

TAUPŌ TOWN CENTRE TRANSFORMATION – TITIRAUPENGA STREET UPGRADE UNDERWAY

AN IMPORTANT PHASE in the transformation of the Taupō town centre is now underway, with the upgrade of Titiraupenga Street.

This phase involves upgrading the intersections along Titiraupenga Street to change the flow of traffic, with priority given to traffic traveling along Titiraupenga Street.

The works have begun at the northern end of Titiraupenga Street, with the upgrade to the Scannell Street intersection expected to take four weeks, weather depending. It is intended to complete each intersection individually, moving south towards Lake Terrace with the Roberts Street intersection expected to be complete by the end of the year.

The government-funded Taupō Town Centre Transformation programme of works will better connect our town centre to its surrounding environment and put people-first. The aim of these changes is to support through-traffic to utilise Titiraupenga Street and Spa Road, instead of Lake Terrace and Tongariro Street.

Project Manager Izelda Cruz said getting construction underway on Titiraupenga Street is an important milestone.

“This is a major piece of work now underway with the aim of delivering important benefits for our community including improving pedestrian and cycling access to our CBD and delivering on the community’s aspirations for a people-friendly town centre,” she said.

“We are working closely with affected residents, businesses and stakeholders, including the school, to ensure we are



doing all we can to minimise disruption and utilise resources as efficiently as possible across these major works.

“We are also working with traffic management to look at the best ways to reduce traffic disruption while the intersections are under construction along with ensuring only week-day works where possible.

“Thank you to everyone for their patience while this work gets underway. We will ensure we continue to keep the community updated as work progresses,” she said.

To find out more about the project, head to taupo.govt.nz/towncentrereformation.



KINLOCH RESIDENTS URGED TO TEMPORARILY REDUCE INDOOR WATER USE DURING PEAK TIMES

THE KINLOCH WASTEWATER treatment plant upgrade to accommodate ongoing and future growth in Kinloch is tracking well with the bulk of earthworks on the outer perimeter completed and excavation for the two new 25-metre-long storage tanks nearly finished.

As part of these works, the capacity of the current treatment plant has been reduced to allow contractors to safely upgrade it. For day-to-day normal water use this is fine. However, during peak times and holiday periods our capacity will be stretched.

We’re asking the Kinloch community to help us out and be mindful of indoor water use during peak times. These include weekends – particularly long weekends such as ANZAC – and school holidays.

Tips to reduce indoor water use during peak times:

- Flush the toilet as little as possible – if it’s yellow, let it mellow
- Take shorter showers or shower with a friend!
- Make sure the washing machine is completely full before doing a load
- Only run the dishwasher when completely full
- Reduce water use as much as possible between 7am – 11am (peak time)
- Turn the tap off when brushing your teeth or shaving

We will be operating this way through to November so we can complete the work before the end of year busy period. Thank you for helping us to get on with safely upgrading the plant.

GOVERNMENT FUNDED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN FULL-SWING



SEVERAL MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE works that received central government funding for ‘shovel ready’ projects have started around the district.

The funding, which was part of the government’s Covid-19 stimulus package, will see \$6.5 million allocated to a street revitalization project in Turangi, \$3.6 million spent on a shared pathway to be constructed alongside the East Taupō Arterial (ETA) route, and \$400,000 on extending the Mapara Road footpath in Taupō.

The projects are scheduled to break ground in the coming weeks and are in addition to funding received for the Taupō Town Centre Transformation project and water and wastewater projects. Chief executive Gareth Green said the projects will bring some much-needed infrastructure

upgrades as well as an economic boost for the whole district.

“This funding has allowed us to bring forward some key projects that will be of real benefit to our community,” he said.

“The Turangi street revitalisation project will see kerbing and channeling renewed around the town and this will be a real improvement to streets that have suffered from tree root damage and will help prevent damage to our water and wastewater systems. And the shared pathway along the ETA and Mapara Road extension will improve accessibility and safety for our growing community.”

“These projects are also about stimulating our Covid-19 recovery and will provide more local jobs for our people,” he said.



HOLIDAY FUN AT THE LIBRARY

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FREE!

KEEP THE KIDS busy and entertained these school holidays thanks to our libraries in Taupō and Turangi.

Whether it’s taking part in the little scientist scavenger hunt (with prizes to be won), building amazing structures using the humble pea (will it be a hap-pea ending, or a catastro-pea?), or creating a robotic version of your own hand, there’s bound to be something for the whole whanau to enjoy.

There are events on most weekdays. Head to taupo.govt.nz/holidayprogramme and check out the holiday programme for times and dates.

