

# **ATTACHMENTS**

**UNDER SEPARATE COVER 1**

**Ordinary Council Meeting**

**29 July 2024**

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# **Focus on the Essentials**



Taupō District Council  
Jun 03 2024 11:15 PM

Korero Mai - it's time to have your say Taupō District!

We've been working on a 10 year plan to look after the place that we all love.

We want to focus on the essentials over the next few years to manage rates rises.

Safe roads  
Resilient water infrastructure  
Keeping the lights on

Should we focus most of our effort and money on essential services?

Come on Taupō District - let us know what you think at  
[www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay)  
[It's time to have your say Taupō District!](#)

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Comments / Replies



Taupō District Council  
Jun 03 2024 11:19 PM

Anyone looking for a new licence plate?  
[www.trademe.co.nz/a/motors/car-parts-accessories/personalised-plates/listing/4744064250?bof=i7f0cnc0](http://www.trademe.co.nz/a/motors/car-parts-accessories/personalised-plates/listing/4744064250?bof=i7f0cnc0)





Suzette Farrer  
Jun 03 2024 11:23 PM



Taupō District Council  
Jun 03 2024 11:28 PM

Suzette Farrer



Raymond Clarke  
Jun 03 2024 11:30 PM

Awesome Libby O'Brien face off the council the mahi is much appreciated.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 03 2024 11:34 PM

Raymond Clarke 100% agree. Libby is the best! Find out more the mahi we've been working on to look after Taupō District for the next 10 years at [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay) Dee



Raymond Clarke  
Jun 03 2024 11:35 PM

Got to have vision moving forward  
especially housing.



Libby O'Brien  
Jun 04 2024 12:04 AM

Raymond Clarke just one small part of  
the team e hoa! Will be awesome to hear  
your views through a submission as I  
know you're a passionate member of our  
district. Korero mai!



Karen Moses  
Jun 04 2024 01:47 AM

Take the toxic flouride out of the  
water that will save money



Taupō District Council  
Jun 04 2024 02:45 AM

Hi Karen Moses, we're just following  
the rules laid out by the government.  
Feel free to contact the Director-  
General of Health for more info -  
[www.health.govt.nz/our-work/  
preventative-health-wellness/oral-  
health/community-water-fluoridation-  
aotearoa-new-zealand](http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/preventative-health-wellness/oral-health/community-water-fluoridation-aotearoa-new-zealand). We'd love your  
feedback on our plan though. Head to  
[www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay). Thanks,  
Dee :)



Karen Moses  
Jun 04 2024 04:58 AM

Taupō District Council you can hide behind your response but if you do some research you will find out the truth



Larry Grigg  
Jun 04 2024 05:18 AM

Taupō District Council well best you comply with the upcoming govt rules about referendum for Maori ward seats then instead of supporting the NZLG nonsense. You shouldn't be using "govt rules" only when it suits your agenda. Have regard for what the people voted for in the general election.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 04 2024 05:50 AM

Hi Larry Grigg, good to know your thoughts as always. Speaking of which, we'd love you to check out the long-term plan and let us know your feedback. Lots of chunky subjects that we want the community's views on. More info at [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay). Thanks, Dee



Larry Grigg  
Jun 04 2024 05:57 AM

Taupō District Council Don't you worry about, that I will be. Council needs to listen to the people which didn't happen over that issue.



Sandy Le Couteur  
Jun 04 2024 02:40 PM

Taupō District Council you ARE NOT JUST following the rules of WE THE PEOPLE OF THIS DISTRICT!!! The directive from a very corrupt government at the time was deemed to be UNLAWFUL in court!!! Are you happy with knowing (as you have had many informed tabled meetings of scientific facts) YOU ARE DELIBERATELY POISONING PEOPLE by putting that NEUROTOXIN into our drinking water? To WHOSE benefit is it to have this type of fluoride put into our drinking water? At WHAT cost per year? Are you going to make the same mistake AGAIN as during lock downs by NOT ALLOWING the people to have a choice over their own bodies?



Lindy Barrett  
Jun 04 2024 07:31 PM

Taupō District Council whoa passing the responsibility..... Its really concerning that you are not acting on behalf of we the people.... This realistically, is reflected in all your acts.... Controlled lockdowns, allowing 5G and LED incorporated into street lights, adding a toxic water product (fluoride) into drinking water, allowing weather controlling geoengineering to cover our sun, now advertising to take cars off we the people and shut us into small housing areas and districts. That's one heck of a liability list. Are you working against human rights in order to control the population.



Fiona Donald  
Jun 12 2024 07:11 PM

Sandy Le Couteur well put Sandy ! Any good lawyer would have explained to the uninitiated that Coercion from the Government is illegal and therefore if the Council in its wisdom deemed it an unreasonable request to put toxic particles into its population water supply then they can refuse without incurring fines .



Ellie-Jane Alker  
Jun 04 2024 02:54 AM

Look at you go Libby O'Brien



Nadia Bragg  
Jun 05 2024 03:09 AM

Ellie-Jane Alker what can't she do



Hinewai Kahu Beauchamp  
Jun 04 2024 09:30 AM

Good! Spa road needs fixing!



Taupō District Council  
Jun 04 2024 08:52 PM

Hinewai Kahu Beauchamp we'd love you to have a read of the plan and give us your feedback. More info at [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay) Thanks, Dee :)



Stacey Banks  
Jun 05 2024 12:32 AM

Great work TDC! Keep it up!!



Taupō District Council  
Jun 05 2024 03:14 AM

Ah thanks Stacey Banks - making us blush. Make sure to let us know what you think of the plan at [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay)



Taupō District Council  
Jun 05 2024 01:19 AM

Great feedback whanau! We'd love you all to come along to our community events to find out more about our 10 year plan and have your say. What's in your future Taupō? What's in your future Kinloch? What's in your future Mangakino? What's in your future Taupō? Can't make those days? No stress - we've got heeeeeeeaaaaps more. Check out all our community events at [www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/community-events-and-tours](http://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/community-events-and-tours)



Catherine Forsyth  
Jun 05 2024 03:37 AM



Sarah Purdy  
Jun 05 2024 04:03 AM

Hi, can you tell me who is the TDC  
"construction partner" referred to in  
the section about building more  
affordable homes? Is it one company? Or  
Is there competition for these new  
builds to be delivered?



Taupō District Council  
Jun 05 2024 04:36 AM

Hi Sarah Purdy, the proposed  
development partner is a consortium of  
Penny Homes, Classic Builders and  
Tūwharetoa Settlement Trust. While the  
first part of the project (62 homes)  
can proceed as soon as key commercial  
terms are agreed, the remainder is  
still subject to consultation with the  
community through the draft Long-term  
Plan process that is under way now. You  
can read more at [https://  
www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/news?  
item=id:2pwl5zxm217q9sm2f7y7](https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/news?item=id:2pwl5zxm217q9sm2f7y7). Thanks,  
D.



Alison Rayner  
Jun 05 2024 06:08 AM

To encourage kerb-side recycling, you need to collect all recyclables weekly, ideally. Otherwise people end up holding a lot of waste at home and will put it out with the general waste when it's collected (esp anyone in apartments where there's less space for waste). Would be great to see the district set up its own independent, sustainable, profitable recycling plant (even taking recyclable waste from other authorities) rather than sending most of your tonnage offshore to Asia (where the bulk of NZ's recyclable packaging goes).

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Taupō District Council  
Jun 05 2024 06:26 AM

Alison Rayner great feedback! Can you head to [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay) to fill out the short survey? That would be awesome. Thanks, Dee

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Alison Rayner  
Jun 05 2024 06:57 AM

Taupō District Council I don't see a link to a survey. Do you mean 'make a submission'?

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Taupō District Council  
Jun 05 2024 07:17 AM

Yes - sorry Alison Rayner! If you could fill that out, it would be great.  
Cheers, Dee



# Wastewater



Taupō District Council  
Jun 11 2024 12:06 AM

How should we deal with wastewater?

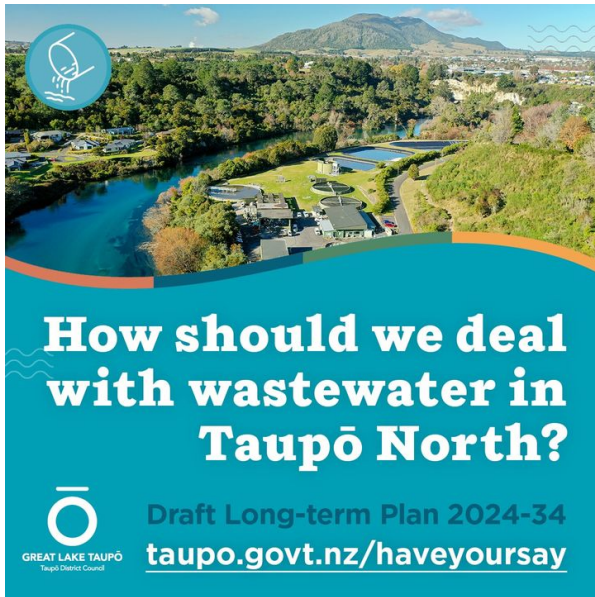
Wastewater is the dirty water that's left behind after taking a shower, doing a load of washing or flushing the loo.

In Taupō, there's been more houses being built on the northern side of the Waikato river. This means the pipe that takes wastewater across to the Taupō Wastewater Treatment Plant is almost at capacity.

In Tūrangi, the wastewater is treated to a very high standard and disposed of into a wetland. This is a very common process in other parts of New Zealand but the community has raised concerns and asked us to try to find a land-based option.

We've come up with some different solutions. Check them out and let us know what you think at [www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/5wastewater](http://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/5wastewater).

Korero Mai Taupō District! Time to have your say - [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay)  
shared a photo



[Photos from Taupō District Council's post](#)

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# **Bag It or Bin It**



Taupō District Council  
Jun 05 2024 02:31 AM

Do you want to Bag It or Bin It?  
It's time to have your say on the  
future of kerbside rubbish and  
recycling Taupō District!

Last year we asked what you thought  
of bags vs bins and heard from  
heeeeeaaaaaaaps of you - 1272  
responses with 75% in favour of  
wheelie bins.

So we've done some more mahi,  
worked out the details and crunched  
the numbers. Now we're back asking  
the big question. Bag It or Bin It?

Come on Taupō District - let us  
know what you think at  
[www.taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit).  
Korero Mai!

[Bag It or Bin It Taupō District?](#)

love: 5like: 55angry: 58wow: 59haha:  
60  
34 comments

#### Comments / Replies



John Mack  
Jun 05 2024 02:46 AM

what happened to user pays? why is it  
the ratepayer? the household should pay  
for rubbish collection, that's like  
saying the ratepayer pays for your  
power as a renter. why would any  
ratepayer do that?



Taupō District Council  
Jun 05 2024 03:00 AM

Hi John Mack, great question. The Bag It option is 'Pay-as-you-throw' weekly rubbish collection for residential users. At the moment, if you have kerbside collections you will be paying for the service through your rates too. It works out at about \$184 in rates plus around \$156 for rubbish bags, based on one bag per week (about \$340 per year). Wheelie bins would work out at about \$366 per year per household. Thanks, Dee



John Mack  
Jun 05 2024 05:07 AM

Taupō District Council but when you say wheelie bins \$366 per household is that the ratepayer or the occupier of the property? again why would a ratepayer pay for someone else's rubbish?



Taupō District Council  
Jun 05 2024 05:14 AM

John Mack the wheelie bins would be funded by rates. At present, kerbside recycling is funded by rates, and rubbish bags are user-pays. The proposal is for both the rubbish and recycling bins to be rates-funded. Please take the time to give your feedback at [taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit](https://taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit).



John Heke  
Jun 05 2024 05:24 AM

John Mack everyone in the district is a ratepayer, either directly or indirectly.



John Mack  
Jun 05 2024 05:28 AM

John Heke so are you saying that rents will go up to cover the extra going to be paid for the collection? are rents going up on average \$500 a year to cover the increase in an average rates bill? making an assumption that people who rent cover 100% of the costs to a rate payer/homeowners property is a stretch in the current cost of living crisis



Taupō District Council  
Jun 05 2024 06:15 AM

Hi John Mack, feel free to give your feedback at [www.taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit). All perspectives are welcome including those of people who own multiple houses that they rent out. Thanks, Dee



Reah Lee  
Jun 05 2024 03:26 AM

"In the first years of this plan, we're proposing to focus on the essentials. Or, should we spend less and do less, or spend more to do more?" How is this a Yes / No question? WTF?



Taupō District Council  
Jun 05 2024 03:28 AM

Reah Lee yeah - we're getting that fixed up. Technology is great but also a bit rubbish sometimes.





Taupō District Council  
Jun 05 2024 04:04 AM

And the first question has been updated  
Reah Lee I take it back technology,  
you are great and we love you :)



Colin Little  
Jun 05 2024 03:28 AM

Great that makes it more expensive than  
we currently pay for our wheelie bin  
just goes to show you supporting local  
doesn't always work.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 05 2024 03:49 AM

Hi Colin Little, yeah the prices for a  
council service will be different to  
private businesses who collect rubbish  
in the district.



Colin Little  
Jun 05 2024 03:52 AM

Taupō District Council wow so you are  
openly admitting you are going to  
charge more for the same service  
great idea who came up with that one.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 05 2024 03:55 AM

Hi Colin Little, I have no idea what the private companies charge to be honest - I'm just the social media gal. But their prices will probably be different to ours and their services may be different too. Thanks, Dee



NoelSandy Peters  
Jun 05 2024 05:16 AM

Colin Little Hi, can you tell me please where you get your wheelie bin from for that price and what size. We will look at changing. We pay more privately than the council proposal. Cheers



Colin Little  
Jun 05 2024 05:40 AM

NoelSandy Peters if you are paying the \$184 +366=\$550 the council are proposing then you are being ripped off. We are a household of 5 already recycling and food waste recycling and still fill the standard wheelie bin weekly the council propose to empty fortnightly as they won't allow the bigger industrial sized bine anymore. Will check who we currently use and message you later.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 05 2024 06:21 AM

Hi Colin Little, no - that's not correct. The total cost for the wheelie bins option would be \$366 a year. If you want to send us a message with your contact details, one of the team can give you a call to explain it better. Or come along to one of our community events - <https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/community-events-and-tours>  
Thanks, Dee



NoelSandy Peters  
Jun 05 2024 07:25 PM

Colin LittleHi, yes\$550 is about what we pay for our wheelie bin which I find expensive. The \$184 already included in our rates comes off the \$366 leaving a extra \$182 added to the rates for a council wheelie bin



Reah Lee  
Jun 05 2024 03:30 AM

Seeing as I can't get past the first actual question of the submissions process, here is my opinion. We use one bag a month. We need small bins or small bags. Preferably small bins with extra bags or paying extra to rent a bigger bin. Or monthly big bin collection. Council needs to stop enabling people to offload their responsibility for their own waste and having decent people like us paying for them



Taupō District Council  
Jun 05 2024 03:44 AM

Hi Reah Lee, great feedback. Can you pop that in an email to 10yearplan@taupo.govt.nz please? Also, good on you for using a bag a month. That's amazing Thanks, Dee



Sue Dix  
Jun 05 2024 03:30 AM

Personally having a holiday home in kinloch a bag is more appropriate for us, agree long term and if permanent resident bin would be perfect



Taupō District Council  
Jun 05 2024 03:50 AM

Good point Sue Dix.



Kate Brown  
Jun 05 2024 06:34 AM

Taupō District Council having bin labels as in Auckland would help with this - pay for your bin collection if and when you need it



Luke Hodges  
Jun 05 2024 03:43 AM

Should be user pays not included in rates. We do not use the council service what's so ever as we have a bin at work we pay for and all our household rubbish goes in there.. now will be charged and extra \$366 for something we don't use.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 05 2024 04:16 AM

Hi Luke Hodges, great feedback! Can you head to [www.taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit) to fill in the survey? Also, can I start putting some rubbish in your bin?  
Thanks, Dee



Sue Barlow  
Jun 05 2024 03:58 AM

We live at the top of a long steep drive. We take our bags down in the car. We will struggle to get a wheelie bin up and down and won't get the bin in the car. Will there still be an option for bags? Otherwise we are stuffed!



Taupō District Council  
Jun 05 2024 04:14 AM

Hi Sue Barlow, that's a pickle. We will be looking at a put-back service for people with medical certs. We would also expect private companies to pop up who would offer the same style of service for holiday home owners etc. You would still be able to bring your rubbish to the landfill too. Not ideal though. Thanks, Dee



Sue Abraham  
Jun 05 2024 04:23 AM

Taupō District Council stick with a non-broken system of bags and then there is no issue. Your process only works for people who have a med cert. Who pays for the medical certificate. What is the criteria? Who checks it is still current? So many variables

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John Hutchison  
Jun 05 2024 04:40 AM

Sue Barlow you can get a clip to tow your wheelie bin if your car has a towbar.

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Taupō District Council  
Jun 05 2024 09:19 PM

John Hutchison genius!

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Marindi Martin  
Jun 05 2024 04:25 AM

What is the cost of the bin?. Currently the price of a bin is most than a rubbish bag with sticker..... maybe make dumb fees less?.

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Taupō District Council  
Jun 05 2024 04:48 AM

Hi Marindi Martin, the Bag It option is 'Pay-as-you-throw' weekly rubbish collection for residential users. At the moment, if you have kerbside collections you will be paying for the service through your rates too. It works out at about \$184 in rates plus around \$156 for rubbish bags, based on one bag per week (about \$340 per year). Wheelie bins would work out at about \$366 per year per household. More info on costs and pros and cons at <https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/bagitorbinit>. Thanks, D.



Michele Forrest  
Jun 05 2024 04:25 AM

A small wheelie bin would be good for the plastic recycling as it would stop it all blowing down the street on windy days.



Hinewai Kahu Beauchamp  
Jun 05 2024 10:58 AM

Michele Forrest Yes!



Taupō District Council  
Jun 05 2024 08:39 PM

Hi Michele Forrest, yes that's definitely one of the advantages of wheelie bins! We'd love it if you could head to [www.taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit) to fill in the survey with your thoughts. Thanks, D.



