

PAINT THE TOWN GREEN THIS FRIDAY



TOMORROW IS GREENING Taupō's Paint the Town Green event and everyone is welcome to come and join in the fun!

Join the celebrations at a community Arbor Day event at Taupō's Crown Park from 9.30am to 1pm, where schools, business groups and individuals are encouraged to come along and plant some of the 4500 seedlings ready to go into the ground. As well, there will be fun conservation activities, free soup and sausages and the

chance to meet Ruud 'the Bug Man' Kleinpaste.

If you can't make it to Crown Park, you can still dress up in green, decorate your shop or business in green and help raise money for Greening Taupō and Kids Greening Taupō. Between them, these two groups have planted more than 160,000 native plants around our district to beautify it, increase biodiversity and bring back native birds. You can find out more and donate at greeningtaupoday.org.nz.

Together, let's paint the town green!

ATTENTION ALL RURAL RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS!



WE'RE REVIEWING THE rural chapters of our District Plan and are currently seeking feedback on possible changes that include:

- Creation of a Rural Lifestyle Environment (zone) separate from the General Rural Environment (zone)
- Possibility of subdivision down to 2ha within the Rural Lifestyle Environment
- Possibility of second dwellings in both the Rural Lifestyle and General Rural Environments
- Making sure the plan supports primary productive uses and rural industry within the General Rural Environment

To get the full picture on what we're proposing, we encourage you to go to our website www.taupo.govt.nz/districtplan to have a look at the draft chapter and make a submission.

WINTER DRIVING IS DIFFERENT

BE PREPARED FOR WINTER

PICK UP YOUR COMPLIMENTARY WINTER PACK TODAY

LIMITED NUMBERS

WINTER ON OUR roads brings the challenges of ice, limited visibility, rain, sleet and wind gusts.

To help drivers manage these challenges we have free winter driving packs available at our customer service centres to help make your winter trips safer. Pop in and pick yours up from the friendly team.

You may also notice billboard changes with winter driving messaging and more fatigue stops for weary motorists taking place too - we're always keen for you to pop in for a coffee or treat for the kids along your journey, so keep an eye out for those.

Stay safe out there and drive to the conditions!

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

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NEW TĪTĪRAUPENGA STREET INTERSECTION OPEN TO TRAFFIC

WORK ON THE new Tītīraupenga Street arterial route is one step closer to completion with the opening of the Lake Terrace/ Tītīraupenga Street intersection last Friday. Thanks to our contractor for putting in some weekend work to get this work done ahead of the rain!

The new intersection will work in conjunction with the lights and priority changes carried out on Tītīraupenga Street over the last 12 months, and with cross-town traffic diverted away from the CBD we now have a much more pedestrian-friendly town centre, better access to the Tongariro Domain

and more parking on Tongariro Street.

This is a real milestone for our project and it's great to have this huge piece of work behind us and the new traffic flow bedding in. While the intersection is open to traffic travelling on the new arterial route along Lake Terrace and Tītīraupenga Street, the northbound leg of Lake Terrace will remain closed while we wait for a spell of dry weather so that new concrete pedestrian crossings can be installed. Please continue to drive with care around this work site.



COUNCIL AND NGĀTI TŪRANGITUKUA WIN NATIONAL AWARD

TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL and Ngāti Tūrāngitukua have won this year's Te Tohu Waka Hourua - The Buddle Findlay Award for Māori-Council Partnerships for their ground-breaking Mana Whakahono agreement.

The award was presented last week by Taituarā — Local Government Professionals Aotearoa, which is the national membership organisation for local government professionals.

Ngāti Tūrāngitukua holds mana whenua over Tūrāngi township and its surrounds, and together with the council has spent several years carefully discussing and negotiating a Mana Whakahono partnership agreement, which will be signed next month. The comprehensive agreement covers Resource Management Act, Local Government Act and Reserve Act matters and will be implemented by a co-governance committee equally made up of Ngāti Tūrāngitukua and council appointees.

The award recognises programmes, projects or initiatives that demonstrate outstanding results from working in partnership with Māori. Entries may come from any area of local government activity but must be able to demonstrate a commitment to such partnership.

In the decision, the judges said the entry was a stand-out in

this category with its focus on culture and behaviour change.

"This genuine desire to empower mana whenua in joint decision-making across the council made this the most transformative entry in this category. We look forward to hearing more of the progress Ngāti Tūrāngitukua and Taupō District Council are able to jointly make for their community."

Head to taupo.govt.nz/manawhakahono to learn more about the agreement. Information about the award can be found at the Taituarā website: taituarā.org.nz.

