

QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS

- The Taupō District Council animal control team won a highly commended nod in the Super Engaged category at the Local Government New Zealand Awards.
- Supercars announced that, with support from the New Zealand Government and Taupō District Council, the Repco Supercars Championship will race at Taupō International Motorsport Park from 2024.
- Te papa tākaro hou ki Te Kapua Park, Tūrangi's new playground, has been officially blessed and opened.
- Waiora House, a place where people can collaborate, connect and work together for the betterment of the community, was opened and blessed.
- The final stage of the three-year Taupō Town Centre Transformation was approved, with an overhead lighting feature planned for lower Tongariro Street and the entrance to Roberts Street.
- Taupō's new lakefront space Te Ātea was named a finalist for Kiwis' Choice in the 2023 Beautiful Awards. Tūrangi is a finalist in Most Beautiful Small Town and Taupō in Most Beautiful Large Town.
- A committee made up of Taupō District councillors and Ngāti Te Rangiitā representatives was established to oversee a review of the Motutere Reserve Management Plan.
- Taupō District Council reviewed and adopted bylaws relating to alcohol control, cemeteries, and freedom camping.
- Sixteen local heroes were celebrated at the 2023 Taupō District Council Mayoral Community Awards.

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TAUPŌ DISTRICT SCOOPS THREE FINALS SPOTS IN 2023 BEAUTIFUL AWARDS

Locals and visitors know just how beautiful Taupō's new lakefront space, Te Ātea, is.

The Keep New Zealand Beautiful judges have joined the fan club, selecting Te Ātea as one of the finalists for Kiwis' Choice Awards in the 2023 Beautiful Awards.

In addition, Tūrangi was named a finalist in the Most Beautiful Small Town category and Taupō made the finals of Most Beautiful Large Town.

The new Te Ātea lakefront community space connects locals and visitors to the whenua, the lake and the stories of the Taupō District. It was a crucial part of the three-year Taupō Town Centre Transformation project which diverted traffic around Taupō's town centre to make it less car-focused and improve connections to the lake, marina and Tongariro Domain. This work also removed the busy road that connected Tongariro Street to Lake Terrace.

At the southern end of the lake, Tūrangi was named a

finalist in the Most Beautiful Small Town category for its street revitalisation project, community planting events, new papa tākaro (playground) and sports facility, artistic projects and Mana Whakahono-a-Rohe partnership between local hapū Ngāti Tūrangitukua and Taupō District Council. Tūrangi and Arrowtown are the two finalists in this category.

Taupō has followed up its 2021 Most Beautiful Large Town award with another finalist spot, with Whakatāne named the other finalist in this year's Most Beautiful Large Town category. This year's award entry focused on the efforts being made by locals, visitors and council to prevent litter and minimise waste, along with the town's beautiful new Te Ātea space on the lakefront.

Winners and recipients of the Beautiful Awards 2023 are being announced at Parliament House on 9 November.



SUPERCARS: SPEEDING INTO TAUPŌ IN 2024

Taupō District Mayor David Trewavas says locals and businesses are excited to welcome the Repco Supercars Championship to the district from 19 to 21 April 2024.

"Everyone is looking forward to hosting teams, supporters, and visitors for this exhilarating event," Mr Trewavas said.

After a year-long hiatus from New Zealand, one round of Australasia's premier racing championship, which will be known as the ITM Taupō SuperSprint, will be held at the world-class Taupō International Motorsport Park each year from 2024 until at least 2026. Only a few minutes' drive from Taupō, the park has been considerably upgraded since it opened.

The ITM Taupō SuperSprint is expected to attract more than 100,000 attendees and generate more than 22,000 international visitor nights and \$6 million in economic benefit to the Taupō District per event.

Alongside the government's Major Events funding, Taupō District Council is supporting Supercars for a term of three years with a contribution of \$300,000 + GST per event, plus in-kind support, which encompasses use of council venues and help with event activations.

Accommodation will be highly sought after, boosting the local tourism industry. Beautiful Awards Large Town finalist Taupō and Small Town finalist Tūrangi are just two places for visitors to stay. Taupō District has plenty of options including hotels, motels and campground accommodation, not to mention a huge range of holiday homes.