John Hutchison  
Jun 05 2024 04:35 AM

Will the bins be scanned or weighed each pick up? If I have a free, giant bin I will fill it each fortnight. I sort recycling now only because I'm too cheap to pay for rubbish bags. Bet im not alone and the total amount going to land fill in the district will increase.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 05 2024 04:45 AM

Hi John Hutchison, I don't know about scanning or weighing the bins, but the idea is that having a food scraps bin will help reduce the amount of waste going to landfill as food currently makes up 27% of our refuse bags. The food scraps bins will be collected weekly. Your rubbish bin would be collected fortnightly (weekly over the summer peak) so you'll need to still be actively recycling to avoid filling your rubbish bin before collection day. Cheers, L





Linda Mackersey  
Jun 05 2024 09:19 AM

John Hutchison my sister lives in New Plymouth and they have peeps going around checking bins if it not recycled right it doesn't get collected they put a sticker on in no collect



Tania Cuthbert  
Jun 05 2024 04:41 AM

As much as I love the idea of bins instead of bags, as a rate payer I simply cannot justify the extra rates charges. Many households are already struggling with the huge cost of living, with many large companies (power and insurances for example) putting up their prices. From memory there have already been a rates rise in the last 2 rating years. Rates are getting ridiculous and are just not sustainable for many families. Please stop with the rate rises. If we need to stick with bags for the time being, so be it.



Taupo District Council  
Jun 05 2024 04:49 AM

Tania Cuthbert thanks for this feedback! We'd love it if you could head to [www.taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit) to fill in the survey with your thoughts.



Kjesten Allardice  
Jun 06 2024 05:16 AM

Taupō District Council I've just tried to make an official comment on your link provided and the link seems to lead me in a general direction rather than specifically to a survey on wheelie bins vs bags. If this is the right survey it's not straight forward enough and needs simplifying. I'm personally in favour of wheelie bins, I already use one, plus three council provided plastic recycling bins. As already identified, problems arise when I go away, and have rubbish that cannot be left until I return, on those occasions I use a prepaid bag, and cardboard boxes for recycling. I don't have neighbours who can bring in the bins for me. Thank you for reading, and hopefully considering my opinions on this matter. Kjesten



Taupō District Council  
Jun 06 2024 08:55 PM

Hi Kjesten Allardice, thanks again for your feedback. Bag it or Bin it is part of our long-term planning process, so it's included in a survey which has questions about a range of topics. If you just want to answer questions about Bag it or Bin it you can add your contact details in section one, jump to section 6 for the bags and bins questions and go to section 13 to submit. Hope this helps and thanks again for sharing your thoughts. Thanks, D.



James Wawatai  
Jun 10 2024 12:15 AM

Tania Cuthbert agreed



Hellene Ross  
Jun 05 2024 05:11 AM

Am I the only one who is pretty upset  
that he can't say Taupō properly!  
Twice!



Taupō District Council  
Jun 05 2024 06:06 AM

Hi Hellene Ross, poor Brent. He is  
trying. We'd love your feedback at  
[www.taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit). Ngā  
mihi, Dee



Murray Muz Smith  
Jun 07 2024 03:15 AM

Hellene Ross yep.



Mere Keane  
Jun 05 2024 05:28 AM

Just give it a go and say Toe-paw (Tau-  
pō) oh yes I'm with the wheelie bins  
but take cost out of rates please



Taupō District Council  
Jun 05 2024 06:02 AM

Mere Keane great feedback for Brent (bless him - he is trying) and for kerbside collections. Can you head to [www.taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit) and fill out the quick survey? That would be awesome. Thanks, Dee



NoelSandy Peters  
Jun 05 2024 05:35 AM

Hi, Does the \$366 for bins include the \$184 kerbside collection fee that is already included in our rates so it is \$182 extra in the rates to change to bins?



Taupō District Council  
Jun 05 2024 06:05 AM

Yes NoelSandy Peters, that's right. Bag collection works out at about \$184 in rates plus around \$156 for rubbish bags, based on one bag per week (about \$340 per year). Wheelie bins would work out at about \$366 per year per household. More info on costs and pros and cons at <https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/bagitorbinit>. Thanks, Dee



Peter Goodman  
Jun 05 2024 05:58 AM

We either need to switch to paper rubbish bags to save the planet or the bins but why do you need so many lemon bins? We don't need one for food scrap and one for rubbish and one for recycling and one for something else just one rubbish bin for recycling rubbish and food scraps.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 05 2024 06:12 AM

Hi Peter Goodman, do you mean just one bin with everything mixed in together? That would make it quite difficult to separate. Food waste collection is a direction from central Government, which we 100% support. If recycling is mixed with rubbish it could become dirty and mean it can't be recycled. Lots more info and a link to the quick survey to give your feedback at [www.taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit). Thanks, Dee



Peter Goodman  
Jun 05 2024 06:14 AM

Taupō District Council are you gonna start doing recycling Taupo after all this time or you're still gonna be at all separately in between recycling? It?



Davyd Auckram  
Jun 05 2024 06:28 AM

Stay with user pays, a real disadvantage to holiday home owners that already pay full rates to use there homes for 2 weekends a month



Taupō District Council  
Jun 05 2024 09:21 PM

Davyd Auckram make sure to head to [www.taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit) to have your say :)



Linda Mackersey  
Jun 05 2024 08:52 AM

I got 1 big wheelie bin i pay for every year, so what year will this service start



Taupō District Council  
Jun 05 2024 09:02 AM

Kia ora Linda Mackersey, it is proposed this service would start 1 July 2025. To have your say, please hit this link: [www.taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit) and click 'make a submission'. Cheers, L



Linda Mackersey  
Jun 05 2024 09:10 AM

Taupō District Council no leave as is plz don't change we are a town not a city



James Wawatai  
Jun 10 2024 12:24 AM

Taupō District Council so is it a go ahead in July next year



Taupō District Council  
Jun 10 2024 01:30 AM

Hi James Wawatai, if the community wants to switch to bins then it would happen in July 2025. If you could encourage your friends and whanau to have their say, that would be mean. [www.taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit) Thanks, Dee



James Wawatai  
Jun 10 2024 01:31 AM

Taupō District Council what percentage of the community..?



Taupō District Council  
Jun 12 2024 07:56 AM

Hi James Wawatai - not a particular percentage or anything. We're looking for as much feedback as we can get. It all goes to our awesome elected members to make a decision.



Linda Mackersey  
Jun 05 2024 09:01 AM

Can you plz leave as is we are a town not a city



Taupō District Council  
Jun 05 2024 08:41 PM

Hi Linda Mackersey, thanks for this feedback! We'd love it if you could head to [www.taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit) and click on 'make a submission' to fill in the survey with your thoughts. Thanks, D.



Ricky Slater  
Jun 05 2024 09:32 AM

I'd rather the bigger bin for rubbish and the small bin for recycling. When I lived in Auckland with your proposed bin sizes, the recycling bin was never even a 1/4 fill, yet the rubbish bin always seemed to small, so many people put rubbish in the recycling to compensate. So something for you to think about. Plus rates are to damn high as it is



Degan Wallace  
Jun 05 2024 01:09 PM

Omg how is this a discussion, the cost of wasting time & a second time at that were most other councils in NZ have already implemented this & just got on with the progressing development.





Taupō District Council  
Jun 05 2024 09:03 PM

Hi Degan Wallace, the current contract we have runs out in July 2025. We asked for feedback last year on whether people wanted wheelie bins. Based on that feedback, we decided to go ahead and look at costs and how the service would work. As you can see in these comments there is really varied opinions. We live in a democracy and this will affect heaps of people so that's why the councillors and Mayor felt it was important that people have their say before a decision is made. I get that it's frustrating that things can't move quicker but that's just how council processes work. Feel free to come along to one of our community events and you can chat to the councillors and our team about it. What's in your future Taupō? What's in your future Mangakino? What's in your future Tūrangi? What's in your future Kinloch? And there's heaps more little ones on here - <https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/community-events-and-tours>  
Thanks, Dee



Zen Daviz  
Jun 05 2024 02:48 PM

Who's chosen



Casey Brunsdon  
Jun 05 2024 08:39 PM

Bin!



Taupō District Council  
Jun 05 2024 08:53 PM

Casey Brunsdon make sure to head online to [www.taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit) to have your say :)



Grant Harris  
Jun 05 2024 09:03 PM

Pay-as-you-go wheelie bins are excellent in Auckland. Has that been considered? And yes, I've made a submission.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 05 2024 09:23 PM

Awesome Grant Harris - thank you! I'm not sure but I'll check in the team. Thanks, Dee :)



Taupō District Council  
Jun 06 2024 02:11 AM

Hi Grant Harris, the team have looked into a pay as you go service. There are a few issues with it. The logistics are a bit more difficult for the contractors etc. Auckland are moving away from it now. Thanks, Dee :)



Grant Harris  
Jun 06 2024 04:09 AM

Taupō District Council I live in Auckland (when i'm not down here), and they aren't getting rid of it that I'm aware. It works well. But ... there's pros and cons of every system.



Gareth Green  
Jun 06 2024 07:41 AM

Taupō District Council the Cooromandal and Hauraki have implemented pay as you go bins last year. It works well - as a holiday home owner I don't want to pay for an all year service I am not going to use.



Sandra Greenslade  
Jun 11 2024 10:38 AM

Gareth Green



Breth Cam  
Jun 05 2024 11:01 PM

Use the sides of the wheelie bins for  
paid advertising to cover the cost's



Taupō District Council  
Jun 06 2024 09:10 PM

Hi Breth Cam, great idea, I'll pass  
this onto the team! We'd love it if you  
could head to [www.taupo.govt.nz/  
bagitorbinit](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit) to fill in the survey with  
your preferences and feel free to add  
in your idea too! Thanks, D.



Samantha Mann  
Jun 06 2024 12:11 AM

Bin!!



Taupō District Council  
Jun 06 2024 09:09 PM

Samantha Mann, thanks for this  
feedback! We'd love it if you could  
head to [www.taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit)  
to fill in the survey with your  
thoughts. Thanks, D.



Laura Phillips Arnold  
Jun 06 2024 04:32 AM

BIN



Taupō District Council  
Jun 06 2024 09:08 PM

Laura Phillips Arnold, thanks for this feedback! We'd love it if you could head to [www.taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit) to fill in the survey with your thoughts. Thanks, D.



Gaye Anderson  
Jun 06 2024 04:49 AM

I think it is ridiculous for kuratau as we have very few permanent people and holiday houses like ours will never use the bins



Taupō District Council  
Jun 06 2024 09:08 PM

Hi Gaye Anderson, thanks for this feedback! We'd love it if you could head to [www.taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit) to fill in the survey with your thoughts. Thanks, D.

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James Wawatai  
Jun 10 2024 12:14 AM

Be careful what you wish for, a lot of places that have wheelie bins only pickup the bins once a fortnight, so over the summer period when you have old fishbones sitting in there for two weeks can only imagine the stench around your home...I'd rather bags collection every week if they are looking at fortnightly pickups if we go to wheelie bins...also I hope it's not an extra charge on rates.. should be user pays



Peter Goodman  
Jun 10 2024 08:14 PM

What's the point of a food scrap bin? What do we put in it? All the packaging from the food that we eat? The only thing the rubbish is chicken bones every 3 to 4 weeks. What else are we supposed to put in the bin? Just for the sake of it? Who is paying for? This will be us. What's the point of it? Is this another stupid green policy?



Taupō District Council  
Jun 12 2024 07:53 AM

Hi Peter Goodman, the government have asked for food scrap bins to be rolled out across the country. It can take any leftover food scraps you have around. If you compost, you can use this bin for things like meat or cheese scraps etc. Thanks, Dee



Peter Goodman  
Jun 12 2024 08:49 AM

Taupō District Council seriously who has scrap meats and cheese! The only things I throw out is the food packaging, mail packaging, junk mail, and my dog poos! Would dog poo be classified as food waste?



Taupō District Council  
Jun 12 2024 09:00 AM

Peter Goodman heaps more info here for you - <https://environment.govt.nz/what-you-can-do/campaigns/recycle/kerbside-recycling-food-scrap/> Thanks, Dee



Peter Goodman  
Jun 12 2024 09:23 AM

Taupō District Council as I said don't have any food scraps other than after reading a list orange mandarin peelings, but my dog eats these so I could put his byproducts in his food scraps. Hope you're not increasing the rates to pay for this nonsense that the green party bought into force. What a waste of money .



Liam Andrews  
Jun 14 2024 04:22 AM

Can we have a bin for the glass as well make it easier to take it out especially if there's a big night of drinking



Annie Arden  
Jun 15 2024 03:11 AM

Just keep the bags rate payers do not  
need more bills



Amy Cooper  
Jun 15 2024 05:38 AM

Brooke Palmer



Katherine KC  
Jun 30 2024 08:02 PM

By the way, the council did not factor-  
in additional cost of bin liners in the  
calculation. Can't assume everyone's  
dumping their household rubbish and  
food scrap directly into bins. That  
becomes a double cost for some of us.  
Are food scrap bins manually "handled"  
by the rubbish collection contractors?  
No bin liner? That becomes a hygiene  
issue, very unpleasant for them too.



Karen Parnell  
Jul 02 2024 12:21 AM

Bag it, I don't fill a bag much as it  
is, a bin will take longer and stink  
before long, especially in summer.



# Housing



Taupō District Council  
Jun 10 2024 12:07 AM

We own a parcel of land south of Richmond Heights in Taupō. We have the opportunity to sell some of this to a development partner who would build high-quality, attractive homes on it.

Some of these homes (around 42) would be targeted at first home buyers who can afford to pay a mortgage. The remainder would be sold on the open market.

What do you think Taupō District? Should we use land we own to help ease the district's housing crisis?

Korero Mai! Have your say at [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay).  
shared a photo



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33 comments

Comments / Replies

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Sammie Loveridge  
Jun 10 2024 12:09 AM

Is it worth the thought for the council to instead build homes and keep them as rentals to have investment money coming in instead of a one off purchase land price? Could help combat all these rate hikes!



Taupō District Council  
Jun 10 2024 12:26 AM

Hi Sammie Loveridge, that's a great question. Can you email the team at [10yearplan@taupo.govt.nz](mailto:10yearplan@taupo.govt.nz)? They can get back to you with all the details on the project. Thanks, Dee



Ricky Slater  
Jun 10 2024 12:29 AM

Sammie Loveridge wouldn't work. The council would need money to build these to begin with and they don't have it. They would end up making our rates even larger than they are.



Kirsty Brown  
Jun 12 2024 05:25 AM

Ricky Slater Hmm... so remind me what the TEL (was it?) fund was spent on?



Steve King  
Jun 10 2024 12:12 AM

Might need to sort more doctors,  
dentists, nurses, teachers to look  
after an already struggling population.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 10 2024 12:20 AM

Hi Steve King, fair point. One issue  
that we've been hearing is that  
professional people - like doctors,  
nurses and teachers - who want to move  
here can't find houses to live in. We'd  
love your feedback on this and some of  
our other 10 year plan ideas at  
[www.taupo.govt.nz/ltp](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/ltp) Thanks, Dee



Lindy Park  
Jun 10 2024 01:08 AM

Steve King how is a plot of land going  
to solve that?



Glenis Gentil  
Jun 10 2024 01:42 AM

Taupō District Council Will property  
owners who already pay rates face  
further rates increases for  
infrastructure to service your  
suggestion?



Taupō District Council  
Jun 10 2024 01:44 AM

That is a good question Glenis Gentil.  
I'm going to check with the finance  
team and get back to you. Thanks, Dee



Steve King  
Jun 10 2024 01:56 AM

Lindy Park putting a medical centre and  
school there instead of more houses  
might help



Lindy Park  
Jun 10 2024 02:23 AM

Steve King aren't schools a govts  
responsibility. Do you know who owns  
the medical centres and land in town?



Taupō District Council  
Jun 10 2024 03:21 AM

Yes Lindy Park - you are correct. Steve  
King, the Ministry of Education NZ  
decides where schools are built not  
councils. It's also not really our gig  
to set up medical centres. Thanks, Dee



Glenis Gentil  
Jun 10 2024 04:35 AM

Taupō District Council



Taupō District Council  
Jun 11 2024 12:56 AM

Hi Glenis Gentil, to answer your question, this project will not impact or increase rates. New infrastructure would be charged to the project budget by way of Development Contributions. The total cost of the project is divided over the sections that are created, therefore the Development Contributions are recovered when the home buyer purchases the property. These costs have all been included in the budgets disclosed in the draft Long-term Plan. Hope this helps. Thanks, D.



Steve King  
Jun 11 2024 01:42 AM

Taupō District Council and Lindy Park  
. This post asked what I think. I told you what I think. At no point was I asked to join a debate.



Lorraine Pilkington  
Jun 10 2024 12:19 AM

How are they going to be cheaper for first home buyers??? Will they be small blocks and have tiny houses on them??



