between te Heuheu Street and Ferry Road, to both north and south bound traffic until the middle of next week.

The team has already removed the centre islands and is doing the kerbing and paving work. We're also taking the opportunity to upgrade some of the stormwater and lighting infrastructure at the same time. As always, please drive with care and follow the guidance of our traffic management team. Thanks for your patience everybody.

TECH WEEK IS COMING!



TECH WEEK 2022 begins on Monday 16 May, hosted by our Taupō district economic development agency Amplify.

Tech Week is a nationwide series of events, showcasing and celebrating New Zealand innovation and provides a platform for people to meet, share ideas and create connections to enhance our future world.

You don't have to be a tech guru to attend either - the 2022 Tech Week programme has something for everyone and is the perfect opportunity to recognise, and be inspired by New Zealand talent doing great things in the world of tech and innovation.

To register for events and find out more about Tech Week check out Amplify's website www.taupo.biz/tech2022.

TAUPŌ ROAD SAFETY EVENT TO SHOWCASE EMERGENCY SERVICES



LOOKING FOR SOMETHING free to do with the whānau this Saturday? Pop down to Northcroft Domain in Taupō and check out the Road Safety Day event running from 10am to 1pm.

Meet some of our local road safety heroes, learn more about staying safe on the roads, check out the displays and watch some of the demonstrations from our emergency services, including St John Ambulance, Taupō Police and Fire and Emergency New Zealand.

The event is a collaboration between Taupō District Council and road safety partner Brake, a national road safety charity that works to prevent road deaths and injuries and support people bereaved and injured in accidents across New Zealand.

Council road safety coordinator Sarah Wright is excited for the upcoming event.

"Come along and chat with our local road safety heroes. Bring the family, have a free sausage and kids can see some of our emergency vehicles and the work they do."

"Road safety is everyone's responsibility. Let's keep each other safer on our roads, particularly as we get into the dangers of winter driving over the coming months."

The Road Safety Day event is on at Northcroft Domain 10am to 1pm this Saturday and it's free.

If you see something which requires council assistance, easily report it using our Antenna app.

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COUNCIL NEGOTIATING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

TAUPŌ DISTRICT MAYOR David Trewavas has welcomed news that Taupō District Council is one of 35 groups selected to negotiate with Kāinga Ora for access to money from its Infrastructure Acceleration Fund.

The \$1 billion Infrastructure Acceleration Fund is designed to help councils pay for infrastructure to enable housing development in areas of need.

Taupō District Council has put in a proposal for funding to help build roads, water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure that would in turn enable it to open access to 140ha of council-owned land on Taupō's eastern outskirts (the East Urban Lands) for much-needed housing.

Mr Trewavas said subject to a successful outcome from the negotiation process, this funding would unlock access to the land and in turn help address the severe housing shortage throughout the district.

"It's great that our housing situation has been recognised and we look forward to talking further with Kāinga Ora on this," Mr Trewavas said.



SOLID PROGRESS AT NEW LAKE TERRACE INTERSECTION



THE TEAM WORKING at the Lake Terrace/Titirapunga Street intersection has made great progress so far.

Closing the intersection has meant they have been able to make big strides and they have made the most of the fine weather to press ahead with removing the old road surface and prepping the subsurface for the new seal by building up layers to make this piece of roadway more resilient.

Much of the kerbing and channelling has been completed here and weather permitting we are on schedule to have the new intersection open on May 23.

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