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COMMUNITY NEWS WITH TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL 6 OCTOBER

## FINAL STAGE OF AIRPORT CARPARK UPGRADE GETS UNDER WAY



Taupō District Council project manager Pernille Fletcher (left) and Taupō Airport Authority operations manager Kim Gard.

**THE FINAL STAGE** of the Taupō Airport carpark upgrade is now under way and travellers are being urged to give themselves a little extra time to catch flights.

The carpark upgrade is part of the new Airport Terminal project, funded with \$3.367 million allocated in the Long Term Plan, a \$5 million grant from the Crown's Provincial Development Unit, and \$870,000 from the Ministry of Transport, and is due for completion in December with the grand opening in January.

Project manager Pernille Fletcher said the main airport carpark was sealed and upgraded with new lighting earlier this year. The final stage of the carpark upgrade would see the drop-off/pick-up zone temporarily closed and the rental car parking relocated to the main carpark.

"This stage of the project is really vital as it will

effectively bring together the new terminal and the upgraded carpark and while it is under way we're asking travellers to factor in a little extra time when catching flights."

"There will be disruption while the work is under way but our contractor Camex will be pulling out all the stops to get this done as soon as possible - and the finished result is going to be worth it. The airport is very much the welcome mat for our district, and the new terminal and carpark are going to give visitors a really warm welcome, while for locals it also means a much safer, stress-free and streamlined travelling experience. So bear with us folks, the finish line is in sight. As usual, drive safe around the work site, and follow the signage and guidance of the traffic management team for where to park."

## HAVE YOUR SAY!

### MOTUOAPA DRINKING WATER SUPPLY EXTENSION

TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL has been working on projects upgrading and extending drinking water supplies in the district. Now, we are seeking feedback from residents in Motuoapa not currently connected about whether or not the drinking water supply network should be extended to the properties highlighted in orange on the map.

If you are currently connected to the drinking water supply, there is nothing that you need to do, the project will not impact your existing connection or your rates. Please get in touch with Council on 0800 ASK TDC or info@taupo.govt.nz if you have any questions.



## BIRD AREA WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL is replacing water mains in the Bird Area and, so far, the project is ahead of schedule.

Infrastructure project manager Elijah May says about 2km of water mains are being replaced on Kākā, Tui and Kiwi Streets, and Pātaka Road.

"This is to replace the existing end-of-life asbestos cement pipes, with new directionally drilled 63mm polyethylene pipe," he says.

"Nolan Drainage Contractors are doing this work for us and are well ahead of schedule. We're aiming to be all wrapped up near the end of October or start of November, weather permitting."



Brendan Fisher of Nolan Drainage (left) and Taupō District Council infrastructure project manager Elijah May.



## A SPOOKY HALLOWEEN READING CHALLENGE

**SPOOKY SEASON IS upon us! October's Beanstack Reading Challenge features a fresh new set of spooky collectable badges, but get in quick as the challenge will be spirited away on 31 October.**

Halloween is the perfect excuse to curl up with a spine-tingling book and the Taupō District libraries have you covered whether you want to treat yourself to an awesome read or learn a new trick from our wicked non-fiction selection.

To find out more and register head to [taupodistrictlibraries.beanstack.org](http://taupodistrictlibraries.beanstack.org).

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY GRAB BAGS!

**THERE ARE LOTS of fun, free activities for kids and teens over the school holidays at our libraries in Taupō, Tūrangi and Mangakino.**

The activities range from spring-themed grab bags and story times with librarians to Toddler Time, Brick Club, a teens' photography workshop and comic strip drawing.

A bag full of fun spring crafts to make at home will be available each week from each of our three libraries. The theme is spring, so spring into action because there are a limited number of bags.

The second round of bags will be available Monday, 10 October. Get in quick because they are always popular.

Find out more at [www.taupo.govt.nz/libraries](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/libraries) or ask a staff member at a library near you.



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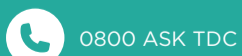
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## RECYCLING TIP OF THE WEEK!

Sort out your glass for kerbside collection. Use your EnviroWaste black bin for glass only, keeping glass separated from all your other recyclables. Any broken glass should be wrapped in newspaper or cardboard before being put in your rubbish.

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