Taupō District Council  
Jun 10 2024 12:31 AM

Hi Lorraine Pilkington, the houses would be less expensive than the usual new builds because the sections would be a little smaller and the houses wouldn't have extras like ensuites and double garages. The prices would be between \$550K to \$650K. Lots more info at [www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/7helping-ease-our-housing-crisis](http://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/7helping-ease-our-housing-crisis) Thanks, Dee



Ricky Slater  
Jun 10 2024 12:25 AM

Not going to make a huge difference and first home buyers will still struggle to buy one. There are heaps of new properties in Taupo, yet Taupo struggles to keep up anyway, we first need more supermarkets, doctors etc Council will sell the land, make some money, but will still raise our rates and spend the money on unnecessary things. They don't listen to the people anyway



Taupō District Council  
Jun 10 2024 12:37 AM

Hi Ricky Slater, how are you? The prices would be between \$550K to \$650K. To give you an idea, the Taupō median price in April was \$846K. So these houses would be less expensive. Sounds like you've got lots of questions and ideas. We'd love you to come along to one of our community events to chat to our team. There's heaps of them - <https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/community-events-and-tours> We also have a Housing Land Tour that you might like to come on. You'll be able to check out the area and speak to the awesome project manager Chris. Lot's more info on this and other 10 year plan projects at [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay) Thanks, Dee :)



Ricky Slater  
Jun 10 2024 12:51 AM

Taupō District Council 550 to 650. That means the house and land will be very small. The bank still has to approve the loan and will they (the bank) see them worth that value? The poor people then have to be able to afford the councils huge rate bill. It's easy to say they will be a max of \$650, but it never works that way when building. Building isn't cheap these days, unless they are fitting the properties out from the Warehouse. They developer will also want to make money, so building, making a profit, then selling for that money probably wouldn't work





Taupō District Council  
Jun 10 2024 12:56 AM

Hi Ricky Slater, the builders and property developers have committed to those costs. Have a read of info for you to read here [www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/7helping-ease-our-housing-crisis](http://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/7helping-ease-our-housing-crisis) And like I said, we'd love you to come on the Housing Land Tour where the experts can answer all your questions. Thanks, Dee



David Gaskin  
Jun 10 2024 12:25 AM

Yes...Go ahead and sell the Land and allow the Developers to build homes on it. With the proceeds reduce Debt....Therefore will benefit the whole Community.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 10 2024 01:27 AM

Hi David Gaskin, we'd love you to fill in the feedback form at [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay) Thanks, Dee



Dani Smith  
Jun 10 2024 12:30 AM

How many homes will be build in total? What would the cost for first home buyers be approximately? Will council make any money on the sale? What will council do with surplus money if any?



Taupō District Council  
Jun 10 2024 12:46 AM

Hi Dani Smith, great questions. Apologies for the short novel to come. You might need a cuppa before you read the rest of this. Around 117 homes would be built with 42 being set aside for first time home buyers. The houses would be priced between \$550K to \$650K. By making the sections a little smaller and removing extras such as ensuites and double garages, the development partner has been able to price them at a lower point than market homes. The median price for a new build in Taupō in April was \$846K. We would expect sales revenue of about \$53 million over 10 years, which would be used to pay back project debt and fund future housing projects. Heaps more info at [www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/7helping-ease-our-housing-crisis](http://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/7helping-ease-our-housing-crisis) We are also running a Housing Land Tour where you can check the area out and chat to the experts about it. Thanks, Dee



Brent Adams  
Jun 10 2024 05:08 AM

Taupō District Council So you are borrowing money to do this and pay the project debt back ova 10 years is wot you are saying



Taupō District Council  
Jun 10 2024 05:44 AM

Brent Adams the plan would be to pay it back within three years.



Brent Adams  
Jun 10 2024 06:52 AM

Taupō District Council If thats the case how much are you borrowing to pay for this project



Taupō District Council  
Jun 10 2024 07:59 AM

Hi Brent Adams, there's more info about the project and how it would work, including a summary of costs at <https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/7helping-ease-our-housing-crisis>. Thanks, D.



Carol Price  
Jun 10 2024 12:37 AM

Yes definitely to ease the lack.of housing



Jack Acres  
Jun 10 2024 12:39 AM

Would you be able to buy a section and move a new build house on to it? I'm talking a professionally built transportable for permanent residence.



Ricky Slater  
Jun 10 2024 12:54 AM

Jack Acres I wouldn't see the developer allowing that. They make their money from building and selling as a package. They would also want thr subdivision to look nice... ie all the same



Taupō District Council  
Jun 10 2024 12:58 AM

Hi Jack Acres, great question. We're looking at home and land packages for this project. But that's a great suggestion to give in the feedback form - [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay) Thanks, Dee



Jack Acres  
Jun 10 2024 01:24 AM

Ricky Slater that's the problem, once a developer gets his hands on it, it's all of a sudden too expensive, I understand that they get a cut of all the materials etc as well as the house sale. If council sold individual properties that could have a new transportable put on, and some of those are really nice, then get rid of the developer, houses are more affordable.



Kirsty Brown  
Jun 12 2024 05:38 AM

Ricky Slater Feel free to sing along:  
Little boxes on the hillside Little  
boxes made of ticky-tacky Little boxes  
on the hillside Little boxes all the  
same There's a green one and a pink one  
And a blue one and a yellow one And  
they're all made out of ticky-tacky And  
they all look just the same And the  
people in the houses All went to the  
university Where they were put in boxes  
And they came out all the same And  
there's doctors and lawyers And  
business executives And they're all  
made out of ticky-tacky And they all  
look just the same And they all play on  
the golf course And drink their  
martinis dry And they all have pretty  
children And the children go to school  
And the children go to summer camp And  
then to the university Where they are  
put in boxes And they come out all the  
same And the boys go into business And  
marry and raise a family In boxes made  
of ticky-tacky And they all look just  
the same There's a pink one and a green  
one And a blue one and a yellow one And  
they're all made out of ticky-tacky And  
they all look just the same



Kirsty Brown  
Jun 12 2024 05:38 AM

[https://youtu.be/VUoXtddNPAM?  
si=dImGMHKVHjYvsk3d](https://youtu.be/VUoXtddNPAM?si=dImGMHKVHjYvsk3d)



Banx

Jun 10 2024 12:43 AM

No brainer really.



Kris Blank

Jun 10 2024 12:54 AM

Will these houses have parking? Will these houses have lawn space for families? Will they be attractive? Will they have teeny tiny lane ways like Ngaroto estate where you can barely drive when two cars are parked on the "road" (so narrow!!) Will there be green spaces/parks to make up for the lack of space the houses have? Will they end up like ghettos? Will it cost us more money in rates? Will the council then ignore all the other half finished projects around town? (Playgrounds, road works, new footpaths etc) People can't find homes to live in here because 50% odd percent are Air B&Bs.... More houses mean more cars on our roads, more infrastructure, better traffic systems ( we all know the traffic flow in town is ridiculous) So many questions here!



Marindi Martin

Jun 10 2024 01:02 AM

Kris Blank I love this!!! Our town is already a max capacity!! And let's face it!! Who can afford a mortgage right now?!? How about doing some of the other stuff first TDC!!



Taupō District Council  
Jun 10 2024 01:07 AM

Lots of great questions Kris Blank  
Would you be free to come on the  
Housing Land Tour? I think that would  
be a great way for you to find out  
more. The houses would be well built,  
smaller, attractive homes but with out  
some of the extras that other new  
builds offer like ensuites. Gardens  
would be included but might be smaller  
than the usual. Rates won't be  
affected by this project. The sale of  
the houses should cover any debt that  
amounts from the project. I wouldn't  
call it a ghetto if it's full of first  
time home buyers who can manage a  
mortgage of \$550-650k. You'd have to  
have a pretty decent wage to afford  
that. I'd call it flash. But everyone  
is entitled to their own opinion. Have  
a read of the info [www.taupodc.govt.nz/  
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plan-2024-34/7helping-ease-our-housing-  
crisis](http://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/7helping-ease-our-housing-crisis) And lots more community events  
where you can have a chat to the  
experts - [https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/  
council/consultation/draft-long-term-  
plan-2024-34/community-events-and-tours](https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/community-events-and-tours)  
Thanks, Dee :)



Taupō District Council  
Jun 10 2024 01:20 AM

Hi Marindi Martin, we'd love you to  
give your feedback at  
[www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay). As to  
the other stuff you'd like us to do  
first, have a look at the other  
projects planned. If we've missed  
something out please add it in with  
your feedback. Thanks, Dee :)



Allan Hill  
Jun 10 2024 01:11 AM

The council should not be involved in the building of slums



Taupō District Council  
Jun 10 2024 01:18 AM

Hi Allan Hill, I wouldn't call it a slum if it's full of first time home buyers who can manage a mortgage of \$550-650k. You'd have to have a pretty decent wage to afford that. I'd call it flash. But everyone is entitled to their own opinion. These will be well built, new homes that are a little smaller and don't have extras like ensuites. Lots more info at <https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/7helping-ease-our-housing-crisis> And we'd love you to fill out the submission form at [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](https://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay) Thanks, Dee



Gretchen Brown  
Jun 10 2024 01:30 AM

Allan Hill 100% agree

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Allan Hill  
Jun 10 2024 02:06 AM

Taupō District Council stick with your core business and it's NOT building houses with ratepayers money.



Allan Hill  
Jun 10 2024 02:07 AM

Taupō District Council bullshit



Taupō District Council  
Jun 10 2024 02:25 AM

Allan Hill rates aren't being used to fund these house. Great feedback on sticking to core business. We'd love you to have a read of our Long-term Plan info and fill out the submission form at [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay).



Allan Hill  
Jun 10 2024 02:34 AM

Taupō District Council don't talk rubbish what about the administration are you contracting that out.



Allan Hill  
Jun 10 2024 02:35 AM

Taupō District Council drivell



Taupō District Council  
Jun 10 2024 03:17 AM

Hi Allan Hill, feel free to come on the Housing Land Tour so you can hear more about the project and have all your questions answered in person. Hope you have a great evening. Thanks, Dee :)



Taupō District Council  
Jun 11 2024 12:48 AM

Hi Allan Hill, just to clarify, all project costs, including staff time, consultants, and contractors are charged to the project budget. This budget is funded initially by a loan which is then repaid by the proceeds from the sale of the sections, the interest on the loan is funded from the strategic property reserve not rates which has funds from previous sales of East Urban Lands (EUL). Thanks, D.



Allan Hill  
Jun 11 2024 04:56 AM

Taupō District Council and your time as a propaganda merchant?



Allan Hill  
Jun 10 2024 01:11 AM

Building houses is NOT TDCs core business.



Terry McIntosh  
Jun 10 2024 05:14 AM

Allan Hill Councils need to stick to the knitting and work on reducing debt. My Taupo rates are MORE than my Tauranga rates and Tauranga's over a \$billion dollars in debt. Commission Tolley loves spending



Allan Hill  
Jun 10 2024 05:59 AM

Terry McIntosh exactly the mayor and deputy have lost sight of way they were elected. NEW BLOOD required.



Terry McIntosh  
Jun 10 2024 06:24 AM

We need a voice in central government to determine what a local council can be involved in. The egos need control. Why do we a basic services in trouble, when it core business of a council, once that's achieved other projects can be pursued. Changed like the Main Street should never have happened same as the new building in town, built then leased by the ratepayers, very nice for the builder.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 10 2024 08:04 AM

Hi Terry McIntosh, we asked the community if we should build or lease a building back in 2018. After a bit of back and forth, the community said we should lease. So that's what we are doing. It would be great if you could have a look through our draft Long-term Plan. This sets out the work we plan to do over the next 10 years and how we plan to budget it. It's a vital tool for our awesome elected members. More info at [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay). We also have community events that we'd love you to come along to so you can chat to our team in person. Thanks, Dee



Terry McIntosh  
Jun 10 2024 09:05 AM

Taupō District Council I don't vote in Taupo



Roger Harvey  
Jun 10 2024 01:32 AM

as a long term visitor i was a permanent site holder at the municipal motor camp buy the river, estimates were over 3million to council and local business the then council decided to shut it down and create a park which generates very little, we spent another ten years at motutere seldom went to taupo, council and business loose out, seems nothing has changed, recently attended v8 supercars attempted to rebook figure they putting price up so cheaper to go to australia to watch motorsport



Christine Goldsmith  
Jun 10 2024 01:35 AM

Roger Harvey And the Control gate  
bridge is still there and the  
population grows..



Roger Harvey  
Jun 10 2024 01:36 AM

absolutley



Jean Dundas  
Jun 10 2024 04:54 AM

Roger Harvey i agree they never should  
have shut the camping grounds  
down..wish they'd re open that  
space...plenty other places for  
concerts and such...would still bring  
plenty of revenue to our town if they  
did



Sharon Trass  
Jun 10 2024 01:33 AM

Do you have a map to show us the  
proposed site?



Taupō District Council  
Jun 10 2024 02:24 AM

Hi Sharon Trass, I'll check if there's a map and come back to you. Thanks, D.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 10 2024 03:39 AM

Hi Sharon Trass, the piece of land is between the East Taupō Arterial highway, Kokomea Village and Richmond Heights.



Sharon Trass  
Jun 10 2024 04:11 AM

Taupō District Council that is very helpful and affordable housing is what we need for first time buyers.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 10 2024 04:46 AM

Thanks Sharon Trass. If you haven't already please complete our survey which covers housing, bag it or bin it, and other things that are part of our draft Long-term Plan at [www.taupo.govt.nz/ltp](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/ltp) Thanks, D.



Roger Harvey  
Jun 10 2024 01:34 AM

suggest google wallacville estate its  
full of overpriced boxes no parking or  
shops



Taupō District Council  
Jun 10 2024 11:06 PM

Hi Roger Harvey, that's not what is  
being proposed here. There is a  
shopping complex nearby and playgrounds  
and green spaces planned. The houses  
and sections would be smaller. There  
wouldn't be extras like ensuites or  
garages. But still very nice, new homes  
for people who are struggling to get on  
the property ladder. Lots more info for  
you at [www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/  
consultation/draft-long-term-  
plan-2024-34/7helping-ease-our-housing-  
crisis](http://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/7helping-ease-our-housing-crisis). We'd love you to have your say  
at [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay)  
Thanks, Dee



Emma Sparkes N Spiks  
Jun 10 2024 01:51 AM

Is it open for any Builders to build on  
those sites or just the main purchaser  
of the land?



Taupō District Council  
Jun 10 2024 02:27 AM

Hi Emma Sparkes N Spiks, the proposed development partner is a consortium of Penny Homes, Classic Builders and Tūwharetoa Settlement Trust. While the first part of the project (62 homes) can proceed as soon as key commercial terms are agreed, the remainder is still subject to consultation with the community through the draft Long-term Plan process that is under way now. More info on this at <https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/news?item=id:2pwl5zxm217q9sm2f7y7>. Thanks, D.



Emma Sparkes N Spiks  
Jun 10 2024 03:06 AM

Taupō District Council so no others get a look in then..



Taupō District Council  
Jun 10 2024 03:15 AM

Emma Sparkes N Spiks would you like to talk to the project manger about being involved in the building of new houses? If so, can you send us a private message with your contact details please? Thanks, Dee





Brent Adams  
Jun 10 2024 05:30 AM

Taupō District Council How much money  
is the council putting towards this  
project???



Taupō District Council  
Jun 10 2024 05:35 AM

Hi Brent Adams, there's more info about  
the project and how it would work,  
including a summary of costs at  
[https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/  
consultation/draft-long-term-  
plan-2024-34/7helping-ease-our-housing-  
crisis](https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/7helping-ease-our-housing-crisis). Thanks, D.



Kaylene Montaperto  
Jun 11 2024 05:04 AM

Taupō District Council Goodness me this  
is stupid should be open to all  
builders! Not just 3 that is appalling  
and disappointing.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 12 2024 08:21 PM

Hi Kaylene Montaperto, we ran a formal  
tender process that was open to all.  
Thanks, D.



Allan Hill  
Jun 13 2024 12:49 AM

Brent Adams you won't get a straight answer, only SPIN from Diddle Dee



Bronson Eruera Perich  
Jun 10 2024 02:39 AM

Yes. And while you're at it, impose an Air BnB levy for people who don't live in the properties they are letting out.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 10 2024 02:47 AM

Hi Bronson Eruera Perich, yes this is something all councils around the country are looking at. However there are significant challenges in imposing rules on short term accommodation providers at a local level in a way that would avoid legal action. Council are continuing to advocate for legislation to ensure a consistent approach across New Zealand. Thanks, D.



Terry McIntosh  
Jun 10 2024 04:49 AM

Who is the partner the ratepayers are going in with?



Taupō District Council  
Jun 10 2024 05:02 AM

Hi Terry McIntosh, the proposed development partner is a consortium of Penny Homes, Classic Builders and Tūwharetoa Settlement Trust. More info on this at <https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/news?item=id:2pwl5zxm217q9sm2f7y7>. Thanks, Dee



Laura Phillips Arnold  
Jun 10 2024 06:01 AM

You should build a nice apartment complex with 1, 2 and 3 bedroom units. Provides heap more housing. Pay a manager to keep it neat and tidy and manage badly behaved renters giving the ability to evict if needed. Gear towards middle to upper middle income renters.



Laura Phillips Arnold  
Jun 10 2024 06:08 AM

I also need a new employee and the challenge is finding a place for them to live.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 10 2024 08:08 AM

Hi Laura Phillips Arnold, that's another side to the housing crisis here in Taupō. Very difficult to find quality rentals alright. This project is around helping first time home buyers on the property ladder. It would be great if you could give your feedback by filling out the submission form at [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay) Hope your new employee finds somewhere to live. Thanks, Dee



Kirsty Brown  
Jun 12 2024 05:24 AM

Laura Phillips Arnold Bloody good idea. I've thought just that for a long time. Sadly, the feral nature of a lot of people these days would turn that into a crime-central slum in 5 minutes flat.



Alex McPherson  
Jun 10 2024 06:05 AM

How many for the open market and what price difference will the same houses be compared to what they're offered to first home buyers for? There's plenty of people out there who have owned old houses they've had to renovate, can't afford a new build now and still won't be able to buy one as they're not first home buyers, they've earnt a new house, they've had the old rubbish houses. Why not just have a realistic income cap.



Alex McPherson  
Jun 10 2024 06:12 AM

And there's already affordable homes for first home buyers in Kokomea park and more to come... If you're going to do cheaper houses make sure they're not tiny, on tiny sections with no parking and put the whole lot on the open market with an income cap and give everyone a chance at a new build.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 10 2024 07:56 AM

Hi Alex McPherson, great feedback. Can you head to [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay) and fill out the submission form with that please? Thanks, Dee



Anna Hutchinson  
Jun 10 2024 07:23 AM

Build another intermediate school...



Taupō District Council  
Jun 10 2024 07:57 AM

Hi Anna Hutchinson, the Ministry of Education NZ decides where schools are built not councils. Thanks, Dee



Sinz Wineera  
Jun 12 2024 03:49 AM

Anna Hutchinson why? You have Taupo Intermediate. Then you have Mt View and theres other schools that do the same thing.



Kirsty Brown  
Jun 12 2024 05:20 AM

Sinz Wineera Have you looked at the classrooms and numbers of kids in them lately? No offence, and I don't have a kid in school any more, but I'm well in favour of smaller class numbers. There's bugger-all room for the kids that are already here, never mind more coming in.



