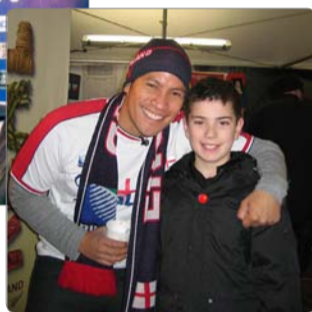




GREAT LAKE, GREAT PLACE, GREAT PEOPLE

A TASTE OF THINGS TO COME...

- Mark your diaries and set your alarm clocks, the RWC 2011 Roadshow is coming to Taupō!
- The Rugby World Cup 2011 Roadshow is making its way up the country and will be in Taupō for one morning only this Monday 18 July from 6.30am.
- Come down to the Tongariro North Domain to get a taste of the excitement of the RWC 2011 Tournament and REAL NZ Festival.
- TVNZ's *Breakfast* host Tamati Coffey will be broadcasting live on location and will be joined by Sir Colin 'Pinetree' Meads and, our very own, NZ Master Chef finalist Traceylee Hooton.
- See interactive displays and videos inside the truck and get your photo taken with the Webb Ellis Cup. We will be showcasing some of the awesome events and festivals Taupō is hosting, including the Sika Show, Clean Energy Expo and more.
- Come dressed in your best Rugby gear, and show your support for our host teams; Wales, Ireland and South Africa. **The two best dressed fans on the morning will each win two tickets to RWC 2011 matches.**
- See you there!



COUNCILLOR REX MINCHER
Good decisions need good debate



As a new Council, we are now well into our first year of governance. The Annual Plan submission experience was a big learning curve and it was really heartening to see that most submissions were positive and about people wanting to get on and do things to make this great district better.

At this stage of my role as Councillor, I feel it is important to communicate my position on some of the issues that have appeared in our agendas and in the press.

Some of these issues lead to changes that appear to happen with a stroke of the pen. This is never the case. Issues are presented, questions are asked and the debate commences. I

Taupō under SPARC's Home of Cycling proposal. The region of choice is now Waikato/BOP, with Cambridge picked for the velodrome location, and I will not support the Waikato Regional Council targeting our ratepayers to pay for this facility. This levy, no matter how small, sets a dangerous precedent. I fear that any other future projects deemed to be significant could be granted the right to levy all

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bring my knowledge of life and a balanced view to these debates. I'm constantly presented with differing opinions on the issues that I face.

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In my opinion, the change towards one rating area was long overdue. I fully supported this move. With strong representation from the entire district in the Chambers I feel confident sound decisions will continue to be made.

Some examples of recent positive decisions, based on Annual Plan submissions, are increasing the funding available for allocation in Turangi and Mangakino to fund projects such as the riding trails along the Tongariro River and investigating the viability of a camping ground in Mangakino. Another example is the upgrade of Heuheu Street in Taupō's CBD.

Now on to some of the more topical issues. I fully supported pursuit of a velodrome in

ratepayers across the region rather than individual districts.

Destination marketing; guess what, we need it. We all benefit from Taupō district being a tourism destination. Tourism drives investment in everything from theatres and museums, to golf courses and boat ramps.

The issue of freedom camping has been left up to individual districts to administer and set the parameters. I believe in Taupō township we have got this right. My apologies to the local campground owners, but only over-the-top enforcement will actually force this type of traveller to stay in the camping grounds.

So there is a snapshot of my views and how I have approached decision-making in my first ten months.

Remember, I'm your elected representative and I'm here to listen to both your desires and your concerns.

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Coffee morning at Sierra

Join Mayor Rick Cooper and Council CEO Rob Williams for a coffee and a chat this Wednesday 20 July at 7.30am at Sierra Cafe on Tongariro Street.

The monthly coffee mornings with Rick and Rob are held every third Wednesday of the month and all are invited to come along. Coffees are only \$2.



KEEPING THE KIDS OCCUPIED

The Taupō Public Library and Turangi Library holiday programmes are on again this July school holidays, 18-29 July.

Head along to the Taupō Library each day for fun activities including live music from young musician Bradley Garner, a poetry day, giant chess and the famous Easter Egg Treasure Hunt. There's even something for the parents with a free child's hearing clinic on Thursday 28.

Turangi has its own programme of events including origami, or trying out fibre arts and making your own snowflake and picture frames.

For more details check out the library website www.taupodistrictlibraries.govt.nz



Time is running out

Get your nominations in now for the TrustPower Taupō District Community Awards, nominations close 22 July.

This is your chance to recognise the outstanding contribution a voluntary group or person makes in our community.

The Awards night will be held on 5 September at the Great Lake Centre and nominees will be notified in August.

To nominate a group or individual:

- Visit www.trustpower.co.nz/communityawards,
- Then click on 'Nomination Forms and Information Forms',
- And scroll down to 'Taupō'.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 15 July Royal NZ Navy Band Concert, 7.30pm Great Lake Centre
- 18 July RWC 2011 Roadshow, 6.30-9.30am Tongariro North Domain
- 21 July RWC 2011 Host Coordination Committee Meeting, 10.00am Council Chambers

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 07 376 0899 OR VISIT WWW.TAUPO.GOV.TZ

Email your elected members at councillors@taupo.govt.nz



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