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Your Weekly Update from New Plymouth District Council

In Brief

Vickers to City road project

The cycle bridge attached to Te Henui Bridge, near New Plymouth Girls' High School, will be removed between 7pm tonight (Wednesday) and 6am tomorrow. This section of road will be closed during these works and a detour will be in place via Mangorei Road, Devon Street East and Watson Street.

Volunteer for U-20 World Cup!

Be part of a global sports event by volunteering for the FIFA U-20 World Cup in Taranaki next year!

Stadium Taranaki will host six matches, and hundreds of volunteers are required to look after visitors and ensure they leave with great memories of their time here.

For more information or to register, go online to fifa.taranaki.info.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

24 September to 3 October

Kaitake Community Board¹

4.30pm on Monday 29 September

Inglewood Community Board²

1.30pm on Tuesday 30 September

Audit and Risk Subcommittee

4pm on Tuesday 30 September

Clifton Community Board³

2pm on Wednesday 2 October

Waitara Community Board⁴

9am on Friday 3 October

Agenda papers will be available to read at Council offices and libraries. Where no location is shown, the meeting will be held at the Civic Centre, New Plymouth.

Venue: 1 - Oakura Surf Lifesaving Club; 2 - Inglewood Library and Service Centre; 3 - Tikorangi Hall; 4 - Waitara Library and Service Centre.

Get ready to get thru a disaster

WHAT WOULD you do right now if there was an emergency?

Would you know where to meet members of your family after an earthquake? If you couldn't get home because of a storm, would you know what to do?

These aren't hypothetical questions, says Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Controller David Lean.

"People in many parts of the country have had to face major disruptions to their lives caused by earthquakes, flooding, slips and storm damage in recent times, and Taranaki could easily be next.

"Experience shows that when households and families are better prepared, response and any evacuations are faster, more effective and safer for all," he says.

During Get Ready Week this week, consider how you would handle a disaster that confines you to your home, or forces you to evacuate.

GET READY WEEK
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The website getthru.govt.nz has great information on preparing for an emergency. The site has a household emergency plan template, a checklist for emergency survival items, and tips for people with disabilities, planning for your pets, how to store water safely, how to make an emergency toilet, and more.

Says Mayor Andrew Judd: "It's during the immediate aftermath of an emergency that you're likely to be most vulnerable, so it's important to plan to look after yourself and your loved ones for at least three days or more."



The streamside section of Huatoki Plaza in flood in 2011, as designed, to take the pressure off Huatoki Stream. Do you have a household emergency plan so that everyone knows what to do during floods, earthquakes or other disasters?

From Andrew



BY THE time you read this, the Council will have voted on whether to establish a Maori ward in New Plymouth District from the 2016 local government election.

This was approved by our Policy Committee on 9 September and was to be voted on by the full Council yesterday (Tuesday).

Whatever the outcome of Tuesday's vote, the Local Electoral Act 2001 allows for a binding poll to countermand the Council's decision if demanded by five per cent of the district's electors.

In the event that a poll does take place, I would urge everyone to ensure they have a good understanding of the issue and to listen to both sides of the debate before casting their vote. To date I have not been convinced that the establishment of a Maori ward is anything other than simply the right thing to do in recognising our indigenous people and ensuring they have a voice at the decision-making table. But there are other views and you should listen to them all before voting.

If a Maori ward is established it would be in place for at least the next two terms of the Council, i.e. from October 2016 to October 2022. Likewise, if a ward is not established (as a result of a poll being held), this would also be locked in for the next two terms.

Finally, thanks to everyone who came to our community conversation in Bell Block last Monday. Thanks also to those who joined my webchat earlier that day. Please visit newplymouthnz.com/ourfuture for details of more Shaping Our Future Together community engagement events.

Mayor Andrew Judd

PUBLIC NOTICES

October meetings

NEW PLYMOUTH DISTRICT COUNCIL will hold the following meetings in October:

- Clifton Community Board¹, 2pm on Wednesday 1 October.
- Youth Working Party, 4.30pm on Thursday 2 October.
- Waitara Community Board², 9am on Friday 3 October.
- Finance Subcommittee, 10am on Wednesday 8 October.
- Council (extraordinary), 3pm on Tuesday 14 October.

- Monitoring Committee, 4.30pm on Tuesday 14 October.
- Policy Committee, 4.30pm on Tuesday 21 October.
- Regulatory Committee, 4.30pm on Thursday 23 October.

Agenda papers will be available for inspection at Council offices and libraries. Where no venue is shown, the meetings are held at the Civic Centre, New Plymouth.

Venues: 1 - Tikorangi Hall, Tikorangi, 2 - Inglewood

Library and Service Centre.

Temporary road closure

IN ACCORDANCE with the tenth schedule of the Local Government Act 1974, the following road will be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic to enable New Plymouth District Council to safely manage traffic and pedestrians during the Taranaki v Auckland ITM Cup rugby game at Yarrow Stadium.

Road to be closed: Maratahu Street from Tukapa Street to 3m west of Yarrow Stadium's main vehicle entrance (adjacent to the Maara Tahu Centre).

Date and period of closure: From 3pm to 10pm on Friday 26 September.

When the expected patronage is likely to be more than 5,000, other traffic controls will be in place:

- P2 drop-off parking bays on

the south side of Tukapa Street east of Maratahu Street.

- Bus parking only round the perimeter of Sanders Park on Wallace Place, Cutfield and Gladstone roads.

Parking Officers will be monitoring the Westown streets so please park responsibly.

Please note: These roads could reopen and normal parking restrictions reinstated earlier than advertised.

In the event of a situation

necessitating the use of the road, contact must be made with the organiser on-site, on the day.

The road may be reopened at an earlier time as decided by the organisers upon removal of all road closure signs and barriers at the venue. The roads will then be open to normal vehicle traffic and normal traffic regulations will apply.

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