Dannielle Maree Kerr Lorch  
Jun 13 2024 08:48 AM

Sinz Wineera where would kids go if excluded from mountview and taupo intermediate? I agree there needs to be more.



Sharon Shanks  
Jun 10 2024 07:59 PM

Absolutely



Jay Hessel  
Jun 10 2024 09:13 PM

Out of those 42 homes, how many will benefit the Taupo community? They will be sold to out if town/country buyers therefore adding more people to our town that already has more than enough people. It's just a money grab to make the council make it's pockets look better off in the short term with not many long term benefits except for more rate payers down the line. There will be no benefit for anyone local struggling for housing. The town needs rentals and a cap on how many bnbs we have but all the bnb owners will have a cry about that...



Taupō District Council  
Jun 10 2024 11:03 PM

Hi Jay Hessel, there will be criteria set out for the sale of the first home buyers houses so that they will benefit people in our community. We don't have a way capping BnBs or charging them extra rates etc. This is an issue that is being felt over the world with no easy fix unfortunately. Lots more info including how much it will cost at [www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/7helping-ease-our-housing-crisis](https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/7helping-ease-our-housing-crisis) If you have more questions, come along on the Housing Land Tour or pop in to one of our other community events - <https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/community-events-and-tours>  
Thanks, Dee



Diahne Campbell  
Jun 11 2024 03:14 AM

Erin Julian



Kaylene Montaperto  
Jun 11 2024 04:50 AM

Banks wont give mortgages unless you earn \$100k for \$550k mortgage good luck  
In a town that holiday houses take up most of the houses not sure if many people can service the loan  
unfortunately not many full time jobs going in Taupo It took me a year to get a part time job 2 x people earning \$25 hour x 40 hours gross Or 1 x person \$50 hour x 40 hours gross Population 30,000 to 40,000 Rentals far and few \$700 upwards Interesting times No affordable housing rentals No affordable first home buyers options and its 2024



Shaine Pask  
Jun 11 2024 06:31 AM

I dont think the council was voted in to build houses. Stick to what you are employed for.



Sinz Wineera  
Jun 12 2024 03:56 AM

Shaine Pask Nothing wrong with TDC helping with housing crisis. If you look at other Districts. They are doing the same....



Mike Ward  
Jun 11 2024 08:22 AM

Sell it all in the open market. Don't let the sections be too small. Maybe mandate live in only rather than holiday homes or book a bach





Kirsty Brown  
Jun 12 2024 03:15 AM

Yes, you should build more homes. Yes, for first home buyers and also those who haven't been able to save a deposit due to average wages and exorbitant rents and other costs. No, you should not sell on the open market. Rentals are a permanent income, but once the land is sold, it's gone, except for your high rates. You will need to attract more doctors, dentists etc. You will need to build at least 2 schools and attract teachers to those schools. What, there's no money for that? Where does all the vast sums of money from things like tourism, motor racing and Ironman go? If its so great for Taupo, how is it that we have hungry, homeless people? Priorities....



Taupo District Council  
Jun 12 2024 03:59 AM

Hi Kirsty Brown, great feedback. Make sure to have your say at [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay) Just so you know, we don't build schools. The Ministry of Education NZ decide where new schools go and fund them. Also the money generated from events doesn't come to council. People taking part in the events spend that money with local businesses (hotels, restaurants, cafes, shops etc.) which boosts that economy for everyone. Thanks, Dee



Kirsty Brown  
Jun 12 2024 05:13 AM

Taupō District Council Hi Dee. Just so as you know, I'm aware schools are built by the Ministry of Education, but without, let's say, TDC letting them know how many people are moving in... without, let's say TDC allowing resource consent, or Ooo! There's an idea!! Without TDC leasing (OK, or selling) some land to the MoE, how would the MoE even know anything about Taupo? And as for TDC not earning anything from the aforementioned events, I call bullshit, unless the get the reserves for free?

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Tina Ricketts  
Jun 12 2024 11:21 PM

Might need to stop the spraying over us and make a stand against the destruction that is planned for NZ.. Yes it's happening worldwide.. different countries have been hit and the rest will follow. Housing will be demolished over the next few years, like many other countries have already faced. So a dead project.. dead money through my eyes

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Taupō District Council  
Jun 13 2024 12:10 AM

Tina Ricketts, not sure what you're talking about but we're certainly not planning any destruction. That would just be silly. Do you mean cat spraying? That's a little more difficult to stop. If you haven't already, please take the time to fill out our submission form at [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay) with your feedback. Thanks, D.

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Shirlene Mita  
Jun 13 2024 07:19 AM

Tina Ricketts govt will buy the land.  
He land grab on, an we will be forced  
to comply. Just like our council does



Dani Smith  
Jun 13 2024 07:02 AM

Why does council not just sell land  
directly to people? Can different  
developers tender for this project?

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Taupō District Council  
Jun 13 2024 10:04 PM

Hi Dani Smith, to answer your first question, we have done a little of that in the past but our preferred option here is to work with partners. To answer your second question, we ran a formal tender process that was open to all. The proposed development partner is a consortium of Penny Homes, Classic Builders and Tūwharetoa Settlement Trust. While the first part of the project (62 homes) can proceed as soon as key commercial terms are agreed, the remainder is still subject to consultation with the community through the draft Long-term Plan process that is under way now. More info on this at <https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/news?item=id:2pwl5zxm217q9sm2f7y7>. That's our preferred option. We also have an alternative option which is to sell residential land on the open market without requiring quality first home buyer options. You can find out more about both options and submit feedback at <https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/7helping-ease-our-housing-crisis>. Thanks, D.



Wendy Gatley  
Jun 22 2024 12:49 AM

Jay Hessel <https://wtag.com/2024/06/21/top-tourist-destination-barcelona-plans-to-shut-all-holiday-apartments-by-2028/>



Wendy Gatley  
Jun 22 2024 12:50 AM

Carol Price <https://wtaq.com/2024/06/21/top-tourist-destination-barcelona-plans-to-shut-all-holiday-apartments-by-2028/>



Wendy Gatley  
Jun 22 2024 04:41 PM

Taupō District Council Then would it be best to look for a solution on the Air BNBS and how they impact the housing market - they are finding solutions in other countries .....

## **Other Issues: Bridge, Transport, Tūrangi Town Centre**



Taupō District Council  
Jun 18 2024 02:51 AM

Korero Mai Taupō District - It's time to have your say!

Let's talk about Control Gates Bridge

We've heard from many of you that you're not enjoying sitting in traffic waiting to cross the Waikato River at certain times of the day.

Planning for a solution to ease congestion was meant to happen in 2031-33 but traffic volumes are increasing faster than we predicted. The plan is to spend the next three years working with Mercury, iwi, and hapū to begin working on options.

We'll come back to you with some detailed designs and costs in 2027, with a view to starting construction in 2029. A rough initial estimated cost is \$73.5 million. What do you think?

[www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/other-things-were-thinking-about](https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/other-things-were-thinking-about)

Transport funding changes

We usually get help funding our transport projects like road widening from Waka Kotahi (New Zealand Transport Agency). If we get less money, what should we do? Increase our budget to make up the shortfall so we can deliver the full list of projects? Or change it up to meet our smaller budget? What do you think?

<https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/other-things-were-thinking-about>

Plan for Tūrangi town centre

We know the Tūrangi community are really keen to see their town centre tidied up and given a new lease on life, and there is also a lot of excitement about a community recreation centre in Tūrangi.

During our last Long-term Plan in 2021, we started working with Ngāti

Tūrāngitukua to create a community recreation centre for Tūrangi. This centre is still in our proposed 10 year plan, but it has been delayed until 2028. That's because, although we allocated \$15.9 million for the centre in our 2021-31 Long-term Plan, construction costs have risen significantly and there's also uncertainty around where a centre should go, who would run it, and how it would be used. It is going to be expensive to build and operate and we aren't confident the Tūrangi community can afford a centre of this size right now.

At the same time, the community has been asking for action on the Tūrangi town centre, and there are some links between getting this sorted and investing in a recreation centre. So, what we're proposing is that we do some town centre structure planning to get that functioning better, which will help us figure out what recreation facilities are needed and where best to place them.

In this plan, we've allocated around \$150,000 to our town centre planning in 2025 and \$17.5 million for the recreation centre project in the years 2028-2030. What do you think?

[www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/other-things-were-thinking-about](http://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/other-things-were-thinking-about)

Let's talk about waste

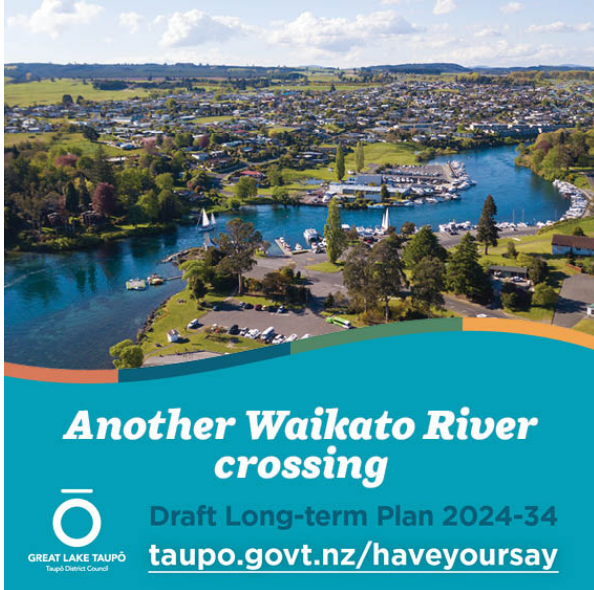
Our current Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) has been in place for six years, and it's time for an update. This refreshed plan outlines our commitment to enhancing waste management practices and promoting sustainability in our district.

Our main goal is to divert more waste from the landfill. The plan sets out a target and how we plan to achieve it. Some of the ideas include supporting the reduction of single use items like coffee cups and managing food waste better. What do you think?

[www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-](http://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-)



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shared a photo





## ***Plan for Tūrangi town centre***



Draft Long-term Plan 2024-34  
[taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](https://taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay)



## ***Waste Management and Minimisation Plan***



Draft Long-term Plan 2024-34  
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Grant Crenfeldt  
Jun 18 2024 09:17 AM

Can you advise how is it going to take 3 years for 'consultation' on a crossing? You say that traffic is increasing faster than you expected but your proposed plan still takes 6 years and only beats your original plan by maybe a year or two? And is your rough \$73m in 2024 dollars or 2030 dollars?

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Nick Trass  
Jun 18 2024 09:32 AM

Grant Crenfeldt yeah they wana spend the same on consultation, contractors and advisors before they even chuck a shovel in the dirt, no one knows what 2030 will bring, but clearly \$73 is gona be a drop in the bucket like every other big community project in this country.

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Taupō District Council  
Jun 18 2024 09:22 PM

Hi Grant Crenfeldt, really good questions. I'll check in with the team and get back to you. Thanks, Dee

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Taupō District Council  
Jun 19 2024 03:34 AM

Hi Grant Crenfeldt, the three year timeframe is a combination of a lot of things. Might need a cuppa before you start reading this. As this is a significant infrastructure project there's a lot of work to do prior to construction, including working with key stakeholders (like Mercury, iwi and hapu), but also a significant amount of work needs to be put into design, geotechnical assessments, environmental assessments, cultural considerations, legal due diligence and planning. All of this work will then help inform the detailed design and consenting process. Once the project is designed there's a significant tendering and procurement process to go through. All of that needs to be done prior to actually breaking ground. The \$73million has been adjusted for inflation and is a very high-level estimate. Once we've completed all the planning and assessments, we'll be able to refine the costs and details of the project. We have community engagement events coming up where you can have a chat to the project team about this and other infrastructure projects that are in the pipeline - more info [www.taupo.govt.nz/ltf-events](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/ltf-events). Thanks, Dee



Grant Crenfeldt  
Jun 19 2024 08:31 PM

Taupō District Council and that sums up exactly how broken NZ is. It's going to take 6 years to build a 75m bridge most of which is taken up talking about it...



Roger Harvey  
Jun 18 2024 11:22 AM

Bla bla bla they shafted us at  
municipal motor camp who contributed  
3million to local economy 10 years ago  
nothings changed



Taupō District Council  
Jun 18 2024 09:21 PM

Sorry you feel that way Roger Harvey.  
If you want to check out the plan for  
the future of Taupō, head to  
[www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay) Thanks,  
Dee



Roger Harvey  
Jun 19 2024 03:37 AM

Taupō District Council I have been  
going to taupo regularly over 30 years  
most changes including traffic  
situation do little to encourage  
visitors more value for money in  
queenstown



James Stewart  
Jun 20 2024 05:54 AM

Roger Harvey , the motor camp was great  
abd brought so much to the town, a real  
shame this went.



Jean Dundas  
Jun 21 2024 07:39 AM

Roger Harvey yeah major pity that has gone... could bring it back though?. and made a balls up of tongariro st right to lake terraces 4 stop signs too!



Graeme Spence  
Jun 18 2024 06:55 PM

Why have our day, you never listen



Taupō District Council  
Jun 18 2024 09:20 PM

Hi Graeme Spence, the Mayor and councillors can't listen if you don't have your say. They were elected to represent the community so it's really hard for them to their jobs properly without feedback. You can find out heaps more about the 10 year plan and how to have your say at [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay) Thanks, Dee



Graeme Spence  
Jun 18 2024 09:26 PM

Taupō District Council no this is why you don't get much engagement due to TDC don't listen. TDC is run by paid staff not the council members and from my own experiences over the last 3 years they are very bias on who they listen too.



Shelley May  
Jun 21 2024 04:32 AM

Graeme Spence bang on



Sue Abraham  
Jun 21 2024 09:13 PM

Taupō District Council the art of listening is not to hear what someone says but how they feel. Taupo District Council have shown you listen without hearing and that is a huge part of the issue now



Andrew Mark Perring  
Jun 18 2024 10:04 PM

Why does Taupo council come up with visions and plans and never see them through.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 18 2024 11:05 PM

Hi Andrew Mark Perring, we do come up with plans and visions for the future of the district. You can see some of the plans and projects we've come up with and completed here - [www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/projects](http://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/projects). It would be great if you could come along to one of our community events so you can find out more about how we work and what we've got on the cards for the next 10 years. More info at [www.taupo.govt.nz/ltp-events](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/ltp-events) Thanks, Dee



Andrew Mark Perring  
Jun 19 2024 04:02 AM

Taupō District Counciliv been along. I was looking to move to Taupo although I only had \$3m to invest I wanted to go back to my town of turangi. Iv constantly seen plans made plans never followed and new plans drawn up. More wishy washy than result oriented. So once again why do Taupo council keep coming up with plans and not seeing them through. My example would be turangi the trout fishing Captiva of the world. A few years back it was gate way to national park. So I went into the turangi information center and inquired about national park. They started to bkck accomodation outside of the Taupo district., if it had been turangi trout fishing capital of the world they would have been me into Turangi or Taupo. The idea of identity and what the area is about flips and flops from one idea to another - why??



Taupō District Council  
Jun 19 2024 11:49 PM

Hi Andrew Mark Perring, the team at Destination Great Lake Taupō (aka Love Taupō) look after tourism marketing and branding. You can find out more about their work and their contact details here - [www.lovetaupo.com/en/industry](http://www.lovetaupo.com/en/industry)  
Thanks, Dee



Graeme Spence  
Jun 20 2024 12:54 AM

Andrew Mark Perring absolutely I am with on that they always tell you the nice stuff but never see it through, control gate bridge ??????





Beverly Bircher Campbell  
Jun 20 2024 04:18 AM

No, not a priority.



James Stewart  
Jun 20 2024 05:53 AM

Why are we paying more rent than we already pay to go into a building owned by tu wharetoa, not to mention the amount to fit out some else's building. Wasteful spending with nothing to show for it. Need to see some true leadership in council.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 20 2024 11:38 PM

Hi James Stewart, the decision to lease was made following feedback from the community as part of the 2021-31 Long-term Plan consultation process which showed overwhelming community support to lease a building. Sounds like you have lots of ideas, so it would be great if you could come along to one of our community events and chat with our team and elected members to find out more about the plan and share your own feedback. More info at [www.taupo.govt.nz/ltp-events](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/ltp-events). Thanks, D.



Brent Adams  
Jun 21 2024 05:54 AM

Taupō District Council Wrong there was community support to build a building for council and only council to lease, Wot we have now is council is sheering the building with another 6 entities and not there own, I call this for wot it is a conflict of interest

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Graeme Spence  
Jun 22 2024 01:15 AM

James Stewart bang on the money thats why I have said they are very bias

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James Stewart  
Jun 20 2024 05:56 AM

We have been waiting for a second crossing over the Waikato river for the last 30years, how many plans, feasibility studies. Still no bridge.

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Taupō District Council  
Jun 20 2024 11:29 PM

Hi James Stewart, when the East Taupō Arterial (ETA) opened in 2010 traffic volumes over control gates dropped significantly and are only now starting to return to pre-ETA numbers. A new bridge is a significant infrastructure project so there's a lot of work to do prior to construction, including working with key stakeholders (like Mercury, iwi and hapu), but also a significant amount of work needs to be put into design, geotechnical assessments, environmental assessments, cultural considerations, legal due diligence and planning. All of this work will then help inform the detailed design and consenting process. Once the project is designed there's a significant tendering and procurement process to go through. All of that needs to be done prior to actually breaking ground. You can find out heaps more about the 10 year plan and where plans for the bridge fit in, and then provide your feedback at [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay) Thanks, D.



Graeme Spence  
Jun 22 2024 01:18 AM

in other words Iwi are calling the shots



Jim FAMILTON  
Jun 20 2024 09:46 AM

Sprawling towns and ever more roads are very costly for families, councils, emissions and the environment



Ashley Higgins  
Jun 20 2024 11:12 PM

James Higgins future works



Emerina Adams  
Jun 21 2024 01:33 AM

What a joke how many meetings with council we opposed things just to see them happen regardless of the many that were against it



Taupō District Council  
Jun 21 2024 03:50 AM

Hi Emerina Adams, sorry you feel that way. Not sure what things you're talking about specifically, but if you'd like to find out more about the things we're planning and submit feedback, go to [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay). Thanks, D.

