

MANA WHAKAHONO SIGNING SIGNALS NEW DAWN



From left: Ngāti Tūrangitukua Māori Committee chair Hine Mohi, Mayor David Trewavas, Ngāti Tūwharetoa Ariki Tā Tumu te Heuheu, Taupō District Council chief executive Gareth Green, Ngahana Hartley of the Waipapa 1A Māori Reservation, and Ngāti Tūrangitukua Charitable Trust chair Lauren Fletcher.

TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL and Ngāti Tūrangitukua are moving forward together into a new future for the Tūrangi township and its surrounds after signing a historic Mana Whakahono ā Rohe agreement last Saturday afternoon.

Ngāti Tūrangitukua is the Ngāti Tūwharetoa hapū that holds mana whenua over Tūrangi township and its surrounds and includes its post-settlement entity, the Ngāti Tūrangitukua Charitable Trust. The hapū is a major landowner in Tūrangi and much of the town's community amenities and three waters infrastructure is located on reserves they own.

The signing was held at a formal pōwhiri hosted by Ngāti Tūrangitukua at Hirangi Marae in Tūrangi, attended by Ngāti Tūrangitukua hapū, Taupō District Council elected members and staff, Tūrangi-Tongariro Community Board members and Ngāti Tūwharetoa Ariki Tā Tumu te Heuheu.

Both parties thanked the other for having the patience and fortitude to work through the three years of negotiations that preceded the Mana Whakahono agreement and looked towards the future.

Ngāti Tūrangitukua Māori Committee chair Hine Mohi said the signing marked a significant milestone but added that co-governance was only the beginning of a journey of

collaboration, inclusion, equity and justice.

Ms Mohi said it is vital that the hapū participates in decision-making that affects the land, environment and wellbeing of its people. In signing this document Ngāti Tūrangitukua demonstrates that the hapū looks forward to an environment of cooperation and commitment, she said.

Taupō District Mayor David Trewavas said the occasion represented the end of one journey and the start of another and appropriately came just as Matariki, the Māori New Year, was about to begin.

"I am glad to lead a council that's helping to redress some of the pain you have all received and that's coming together here to create a brighter future for Tūrangi," Mr Trewavas said. "We have an opportunity to be a shining example to the rest of the nation, an opportunity to show the benefits that come from co-governance, to show that it's not something to be scared of but something to be embraced."

The Mana Whakahono covers Resource Management Act, Local Government Act and Reserve Act matters and was agreed between the parties after extensive discussion and negotiation. It will be implemented by a co-governance committee equally made up of Ngāti Tūrangitukua and council appointees.

MATARIKI ACTIVITIES

CELEBRATE MATARIKI WITH TAUPŌ DISTRICT LIBRARIES

MATARIKI IS A time to share, a time of hope, a time to reflect, and a time to focus on whānau; and our libraries are offering a number of ways for you to get involved and celebrate.

Matariki Community Kai Collection

Bring some hope this Matariki to support some of the organisations across our district who have been helping those impacted by Covid-19 and the rising cost of living.

If you'd like to support the wellbeing of whānau in our community, you can drop donations of non-perishable food items into Mangakino Library, Taupō Library, Tūrangi Library, or directly to the Mangakino Food Bank during opening hours from Friday 17 June to Thursday 30 June.

Collected items will be donated to Te Korowai Roopu Tautoko Pataka Kai in Taupō and Tūrangi, and to the Mangakino Food Bank, who have worked tirelessly to support our community throughout the pandemic.

Matariki Gratitude Stars

A fun, free, creative Matariki activity for tamariki is to decorate a Matariki Gratitude Star and add it to the community display at your library.

Come into Mangakino, Taupō or Tūrangi Library from tomorrow until Saturday 25 June to colour in and embellish your star. As you reflect on the past year, you can think about some of the things you have been grateful for and share them on your Matariki star.

Matariki Library Star Trail

Bring the whānau along and follow the Matariki Star Trail through the library. Enjoy spending some time with your whānau and learn about the nine stars of Matariki as you follow a trail of themed activity and craft stations.

Venue: Taupō Library, and Tūrangi Library

Date: Saturday 25 June

Time: 9am - 4pm Taupō Library; 10am - 1pm Tūrangi Library

Cost: Free



WE WANT YOUR VIEWS!

WHAT DO YOU think of our local parks and sportsgrounds?

That's the question Taupō District Council is asking the local community, as it launches a new survey about how people use our local parks, reserves and community buildings for sport and recreation.

The feedback will help shape development of the council's strategy for investment in its sport and recreation network over the coming decade.

The survey, which runs from now until 10 July, is part of a comprehensive review of the current state of play in sport and recreation opportunities within the district.

We are hoping for a large response from the community so we can form a full view of how people use our recreation facilities. As an incentive respondents will go into a draw for pool passes, Fitness Studio memberships, show tickets and more.

To complete the survey, visit taupo.govt.nz - the link is on the home page. Thank you for your time.

WORK BEGINS ON FINAL PHASE OF TOWN CENTRE TRANSFORMATION



From left: Graeme Stokes of Downer Group NZ, Taupō District Council chief executive Gareth Green, project manager Travis Delich and Shannan Bell of Camex Civil.

WITH THE NEW Titirāpunga Street/Lake Terrace intersection up and running and the new road layout on Tongariro Street nearing completion, the focus of the Taupō Town Centre Transformation is now shifting to the final and most exciting phase.

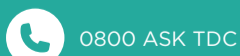
Contractor Camex Civil, who have been doing the hard yards on Tongariro Street, are being joined by Downer on the work around Roberts Street that will see a new more people-friendly environment that makes the most of our fantastic lake front.

Council chief executive Gareth Green said both contractors had done sterling work throughout the Town Centre

Transformation and it was great to have them both on board for the most dramatic part of the project.

"The work here is going to give us a world-class waterfront," Mr Green said, "and we're putting all possible resources into it. So many people have done a huge amount of work on this project so far, and all that enabling work has been to get us to this point where we can start on the really exciting part."

"The transformation here will better connect people to our beautiful lake environment and help to keep our town pedestrian friendly and vibrant and it's going to be a real focus for our town. We know it's going to be inconvenient while the construction is underway, but good things really are coming here!"



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