

NEW MOBILE HOISTS MAKE POOLS ACCESSIBLE TO ALL

ACCESS TO SWIMMING pools is now easier for disabled people, thanks to the introduction of mobile pool hoists at the AC Baths and Tūrangi Turtle Pools.

The pool hoist allows a disabled person to have access to the swimming pool without the need for manual lifting from a carer, or the use of a ramp.

There is one hoist at each facility, which staff can move around the complex and anchor alongside any of the pools, even a private pool at the AC Baths.

Taupō District Council lifeguard operations team lead Suzanne Watson says she is thrilled that the team can now offer this service to the community.

“The hoists are a great addition to our pool complexes.

“Our swimming pools are a great place for people to spend their time. They provide a fun and safe environment that encourages physical activity and wellbeing.

“Swimming should be accessible to all, and I’m so pleased that we can now provide pool access to everyone in our community.”

The hoist caters for both children and adults (up to 200kg in Taupō and 150kg in Tūrangi), and can be used with a floating sling, plastic seat, or wet wheelchair.

To find out more about Taupō District Council swimming facilities, visit taupo.govt.nz/recreation.



From left, lifeguards James Chamberlain and Rahiri Waerea-Hohaia and lifeguard operations team lead Suzanne Watson with one of the new hoists.



ARE YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, UNABLE TO GET TO THE LIBRARY?

TAUPŌ AND TŪRANGI Library offer a free, monthly book selection and delivery service to library members who are unable to access the library in the short or long-term due to disability, illness, or injury.

Books are selected by library staff based on your preferences. Once a month, books are then delivered by volunteer drivers or can be collected by a friend or relative.

Please be aware the service relies on the availability of volunteers, and although we will endeavour to provide a district service there may be some rural areas that we are unable to provide deliveries to. All enquiries are welcome.

You will need to complete an application and, if you are eligible, we will arrange a phone call to learn your preferences.

If you are interested in this service, contact staff at Taupō or Tūrangi Library.

BORE ISSUE CAUSES REDUCED POOL TEMPERATURES



AN ISSUE WITH the AC Baths’ geothermal bore issue means slightly lower leisure pool temperatures.

Our geothermal heating system at the AC Baths isn’t quite at full capacity at present, due to an issue with one of the bores that heats our pools. Until the end of July we expect the temperature in the leisure pool will range between 33 and 35 degrees, slightly lower than our usual target temperature of 36 degrees.

All other pools and facilities, including the indoor and outdoor lane pools and our learn to swim pool, are up and running at our usual toasty warm temperatures, however the private pools will remain closed until our heating system is working at full capacity.

Work to repair the bore is scheduled to take place after the school holidays. Thanks for your patience.



RECYCLING TIP OF THE WEEK!

Sort out your glass for kerbside collection. Pick up a free EnviroWaste black crate from the Taupō or Tūrangi Customer Service Centre. taupo.govt.nz/recycling

TE KAUPAPA KAITIAKI CONSULTATION - HAVE YOUR SAY!

Te Kōpu a Kānapanapa, a statutory body with members from Te Kotahitanga o Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Waikato Regional Council, and Taupō District Council, want to hear from you on the draft Te Kaupapa Kaitiaki – Taupō catchment plan.

The plan will identify the significant issues, values, vision, objectives, desired outcomes, and other relevant matters for the Taupō catchment in order to:

- promote the sustainable and integrated management of the environment in the Taupō catchment for the benefit of present and future generations;
- provide for the relationship of Ngāti Tūwharetoa and their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, water, geothermal resources, sites, wāhi tapu and other taonga; and,

- respect Ngāti Tūwharetoa tikanga in the management of the Taupō catchment.

This plan will influence how councils develop rules in regional and district plans. It considers aspects related to how water is managed, and biodiversity is protected. It will also influence how councils prioritise spending through their Long-term Plans.

Importantly, this plan signals much greater involvement by Ngāti Tūwharetoa iwi and hapū in decisions that impact on the health and wellbeing of the Taupō catchment.

The opportunity to make a submission closes on Thursday 4 August.

For more information, or to make a submission head along to tekaupapakaitiaki.co.nz/te-tuku-korero.

