

**COMMUNITY NEWS WITH TAUPO DISTRICT COUNCIL** 25 AUGUST



#### THREE-LEGGED RODENT EXTERMINATOR FINDS NEW HOME

TAUPŌ POUND'S EXPERT rodent exterminator Flovd. who has had to take early retirement after a leg amputation, has found a new home.

Meanwhile, it is a happy ending for his former employers too as they have found a like-for-like replacement suitably named Lloyd.

The pound's original exterminator Floyd was adopted by pound staff to not only provide companionship but also for the specific role of keeping rats and mice under control. Besides being excellent at his job, Floyd ruled over the pound, with his human underlings at his beck and call.

Floyd went missing in early April but reappeared in the pound carpark thin, hungry and dishevelled after a onemonth walkabout. His back leg was injured and had to be

amputated.

Floyd has settled into retirement well after being adopted by Taupō District Council compliance officer

"I didn't want him to go to a completely new place. He's going great, he loves his new life. We weren't sure if he would enjoy being a house cat but he just sleeps all day and fights my other cat for the sunny spots in the house."

While Floyd's replacement Lloyd's rodent-hunting skills are still developing, pound keeper Taylor says he certainly has the attitude required for the job and his likeness to Floyd made the decision to deploy him in the pound office a no-brainer.

Read more at www.taupodc.govt.nz



### **GRAB A BLACK CRATE FOR YOUR GLASS RECYCLING**

PICK UP A free EnviroWaste black crate from the Taupō or Tūrangi Customer Service Centre and sort out your glass for kerbside collection.

You can help our hardworking kerbside collectors by separating your recycling into three product streams:

- 1. Paper and flattened cardboard together (you can use a cardboard box if you are short on crates).
- 2. Glass (grab your free black crate for your glass).
- 3. Tin, aluminium, and plastics 1, 2 & 5 can go together in your green recycling crate.

Sorting out your kerbside recycling into these three product steams helps our contractors get the items on board quickly and move along to the next house.

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

www.taupo.govt.nz/recycling



#### **NEW DISTRICT SAMPLING STATIONS NEW WATER SAMPLING stations will be popping up across** the district in the coming months.

The new stations will be located everywhere from Mangakino to Tūrangi and senior monitoring and compliance officer Nicola Hancock said they were being installed to help make water monitoring easier and more uniform.

"We carry out extensive water sampling from right across our district and up until now these samples have been taken from a variety of sources, including private homes, community halls, and the like," she said.

"Gaining access to these sites was often time-consuming and while our sampling has always been rigorous and closely monitored, in addition to streamlining the process the new sampling stations will also provide a more uniform and accurate representation of our water network from right across our district.'

Ms Hancock said the sampling stations were often inconspicuous but would sometimes be found around reserves and were locked to make sure they would not be tampered with. There are nine installed and it is planned to have more than 20 in total.

## **PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT ON COUNCIL WORKSHOPS**

THE CHIEF OMBUDSMAN is conducting a self-initiated investigation to determine whether Taupō District Council's practices and decisions or recommendations made to hold meetings, workshops, briefings and informal meetings, are reasonable, correct and consistent with the legal provisions and purposes of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) to publicise and hold council meetings in public.

The Chief Ombudsman is interested in the public's views and experiences of Taupō District Council's meetings, workshops, briefings and informal meetings.

The Chief Ombudsman would appreciate your feedback via a public survey. This survey will be open until Friday, 2 September 2022.

Head to www.taupodc.govt.nz for more information.





# **CHANCE TO GET CREATIVE AT LIBRARY BRICK CLUB**

HEY KIDS! COME and get creative at Brick Club at the Taupō Library.

It's on every Wednesday afternoon from 3.30 to 4.30pm. starting Wednesday 7 September and is suitable for children aged three years upwards.

It's free and all the bricks are supplied. Please don't bring your own.

Parents/caregivers must stay with their child or children and your wonderful brick creations will stay in the library after the session.





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