# **Fees and Charges**



Taupō District Council  
Jun 25 2024 01:00 AM

Change is hard, especially when it eats up more of your spare change...

One way to try and keep rates under control is to increase our fees and charges on different services that people choose to use. We're thinking of a 20-25% increase across the board.

- Adult AC Baths entry from \$10 to \$12
- Adult Turtle Pools entry from \$5.50 to \$6.50
- Swim lessons from \$12 to \$15
- Adult Rockwall entry from \$12.50 to \$15
- Rubbish bag stickers from \$2 to \$2.50
- Broadlands Road Landfill minimum charge from \$21 to \$26
- Building consent from \$100 to \$125
- Rugby field hire (per season) from \$360 to \$450

All of these services, like swimming pools and landfills, are topped up by rates. By putting up our fees and charges, it means that people who use the services contribute more towards the cost of providing them. This helps reduce that cost burden falling on the wider community through rates (including the people who don't use these facilities or services at all).

What do you think? Find out more and give your feedback at [www.taupo.govt.nz/ltp-fees](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/ltp-fees)  
shared a photo



**\$2  
increase**

**Adult AC Baths Entry**

 **Draft Long-term Plan 2024-34**  
[taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](https://taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay)



**\$2.50  
increase**

**Adult Rockwall fee**

 **Draft Long-term Plan 2024-34**  
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## ***Rubbish Bag Stickers***



Draft Long-term Plan 2024-34  
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## ***Swim lessons fees***



Draft Long-term Plan 2024-34  
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**\$25 increase**

**Building Consent Fees**

 **Draft Long-term Plan 2024-34**  
[taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](https://taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay)


**\$5 increase**

**Broadlands landfill minimum charge**

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Tee Shelford Livingstone  
Jun 25 2024 01:18 AM

What are the RATEPAYERS getting in  
Return since we are paying 70% ?  
Maybe AC Baths concessions ? 2 free  
Rubbish Stickers a week ?



Taupō District Council  
Jun 25 2024 01:24 AM

Hi Tee Shelford Livingstone, thanks for  
the comment. If you would like  
ratepayers discounts to use these  
facilities and services, how do you  
think we should pay to run them? I  
mean, I'm with you, that would be great  
- love free things. But there are costs  
involved in running pools and landfills  
etc. The reason why it is affordable at  
the moment is because rates are  
subsidising the costs. Thanks, Dee :)



Tee Shelford Livingstone  
Jun 25 2024 01:29 AM

Taupō District Council Who said it's  
affordable? And why should Ratepayers be  
stung for these increases ? Sell those  
waste of money lights in Town that will  
cover alot of these increases by the  
way who pays for the power to run those  
lights??



Taupō District Council  
Jun 25 2024 01:43 AM

Tee Shelford Livingstone if the full cost of running the AC Baths was charged to the user, it would be a very expensive dip. We'd love you to have a read of our 10 year plan and give us your feedback at [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay). And please encourage your friends and whanau to have their say too. Thanks, Dee

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Gill Petersen  
Jun 25 2024 02:42 AM

Tee Shelford Livingstone sadly even a 50c increase in rubbish stickers will mean HEAPS more rubbish dumped on roadsides! I see many houses with 4 bags out a week ( AND they recycle ) Think encouraging good refuse collection should be eg 52 free bags per year any more you buy It worked in previous places Do we want the worst dumped rubbish town - heading that way Taupō District Council..

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Taupō District Council  
Jun 25 2024 02:54 AM

No one wants that Gill Petersen! And wouldn't be great if everything was free. But there's a pretty hefty cost to provide kerbside collection services around the district which needs to be paid somehow and that's typically through rates or user pays, or a combination of both. Now's a great time to have your say on how you think it should work! More info, costs and a link to the survey at <https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/bagitorbinit>. Thanks, D.

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Kim Yardley  
Jun 25 2024 07:49 AM

Taupō District Council use to be free or half price for rate payers, with proff of rates bill and ID. Bring that back as rate payers already paying towards anyway.



Brent Adams  
Jun 25 2024 01:24 AM

Cut your staff numbers in council will go a long way, Why have we got 60 people in council on \$100,000+ a year



Taupō District Council  
Jun 25 2024 01:29 AM

Hi Brent Adams, I don't know how much people get paid. But what I do know is that every person who works at Taupō District Council has an important role in keeping the district ticking. We've put a pause on creating new roles. If we cut back on staff, we would have to cut back on services too. Please be aware that you are talking about people who live here and are part of this community just like you. They're your neighbours, part of your clubs and sports teams, dropping their kids off to the same schools and shopping in the same supermarkets. Times are tough for everybody, including our team who are all under the same financial strains as you are. Our people work hard, try their best for their communities and are often in the firing line for criticism. It's understandable that you would think this would help in reducing rates but you are talking about people's livelihoods. And if you post things like this on social media, they can read it. Thanks, Dee



Tee Shelford Livingstone  
Jun 25 2024 01:50 AM

Taupō District Council Difference is  
some are on 100k paid from Ratepayers  
and there are certainly some in Council  
just making up the numbers



Shelly Elvin  
Jun 25 2024 02:23 AM

Tee Shelford Livingstone so how do you  
know those earning that level of income  
aren't worthy of it?? assumptions are  
dangerous



Ngaire Manu  
Jun 25 2024 03:13 AM

Brent Adams Ever considered that some  
of these people have degrees and  
experience and deserve to be paid this  
much? Working at a council is no easy  
job especially when you see comments  
like this. It's easy to judge when you  
have no idea. ♀



Tee Shelford Livingstone  
Jun 25 2024 03:32 AM

Shelly Elvin no assumption no danger  
just a statement And some of them may  
be worthy but I dealt all are



Brent Adams  
Jun 25 2024 03:32 AM

Shelly Elvin At April 2018, of the 361 employees, 38 were Managers. At April 2024, of the 430 employees, 57 are Managers. 60 are payed ova \$100,000 per year payed by us the ratepayer



Taupō District Council  
Jun 25 2024 04:05 AM

Well said thank you Ngaire Manu



Shelly Elvin  
Jun 25 2024 08:28 AM

Brent Adams wow that's great to see our rates are going towards the wellbeing of people working hard for our community. tell me though...what do you think these people should be paid??



Brent Adams  
Jun 25 2024 09:35 AM

Shelly Elvin I take it that you work for council or are on the gravy train, Council should be cutting costs not be putting them up, Not everyone can afford the rates increase, Ratepayers pay there wages. 57 are Managers doing wot ???



Lee Tindle  
Jun 25 2024 05:05 PM

Brent Adams no she doesn't work for the council



Shelly Elvin  
Jun 25 2024 06:40 PM

Brent Adams never worked for a govt dept...no gravy train thank you. I work hard for my salary :))



Devon Garmonsway  
Jun 25 2024 01:31 AM

Exactly people who use the services should be paying to use them. Are we able to request financial statements and where the rest of rate money goes please actual numbers would be great



Taupō District Council  
Jun 25 2024 01:32 AM

Hi Devon Garmonsway, head to [www.taupo.govt.nz/ltp-fees](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/ltp-fees). There's heaps more info there. If you have any other questions, I can put you in touch with the right person. Thanks, Dee :)





Devon Garmonsway  
Jun 25 2024 01:37 AM

Taupō District Council a full breakdown  
on where rate money goes so we can see  
where other changes can be made



Taupō District Council  
Jun 25 2024 01:45 AM

Ah right Devon Garmonsway - give me 5  
mins!



Taupō District Council  
Jun 25 2024 01:58 AM

Devon Garmonsway does this help? We  
have our What's in your future Taupō?  
and What's in your future Mangakino?  
evening events coming up this week.  
Might be a good chance for you to have  
a chat with our finance team. Thanks,  
Dee



Devon Garmonsway  
Jun 25 2024 02:04 AM

Taupō District Council do you have  
comparable figures to the last 10year  
plan and also in depth breakdowns to  
each of these categories please :)  
would love to come along to events to  
catch up and talk but my life is way to  
busy for that.



Devon Garmonsway  
Jun 25 2024 02:04 AM

Taupō District Council and everytime I do talk to council members they don't have the information I'm requesting



Taupō District Council  
Jun 25 2024 02:12 AM

Hi Devon Garmonsway, we don't have that level of detail on hand sorry. Could you please PM us with your contact details and our team will put you in touch with someone who can help with that more detailed info. Thanks, D.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 25 2024 02:13 AM

Hi Devon Garmonsway, the last 10-year plan was developed in 2021 and you can see the full plan here: <https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/plans-and-strategies/long-term-plans>. Hope that helps. Thanks, D.



Dalvin Brunning  
Jun 25 2024 01:37 AM

WTF more increases



Taupō District Council  
Jun 25 2024 01:50 AM

Yeah, not ideal Dalvin Brunning. But it is one way that we can keep rates down. Please take a look at the info at [www.taupo.govt.nz/ltp-fees](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/ltp-fees) Thanks, Dee



Tania Cuthbert  
Jun 25 2024 01:41 AM

Yes please, personally I feel this is a much more sensible approach than continuing to put up rates across the board year after year. I don't like the idea of families having to pay more to use these services, but it seems to be the better option from two crappy choices, as it allows people to choose how to spend the money they do have, rather than taking it off them through increased compulsory rates payments.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 25 2024 01:47 AM

Crappy choices is right Tania Cuthbert. If only we could find one of those money trees... Please make sure to fill out the feedback form at [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay). Thanks, Dee



Devon Garmonsway  
Jun 25 2024 01:49 AM

Tania Cuthbert 100% agree



Tania Karaha  
Jun 25 2024 02:31 AM

Tania Cuthbert you'll end up with a rates increase and paying more.



Tania Cuthbert  
Jun 25 2024 03:50 AM

Tania Karaha yeah that's probably true. Rates increases are coming again thus upcoming rating year anyway, I think this is just TDC's way of trying to offset future increases. I could be wrong though, it happens a lot lol.



Angela Cameron  
Jun 25 2024 09:59 AM

I agree about the rates increase. STOP putting it up. There are lots of people and families who are struggling and having to pay more doesn't help them



Tania Karaha  
Jun 25 2024 10:06 AM

Realistically the dearer it gets the more people don't go. Less profit, then it'll be another increase to cover losses, reduce staff, services - can't cover for maintenance etc Never ending.



Skyla Anderson  
Jun 25 2024 01:48 AM

Can we get bins already!



Grant Tullock  
Jun 25 2024 02:17 AM

Skyla Anderson bins are going to cost another \$3m up front which will push rates ( and rents) up further. Bins are the way to go but not while rates are out of control.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 25 2024 02:24 AM

Hi Skyla Anderson, thanks for the comment! More info about how it would work if we all moved to bins at <https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/bagitorbinit> and make sure to share your thoughts in our survey. Thanks, D.



Kimmie Wazhere  
Jun 25 2024 03:26 AM

Grant Tullock and fortnightly pick up and u can only fit 2 rubbish bags in the size they're talking lol



Lara George-Hooper  
Jun 25 2024 01:50 AM

I'm ok with the increases. Its something that is inevitable especially with today's financial climate.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 25 2024 04:06 AM

Lara George-Hooper it's pretty tough out there eh? Make sure to head to [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay) and fill out the feedback form. Thanks, Dee



Lara George-Hooper  
Jun 25 2024 05:21 AM

Taupō District Council I already have . Thanks for the reminder though Dee . :)



Judi McGreevy  
Jun 25 2024 06:26 AM

Taupō District Council the rates increase is enough , I habe put in a submission and feel charging more for bag stickers is double dipping as we pay at the gate and in our rates!when will it end



Lara George-Hooper  
Jun 25 2024 07:00 AM

Judi it will never end . All councils are facing hikes. The council I work for forecasted a rates increase of about 20% at the beginning of the year . They've managed to get it down to somewhere between 13.5- 15%. In saying that, District councils are slightly different to city councils too.... Its topography and the huge areas that services have to cover. Taupo is experiencing high growth too with all the new builds etc and rates have to cover the infrastructure so each rateable unit pays . In saying that we're rural and have our own sewerage and water so our rates are still affordable so we haven't a lot to complain about. It's almost a privilege nowadays to own your own patch of dirt ... which sucks. And as a side note . Forget bins.. they are an expensive pain in the arse .



Judi McGreevy  
Jun 25 2024 07:02 AM

Lara George-Hooper I hear you, I have done the submission and have said no to the bins as no good for,our budget , had my moan now ha ha



Grant Tullock  
Jun 25 2024 01:50 AM

I generally support user pay principles but with a concern over increased Fly tipping with increased rubbish tip fees. User pays is one obvious way of keeping rates under control because as rates rise so will rental costs rise. However there has been much wastage in spending from our Council going back a number of years and this is now being reflected in our rates.( and only a small part of that can be sheeted to inflation) We know that most Council staff are value for money and do a great job but there needs to be closer scrutiny of how some projects are managed. This is where our elected representatives should be stepping up. We do not want YES people there. However the majority seem to remain silent with the exception of our Mayor and Councillor Duncan. Councillor Duncan who is doing a good job, seems to be doing the job that I would expect of most Councillors - keeping us informed in real time. And what is the state of our TEL fund and has this been considered?



Taupō District Council  
Jun 25 2024 02:02 AM

Hi Grant Tullock, thanks for the comment. We have our What's in your future Taupō? event coming up on Wednesday evening. That would be a great chance for you to have a chat with our waste minimisation and finance teams about your concerns. Thanks, Dee



Grant Tullock  
Jun 25 2024 02:06 AM

Taupō District Council thanks Dee, but I don't think this would be an easy one to resolve - it will be an ongoing issue.





Judi McGreevy  
Jun 25 2024 10:58 PM

Grant Tullock I am with you on what is happening to our TEL fund? I understand they use the interest and are keeping the capital for something that the whole town will benefit from said Gareth when he was CEO ! Goodness knows what that would be maybe toward a new bridge !



Taupō District Council  
Jun 26 2024 12:57 AM

Hi Judi McGreevy and Grant Tullock,  
I'll check on the TEL fund and come back to you. Thanks, D.



Judi McGreevy  
Jun 26 2024 02:59 AM

Taupō District Council thanks



Taupō District Council  
Jun 26 2024 04:14 AM

Hi Judi McGreevy and Grant Tullock, to answer your questions on the TEL fund, here's a bit of background info and a summary of what we're currently doing. The TEL fund balance currently sits at \$69 million. Past councils have dipped into it occasionally for debt repayment and projects and used the investment returns to subsidise rates. The fund has now been placed with investment managers Forsyth Barr so we can optimise the growth of the fund and inflation-proof it. The fund is also available to be used as self-insurance for Council's underground assets. This means that in the event of a natural disaster, we could use the TEL fund money to help repair damaged underground pipes. The advantage of this approach is that (a) the fund is left to grow rather than being whittled down bit by bit and (b) it saves ratepayers having to pay hefty insurance premiums on our underground networks. You can read more about this on page 11 of our draft financial strategy here: <https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/repository/libraries/id:25026fn3317q9slqygym/hierarchy/Council/Consultation/LTP%202024/Strategy/TDC%20LTP%20Financial%20Strategy%202024-34.pdf>. Thanks, D.



Judi McGreevy  
Jun 26 2024 04:20 AM

Taupō District Council thank you I will read it, do you know how much we will need paying in rent for the new office space in the Tuwharetoa building a year please?



Grant Tullock  
Jun 26 2024 04:21 AM

Taupō District Council thanks for that Dee. It looks like it's been dipped into a lot more than I had realized and has been slipping through ratepayers fingers. However I don't have an issue with the current plan for it as it will protect the fund for Taupos future. I agree with another comment on this forum - you deserve a pay increase. Have a great day. 🔒



Taupō District Council  
Jun 26 2024 04:41 AM

Aw shucks thanks so much Grant Tullock! Now if I could just get you to sign off on that pay increase, it really would be a great day



Taupō District Council  
Jun 26 2024 04:50 AM

Hi Judi McGreevy, I don't have that info on hand but if you could PM us with that question and your contact details, our team will put you in touch with someone who does. Thanks, D.



Judi McGreevy  
Jun 26 2024 04:55 AM

Taupō District Council have now messaged , thanks



Jessie Read  
Jun 25 2024 02:00 AM

Spencer Allen \$21 to \$26 for landfill



Graeme Simpson  
Jun 25 2024 07:17 AM

You planning on getting rid of him,  
Jessie!?



Jessie Read  
Jun 25 2024 07:45 AM

Graeme Simpson he's getting a bit  
expensive to take care of :((



NujeanGena Baker  
Jun 25 2024 02:07 AM

Who would like to meet Dee? We hear  
more from Dee than we do the TPO mayor,  
ask for a payrise Dee



Tania Williams  
Jun 25 2024 02:23 AM

NujeanGena Baker ae..she's awesome & helpful.



Michael Richardson  
Jun 25 2024 02:28 AM

You mean more on stage right? I think Taupo Council has a better communication with its public than any other Council I've had dealings with so we should be pretty happy with that. If you can find a Council that does it better then give them a shout out.



Jennifer Rose Parker  
Jun 25 2024 03:41 AM

NujeanGena Baker too busy having.. parties. Or so I heard



Taupo District Council  
Jun 25 2024 03:59 AM

Jennifer Rose Parker wait, there's been parties?! No one told me!



Taupō District Council  
Jun 25 2024 04:01 AM

Ah shucks, we'll take that thanks  
Michael Richardson



Jennifer Rose Parker  
Jun 25 2024 04:35 AM

Taupō District Council ♀ the rumour  
mill amongst certain, more "affluent  
people" in this district goss about it.  
Maybe they were joking.



Patrick Olsen  
Jun 25 2024 03:25 AM

One way to keep rates down would be to  
not waste hundreds of thousands of  
dollars on ugly artwork / statues that  
90% of residents didn't want and didn't  
have any option on.



