

# Turangi/Southern connect Settlements

## Kia ora and welcome to Turangi Connect

Greetings from Andy Hema, Turangi-Tongariro  
Community Board Chair

On behalf of the Turangi-Tongariro Community Board, and the residents of the district, I would like to wish everyone season's greetings and happy holidays. Connect has some helpful information residents will find useful in the coming weeks, and if you are visiting the district it will give you a few ideas of what we have going on over the summer months. I believe there is no better place to be for a real Kiwi Summer than the Turangi area, so regardless of whether you are a local or a visitor I urge you to get out and enjoy all we have on our doorstep. For spectacular scenery, world famous fishing, national parks, hot pools, rafting, walking, golfing, biking or just relaxing, you've come to the right place! You can find out more at [www.greatlaketaupo.com](http://www.greatlaketaupo.com), or visit the Turangi i-Site and let the friendly team put you in the picture.

Wherever you go and whatever you do while in Turangi, I wish you safe travels and hope you have a great summer. Remember to be safe on the roads and on the water, and to take care of each other so that we can all look forward to a happy New Year and a fantastic 2019.


## Around town

2018 has been a busy year in Turangi with several infrastructure projects underway. The largest of these has been a major maintenance programme on Turangi's sewer network, with 19.6kms of pipes cleaned and checked with CCTV cameras. This has given us a much clearer picture of what future maintenance is needed on the network, and it saw 225 tonnes of debris removed from the pipes. Root intrusions and blockages were also cleared, and this has ensured the system is more resilient. This programme will continue in 2019.

The new temporary sports facilities in Turangitukua Park are nearing completion and will feature three specially modified containers to provide changing facilities. The containers have been provided by modification specialists Royal Wolf and will have lighting, toilets and running water, with enough space to accommodate teams using the nearby sports fields.

Many Turangi residents will also have noticed new LED street lights have been installed. We are joining in a nationwide programme to upgrade street lights to this new technology that lasts three times longer than traditional lighting, and is 57 per cent more power efficient. More than 200 units have already been installed and the entire replacement programme should be completed in April 2019.

And last but by no means least, the Turangi i-Site and customer service centre have both received upgrades. The service centre now shares office space with the Department of Conservation just across from the library, and this cooperative arrangement is a win-win for all involved. If you have any queries relating to council business, the friendly team at the service centre are there to help. And if you are a visitor to the region or you are local and need some assistance in showing friends around, then the fantastic new i-Site is the place to go – the staff there are knowledgeable, happy to help and always there with a smile.



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## Upcoming events in Turangi

### 2019 Ngati Tūwharetoa Marae Sports Challenge (Turangitukua Park)

January 4th–5th,  
Opening Karakia, 8.30am

### Turangi Rangatahi Hub

Holiday activities  
January 14th–25th

### Waitangi Tuwharetoa ki Pukawa Festival

February 2nd, 11am–4pm

## Turangi library hours

Monday – Friday:  
9.30am–5pm

Saturday:  
10am–1pm

## Turangi Turtle Pools

Monday 8.30am–6pm

Tuesday 8.30am–7.30pm

Wednesday 8.30am–6pm

Thursday 8.30am–6pm

Friday to Sunday 12 noon to 6pm  
(during school holidays, after  
January 8: 10am–6pm)

School Holidays Mon-Thurs  
as per normal hours apply;  
Fri-Sun 10am–6pm

Public Holidays Normal hours  
apply (closed Christmas Day)

Inflatables Fun Weekends and  
school holidays (upon request)

## Turangi office hours

Monday, December 24 Close at 1pm

Tuesday, December 25 Closed

Wednesday, December 26 Closed

Thursday, December 27 9am–3pm

Friday, December 28 9am–3pm

Monday, December 31 9am–3pm

Tuesday, January 1 Closed

Wednesday, January 2 Closed

Thursday, January 3:  
normal office hours resume

These are:

Monday to Friday, 8am–4.30pm

## 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.

## Rubbish and recycling

### Turangi Transfer Station

Te Rangitukehu Street, Turangi.

### September 1 to April 30

Monday to Sunday including public holidays

8am–5.30pm

(Closed Christmas Day & Good Friday  
and up to 1pm Anzac Day)

### Omori/Kuratau Transfer Station

Te Puke Road, Omori

### Christmas school holiday periods (Secondary Schools)

Monday to Sunday including public holidays

9am–4.30pm (Closed Christmas Day)

### Other school holiday periods (Secondary Schools)

Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday

and public holidays - 11am–4.30pm

(Closed Good Friday and up to 1pm Anzac Day)

### All other periods

Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday and  
public holidays - 11am–4.30pm

### Whareroa Transfer Station

Whareroa Road

### September 1 to May 31

Wednesday, Sunday & public holidays - 11am–3pm

### Peak Summer

(Monday to Sunday from the 3rd week  
of December until the 2nd week of January)

11am–3pm

(Closed Christmas Day and Good  
Friday and up to 1pm Anzac Day)