

REGIONAL FUND BRINGS NEW GOLF EVENT TO TAUPŌ



TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL is supporting events in the district through the Thermal Explorer Highway Regional Events Fund.

The latest allocation of \$1.3 million for 19 events throughout Waikato, Rotorua, Taupō and Ruapehu regions follows last year's funding of \$1.6 million for 15 events.

One of those is a new event, the Festival of Golf, which is coming to Taupō next year and will be the first of its kind in

New Zealand.

The Festival of Golf is a four-day, three-night experience for women to celebrate, connect and compete. It's expected to attract 300 female competitors.

The Thermal Explorer Regional Events Fund is part of the \$50 million Regional Events Fund that government announced in 2020 to stimulate domestic tourism and travel between regions through events.



NEW WATER MAINS FOR KINLOCH

A \$4 MILLION PROJECT to upgrade water mains in Kinloch is now under way.

The project, funded through the council's Long-term Plan, will see 9.6km of new polyethylene water pipes installed throughout Kinloch and project manager Peter van Niekerk said this will make the village's drinking water infrastructure much more resilient.

"The original pipework in parts of Kinloch is nearing the end of its lifecycle. A new water treatment plant will also be constructed to keep pace with the growing community's needs," Mr van Niekerk said.

"We are thrusting the new pipes through the road berms rather than open trenching them so as to cause as little disruption to residents as possible. This involves manoeuvring some very long sections of pipe about, so we'd like to thank everyone for their patience and remind them to drive safely around the work sites."

The project is expected to be completed by July 2023.

CANDIDATES CONFIRMED FOR 2022 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

NOMINATIONS HAVE CLOSED for the 2022 local government elections to be held on Saturday, 8 October.

There are three candidates for the Taupō District mayoralty this year, 19 candidates standing for the seven seats in the Taupō ward, and four candidates for the single Tūrangi-Tongariro ward seat.

The new Te Papamārearea Māori ward has four candidates for voters on the Māori electoral roll to choose from, to fill two seats.

Two vacancies will be filled automatically because the number of nominations received did not exceed the number of positions available. These are Kirsty Trueman in the Mangakino-Pouakani ward and Kylie Leonard in the Taupō East Rural ward.

A full list of candidates can be found at taupo.govt.nz/vote22

Key Election Dates:

Friday 12 August - Nominations closed at 12 noon

16 to 21 September - Voting papers delivered

Saturday 8 October - Election Day - voting closes 12 noon

13 to 19 October - Declaration of results

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CONCEPT DESIGNS FOR NEW TŪRANGI PLAYGROUND COMPLETE



CONCEPT DESIGNS for the new Tūrangi papa tākaro (playground) at Te Kapua Park are complete and construction is expected to get under way in the new year, following the completion of detailed designs, procurement of contractors and fabrication of play equipment.

The new play space is a partnership between Ngāti Tūrāngitukua, who own the land, and Taupō District Council which has assigned \$1.12 million to build the play space.

Project manager Pete Bradshaw said the aim was to create a play space that was an asset for Tūrangi, with a theme that told the story of the Tongariro River Delta as seen from above.

"We have been through a very robust process around the design of the playground, and have engaged with our community on what they'd like to see, so it is exciting to be reaching the point where we can look forward to construction getting underway."

Southern Lake Taupō engagement officer Marama Isherwood, who led the community engagement for the new playground, said it was important that the playground had a variety of ways for tamariki to play and that it shared stories of the surrounding rohe, such as the Tongariro River and maunga which are important to the people of Tūrangi.

PHANTOM BILLSTICKERS NATIONAL POETRY

National Poetry Day

Poetry Day

Taupō Library | Friday 26 August
2 to 3pm | Free

Organised by the Taupō U3A Poetry group, we will have live readings of poetry from Aotearoa New Zealand and around the world.

All are welcome to come along to this free event. Bring along a poem to share if you wish!

No booking is required.

RECYCLING TIP OF THE WEEK!

You can recycle plastics with a category 1, 2 or 5 at the kerbside. Look for the number inside the recycle arrows on the bottom or side of plastic containers.

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