

# Turangi connect

SPECIAL EDITION



GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ  
Taupō District Council

COMMUNITY NEWS WITH TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL

There's a lot to know about what's happening in Turangi over the festive season, so here is some information you might find useful. From all of us at Taupō District Council, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



## TURANGI-TONGARIRO BY-ELECTION

A by-election is being held for the Tongariro subdivision of the Turangi Tongariro Community Board.

Nominations are open until midday Monday December 23, with the voting period from Monday, January 27 to midday Tuesday, February 18.

The by-election follows the resignation of Mr Wally van der Aa.

**Nomination forms and further information is available at [taupodc.govt.nz](http://taupodc.govt.nz) or at the Turangi Customer Service Office.**

## AQUATIC CLIMBING WALL A HIT

Head along to the Turtle Pools to experience the new 3.5m high climbing wall.

The wall, which is accessible from the water, was purchased for \$39,000 after the Turangi Tongariro Community Board made a submission on behalf of its community during the Long-term Plan process.

The equipment was chosen because it was a safe, unique piece of equipment with only a handful on offer around the country. It has proven popular with swimmers of all ages.



## TURANGI LIBRARY UPGRADED

The library had some improvements earlier in the year, including a new entrance, lighting, carpeting and issuing desk.

The upgrade was part of an extensive

programme of work at the library, which saw the introduction of radio frequency identification (RFID) technology allowing users to issue and renew books themselves.

Along with this, new computers have been installed for community use so head along to the library today to enjoy the changes.



## TURANGI PIPE RENEWALS REACHES FINAL STAGES

An extensive programme of water and wastewater pipe renewals in Turangi and Tokaanu is in the final stages and will ensure much more resilient infrastructure for years to come.

The programme has seen 4.5 kilometres of water mains renewed in Turangi. In Tokaanu, work is being carried out on the wastewater system, including the replacement of the wastewater rising main and 3.5 kilometres of waste water pipes.

The renewal programme originally began in 2018 and has a budget of \$3.2 million.

Thank you to everyone for your patience as we have worked to upgrade the existing infrastructure which was built in the 1950s and was in need of replacement.

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## SUMMER FIRE RISK

As it gets drier over the summer months, please be aware of any flammable growth on your property.

Make sure you keep grass short – particularly on empty sections – and clear away any scrub or litter such as fallen branches or leaves that could potentially fuel a fire.

If you have a problem with compliance on a neighbouring property, please talk directly with the landowner in the first instance.



## EVERY DROP COUNTS

As the district fills up with visitors and temperatures rise, demand for water increases dramatically.

Last year, we saw an increase in demand of 50 percent across the district in January and we are expecting a similar increase this year, so we are asking residents to act now to reduce demand.

Please only water your garden and lawn every second day (using the odds and evens system based on your street address). This applies to fixed sprinklers only. Hand held hoses can be used at any time.

Need to contact council over the festive season?  
Call 0800 ASK TDC  
(0800 275 832)

## Need to know

### Customer Service hours

OUR CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRES WILL BE OPEN THE FOLLOWING HOURS OVER THE HOLIDAY SEASON:

#### HOLIDAY HOURS

Monday December 23	8am-5pm
Tuesday December 24	8am-3pm
Christmas Day	CLOSED
Boxing Day	CLOSED
Friday December 27	10am-2pm
Monday December 30	9am-3pm
Tuesday December 31	9am-3pm
Wednesday January 1	CLOSED
Thursday January 2	CLOSED
Friday January 3	10am-2pm
Monday January 6 onwards	Return to normal hours

Turangi office,  
Town Centre, Turangi

#### EVENTS

Head to [www.lovetauupo.com](http://www.lovetauupo.com) to find out about all the events that are happening across our district over the summer period.

### Recycling over the holiday period

PLEASE BE AWARE OF A CHANGE TO COLLECTION DAYS ON CHRISTMAS DAY AND BOXING DAY

#### HOLIDAY HOURS

Monday December 23	Normal collection
Tuesday December 24	Normal collection
Christmas Day	Collection delayed one day
Boxing Day	Collection delayed one day
Friday December 27	Normal collection
Monday December 30	Normal collection
Tuesday December 31	Normal collection
Wednesday January 1	Normal collection
Thursday January 2	Normal collection

#### REFUSE TRANSFER STATION OPENING HOURS

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Open seven days from 8am – 5.30pm  
All refuse transfer stations will be closed on Christmas Day.

#### COMMUNITY BOARD

To find out about the Turangi Tongariro Community Board head to: [taupodc.govt.nz/council/meetings/tt-community-board](http://taupodc.govt.nz/council/meetings/tt-community-board)



### EXERCISING YOUR DOG

Dogs are prohibited at all times from the Turangi town centre.

You can exercise your dog offleash at Te Rangiita/Waitekoko Lakeside Reserve, Waipapa Reserve, Taupahi Road Reserve and Turangi Park.

A handy map of dog exercise areas and dog restricted areas is available on our website at: [taupo.govt.nz/dogs](http://taupo.govt.nz/dogs)

### LIQUOR BAN

Liquor bans will be in force from noon on December 27 to 7am on January 4 in the Turangi Town Centre and Te Kapua Park as well as all recreation reserves, lakefront reserves and public areas in Hatepe and Motuoapa.

Please head to [taupo.govt.nz/liquorban](http://taupo.govt.nz/liquorban) for more information and maps in your area.