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COMMUNITY NEWS WITH TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL 8 DECEMBER

CROWN PARK CYCLE TRACK RENEWAL UNDER WAY



Taupō District Council road safety coordinator Sarah Wraight (left), project manager Izelda Cruz and asset manager transportation Claire Sharland.

WORK ON UPGRADING the Crown Park cycle track is now under way and Taupō District Council road safety coordinator Sarah Wraight says the upgraded track will be a great asset.

The new cycle track will have a revised layout which makes it better suited to boosting cycle skills. The majority of the project is scheduled for completion by the end of December.

"With schools and young families in the area this upgrade is going to be great for our community," Ms Wraight says.

"It will mean we can teach cycling and road skills and really boost road safety awareness in our community so that more of us can get on bikes and share the road with confidence."

Project manager Izelda Cruz says the cycle track upgrade is part of a wider project which has seen a new pump track built next to the cycle track. Further work is planned.

"We've aimed to make this not only a great recreational space with the pump track but also a place where we can help upskill our young ones with cycling skills and teach them about road safety. This project has been a real cooperative effort between Council and the community and we are looking forward to an opening day early next year to recognise all involved and the sponsors who have come forward to make this a reality."

READY TO LAUNCH: SUMMER READING PROGRAMME RETURNS

IT'S TIME TO get your tamariki ready for takeoff!

The Taupō District Libraries free summer reading challenge has launched and will run through to the end of January. Registrations are open now for children aged 5 to 12 years old.

To register, pop into your local library or register online at <https://taupodistrictlibraries.beanstack.org/reader365>

Get involved and be in to win - we've got some out-of-this-world prizes thanks to our star fleet of sponsors: AC Baths, Indoor Rockwall and Fitness Studio, Turtle Pools, The Landing Lake Taupō, Starlight Cinema Taupō, Mind Junction Activity Park, Genesis Tokaanu, Tūrangī Climbing Gym, Tongariro River Rafting, Paper Plus Taupō and Taupō Mini Golf.



ROAD CLOSURES FOR IRONMAN EVENT THIS WEEKEND

IRONMAN NEW ZEALAND is back! After the event was postponed in March, we are delighted to welcome this iconic event back to our district this weekend.

Please be aware of the various road closures at times between 7am Friday 9 December to 2.30am Sunday 11 December.

On Saturday you can expect competitors to be on the bike course from 6am to 5.30pm and on the run course from 8.30am to midnight.

To keep everybody safe on race day, the best way to get around and into town will be via State Highway 1 (East Taupō Arterial), Centennial Drive, Spa Road and Napier Road. The CBD remains open throughout the event, though we suggest you plan your trip in advance. The southbound lane of Tongariro Street is open from Spa Road to Tūwharetoa Street.

Broadlands Road will also be closed, which will

include the State Highway 1 off-ramp at Broadlands Road. Our landfill on Broadlands Road will be closed for the day.

For those residents on a road that is closed, if you need to exit or return to your property, please call the IRONMAN info line on 021 072 7258 for advice and escort to get you safely across the road closures.

Roberts Street will not be accessible from Tongariro Street. If you plan to visit the KFC drive-through you will need to enter Roberts Street via a temporary entrance on Ruapehu Street.

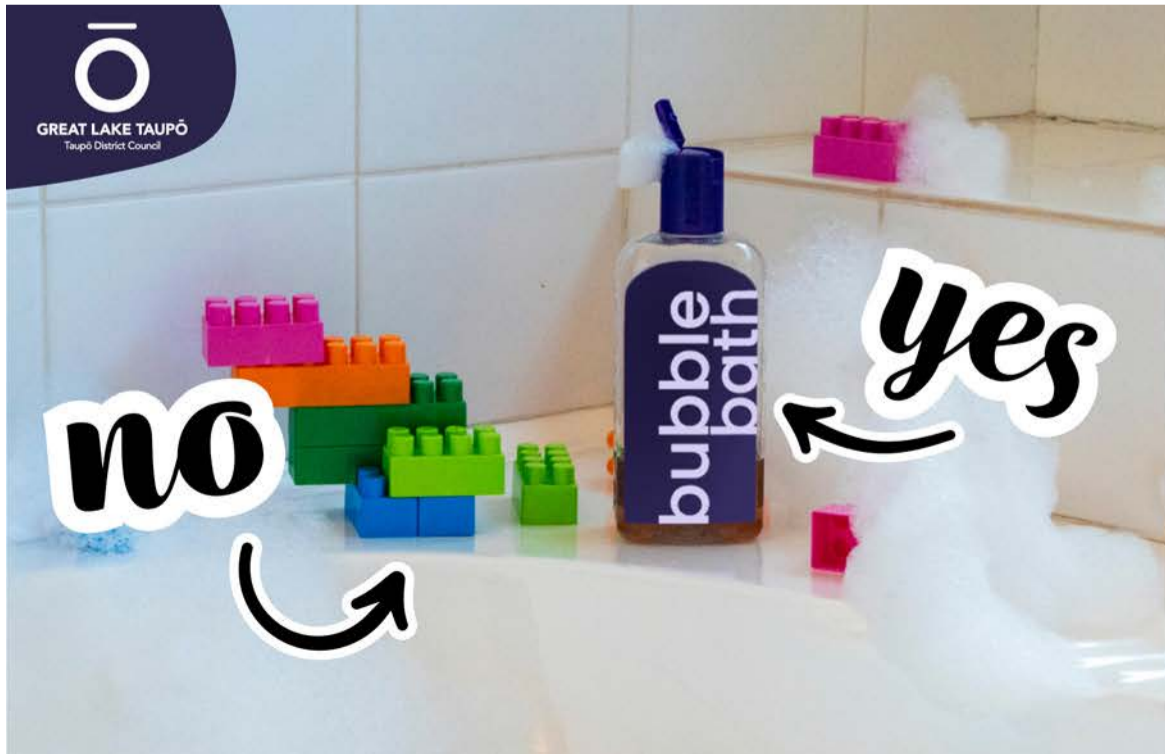
In the lead up to the event, there will be a lot of cyclists out training on the roads around our district, so please keep an eye out and give them a wide berth.

We sincerely appreciate your support as we try to keep everyone safe and minimise the disruption on race day. Check out all the road closures at www.taupo.govt.nz/roadclosures.

Email your elected members at councillors@taupo.govt.nz

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Let's recycle better. Let's sort it out.

Get your ducks in a row. Let's sort out the rubbish.



Clean shower gel and bubble bath bottles, shampoo and conditioner bottles and hand soap bottles.



Children's plastic toys and bath toys cannot be recycled at the kerbside.



Remove all lids, caps and pump dispensers and throw them in the rubbish. Tin, aluminium, and plastics 1, 2 and 5 can go together in a green kerbside recycling bin.

www.taupo.govt.nz/kerbsiderecycling