Nate Madsen  
Jun 25 2024 08:00 AM

Patrick Olsen complete waste of money  
what they did out the front of pub and  
grub



Karla Schröder Taylor  
Jun 25 2024 03:27 AM

As long as the AC Bath's hours are reinstated! Pretty hard to get a swim in when most lanes are pre booked by various squads and then one gets booted out the water promptly at 6:30. Even making it 7pm would be fair, and leave a decent percentage of lanes unbooked. Thanks.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 25 2024 04:01 AM

We're working on it Karla Schröder Taylor. Hopefully we should have the staff numbers. If you know of any lifeguards, send them our way! Thanks, Dee



Carol Harwood  
Jun 25 2024 05:22 AM

Karla agree - you gotta do what you gotta do Council, however - if a lane swimmer is now to pay \$12 for a 30-45min (an hour at most), but is very limited to lane space (especially after school/work hrs) - it's getting pretty pricey. I get that there are overhead costs etc etc, but have always wondered if lane swim entry fee is covering other AC Baths areas. I thought \$9 was plenty but now \$12



Kate Brown  
Jun 25 2024 06:02 AM

\$12 is getting up there- much better value to look at a 3 month membership. It is \$10.50 to swim at the National Aquatic centre in Auckland which is one of the top facilities around



Stephen Bradley  
Jun 25 2024 07:15 AM

Kate Brown Yeah but the downside is you  
have to live in Auckland ♂



Kate Brown  
Jun 25 2024 07:16 AM

Stephen Bradley it's not that bad.  
Still wearing my shorts in the middle  
of winter.



Karla Schröder Taylor  
Jun 25 2024 07:22 AM

Taupō District Council or even have one  
pool dedicated to no pre booked lanes  
at peak evening times. Or close the  
water at 7. And perhaps the town growth  
is indicative of needing another pool,  
even in a different location, for the  
purpose of either lessons or lane  
swimming. There could surely, after all  
this time, be some better workable  
solutions. Here's hoping. Thank you.



Angela Cameron  
Jun 25 2024 10:02 AM

Taupō District Council I am no  
lifeguard but I could help in other  
areas if you want like cleaning





Jennifer Rose Parker  
Jun 25 2024 03:43 AM

When you don't pay rates these announcements are always sad. But I'd rather these places remained open. Idk the answer except the times we live in right now suck and seemingly getting worse n worse..



Israel Purcell-Porter  
Jun 25 2024 03:46 AM

Woooah didn't know you had to hire the rugby pitch jeez that's so funny I miss the 2002 - 2006 taupo when it was just big enough for locals



Shav Page  
Jun 25 2024 03:46 AM

But we are already contributing to these services in our rates as mentioned. so now were extra EXTRA contributing and rates still continue to go up. so youd think these costs should be going down a smidgen



Taupō District Council  
Jun 25 2024 04:05 AM

Hi Shav Page, it's not ideal. It would be great if these services could be run for less so we didn't have to put up the fees but with insurance, electricity and everything else going up there's no way around it. These fees and charges are what we call 'user pays'. So you don't have to go to the pools - but if you choose to then maybe you can pay a little more to recoup some of the cost to rate payers who don't. Have a read of the info at [www.taupo.govt.nz/ltp-fees](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/ltp-fees) and make sure to have your say. Thanks, Dee



Graeme Spence  
Jun 25 2024 05:21 AM

get rid of that stupid electric bus that drives around town all day with no passengers



NujeanGena Baker  
Jun 25 2024 06:48 PM

Graeme Spence



Taina Cooper  
Jun 25 2024 06:14 AM

Aaaaaiiiiiinnnnngggggg



Angela Cameron  
Jun 25 2024 10:19 AM

When in the increase going to happen



Taupō District Council  
Jun 26 2024 12:07 AM

Hi Angela Cameron, any price changes would take effect when the Long-term Plan is adopted at the end of September. Thanks, D.



Monika Vincent  
Jun 25 2024 10:22 AM

It'll kill the town, food control costs going up too, higher rates, higher expenses, higher cafe/restaurant prices, but with higher home rates, people won't be able to afford to treat themselves in cafes. Cafes and shops will close down. Are you thinking of yourselves, Taupo Council, or are you thinking of the community



Ngaire Manu  
Jun 25 2024 04:45 PM

Monika Vincent bit over dramatic it won't kill the town. Cafes and restaurants will charge more who are already too expensive for some to visit in the first place. I'd rather pay more for these things then an increase in my rates ☺



Hinewai Kahu Beauchamp  
Jun 25 2024 10:26 AM

It should never cost our babies to learn to swim.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 25 2024 08:06 PM

Hi Hinewai Kahu Beauchamp, there are learn to swim courses in schools that are free. But it wouldbe amazing if we could offer lessons at the swim schools for free too. Make sure to fill out the submission form with your feedback. Thanks, Dee



Russel Tarrant  
Jun 25 2024 10:38 AM

User pays is very fair. Might be an idea to charge out of towners slightly more than locals for the likes of the ac baths etc.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 25 2024 08:04 PM

Russel Tarrant great feedback. Could you fill out the form at [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay) please? Lots more info on the 10 year plan there to read too. Please encourage your friends and whanau to have a look too. Thanks, Dee



Mike Saunders  
Jun 28 2024 02:53 AM

Russel Tarrant like the old days



Crystal May  
Jun 25 2024 08:16 PM

Far out



Steve Strong  
Jun 25 2024 09:24 PM

Start looking at homes that list as Air B/B or book a batch that are not resource consented as a business massive lost intake of revenue there that you put on legal hospitality businesses. Like warrent of fitness fire checks ect ect.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 25 2024 09:54 PM

Hi Steve Strong, unfortunately there's no legal way that we can do that at the moment. The team have been looking into it. Same problem is being felt across the country and the world. We will keep trying though!



Kris Blank  
Jun 25 2024 10:32 PM

Taupō District Council but you could assist those of us running accomdation business's by reducing the exorbitant rates we must pay to exist, the inspections, the annual "checks" the fees to sell coffee onsite at our accom, the fees to be where we are, the fees to make any changes at our place of business (we own the land and buildings) the yearly rates, the tip fees, I could go on.... Here we are providing jobs to local community members and bringing people to our town but we pay in excess of \$60k pa to TDC! The street I live on has 50/50 residents to Air B&B. It's really not right or just but nothing gets done.



Steve Strong  
Jun 25 2024 11:03 PM

Kris Blank exactly well said, then not to mention no legality of how many guests in said home they allow, as you and I know we are made to only have the legal amount our businesses can handle or told by council. But these other holiday homes cram guests in over and above the amount of bedrooms and you can even see that on there advertisement of homes. So again another over load on our waste management Kirby rubbish plus water supply ect ect.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 26 2024 04:32 AM

Hi Kris Blank and Steve Strong, we understand it's not easy out there and not everyone will agree with the changes we're proposing. Ultimately, by proposing an increase to our fees and charges, we're asking if you agree that the people who use these services should contribute more towards the cost of providing them. This helps reduce that cost burden falling on the wider community through rates (including the people who don't use these facilities or services at all). Short-term accommodation providers such as Airbnbs are something all councils around the country are looking at. However there are significant challenges in imposing rules on these accommodation providers at a local level in a way that would avoid legal action. Council are continuing to advocate for legislation to ensure a consistent approach across New Zealand. A reminder that you can find out more about our 10-year plan and have your say on the things you support or things you don't agree with, at <https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/haveyoursay>. Thanks, D.



James Wawatai  
Jun 25 2024 10:26 PM

So do you have any idea how much percentage this is going to keep our rates down?, stick to rubbish bags of you are all about user pays...



Taupō District Council  
Jun 26 2024 01:07 AM

Good question James Wawatai! I'm not sure exactly what that percentage would be sorry, but by applying these increases across our fees and charges, it helps reduce some of that cost burden falling on everyone, and every little bit counts right? Of course, it's a really tricky balancing act - as it is with Bag It or Bin It. Please share your feedback on bags v bins, fees and anything else we're proposing in our 10-year plan at <https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/haveyoursay>. Thanks, D.

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James Wawatai  
Jun 26 2024 02:19 AM

Taupō District Council so is it actually going to lower the rates?

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Taupō District Council  
Jun 26 2024 03:38 AM

James Wawatai the draft rates increase would be higher if we weren't also proposing to increase our fees and charges.

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Hana Ransfield  
Jun 26 2024 03:47 AM

What's up with all the increases I'm going have to rob something to survive. How about you stop the bus runs there are always emptied



Taupō District Council  
Jun 26 2024 04:19 AM

Hi Hana Ransfield, as we said in the post, by putting up our fees and charges for things like pools and transfer stations, it means that people who use these services contribute more towards the cost of providing them. This helps reduce that cost burden falling on the wider community through rates (including the people who don't use these facilities or services at all). Find out more about our 10-year plan and have your say on the things you support or anything you don't agree with such as bus services, at <https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/haveyoursay>. Thanks, D.



Reuben Wall  
Jun 25 2024 11:08 PM

The tricksssss, Yous are a rip off need more putea to fund your next hidden agenda.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 26 2024 12:12 AM

Hi Reuben Wall, there's nothing hidden. Everything is in the Draft Long-term Plan that sets the direction and budget for a 10 year period. Find out more and have your say on the things you support or anything you don't agree with, at <https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/haveyoursay>. Thanks, D.



Leon Ian Foden  
Jun 26 2024 08:27 AM

Reuben Wall so fkn true bro



Amiria Dempsey  
Jun 26 2024 12:27 AM

When does the increase come into play?  
I'd like to get in and stock up on stickers while they are still cheap



Taupō District Council  
Jun 26 2024 12:47 AM

Great idea Amiria Dempsey! You've still got quite a bit of time, as any price changes won't take effect until the Long-term Plan is adopted at the end of September. Thanks, D.



Grant Tullock  
Jun 26 2024 03:05 AM

Judi McGreevy hi Judi, yeh that's my understanding as well, however there's nothing to say our rates/costs are being off set by interest from the fund. I know there has been some withdrawal from this fund but very noticeable by the lack of comment on this fund and its present state.

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Vivienne Kumeroa  
Jun 26 2024 06:01 AM

A council that comes on Facebook to engage with the community, facing themselves up to all sorts of comments, criticism, questions is being transparent and has to be a council you can trust. Very reassuring so go ahead people and ask, being in a public arena they can only answer truthfully. Go Taupo District Council!!!! We might not hear what we want but we're getting answers. Kia ora!!!

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Taupo District Council  
Jun 27 2024 12:23 AM

Thank you so much Vivienne Kumeroa  
Really appreciate your comment. Ngā mihi, Dee

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Paul Mohi  
Jun 26 2024 12:38 PM

I love a good increase of everything!  
Thank you Taupo District Council I think we should be paying more for your guys hard back breaking work!  
Especially you guys in the office,

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Yvette J Bromwich-stewart  
Jun 26 2024 09:49 PM

This means things like rugby fees for next will increase too cover costs. Its hard enough as it is for us parents too pay things so our kids dont miss out.



Taupo District Council  
Jun 27 2024 12:19 AM

Hi Yvette J Bromwich-stewart, it is tough at the moment eh? It's been really hard to get the balance right between what the community wants and needs and keeping costs down. Check out [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay) for more on our 10 year plan and let us know what you think. Thanks, Dee



Selina Thompson  
Jun 26 2024 10:45 PM

Okay so this is going to produce about an extra \$1000 a year. How is that going to cover the \$30million that you shouldn't be spending on things we don't need...?



Taupo District Council  
Jun 27 2024 12:15 AM

Hi Selina Thompson, not sure where you have got your numbers from. I'm not sure how much the increases will amount to but it is one way that we can offset rates increases. We are looking for feedback on our 10 year plan which includes projects and budgets. Would love if you could have a look at that and let us know what you think should be in and out. Heaps more info at [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay) Thanks, Dee



Virginia Church  
Jun 26 2024 11:54 PM

consultation is so the moaners can go and look at the above changes or new things going into /or left out off the long term plan, and putting in a submission. Anyone moaning on here be proactive get the pen and paper out or computer and make a submisson either for or against what ever is being consulted about. Action is better than mouthing. The consultation Hui held were interesting as some things wont be included due to not enough money unless you want higher rates???



Taupō District Council  
Jun 27 2024 12:16 AM

Well said, thanks Virginia Church



Monika Vincent  
Jun 27 2024 06:20 AM

I heard today Taupo Times is discontinuing, people can't afford advertising anymore. Taupō District Council can you see where your proposed price increases are going? The town will become desolate as businesses won't survive

# Rates



Taupō District Council  
Jun 12 2024 04:06 AM

This is Rachel. Rachel lives in Taupō central, is passionate about living sustainably, yoga, her super cute cats and chooks, and the community. She is also one of our awesome councillors.

Rachel's looking at \$4,079.97 in rates next year. That's an extra \$450 from last year. Most (\$415) of this increase is going towards targeted rates that pay for keeping our water and wastewater infrastructure up to scratch.

Everyone's rates increase will be different. What's your number? Head to [www.taupo.govt.nz/ratessearch](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/ratessearch) to find out.

Rachel and the rest of the elected members need your help. "No-one wants rates increases. It's been really tough to keep services going without extra costs. We really need your feedback to see if we've got the balance right."

Learn more about the 10 year plan for the Taupō rohe and let us know what you think at [www.taupodc.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupodc.govt.nz/haveyoursay) shared a photo



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24 comments



Comments / Replies

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Irene Smith  
Jun 12 2024 04:09 AM

We're similar to your example.  
Increasing by \$451.19



Taupō District Council  
Jun 12 2024 04:16 AM

Hi Irene Smith, so like Cllr Rachel the majority of that will be on water and waste water infrastructure which has to be done. Check out the other stuff we're looking at [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay) Thanks, Dee



Kiri West  
Jun 12 2024 04:14 AM

Disappointing for renters also. As our rent will be increasing by \$50pw.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 12 2024 04:18 AM

Oooph that's tough Kiri West. Absolutely agree - it's not just home owners who are affected by this. It's everyone in the community. We'd love you to have your say at [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay) Thanks, Dee



Kaylene Montaperto  
Jun 12 2024 05:30 AM

Kiri West Mines \$70 extra a week '



Kiri West  
Jun 12 2024 09:26 AM

Kaylene Montaperto Blew my mind. My partner has been in this property for three years and has paid 100k in rent.



Wendy Gatley  
Jun 12 2024 07:14 PM

Kiri West we apparently have 1400 Air BNBS - this will definitely be impacting your rental costs



Judi McGreevy  
Jun 17 2024 12:49 AM

Taupō District Council Dee, you keep saying have our say , I am sure this could be shown to the councillors with the submissions, I feel the council have made their decision on the bags versus bins already , not an easy job for any of you really , thanks



Sinz Wineera  
Jun 12 2024 04:17 AM

Was absolutley awesome to have someone like Rachel at our Netball Opening Tournament this year. Someone that has played an knows the ins and outs of Netball. 24 Netball teams from all over Nz that travel too Taupo every Queens/kings birthday weekend. Thank you Rachel for taking the time out of your day to do our opening. Hopefully we see you again next year.

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Taupō District Council  
Jun 12 2024 04:19 AM

She's awesome eh Sinz Wineera - really cares about her community

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Rachel Shepherd  
Jun 12 2024 04:50 AM

Sinz Wineera if I'm invited back I'll be there with bells on!

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Sandy Le Couteur  
Jun 12 2024 10:47 AM

Sinz Wineera you're right she is lovely and has attended and helped with info on a number of occasions in various groups .... that's why they're using her to promote/validate the over inflated rates increase. But all that aside .... We are talking rates INCREASES.

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Devon Garmonsway  
Jun 12 2024 04:37 AM

Maybe put the cost of subdividing up that way as new houses get built \$\$ goes to the side to upgrade our water and wastewater infrastructure. There are so many ways to come up with the money to do these upgrades and unfortunately it gets dumped on the Community and not the big guys making millions from massive subdivisions. And please don't copy paste the same stupid feedback link I've done mine and tbh the council doesn't talk about much at all.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 12 2024 04:55 AM

Hi Devon Garmonsway, sorry you are frustrated. The reason we are directing people to the submission form is because that goes directly to the decision makers. It holds more weight than a comment on a social media post. If you are free to come along to one of our community events you'll be able to chat to Rachel, the rest of the elected members and our team about your ideas and concerns. There's heaps - [www.taupo.govt.nz/ltp-events](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/ltp-events). Hope you have a great evening. Cheers, Dee



Rachel Shepherd  
Jun 12 2024 08:14 AM

Hi Devon. We have a Development Contribution policy that does exactly that. I'd be happy to meet with you sometime and explain/discuss this or any other Council question you might have.



Devon Garmonsway  
Jun 12 2024 09:15 AM

Rachel Shepherd perfect amazing maybe it needs to be updated? Do council fees go up with the cost of living? When was the last time these contributions were updated? Would love to meet you to discuss other funding options other than rates.

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Wendy Gatley  
Jun 12 2024 07:12 PM

Devon Garmonsway Ok - fair call - greater developer costs so the rate payers aren't paying for developers profits?

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Rachel Shepherd  
Jun 12 2024 07:33 PM

Devon Garmonsway The policy was just updated (along with a few others) as part of our work on the Long Term Plan. Council Rates don't align with the rate of inflation because the rate of inflation is calculated based on general household goods like bread, milk and butter. Councils don't buy bread, milk and butter, we buy concrete, hot mix and huge water pipes. Inflation rates also don't factor in insurance, electricity or petrol which we all know has gone through the roof! My contact details are on the TDC website

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Devon Garmonsway  
Jun 12 2024 07:45 PM

Wendy Gatley exactly



James Wawatai  
Jun 12 2024 04:41 AM

Holdup on wheelie bins, stick to user  
pays for rubbish bags,,



Taupō District Council  
Jun 12 2024 07:30 AM

James Wawatai thanks for the comment.  
If you haven't already, can you fill  
out the submission form at  
[www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay?](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay?) And  
encourage your friends and whanau to  
have their say too. Ngā mihi, Dee



John Hutchison  
Jun 12 2024 05:00 AM

This works out to about \$11 a day. I  
have to say that's still pretty good  
value.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 12 2024 05:08 AM

Thanks John Hutchison There will be people paying more or less depending on the value of their property and if they are on our water supply etc. but Rachel's is probably about average.



