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Taupō District Council

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A VIVID DEMONSTRATION AT ROAD SAFETY DAY EVENT



AS PART OF our Road Safety event on Northcroft Domain last Saturday, Fire & Emergency NZ and St John provided a demonstration of how they free an injured person from a crashed car.

Taupō Towing brought in a wrecked car and a firefighter volunteered as the car crash victim, wedged inside the wreck, which then had to be cut to pieces to set him free.

With a crowd of interested children and adults watching on, the firefighters got to work making the car safe before they began using hydraulic cutters and spreaders to remove the glass, the doors and the car roof to enable the

person to be lifted out safely. At the same time, St John paramedics were demonstrating how they work at car crashes to stabilise and treat patients.

It was a sobering but fascinating watch to see how our road safety heroes help those who have been injured on our roads.

A big thank you to our partners Fire & Emergency NZ, NZ Police, St John Ambulance and the road safety charity Brake for their help with Road Safety Week 2022.

Drive safely, everyone.

PLAY ON WORDS GROUP ARRIVES



LAUNCHING FRIDAY 20 May, Play on Words at Taupō Library is a games afternoon for seniors who are keen to keep their minds sharp and enjoy a bit of mental exercise and social fun.

Join in on puzzles, word finders, crosswords, cards, chess and word-based board games. This free session will run on the third Friday of the month, 2pm to 3.30pm. Tea and coffee will be provided, and registrations aren't required. Check out all the details or talk to staff when you're next in the library.

BLESSING MARKS START OF SPORTS FACILITY CONSTRUCTION



THE BEGINNING OF construction of the new sports facility at Tūrangitukua Park was marked with a blessing last Monday. Sir Tumu te Heuheu helped to break the ground, Ngāti Tūrangitukua kaumatua Jeff Bennett officiated and the blessing was led by Katipo Te Hiini. Representatives of Ngāti Tūrangitukua, council, the Tūrangitūrangiro Community Board, and construction contractor Livingstone Building were joined by Mayor David Trewavas, councillors and members of the community.

The new facility, a partnership between Ngāti Tūrangitukua and Taupō District Council, will include a main hall, changing rooms and a kitchen, and has a total budget of \$3.5 million.

Mr Bennett said the facility would be an asset for the town and was something that the community had wanted for many years.

"It's been a long time coming," Mr Bennett said, "and today marks a new milestone for our community. There are so many people who have worked hard to make this a reality and I'd like to thank Mayor David and council for giving us the opportunity to lead our mokopuna into a brighter future."

Mr Trewavas said that it was wonderful to see construction getting underway and thanked all those who had supported it for so long.

"I'd particularly like to thank the people of Ngāti Tūrangitukua for the use their land to host this facility," Mr Trewavas said. "I know you have waited for this for a long, long time and now this day has come. Team sports are such an important part of our communities and important in shaping our young ones, so it is fantastic that this construction project is now underway."



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NEW LAKE TERRACE INTERSECTION ON THE WAY



LOCALS USING LAKE Terrace between Rainbow Point and Wharewaka in Taupō should expect delays over the next 10 weeks while preparation work for a new roundabout is underway.

The roundabout is being built by contractors Downer working for developer Kokomea Village Centre Limited. It will provide access to Kokomea Village, the new development currently being constructed on the eastern side of Lake Terrace, next to the layby between the two entrances to Rainbow Drive.

Preparation work began this week and runs until Sunday 24 July, weather permitting.

The roundabout is needed to allow vehicles to safely enter and exit the new road, Tauhara Ridge Drive, which will lead to the Kokomea Village Centre. The village will have a new supermarket, cafes and shops, and eventually, new housing.

While Lake Terrace will be open during the roundabout preparation work, motorists should be prepared for some disruption. Traffic management will be in place and there will be a temporary speed limit of 50km/h through the site.

While the road works may cause short delays, ultimately the new roundabout and associated crossing points to the new supermarket and residential areas will make this part of Lake Terrace safer for all users.

This section of road will close completely to traffic for a short period in July so that the roundabout can be finished and a new pedestrian underpass constructed to allow safe access between Kokomea Village, Ngā Roto Estate and the lakefront. These works are being installed at the same time to reduce overall impacts to road users. A detour is still being arranged.

BUNNINGS WAREHOUSE SUPER RUGBY U20 TOURNAMENT HEADING TO TAUPŌ

OWEN DELANY PARK is set to play host to Aotearoa's rising young rugby stars, with three days of matches scheduled.

The Bunnings Warehouse Super Rugby U20 tournament kicks off on Sunday 22 May and runs on two days the following week with fixtures on Wednesday 25 May and Saturday 28 May. There are three matches per day, at 11am, 1pm and 3pm.

Teams include the under-20 Blues, Chiefs, Hurricanes, Crusaders, and Highlanders, as well as a Barbarians team made up of New Zealand under-21 players. Taupō District Council events and venues manager Steve Giles is delighted to see the

event held here.

"We're excited to welcome some fantastic up-and-coming players to the Taupō District," he said.

"These guys are the next Super Rugby and All Black players - we always see a high-quality, exciting brand of footy - it's definitely worth a watch! It's a great opportunity for development for not just the players, but team management and referees as well," he added.

Entry is by gold coin donation and kids are free.

The tournament schedule is available at: superrugby.co.nz/u20

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