

TE AHO TAPU HOU EXHIBITION CELEBRATES MĀORI DESIGNER

A STYLISH EXHIBITION exploring contemporary fashion through the life and work of Māori designer and fashion activist Jeanine Clarkin opens on Saturday 18 June at Taupō Museum at Taupō Museum.

Toured by Waikato Museum Te Whare Taonga o Waikato, *Te Aho Tapu Hou: The new sacred thread* showcases distinctive garments created by Clarkin (Ngāti Hako, Ngāti Pāoa, Ngāti Ranginui, Ngāti Raukawa) over the last three decades. This mid-career retrospective is representative of her early influences, significant milestones, and enduring passion for sustainable fashion.

"We are honoured that Jeanine herself asked that this exhibition is shown in her hometown of Taupō, so that she may share with the community that nurtured her love of fashion, and what a better time to do that than Matariki," says Taupō Museum curator Piata Winitana-Murray.

From founding her first streetwear label in 1994 to dressing celebrities such as Keisha Castle-Hughes and Cliff Curtis for the red carpet, Clarkin's Māori identity has been a common thread. Realising her childhood dream to be a designer, Clarkin's creativity over the decades has resulted in her international status within the indigenous fashion community.

Waikato Museum curator Maree Mills (Ngāti Tūwharetoa), who developed the exhibition, says *Te Aho Tapu Hou: The new sacred thread* tells the inspiring story of a shy young woman empowered by embracing her heritage.

"This exhibition reminds us how important it is to contribute to community, and what creative drive and conviction can achieve.

"Clarkin's extended network of artists, performers and collaborators inhabit her garments and help bring to life the inspiring journey of a designer committed to celebrating her Māori identity."

The mana-infused fashion of Jeanine Clarkin continues to be seen on the racks at exclusive stores, worn on the street by younger generations, and experienced on the catwalks of Fashion Week events around the world.

Te Aho Tapu Hou: The new sacred thread runs from Saturday 18 June to 14 August at Taupō Museum, daily from 10am till 4.30pm. Entry is free for locals and tamariki, \$5 for adults, and \$3 for seniors and students. **Visit the Taupō Museum Facebook page or www.taupodc.govt.nz/community/taupo-museum for more information about public programmes.**



Distinctive garments created by designer Jeanine Clarkin (pictured) feature in the touring exhibition *Te Aho Tapu Hou: The new sacred thread*, showing at Taupō Museum from Saturday 18 June. Photo / Beka Maree Photography

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DISTRICT PLAN CHANGES 2022 REVIEW

Te Arotakenga i te Mahere ā-Rohe o Taupō



DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW SUBMISSIONS CLOSE NEXT WEEK

MOST OF OUR District Plan is over 10 years old, and the Resource Management Act says we need to kick off a review at 10 years. Taupō district has grown and changed a lot in that time and some of the rules are no longer appropriate.

To ensure the District Plan is effective for the current day and the things our community want to do, we are reviewing several specific parts of the plan that have the most issues - and we'll look to resolve these through a series of plan changes.

Consultation closes shortly on the first bundle of plan changes. This bundle includes: strategic directions, rural environment, residential building coverage, industrial and town centres.

To find out more and to have your say head to www.taupo.govt.nz/districtplan.



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NEW CAR PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON TONGARIRO STREET

AS PART OF the Taupō Town Centre Transformation project we've created new parking on Tongariro Street, which is now a pedestrian-friendly shopping and parking precinct, not a through road.

A friendly reminder that these are for 60 or 90 minute use rather than for all-day parking. If you are parking for work, please instead use all-day parking spots such as those at:

- Heuheu St carpark (next to BP) - about 145 spaces
- Taniwha St (next to Rebel Sport) - about 73 spaces
- Roberts St (next to Burger King) - about 60 spaces
- Tūwharetoa St (next to Farmers and Central Motor Group) - about 90 spaces.

This way, people just wanting to shop or dine in the town centre are more likely to find a handy parking spot for their shorter term use. Thanks for your cooperation.



PLANNING AHEAD FOR EMERGENCIES



Civil Defence staff and volunteers working on a flood simulation exercise in the Taupō emergency operations centre last week.

OUR TAUPŌ CIVIL Defence team is taking part in a Waikato-wide series of exercises designed to boost our emergency management readiness.

The first of these exercises focused on how a flood event would affect our district and how the various functions of our Emergency Operations Centre respond in these situations.

Thanks to everyone for taking part and making it a great success - and remember that you can play your part too! Emergencies can happen anytime, day or night, and we all need to be ready.

Getting ready at home is the best thing you can do, so please prepare a plan and an emergency kit. **Find out more information at getready.govt.nz.**