# Weekly

**COMMUNITY NEWS WITH TAUPO DISTRICT COUNCIL 1 DECEMBER** 

## LIFEGUARDING IS NOT JUST ABOUT SPEEDOS AND CPR



Taupō District Council lifeguard operations team lead Suzanne Watson (left) and lifeguard Rahiri Waerea-Hohaia.

OUR LOCAL LIFEGUARDS come from all walks of life and apply for a variety of reasons, but a common theme is the desire to connect with people and give back to the community.

Suzanne Watson is Taupō District Council's lifeguard operations team lead, responsible for Mangakino and Tūrangi lifeguards and the training and recruitment across all three pools in the district.

She says that lifeguards are the unsung heroes of our communities - not just for taking action and saving lives, but for making the facilities a welcoming space for all.

"A lot of people starting as lifeguards want to give back to the community. They want to spend their days working with people, making their time here the best it can be.

"We see all kinds of people come here. All here to swim and be their better selves, whether it's for therapy or for exercise or both.

"The job is about treating people like they matter. Because they do matter."

Suzanne says she is still looking for a few new team members across the pools.

"What makes a great lifeguard is that welcoming attitude, bringing a good energy to the space. They acknowledge everyone. Our lifeguards don't always realise the difference they do make to someone's day."

Read the full story at www.taupo.govt.nz/news.

### **REMINDER: WE ARE STILL ON THE LOOK OUT** FOR COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL is seeking expressions of interest for external representatives on several of its committees.

Representative groups and committees throughout the Taupō District are in need of community, business, Māori and marae representatives to represent and advocate for the interests of those areas.

The groups include the Kinloch Representative Group, the Mangakino-Pouākani Representative Group, the Taupō East Rural Representative Group and the Tongariro Representative Group.

The committees include the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee, Risk and

Assurance Committee, Emergency Management Committee, Taupō Airport Authority Committee, and Taupō Reserves and Roading Committee.

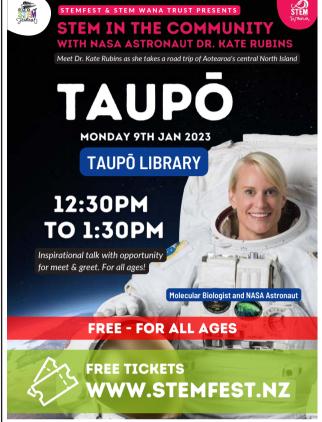
Expressions of interest must arrive no later than 12pm, Monday 5 December 2022 to be considered. Anyone who wishes to apply can do so by submitting a cover letter, curriculum vitae and optional letters of support or references to kwatts@taupo.govt.nz or dropped into a Taupō District Council Customer Service Centre (Taupō, Tūrangi or Mangakino).

For more information on each of the committees, including role descriptions, go to www.taupodc.govt.nz/committees.



### **INSPIRATIONAL ASTRONAUT TOUCHES DOWN IN TAUPO**

NASA ASTRONAUT DR Kate Rubin, the first person to sequence DNA in space, is touching down in Aotearoa to talk to young fans of space and science across the country.





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