

### WHOPPING 89 PER CENT WASTE REDUCTION AT COZY CORNER



The team at Cozy Corner with their Resource Wise Business Programme platinum certificate.

#### THE COZY CORNER Café has become the first Taupō business to achieve the platinum stage of the Resource Wise Business Programme.

The café has been involved with the free Resource Wise Business Programme, operated by Taupō District Council, since August 2020.

When it started the programme the café was sending around 2653kg of waste to landfill annually. Now it is 965kg per year.

Taupō District Council environmental ranger Shannon Hanson says The Cozy Corner is a perfect example of making a huge impact, with a few simple tweaks.

“When they joined the programme, they were diverting around half of their waste from landfill, which is still a great effort, but by improving recycling, collecting more for compost, and gaining staff investment they’ve been able to divert 89 per cent of their waste for the last year, and have systems in place that make it easy to maintain.”

Café owner Camilla Baker said that while they were already passionate about reducing waste, the programme gave them extra drive to find new ways to further reduce and divert it.

“We learnt that we could compost our paper towels and napkins, which we now send to the Taupō

Community Gardens.

“Our coffee grounds are available for local gardeners and our food scraps are collected by a local farmer.

“We try to avoid ordering packaging that can’t be recycled, we order in bulk where we can, stock glass-bottled drinks and have a reusable cup scheme for our takeaway coffee and juice.

“It has just become a way of life now, for our team.

“If we do have things that we can’t recycle, we try to find options other than landfill. We send various items to local primary schools for storage and craft activities,” says Camilla.

The café’s efforts go much further than just waste minimisation. It also reduces its carbon footprint by sourcing local and using natural cleaning products.

“I encourage other local businesses to look into this programme. It has become common practice in our café now and it doesn’t impact on the productivity of our staff - in fact the team really enjoy working in this way.

“Give it a go, small changes in the way you work can make a huge difference to our environment,” says Camilla.

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### DOGGIE REGO IS DUE!

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### OUR BEAUTIFUL WALKWAY WINS

**WE’RE THRILLED THAT Recreation Aotearoa has recognised our wonderful Great Lake Pathway in its newly-announced annual national awards.**

The Great Lake Pathway, which runs 10km along the lakefront and was designed to help locals better engage with their lake and get around town, won the Healthy Park Award for an outstanding natural environment.

The pathway averages 20,000 users per month and is fit for people both on wheels and on foot.

The citation says the award is given to a park with an exceptional natural environment.

“The Great Lake Pathway project is a stellar example of iwi and local government working together in co-management. From the planning, consultation, design, and construction, you can see how meticulous the project team were in delivering this amazing asset for the Taupō community. A fantastic project and an even better outcome.”



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### MARKING A MILESTONE OF THE ETA SHARED PATHWAY

**ELECTED MEMBERS, COUNCIL staff and contractors gathered last Monday to mark a milestone in our East Taupō Arterial shared pathway project. The team have battled the weather and concrete supply disruptions over the last few months to complete pouring the new 2.8 metre-wide pathway which runs alongside SH1 from the airport roundabout to the SH5 Napier-Taupō roundabout. Work on the next segment is underway.**

Mayor David Trewavas said that it was great that the pathway was already being used - and that will increase as the pathway grows.

“This is all about connecting our communities and making sure we have infrastructure in place for cyclists, walkers and joggers to move around our town without necessarily having to go down on to Lake Terrace,” Mr Trewavas said.

“But it is also about helping to future-proof us for the growth we know is coming. Once the other legs of this

project are completed we’ll have a shared path network that circles Taupō, providing not just a great place for a good long ride or walk, but a means for residents of some of the new subdivisions to move around the town.”

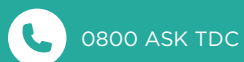
Project manager Ben Schubert thanked all involved.

“It’s coming along really well and it’s been great to see how many people are already making regular use of it - from pedestrians, skaters, scooters, and joggers, to dog walkers and the like. As residential development east of the town continues, this pathway will be used even more and it is fantastic that we have been able to secure \$3.6 million in central government funding to build this infrastructure now.”

The next section to Broadlands Road is expected to be completed by September; the following leg to Centennial Drive, which completes the project, will be finished by the end of the year.



Mayor David Trewavas, councillors, contractors and staff at the ETA pathway opening.



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