

TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL PRELIMINARY ELECTION RESULTS



Taupō District Mayor David Trewavas

TAUPŌ DISTRICT MAYOR David Trewavas has been returned for a fourth term with a preliminary result of 6464 votes.

Mayor David Trewavas said he was overwhelmed to be re-elected.

"It's an honour to be selected to once again represent our beautiful district.

"I'm looking forward to carrying on all the great work that we have under way and to keep working to make this a fantastic place to live for all our community."

The other two mayoral candidates, Christine Rankin and Sean Wakelin, are currently on 4664 and 1189 votes respectively.

The seven successful candidates for the Taupō ward are Christine Rankin, Yvonne Westerman, Kevin Taylor, Anna Park, John Williamson, Rachel Shepherd and Duncan Campbell.

In the new Te Papamārearea Māori ward, Karam Fletcher and Danny Aperahama Loughlin are the successful candidates.

Kylie Leonard for the Taupō East Rural ward and Kirsty Trueman for the Mangakino-Pouakani ward were both re-elected unopposed.

The successful candidate for the Tūrangi-Tongariro ward is Sandra Greenslade.

Final election results are expected to be declared sometime between today and 19 October. View the full preliminary results for the Taupō District Council election at www.taupo.govt.nz/vote22.



Kids Bike Taupō's Cath Oldfield (left), Kids Bike Taupō supporter Ken Harris and Taupō District Council road safety manager Sarah Wraight at the new pump track.

NEW PUMP TRACK AT CROWN PARK A COMMUNITY EFFORT

MANY HANDS HAVE made light work of the new cycle pump track at Crown Park.

The track has been funded by a generous Taupō family who wanted to help promote cycle skills in partnership with Kids Bike Taupō and their community ambassador Cath Oldfield. Taupō District Council project manager Izelda Cruz said it was part of a wider project to upgrade cycling assets in the area.

"This has been a real community effort with many locals helping out. Unison Energy played a big part at the beginning by waiving charges for an electrical connection, and local company Matanga Projects also pitched in offering their services to be a part of this opportunity. The pump track is just the first piece of the puzzle and we have some really exciting developments in the pipeline for this area - and more sponsors coming forward to be a part of this.

"With so many schools in this area the new pump track is going to be very popular. We will also upgrade the adjacent cycle course to help promote cycling skills and road safety. Cycling is close to the hearts of many people in Taupō and it has been great to see so many from the community pitch in to help on this project and make it a reality in a really short space of time. Thanks also have to go to the very generous local family for donating the funding that made it possible."

Ms Oldfield said the local family wanted to help get more people on bikes, whether they were young or just young at heart.

"They were keen to help Kids Bike Taupō and the outcome is going to be a really beautiful community asset. This is something that will be enjoyed by many for years to come and help to bring people together in our community.

"The Kids Bike Taupō programme is helping kids to ride from a very young age so we need these places for our tamariki to practise their skills. When they are ready they will do the Road Safety Team's Pedal Safe course and then ride on the road. This pump track will be fun for all ages riding bikes, skateboards, skates and scooters."

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COMMUNITY SPORTS GRANTS OPEN

ON YOUR MARKS, get set, go! Applications for our Community Sports Grants are now open!

These grants are for clubs and individuals making a difference in the sports sector across our rohe (Taupō District). If you're an outstanding sportsperson or are involved in a sports club and you think you could put some extra pūtea/funding to good use, here is an opportunity you don't want to miss.

Applications for this funding round close on Friday 4 November 2022.

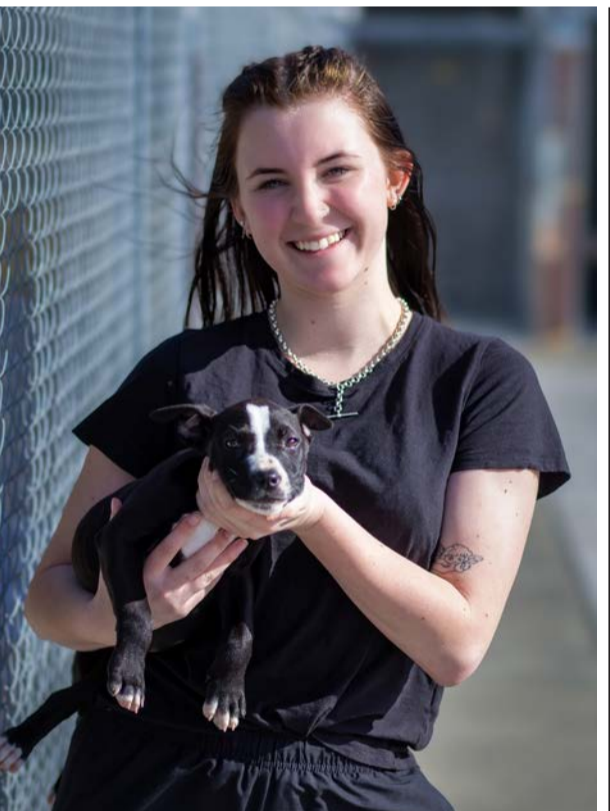
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Taupō Pound's new pound keeper assistant Sophie Lawson

RECORD MONTH OF DOG ADOPTIONS AT THE TAUPŌ POUND

WHEN IT COMES to getting animals adopted, the team at the Taupō Pound is like a dog with a bone.

In September, new homes were found for 27 dogs, almost a dog a day and a new record for a single month at the Taupō Pound.

Pound keeper Taylor Hori says another 14 dogs have been adopted in the first 10 days of October.

"We're doing really well, we're pleased with those results," he says.

"Usually when we have high numbers like that, it means we've been really busy, so it can be stressful but knowing that many dogs have new homes makes it all worth it."

While the high adoption numbers are positive, he says the need for rehoming would be reduced if people took responsibility for their dogs and got them desexed.

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