Mr Trewavas said he was delighted Supercars would be holding a round in the events capital of New Zealand.

"Attracting a premium event like Supercars to the Taupō District further cements that reputation and our central location means people will come from all over the country and abroad," he said.



THE WARMER SEASON IS CREEPING UP FAST, HELP SAVE WATER THIS SUMMER



Faucet off!

Don't leave the tap running while you're brushing your teeth.



Flush it!

Use the half flush function where possible!

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

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Don't miss out on your chance to be one of the first into the concert with your Express Pass and to see four amazing artists, Simple Minds, Texas, Collective Soul and Pseudo Echo when they take the stage at the Taupō Summer Concert on Saturday 27 January 2024.

To access this special offer, simply click on the below link:

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Select 'Taupō Summer Concert'

Where it asks for your offer code, type in: **TAUPŌ**

It'll then open the special 'Taupō District local ticket' option.

BE MINDFUL OF TAUPŌ'S NEW CBD LAYOUT THIS SUMMER

We are heading into summer which means warmer weather, swimming in the lake, and a huge influx of visitors to the Taupō District.

This is great for local tourism and businesses, but it does mean the roads will be much busier than the rest of the year.

If you are driving in Taupō, you can help make things easier for yourself and others by being mindful of the new layout in the CBD.

As part of the Town Centre Transformation Project, which was completed this year, the town's lakefront business area was extensively redesigned and traffic through the central business district directed via Spa Road and Titiraupenga Street. This makes the town centre more pedestrian-friendly and ensures it is better connected to the lake and Tongariro Domain.

So, if you are driving through Taupō and not visiting the CBD, you will find it much easier to use Spa Road and Titiraupenga Street to avoid the busy CBD. This will also help ensure the town centre is less congested for those wanting to hit the shops.

With the sheer volume of extra people and cars in the district, please remember to be patient and give yourself plenty of time to get to your destination.



**ALL DAY PARKING
AREAS IN THE
TAUPŌ CBD**

 ALL DAY PARKING LOCATIONS



WHAT'S ON TAUPŌ DISTRICT!

NOVEMBER

- 3 November** The Dropzone Big Bang Fireworks & Laser Event
- 3 November** Taupō District Sports Awards
- 10 November** Act 2 Concert: The Addams Family
- 11 November** Kinloch Community Fireworks
- 14 November** Taupō School of Music End of Year Concert
- 16 November** Tūwharetoa Kaumatua Olympic Games
- 25 November** Lake Taupō Cycle Challenge

DECEMBER

- 2 December** Taupō Christmas Parade and Carols
- 2 December** Trolley Derby
- 2 December** Poronui Passage Trail Run or Mountain Bike
- 9 December** IRONMAN 70.3
- 9 December** Mangakino Christmas Parade and Event
- 9 December** Tūrangi Christmas in the Park
- 13 December** Santa Cave opens
- 23 December** Kinloch Christmas Carols
- 26 December** Taupō Summer Carnival

- 28 December** Mangakino Summer Concert
- 29 December** Taupō Rodeo
- 30 December** Pak'n Save Taupō Summer Festival Race day
- 31 December** New Year's Eve Fireworks

JANUARY

- 11 January** National Horse & Pony Show
- 12 January** Tūwharetoa Marae Sports
- 16 January** Taupō Junior & Mini Masters Golf
- 18 January** Summer Revolution Youth event
- 19 January** Historic Grand Prix
- 20 January** Holistic Well-Being Expo
- 20 January** NZ Water Ski Racing Series
- 20 January** Lakeland Power Boats
- 20 January** Motuoapa Fishing Tournament
- 20 January** Tongariro GOAT
- 24 January** NZPCA Dressage Champs
- 26 January** TNT24 Disc golf
- 26 January** Hydro Thunder
- 27 January** Summer concert
- 27 January** Taupō Races

If you want to know more about the events happening over the coming months, visit www.lovetapu.com/events.

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