Fiona Donald  
Jun 12 2024 06:39 PM

John Hutchison Accumulated and put into financial funds John then the council has a reasonable financial base ,not excluding the financial base that has existed for the length of time the Council has taken rates .It's extortion John.\$11 a day for daily running of our town ?? Why is it then that TDC has received funding from the WEF An unelected international body that has worrisome dictates that have not been agreed to by the people of Taupo district ?



James Stewart  
Jun 13 2024 06:49 AM

John Hutchison based off this it will mean all rents will go up by \$77 a week, not to mention business rents possibly 8 times this, all products and prices will go up also, imagine the rates on the land Pack n Save is on. Every thing will ne going up.



John Hutchison  
Jun 13 2024 08:08 AM

James Stewart a \$500 increase in rates should only affect rents by \$10 a week. You're right though for renters about \$77 of their weekly rent is used by the landlord to pay rates.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 13 2024 09:54 PM

Fiona Donald, that's not correct, we have not received any funding from WEF.



Judi McGreevy  
Jun 17 2024 12:44 AM

John Hutchison we the pensioner got \$3.50 increase in April! So \$11 a week on to Of all the other increases e.g insurances, power etc



Judi McGreevy  
Jun 17 2024 12:46 AM

Fiona Donald what is WEF?



Lorraine Pilkington  
Jun 12 2024 05:25 AM

The tragedy of the rates being done on the valuations was they were calculated in the boom of property around the district. So a lot of properties would not now be worth the value that they are paying rates on now. This is only my understanding of how rates are calculated. I'm happy to be told otherwise by the experts.





Taupō District Council  
Jun 12 2024 05:59 AM

Hi Lorraine Pilkington, the last valuation was done in July 2022. At the time, properties were selling for more than now. But if your property had increased by 60%, it doesn't mean that you are paying 60% more in rates. Any rates increase is determined by your property value increase compared with the average increase across the Taupō District. If you think of the our rates income as a pie, the size of the pie does not get any bigger as a result of the revaluation. However, a ratepayer's slice of pie might get bigger or smaller depending on how their property value has changed in relation to the average change of the district. The revaluation does not increase the amount of money we collect from rates - it simply helps us work out everyone's share of rates. Hopefully this graphic might help. Thanks, Dee :)

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Alex Davey  
Jun 12 2024 07:37 AM

Taupō District Council I have no understanding of how you charge rates on the value of your property versus the number of humans that use that property. I must be a numskull

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Taupō District Council  
Jun 12 2024 07:47 AM

Hi Alex Davey, it's kind of the standard system across New Zealand to do it this way. I suppose your way would make it a bit more difficult to manage as you'd have to keep checking how many people were living there and adjusting rates if people moved out. Lots more info here on the rating valuation system - <https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/property-and-rates/rating-valuations> Thanks, Dee

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Alex Davey  
Jun 12 2024 08:44 AM

Taupō District Council yes indeed but how does the value of a property determine how much in rates you should pay. As we all get the same service from the council regardless. And then with dividing council from environment Waikato rates is even more senseless. More money grabbing for nothing



Taupō District Council  
Jun 12 2024 08:49 AM

Hi Alex Davey, do you want to give us a ring on 07 376 0899 and we can explain it to you a bit more? Or come pop along to one of our events and the team can talk to you about it and any other concerns you have? [www.taupo.govt.nz/ltp-events](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/ltp-events) for more on those. Thanks, Dee



Ricky Slater  
Jun 12 2024 06:16 AM

These huge increases are fine if you have a well paid job or two incomes, Alot don't. ...And the government and renters wonder why rents are high. It's these high rates and high interest rates that do it



Taupō District Council  
Jun 12 2024 07:29 AM

Hi Ricky Slater, let's call a spade, a spade here - no-one wants rates increases. I know, I could do without them. It's really tough for people in our community. That's why Rachel, the elected members and our council whanau have worked really hard to cut back. Thanks, Dee



Allan Hill

Jun 12 2024 09:19 AM

Taupō District Council WAFJ



Sandy Le Couteur

Jun 12 2024 10:40 AM

Taupō District Council Dee let's call a spade a spade... the council are using Rachel (as a good family person she is) to promote this increase to pull on heart strings to make it "feel" right!!! Yet Council have stuffed up on overspending on cbd roading changes (yes you received some \$\$\$ from a corrupt labour government so you did not use foresight into this disastrous layout..... tax payers dollars ), other stupid changes as in by z service station by mitre10 (but cover that cock up by saying it's "now" a pedestrian crossing). Poisoning our drinking water with a known toxin that can have detrimental side effects on people (let alone animals) or even building (an ugly monstrosity of a council building) for Iwi ... then leasing (renting) the very same building back off them that WE THE RATE PAYERS have to coff up for ..... hmmm. You can try white washing how you "Sell to ratepayers" the increase BUT most people that are awake to this farce DON'T Buy what you're trying to sell!!



Lindy Barrett

Jun 14 2024 05:47 AM

Sandy Le Couteur nailed it



Shirlene Mita  
Jun 12 2024 06:49 AM

If they supplied clean drinking water I'd be ok with it. But it's so full of chemicals and making people sick or have long term effects that are dangerous, I feel we shouldn't pay anything.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 12 2024 07:24 AM

Hi Shirlene Mita, our water is treated to the standards set out by the Ministry of Health. If you want to have a read of our 10 year plan and give your feedback on that it would be awesome. More info at [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay) Thanks, Dee



Shirlene Mita  
Jun 12 2024 08:03 AM

Taupō District Council yeah however we both know how bad that fluoride is. You could push and so say to protect the people



Shirlene Mita  
Jun 12 2024 08:07 AM

Oh my god!!! Three waters!!! Are you serious!! Now I really don't believe your here to help our community. Your here to follow government rules!!!!



Taupō District Council  
Jun 12 2024 08:11 AM

Hi Shirlene Mita, not really sure what you mean as the government three waters scheme has been scrapped. Feel free to come along to one of our community events where you can chat to our team about any concerns you have.  
[www.taupo.govt.nz/ltp-events](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/ltp-events) Cheers,  
Dee



Shirlene Mita  
Jun 12 2024 08:11 AM

Taupō District Council yes exactly



Shirlene Mita  
Jun 12 2024 08:16 AM

Taupō District Council I would if your events worked in with my work schedule, I work to pay your over whelming fees. For water that's dangerous regardless of Ministry guidelines, we all know what it's doing. And then have to pay for a system that helps get that fluoride out of the water, on top of trying to pupiri healthy after having drunk that water, while I'm trying to protect my moko's from the water is costing me more. So take that chemical out of the water and I wouldn't have to work long hours and could attend your meetings as I'm trying to look after all people.



Shirlene Mita  
Jun 12 2024 08:26 AM

Taupō District Council just gonna go read the stuff you guys made up. I mean plan



Shirlene Mita  
Jun 12 2024 08:39 AM

Taupō District Council



Fiona Donald  
Jun 12 2024 06:30 PM

Taupō District Council Hi Dee. Is the Council not aware that the Government can only recommend to the Council legally .If the TDC makes a decision that what the Government is asking for will not be in the interests of its people it can refuse to comply .Any threats from the Government is Illegal ! It's called coercion.It is not a position of refusal but a position of presenting a reasonable case .Therefore you don't get fined . You have not represented us .You know full well that Fluoride for instance has over the last 17 years built up an overwhelming case against its efficacy,highlighted by the fact that it's not a natural occurring substance ,but a by product from the fertilizer industry .It's the toxic rubbish that's very expensive to neutralize,but a quirk in the law allows it to be sold .We are paying for a neurotoxin ! How does that show You TDC are working for its people ?



Shirlene Mita  
Jun 12 2024 06:54 PM

Taupō District Council Thankyou Fiona



Shirlene Mita  
Jun 12 2024 06:55 PM

Fiona Donald Thankyou



Stephanie Paul  
Jun 12 2024 07:26 AM

It will now cost me \$5904.00 per year to live in my 3 bed in Richmond heights. We are paying double sewage and water because of a sleep out that has a bathroom. Just a family trying to get ahead but can't.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 12 2024 08:13 AM

That's tough Stephanie Paul. Please take the time to fill out our submission form at [www.taupo.govt.nz/](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/) haveyoursay with your feedback. Thanks, Dee



Matt Ress  
Jun 12 2024 07:33 AM

Put my address in and won't show me my address? Does that mean I don't have to pay rates? And based on what you think my property is worth (I know it's not worth what you have valued it at) is pretty unfair as I'm paying more based on what my neighbors have not my house and land!! Just another kick in the teeth I'm starting to run out of teeth to kick! Plus my water system was fine hot tap was hot cold tap was cold and the beer was still in the fridge.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 12 2024 07:43 AM

Hi Matt Ress, that's weird. Do you want to send us a private message or give us a call on 07 376 0899 and we can look into it for you? However, a ratepayer's slice of pie might get bigger or smaller depending on how their property value has changed in relation to the average change of the district. That's not really how the rating valuation system works. It is based on properties similar to yours around your area but not necessarily your neighbours. There's heaps more info here - <https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/property-and-rates/rating-valuations> You can also query your valuation at the time its done if you think it's wrong. Might be worth looking into the next time the valuations are done in 2025. Thanks, Dee :)



Matt Ress  
Jun 12 2024 08:52 AM

Taupō District Council have private messaged you thanks





Shelley Moseley  
Jun 12 2024 07:36 AM

Gareth Moseley as if the rates we pay  
right now aren't high enough!!!!



Paul Williams  
Jun 12 2024 07:57 AM

But why is the rates not kept to the  
rate of inflation. As a pensioner these  
rates increases is starting seriously  
to cut into our food and power budgets.  
Yes the rebate does help but at the  
rate our rates are going up this means  
every 3 years our rates increase by  
\$1000, this year they were \$3000 so in  
3 years time they will be \$4000. You  
can come up with all the excuses in the  
world as what great things your doing  
but I'm seeing the size of Taupo  
increase flat out maybe it's time for  
our council to really try to save some  
money as our pension only goes up a  
small amount. If our pension went up by  
\$300 to \$400 then we wouldn't have  
anything to complain about. After  
looking at the previous post our rates  
used to be \$2300 a year and now there  
about \$3300 thats a 50% increase when  
inflation has only been 20%.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 12 2024 08:06 AM

Hi Paul Williams, that would be amazing if we could keep rates in line with inflation. Unfortunately, the cost of electricity, insurance and building materials etc. haven't stuck to inflation prices either so we're a bit stuck. A lot of the increase is to maintain water and waste water infrastructure. Check out the info on our 10 year plan at [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay). It gives a really good insight into where we are at. We also have lots of community events where you can chat to the team and find out more - [www.taupo.govt.nz/ltp-events](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/ltp-events) Thanks, Dee



Paul Williams  
Jun 12 2024 08:38 PM

Taupō District Council so are we being charged inflation plus inflation on all the services other companies can keep a lid on those costs so why can't the council. The cost of replacement of water type service should have built into the rates from day one, are you saying this is not the case. As I've said before all we get is excuses so when are councils going to start and keep a lid on over inflation charging. We all have to put up with inflation but council inflation charges are very steep and at this rate people will start to default on paying their rates. Then you'll charge interest etc. I think this maybe only be a year or two before this happens. We don't need the most beautiful town win that will save some money. We have these events that's great for the town brings in money for business how much does it cost the council to back and host these events, can these events. What I'm trying to say is start trying to save money everywhere you can with no excuses for over the top rate increase, I'm sure places council members shop would love to increase prices 35%.



Judi McGreevy  
Jun 17 2024 12:40 AM

Taupō District Council yes and our rates, insurances, power , phones, food etc have also gone up big time!



Fiona Donald  
Jun 12 2024 06:12 PM

Why is it that TDC doesn't have a budget We households do We know to put money aside to pay for maintenance every week . What's going on ? Why the incompetency ?



Rachel Shepherd  
Jun 12 2024 08:03 PM

Fiona Donald the Long Term Plan (LTP) is the 10 year budget. The budget is effectively reviewed yearly via Annual Plans and 3 yearly updates of the LTP because as we all know, things change. We can only legally rate based on what's in the budget, we can't just add a little extra to rates to 'save for a rainy day'. We do have very a comprehensive renewals budget included in the plan to ensure we keep up with maintenance, you can view this all on the TDC website under the 10 year plan and make sure you send in a submission [www.taupodc.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupodc.govt.nz/haveyoursay)



James Jackson  
Jun 13 2024 06:33 AM

Fiona Donald exactly right



James Jackson  
Jun 13 2024 06:36 AM

There is no point in doing the  
submission as council will do what they  
want anyway



Judi McGreevy  
Jun 17 2024 12:35 AM

James Jackson on point



Taupō District Council  
Jun 17 2024 02:41 AM

James Jackson if you don't submit, then  
the council can't listen to you. Our  
awesome councillors were elected to  
represent the community. They can't do  
their jobs properly if people don't  
give their feedback. We have heaps of  
community events on where you can chat  
to them in person ([www.taupo.govt.nz/  
ltp-events](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/ltp-events)) or fill in the online form  
at [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay)  
Thanks, Dee



Judi McGreevy  
Jun 17 2024 03:30 AM

Taupō District Council done



Wendy Gatley  
Jun 12 2024 07:10 PM

This is interesting <https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/350305789/queenstown-affordable-homes-developer-seeks-airbnb-type-consent> - commercial rates on Air BNBs?



Sophie Maidment  
Jun 12 2024 09:18 PM

My own rates living in 99sqm house will be almost 4k next year. How can you warrant this TDC. Where does this money go? Company cars and paying the mayor and CEO of the council, it seems and making bad decisions and wasteful spending that's all we see in this town.



Taupō District Council  
Jun 12 2024 09:34 PM

Hi Sophie Maidment, no one wants rates increases and we understand it's really tough for people in our community. That's why Rachel, the elected members and our council whanau have worked really hard to cut back. A lot of the increase is to maintain essential water and waste water infrastructure. Check out the info on our 10 year plan at [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay). It gives a really good insight into where we are at. We also have lots of community events where you can chat to the team and find out more at [www.taupo.govt.nz/ltp-events](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/ltp-events). Thanks, D.



James Stewart  
Jun 13 2024 07:00 AM

Taupō District Council is this why there are 50 plus manages working for council, council staff are all paid well, look at AC Baths staff, event staff, gardeners all paid above the national average for their roles and more than commercial opporations. A lot more can be done. Look at all the new homes that have come on board in the kast 23 years, with size should come significant discounts. A bed tax might be a better option. You are not thinking about the elderly pensioners or the poor renters with rents now set to rise or the costs for small businesses. Disappointing.



Sophie Maidment  
Jun 12 2024 09:22 PM

My parents rates living in a 253sqm house will be nearly 6k how can you warrant this? They are going to have to sell their house because they can't afford the rates , living on a pension. Seems only rich folk can afford to only live here now. I feel completely helpless and I wish I could help them so they didn't have to sell their house. They built there house to stay here but I feel like the council is driving them away by having these giant rates - which makes zero sense because the land is freehold its basically a rent to stay on the land ... I don't get it.



Taupo District Council  
Jun 13 2024 12:02 AM

Hi Sophie Maidment, we understand it's really tough out there. Rates cover a huge amount things, including building compliance and development, parking, transport, maintaining parks, reserves and sports grounds, three swimming pool facilities across the district, event facilities, our libraries and the Taupo Museum and Art Gallery, public toilets, housing for the elderly, litter control, stormwater, wastewater, drinking water just to name a few. More info on this at <https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/property-and-rates/rates/rating-system-faqs>. If you haven't already, please take the time to fill out our submission form at [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](https://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay) with your feedback. Thanks, D.



Lindy Barrett  
Jun 14 2024 05:43 AM

Sophie Maidment so sad to hear.... Even more sad to know this is part of their plans



Tuia Murray  
Jun 13 2024 12:55 AM

It also covers ridiculous sculptures, bad main street layout, a monstrosity of a new council building and a whole raft of poor spending of rate payers money



Taupō District Council  
Jun 13 2024 01:45 AM

Hi Tuia Murray, we understand that everyone won't agree with every decision made and we know it's really tough for people in our community. That's why Rachel, the elected members and our council whanau have worked really hard to cut back. If you haven't already please take the time to fill out our submission form at [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay) to ensure our Mayor and councillors see your feedback. Just to clarify, it's not a new council building. Te Whare Hono o Tūwharetoa Limited Partnership is building and will own the new three-storey office building on Horomātangi Street. Several Ngāti Tūwharetoa entities and Taupō District Council will be leasing office space and be co-tenants in the building. The Taupō Town Centre Transformation project was largely funded by central government. Thanks, D.





Brent Adams  
Jun 13 2024 08:35 AM

Taupō District Council worked really hard to cut back to keep rates down, How about cutting staff numbers At April 2018, of the 361 employees, 38 were Managers. At April 2024, of the 430 employees, 57 are Managers. 60 are payed ova \$100,000 per year payed by us the ratepayer

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John Hutchison  
Jun 13 2024 08:41 AM

Tuia Murray I like the new lake front area. Which building are you referring to? Do you mean the new iwi building?

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Terry McIntosh  
Jun 16 2024 07:13 PM

Tuia Murray yep, councils are out of control, with no thought for the poor old ratepayer.

