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COMMUNITY NEWS WITH TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL 15 SEPTEMBER

TAUPŌ'S GREAT LAKE CENTRE IS THIRTY AND THRIVING



TAUPŌ'S GREAT LAKE Centre has been the cornerstone of events in the region and was "the envy of other district councils" when it was built.

From classical orchestras to heavy metal groups, trade shows and local musical and theatre productions, the centre has seen it all, with hundreds of thousands of people through its doors over the years.

In August, the centre celebrated its 30th birthday. Its official opening is recorded as 28 August, 1992.

Construction started in the early 90s, under the leadership of the council and Mayor Joan Williamson, who remembers the need for a purpose-built event and function space was apparent in the growing town.

"The old town hall had louvre windows that would rattle and leak when it rained. I remember being at a function that had to pause while trucks drove past - these were the days before they were diverted from the main drag.

"The aim at the time was that the building design had to balance between local use and out-of-town needs. I think it's been achieved really well. We were unique in the building, in that we finished it under time, under budget and debt free, thanks to the sale of some land in Wharewaka. We were the envy of other district councils around the country."

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WET WINTER AFFECTS ROAD WORKS

OUR COUNCILLORS AND staff are well aware of community concern around the road works on Poihipi Road.

Contractors widened and strengthened the road in April/ May with the sealing completed at the end of May.

Since then we have experienced one of the wettest winters on record. This has contributed to the ongoing poor condition of the road surface and prevented the contractor from completing the project. Due to the wet weather and deteriorating pavement, the contractor removed what remained of the seal and stabilised the pavement with cement, with a sacrificial gravel layer on top.

Since then, it has rained frequently and often heavily. It is the combination of wet and cold weather that causes new potholes to form. The situation is made considerably worse by vehicles driving faster than the temporary 30km/h posted speed limit through the works, throwing up stones and creating a danger to workers and other road users.

To complete the road, the contractors need a window of at least four to 10 days of fine, warm weather. They continue to try to keep the road surface maintained as best they can while we wait for better weather; and have been instructed that this maintenance is to continue at all times. As soon as the weather is suitable, the resealing will be done as a matter of urgency.



QUEEN ELIZABETH II MEMORIAL DAY VENUE CLOSURES

NEW ZEALAND WILL commemorate Queen Elizabeth II with a state memorial and one-off public holiday on Monday, September 26.

On this day, all of Taupō District Council's venues and customer service centres will be closed. This includes the AC Baths, Taupō Events Centre, Turtle Pools, Taupō Museum, Taupō, Mangakino and Tūrangi libraries, and the Great Lake Centre.

Kerbside rubbish collections will still go ahead. Public holiday opening hours apply to Broadlands Road Landfill and Resource Recovery Centre, as well as the district-wide transfer stations.

However, the citizenship ceremony booked in at the Great Lake Centre will still go ahead.

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ONE STEP CLOSER TO FINISH LINE ON ROBERTS STREET

THE TAUPŌ TOWN Centre Transformation project has reached a milestone with the opening of the newly revised Roberts Street. Concrete was poured on the new single lane accessway, that flows from north to south, last week and was opened to traffic earlier this week.

Project manager Travis Delich said the construction team was very pleased to see the road complete and open as it meant it could concentrate on installing the paving between the roadway and the cafes and restaurants.

"We have had a huge amount of preparation work going on over the last five to six weeks and all of that has been leading into getting the roadway and infrastructure in place so that our paving team can come in and work their way along the space in front of the businesses.

"We're hoping to have this area paved and open to the public by the end of the month so that businesses can start working on how they will utilise these new spaces for summer. While this is going on we're asking drivers using the accessway to drive with caution and keep their speed down as this is a busy worksite. Once that is complete, our focus shifts to the lakefront, where we have some really exciting things in store."



UPGRADE COMING FOR CROWN PARK CYCLE TRACK

AN EXCITING UPGRADE to the Crown Park Cycle Track is about to get under way with the construction of an asphalt pump track, which will be built alongside the existing area.

With heavy machinery to be used in the upgrade, the existing track will be closed for the next three to four weeks while this work takes place.

The track was originally built so that young cyclists could practice their skills and basic road safety before venturing out onto the streets. It includes road signs and markings, a roundabout, and give-way and stop controls.

Taupō District Council infrastructure manager Denis Lewis says the track is not well-utilised and there is an opportunity to make the track and surrounding area "a much more valuable part of the community".

"We'll be announcing the full scope of works and our sponsors in the coming weeks, but as the contractor was able to make a start on the physical works we are taking the opportunity to get this project underway now."



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