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COMMUNITY NEWS WITH TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL 10 NOVEMBER

## ETA SHARED PATHWAY PLANTING IN FULL SWING

**IF YOU'VE DRIVEN** along the East Taupō Arterial highway in recent weeks you will have seen local contractors Arco Environmental hard at work planting the garden beds beside the new shared pathway.

Project manager Ben Schubert said 2000 square metres of garden beds had been prepared and planted out with a total of 1800 native plants including flaxes, grasses, and flowering shrubs.

"The native plants are better suited to our local conditions as they are more resistant to our cold winters and dry, hot summers, and for that reason they require a lot less maintenance than non-native species," he said.

"They are also more complementary to our central plateau landscape."

While the planting has been on the go we have also been etching "Aroha Atu Aroha Mai/Share with Care" messaging into the concrete surface of the pathway. Landscape architect Fraser Scott, who worked on the shared and Great Lake pathways, said it is a timely reminder that the pathway is for everyone to use.

"It's really great to see so many people making the most of the shared pathway network and when they are busy, remember that walkers and joggers have the right of way, so if you are on two wheels please give way to those on foot."



Project manager Ben Schubert and landscape architect Fraser Scott with some of the new plantings alongside the ETA.



## DESTINATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

**THE TAUPŌ REGIONAL Destination Management Plan is on track to deliver a tourism model which gives back to the people, their culture and the environment.**

Following public workshops aimed at identifying regional issues and opportunities, our community values and vision for the future, the next step is to gather community input on what actions should be in the plan.

A series of public workshops is being held from 14 to 16 November to capture these thoughts and Destination Great Lake Taupō general manager Jane Wilson says anyone can come along.

"We want to hear from everyone who has views on how tourism should look in our community and how we can make sure tourism not only delivers economic benefit to the region but does so in a way that values our communities and environment," she says.

Anyone wishing to attend a public workshop can come to one of the following sessions:

Monday 14 November, 5.30pm: Tūrangi Council offices (Tūrangi Customer & Visitor Information Centre, Ngawaka Place, Tūrangi).

Tuesday 15 November, 9am: Waipāhīhī Marae, Hinerau Grove, Taupō.

Tuesday 15 November, 5.30pm: St Johns Hall, Commerce Street, Mangakino.

Wednesday 16 November, 5.30pm: Suncourt Hotel, Northcroft Street, Taupō.

**As it is helpful to know in advance how many people will be attending these workshops, please RSVP to rowan@roamconsulting.co.nz.**

## TIME TO DO YOUR PART: HELP SAVE WATER THIS SUMMER

**SUMMER IS JUST** around the corner and as the number of people in the Taupō District ramps up, so does the pressure on our water supply system.

As the Taupō District begins to swell with holiday visitors and temperatures rise, demand for water always increases hugely.

While we are lucky that there is no shortage of water in Lake Taupō, the increase in demand over summer puts enormous pressure on our water treatment plants which can only treat a certain amount of water each day.

All of the water used in our homes and

gardens must be treated at the water treatment plants. Reducing the amount of water used in your home can reduce the cost of water treatment and put less strain on our resources.

There are no water restrictions in place at present, but they may be used to help ease the pressure on the system. Taupō District Council encourages everyone in the district this summer to do their part to conserve and use water responsibly.

**For more information on water use and handy water-saving tips go to: [www.taupo.govt.nz/waterconservation](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/waterconservation)**



**Quick rinse!**  
Try taking shorter showers – even install a timer for the kids.

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

Brush up on your bathroom recycling. Let's sort out the rubbish.

- ✓ Cardboard such as toothpaste boxes, soap boxes, tissue boxes and toilet roll tubes.
- ✗ Aerosol cans such as deodorant, air freshener, sunscreen and hairspray cannot be recycled at the kerbside in the Taupō district.
- ♻️ Put cardboard and paper together in a cardboard box or second green recycling bin. Flatten cardboard boxes down to the size of a banana box or smaller.

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