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Terry McIntosh  
Jun 16 2024 07:14 PM

John Hutchison haha that's a slippery one

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Taupō District Council  
Jun 17 2024 02:44 AM

Hi Brent Adams, every person who works at Taupō District Council has an important role in keeping the district ticking. We've put a pause on creating new roles. If we cut back on staff, we would have to cut back on services too. Please be aware that you are talking about people who live here and our part of this community just like you. They're your neighbours, part of your clubs and sports teams, dropping their kids off to the same schools and shopping in the same supermarkets. Times are tough for everybody, including our team who are all under the same financial strains as you are. Our people work hard, try their best for their communities and are often in the firing line for criticism. It's understandable that you would think this would help in reducing rates but you are talking about people's livelihoods. Thanks, Dee

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Brent Adams  
Jun 17 2024 04:26 AM

Taupō District Council Wot about ratepayers livelihoods, When you have got 60 people in council on \$100,000 thats \$6M and like i said they are earning way more than that

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Terry McIntosh  
Jun 17 2024 07:40 AM

Brent Adams when it's not you money, it's easy to spend

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Taupō District Council  
Jun 18 2024 12:29 AM

Terry McIntosh and Brent Adams, but it is our money. Cllr Rachel, the elected member and our team all live, work and play here. I'm not thrilled about my rates increase but that's why I have supported all the cut backs that have been made internally and, although a bit gutting, can understand why there are community projects that need to be put on the back burner. Have a read of the plan and let us know what you think at [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay)  
Thanks, Dee (\$445 increase)



Terry McIntosh  
Jun 18 2024 02:55 AM

Taupō District Council it's our money, says it all



Brent Adams  
Jun 18 2024 03:26 AM

Taupō District Council You say its your money as in the councils money, How arrogant are you and this council to think that way, You don't care about the ratepayers that pay your wages, I am outraged with that arrogant comment



Taupō District Council  
Jun 18 2024 03:34 AM

Brent Adams and Terry McIntosh, I think you just misinterpreted my comment. I meant, I'm a ratepayer so I absolutely care how the money is spent. Most of our team and the councillors are rate payers too. Ngā mihi, Dee



Brent Adams  
Jun 18 2024 04:13 AM

Taupō District Council Is this why the new council building has gone from \$850.000 annual rent which wot was proposed and sold to ratepayers signing the deal for a purpose built council building and was supposed to be only for council, But now it is going to cost ratepayers ova \$1.23M annual rent



Selina Thompson  
Jun 13 2024 01:33 AM

With the massive increase in properties lately you would think the rates would be coming down?



Taupō District Council  
Jun 13 2024 01:49 AM

Hi Selina Thompson, wouldn't be great if it worked that way?! Unfortunately, the cost of electricity, insurance and building materials etc have increased hugely. A lot of the rates increase is to maintain water and waste water infrastructure. Check out all the info on our 10 year plan at [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay). It gives a really good insight into where we are at, what we're planning and how we pay for it. We also have lots of community events where you can chat to the team and find out more - [www.taupo.govt.nz/ltp-events](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/ltp-events) Thanks, D.



James Stewart  
Jun 13 2024 06:52 AM

Wow this will put rents up \$70 a week  
not to mention food going up with the  
rental on commercial properties, have  
to think about Pac n Saves rates  
increase this will get passed on to  
shoppers, eventually will cause more  
shops to close. Disappointing

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Paul Williams  
Jun 13 2024 06:55 AM

Why does this person from the council keep referring to the Long Term Draft thats full of wording that the average person cannot understand. Please tell us how much the council is paying in interest to service the outrageous loans loans they have. Did the council ask the rate payers for permission to raise these loans. After all it's us who's paying your wages and all your perks that you believe you should have. As I said yesterday how long will it be before people start to default on paying there rates. As mentioned by someone saying parents having to sell because of the rates at \$5,500 thats \$200 a week minimum from a pension now add \$100 to \$150 a week for house and or contents insurance. Were a captured bunch of people who really have not many rights but to pay up whatever the council wants to charge. I meet the mayor once at a business after 5 function just as he won the mayoral if I remember correctly he was talking about stopping the high rate of rates increase and was going to rain in council spending, I think this is a broken promise to the business people he was talking to. We as the people can not afford these sort of increases on rates and please spare me from the rates are based on blah blah blah. How about we sack the council (mass sacking) and we'll put in a bunch of old girls who know how to budget and put money aside for future purchases. So how about the council stop borrowing money flat out and get the level of debt down so the amount of money spent servicing these loans are not crippling. We as ratepayers I believe have had enough of high rate increases that we cannot afford to pay anymore. I would like to hear the mayor response to this and not from someone employed to put standard answers up. YEAH DAMN RIGHT.

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Brent Adams  
Jun 19 2024 04:13 AM

Hi Dee, With the proposal for wheelie bins is that going to cost ratepayers \$366 annually per household on top of our rates???



Taupō District Council  
Jun 19 2024 05:33 AM

Hi Brent Adams, yes the estimated annual cost for a household from July 2025 is \$366 in rates with no user fees. As a comparison, the estimated average cost per household per year of sticking with bags is \$340, made up of \$184 in rates and \$156 for rubbish bags (based on throwing out one bag per week). Lots more info at <https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/bagitorbinit>. Thanks, D.



Brent Adams  
Jun 19 2024 10:04 AM

Taupō District Council Let me redefine my question, So it going to be an extra \$366 per year on top of our rates???Yes or No with out the waffle



Taupō District Council  
Jun 19 2024 08:46 PM

Brent Adams no



Wendy Gatley  
Jun 22 2024 12:45 AM

<https://wtaq.com/2024/06/21/top-tourist-destination-barcelona-plans-to-shut-all-holiday-apartments-by-2028/> -  
have a look at what they are doing  
around the rest of the world



Wendy Gatley  
Jun 22 2024 12:45 AM

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# **Last Chance Post**



Taupō District Council  
Jul 01 2024 11:58 PM

Last chance Taupō District!

Have you had your say on our Long-term Plan yet? Submissions close this Friday and we want to hear from you!

Have we got the balance right?

Should we focus most of our effort and money on essential services?

Safe roads  
Resilient water infrastructure  
Keeping the lights on

Find out more and let us know what you think at [www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/3have-we-got-the-balance-right](http://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/3have-we-got-the-balance-right)

Bag it or Bin it

Have your say on the future of kerbside rubbish and recycling!

Last year we asked what you thought of bags vs bins and heard from heeeeeaaaaaaaps of you.

So we've done some more mahi, worked out the details and crunched the numbers. Now we're back asking the big question. Bag It or Bin It?

Check out the video: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/cnay6yfXn4pw7mhx/>

Find out more and have your say at [www.taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/bagitorbinit)

Should we help ease the housing crisis in the Taupō District?

We own a parcel of land south of Richmond Heights in Taupō. We have the opportunity to sell some of this to a development partner who would build high-quality, attractive homes on it.

Some of these homes (around 42) would be targeted at first home buyers who can afford to pay a mortgage. The remainder would be sold on the open market.

Find out more and have your say at  
[www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/7helping-ease-our-housing-crisis](http://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/7helping-ease-our-housing-crisis)

How should we deal with wastewater?

Wastewater is the dirty water that's left behind after taking a shower, doing a load of washing or flushing the loo.

In Taupō, there's been more houses being built on the northern side of the Waikato River. This means the pipe that takes wastewater across to the Taupō Wastewater Treatment Plant is almost at capacity.

In Tūrangi, the wastewater is treated to a very high standard and disposed of into a wetland. This is a very common process in other parts of New Zealand but the community has raised concerns and asked us to try to find a land-based option.

We've come up with some different solutions. Check them out:  
[www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/5wastewater](http://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/5wastewater)

Increasing fees and charges to manage rates

One way to try and keep rates under control is to increase our fees and charges on different services that people choose to use. We're thinking of a 20-25 percent increase across the board.

Adult AC Baths entry from \$10 to \$12  
Swim lessons from \$12 to \$15  
Rubbish bag stickers from \$2 to \$2.50  
Broadlands Road Landfill minimum charge from \$21 to \$26  
Building consent from \$100 to \$125

All of these services, like swimming pools and landfills, are topped up by rates. By putting up our fees and charges, it means that people who use the services contribute more towards the cost of providing them.

This helps reduce that cost burden

falling on the wider community through rates (including the people who don't use these facilities or services at all).

Find out more and have your say at [www.taupo.govt.nz/ltp-fees](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/ltp-fees)

Let's talk about Control Gates Bridge

We've heard from many of you that you're not enjoying sitting in traffic waiting to cross the Waikato River at certain times of the day.

Planning for a solution to ease congestion was meant to happen in 2031-33 but traffic volumes are increasing faster than we predicted. The plan is to spend the next three years working with Mercury, iwi, and hapū to begin working on options.

We'll come back to you with some detailed designs and costs in 2027, with a view to starting construction in 2029. A rough initial estimated cost is \$73.5 million. What do you think?

Find out more and have your say at [www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/other-things-were-thinking-about](http://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/other-things-were-thinking-about)

Plan for Tūrangi town centre

We know the Tūrangi community are really keen to see their town centre tidied up and given a new lease on life, and there is also a lot of excitement about a community recreation centre in Tūrangi.

During our last Long-term Plan in 2021, we started working with Ngāti Tūrangitukua to create a community recreation centre for Tūrangi. This centre is still in our draft Long-term Plan, but it has been delayed until 2028.

That's because, although we allocated \$15.9 million for the centre in our 2021-31 Long-term Plan, construction costs have risen significantly and there's also uncertainty around where a centre should go, who would run it, and how it would be used. It is going to be expensive to build and operate and we

aren't confident the Tūrangi community can afford a centre of this size right now.

At the same time, the community has been asking for action on the Tūrangi town centre, and there are some links between getting this sorted and investing in a recreation centre.

So, what we're proposing is that we do some town centre structure planning to get that functioning better, which will help us figure out what recreation facilities are needed and where best to place them.

In this plan, we've allocated around \$150,000 to our town centre planning in 2025 and \$17.5 million for the recreation centre project in the years 2028-2030. What do you think?

Find out more and have your say at [www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/other-things-were-thinking-about](http://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/other-things-were-thinking-about)

#### Transport funding changes

We usually get help funding our transport projects like road widening from Waka Kotahi (New Zealand Transport Agency).

We'd like to improve some intersections in the next 10 years like AC Baths Avenue, Napier Road/Crown Road intersection and Taharepa Road/Crown Road intersection near Tauhara Primary School. We'd also like to do some major upgrades on Broadlands Road, Poihipi Road and Whangamata Road.

If we get less money, what should we do? Increase our budget to make up the shortfall so we can deliver the full list of projects? Or change the projects up to meet our smaller budget?

Find out more and have your say at [www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/other-things-were-thinking-about](http://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/other-things-were-thinking-about)

#### Rates increase

Rachel lives in Taupō central, is passionate about living sustainably, yoga, her super cute cats and chooks, and the community. She is also one of our awesome councillors.

Rachel's looking at \$4,079.97 in rates next year. That's an extra \$450 from last year. Most (\$415) of this increase is going towards targeted rates that pay for keeping our water and wastewater infrastructure up to scratch.

What's your number? Find out at [www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/4what-will-your-rates-look-like](http://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/4what-will-your-rates-look-like)

Have we missed something?

We love how passionate our community is in the Taupō rohe. If there's something that we've missed out that you think should be included in this plan, we really want to hear from you.

Skip to question 11 of our submission survey and give your feedback or send an email to [10yearplan@taupo.govt.nz](mailto:10yearplan@taupo.govt.nz).

Find out more about making a submission at [www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/zmake-a-submission](http://www.taupodc.govt.nz/council/consultation/draft-long-term-plan-2024-34/zmake-a-submission)  
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**\$5**  
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## **Broadlands landfill minimum charge**



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## **Another Waikato River Bridge**



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***Rachel is looking at a \$450  
rates increase this year.***



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Steve King

Jul 02 2024 01:28 AM

I was under the impression that ghe decisions had already been made regarding switching to wheelie bins, and that money has been allocated. If that's true, what kind of input do you want from us?



Taupō District Council

Jul 02 2024 01:44 AM

Steve King that's not true. We're keen to hear from everybody on what they want to see for the future of our kerbside rubbish collection. Our mayor and councillors will see all the feedback and after the hearings, make a decision towards the end of September. If you haven't already, please have your say at <https://www.taupodc.govt.nz/ltp>. Thanks, D.



Ned van Geffen

Jul 02 2024 03:41 AM

140L every 2 weeks isnt enough for most people, surely? We had a weekly 80L bin and upgraded to 120L weekly as 80l was nowhere near enough.... Why are we not getting weekyl wheelie bins like they get 'everywhere else'? Auckland is weekly, tokoroa etc is weekly? I'd rather stick with my 120L weekly bin i pay Waste Management for than pay for a 140L fortnightly bin through my rates....



Taupō District Council  
Jul 02 2024 03:45 AM

Hi Ned van Geffen, we've actually had quite a few comments from people who live alone or recycle a lot, that they think the bins would be too big. Please make sure to head to [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay) and fill in the submission survey. That way councillors can get the full picture of community views. Thanks, Dee



Ned van Geffen  
Jul 02 2024 03:50 AM

Taupō District Council sure, why not give them a smaller 80L bin so they can maneuver it easily, even when full, and allow others to pay more for a bigger bin but make it weekly? Means the elderly or less abled have a higher chance of getting the bin to the road, less smelly rubbish sitting around too? You cant put every single household into 1 bracket. You must have done some research right, what is the average number of rubbish bags collected per address every week? And as you give those numbers, please make it clear if thats total bags / total homes, or actually bags per occupied house. I'd be willing to bet that the current average would be higher than 1 bag per household



Taupō District Council  
Jul 02 2024 06:25 AM

Hi Ned van Geffen, can you send us a private message with your contact details? That way I can put you in touch with the waste minimisation team who have done the research on it. My household has four people (and one insane dog) and we put out a bag a fortnight. As you say, everyone household is different. Whatever service is decided on, there will be people who it doesn't 100% suit. If you haven't already - please send in your feedback and encourage your friends and whanau as well: [www.taupo.govt.nz/](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/) haveyoursay. Thanks, Dee



Peter Goodman  
Jul 02 2024 06:07 AM

Why is the rubbish bin so big and only picked up every two weeks? It should be a bit smaller and picked up every week like it's at the moment . It's forget about the silly food scrap bin and recycling in the other bins as normal . Like us to get rid of the plastic bags that are being buried in the ground destroying the environment . Why do we need to wait until September? I thought the new bins are coming out in June or July this year? There is nowhere on the application form to suggest having us smaller bin once a week and to ditch the stupid food scrap Ben because they just go down the gully in the sink and not needed to go and be thrown in the ground. Stop wasting our money and just move on .. The greens are out of government so don't need to worry about stupid policies applied by the last government .



Taupō District Council  
Jul 02 2024 06:19 AM

Hi Peter Goodman, food scrap bins are something that the government are bringing in across the country. If the community feedback is in favour of switching to wheelie bins, the roll out of the new service would be in July 2025. That's when our current contract ends and we would have everything set in place for the wheelie bin service to run smoothly. Do the job once, do it right eh? If you skip to question 11 on the submission form, there's a space for feedback where you can add your thoughts. Or you can send an email to [10yearplan@taupo.govt.nz](mailto:10yearplan@taupo.govt.nz). Thanks, Dee

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Peter Goodman  
Jul 02 2024 06:27 AM

Taupō District Council so what are you gonna do with the food scraps? What happens if people put things that are not food scraps in the bin? Are they gonna be tipped out in the ground? Like all the bottles with lids left on in the street around Taupo? It's disgusting mess . How do people know about having to remove the lids with not had a newspaper delivered for last three years on the street? I live in and there's no flyer come through the mailbox. I know you've post on Facebook, but not even on Facebook . Number of neighbours. Keep putting the same bin out for the recycling week after week but it still stays there because they have left lids on bottles which they were able to before and there's been no information for them telling them otherwise. Oh my house rubbish is from food packaging and things so maybe I could put this all in the food scrap then please don't send me the link to saying what you're allowed to and you're not allowed to because I'm not gonna be the only one not bothering to follow the rules . At least for the next 12 months, can we not have paper rubbish bags instead of plastic? Is there somewhere we can get paper rubbish bags to put our rubbish in instead of plastic bags? Think of the plan get rid of plastics



Taupō District Council  
Jul 02 2024 06:57 AM

Hi Peter Goodman, do you want to send us a private message with your contact details? That way we can get one of our waste team to get in touch with you directly. Thanks, Dee





Selina Thompson  
Jul 03 2024 04:17 AM

Taupō District Council how about you run a trial like in Belgium where they gave every household 3 chickens to eat all their food scraps and produce eggs?



Judi McGreevy  
Jul 02 2024 06:48 AM

Done



Mandy Williams  
Jul 02 2024 10:04 AM

Surely you'd line the wheelie bin with a bag, or it would get pretty dirty and then, why have a wheelie bin and not just a bag? Also then the hassle of having to wash it out all the time to keep it clean if you cant use a bag. Also, finding room to store the big bins close enough to the house for convenience is going to be a hassle. (at mine anyway)



Taupō District Council  
Jul 02 2024 10:40 PM

Mandy Williams make sure to have your say at [www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay) if you haven't already :)



Mandy Williams  
Jul 03 2024 12:01 AM

Taupō District Council I have already,  
I dont expect to get my specific  
answers though.



Cynthia Mann  
Jul 04 2024 08:47 PM

Mandy Williams just my point of view  
but would you not still have rubbish  
bags inside your house rubbish bin that  
you transferred the rubbish to the  
wheelie bin in?, and as for washing a  
wheelie bin, it's a bit like washing  
your current recycling bin, done when  
needed.



Mandy Williams  
Jul 04 2024 09:22 PM

Cynthia Mann Still using plastic bags  
of some sort huh, when the bins are  
meant to deter that ? Just a bit more  
labour intensive as well, transferring  
all the time and washing a big wheelie  
bin is not quite the same as washing a  
small recycle bin. Then, also, the  
issue of storing a big wheelie bin  
close enough to the house for  
convenience, without it sitting  
beautifully ? at your front door. So,  
just from my point of view, I prefer  
the system I have now. Not all systems  
blanket suit every household, but we  
wont have a choice if the decision is  
made to change, hence, my opinion. :-)



Cynthia Mann  
Jul 05 2024 01:38 AM

Mandy, everyone is entitled to their opinion, the way I read your comment is that you would like not to have a indoor bin and just put rubbish straight into the wheelie bin if this change is forced upon you, that would create the issue of having to wash the wheelie bin but I'm pretty sure fir your convenience you can purchase wheelie bin sized liners reducing the need to wash and the use of multiple plastic bags by only using one, it is each to their own



Mandy Williams  
Jul 05 2024 02:18 AM

Cynthia Mann No, not exactly. I am fine with the indoor bin and using just one bigger bag until rubbish day. Then it's all done in one procedure. Hard to explain the whole process I am meaning. I am just happy with what I do now and as I say, if forced to change, I will just find an alternative :-)



Claire Dredge  
Jul 03 2024 04:51 AM

Rangitaiki Hall and Community

