

Mangakino connect

Welcome to Mangakino Connect

Greetings from Mayor David Trewavas

Hello and welcome to this special edition of Connect. Let me begin by wishing everyone in Mangakino the very best for the holidays. Summer is without a doubt the time when it is most obvious that we live in paradise. I hope you get the chance to get out and enjoy it over the holidays, whether it be taking a dip in the lake or rivers and streams, bushwalks, sports of all varieties, dining and shopping or sightseeing - there are experiences to be had and memories to be made. Get out there and make the most of it!

Remember to welcome visitors to our district, I'm sure they will love it as much as we do. Our streets may be a bit busier and your favourite café may be full, but remember that we pride ourselves on being the events capital of New Zealand and our guests help our local economy to be strong and our district vibrant.

Here is to a Merry Christmas, a happy New Year and a great summer. Remember when you are out and about to take care of each other and keep safe, whether that be on or around the water or on our roads. Have a happy and safe summer and lets all look forward to a great 2019 here in the Taupō District!

Around town

2018 has been a busy year in the Mangakino area, with several projects underway around the town. There has been an ongoing programme of upgrading the Mangakino sewer system, which began in 2017 with cleaning and assessment by closed-circuit cameras of the entire network. This process showed us that 60 percent of the 19.4kms of pipes needed to be relined, and in 2018 we completed half of that relining process at a cost of \$1.5 million. The remainder will be completed in 2019 and will ensure the system is in good shape, with less likelihood of leaks and many years of service ahead of it.

Many residents will have seen that there has been a lot going on in Kahu Street recently. The roadway is being improved, with new curbing, footpaths, a cul-de-sac, and a new stormwater line which will mean a more resilient supply and less pooling of water during heavy rain storms. A new water main has been installed, and all Kahu Street works will be finished by the end of January.

There has also been a lot going in Whakamaru, with a significant upgrade of the waste water treatment plant there which has allowed us to improve the quality of discharged effluent and reduce contaminant loading to Lake Whakamaru. The treatment plant is very close to the water edge, so this is an important step in ensuring we don't create adverse environmental effects (such as weed and algae growth) along the shore line.

And last but by no means least, Mangakino residents will soon be noticing a difference in their street lighting. We are joining in a nationwide programme to upgrade street lights to new LED technology that lasts three times longer than traditional lighting and is 57 per cent more power efficient. This work will get underway in the New Year and should be completed in April 2019.



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Upcoming events in Mangakino

Waikato River Trails Summer Sizzler
Saturday, January 12, 2019,
starting at the Mangakino Lakefront.
Run or walk 22km, 11km, or 6km
courses, through some great
Mangakino scenery. There are four
age groups to choose from, see
www.wrtsummersizzler.com for
more details.

Mangakino Summer Concert
12pm–3pm, Wednesday, January 2,
2019 at the Mangakino Lake Front.
Free entry with live music, food stalls,
and activities for all the family, this
event is a fundraiser for the Youth
Holiday Programme, so bring your
blanket and shade and settle in for
the afternoon.

Mangakino customer services and library hours

Monday, December 24:
Closing at 1pm

Tuesday, December 25:
Closed

Wednesday, December 26:
9am–12pm; 12.30pm–3pm

Thursday, December 27:
9am–12pm; 12.30pm–3pm

Friday, December 28:
9am–12pm; 12.30pm–3pm

Tuesday, January 1:
Closed

Wednesday, January 2:
Closed

Thursday, January 3:
Normal hours resume

These are
Monday to Friday
9am–12pm; 12.30pm–4pm

Freedom camping ambassadors for Taupō District

Four part-time freedom camping ambassadors will be out and about this summer to assist and advise freedom campers across the district, and particularly in high profile areas like Hipapatua Reserve (Reids Farm). The ambassadors will be advising campers on how long they can stay, what to do with refuse, local alcohol bylaws, and how to take care of our environment by not washing in our lakes and rivers and using designated toilet facilities.

The ambassadors will also be collecting data about freedom camping so that we can get a better understanding of visitor trends, how long campers are staying, what they do while here, and what facilities they use. The ambassadors aim to be a friendly face for visitors and locals alike, but they will also be passing on information about any unwanted behaviour to our compliance teams.

This initiative has been made possible through a funding agreement between Taupō District Council and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. It is part of the Tourism Facilities Development Grant Fund and covers the 2018-2019 season.

Mangakino Community Pool

Entry tickets cannot be purchased at the pool. Tickets can be bought from the Mangakino Service Centre and Tom and Shorty Cafe. Tickets must be presented when entering the pools.

Free entry for local children under five years of age

Children (0-13): \$1 = 1 x orange ticket

Students (14+) & Seniors: \$2 = 2 x orange tickets

Adults (18+): \$3 = 3 x orange tickets

Children under eight years old must be accompanied by a person over the age of 16, who must wear swimwear at all times. The person must remain within arm's reach of the child while they are in the water.

The pool is open during the summer school holidays (weather permitting). During this period, the pool is open daily between 12.30pm and 4.30pm, except for Christmas Day when the pool is closed.

Rubbish and recycling

Mangakino Transfer Station

Corner of Waipapa Road and Lake Road

All year

Monday to Friday -
12.30pm–4pm

Saturday, Sunday and public holidays -
8.30am to noon: 12.30pm–4pm

(Closed Christmas Day)