

Fixing Mauao

A lot of effort has gone into getting the Mount tracks back on track since the storm of 29 January. The base track is now partially open but the worst hit section will stay closed for the foreseeable future. In some places the base track will have to be completely rebuilt. Slips that extend back up the slope out of sight from the track will need to be secured before any work is done below.

The morning after the storm staff went on site to check the damage and made a call to close the mountain. On the next working day (1 February) staff and geotechnical consultants spent 9 hours logging the slips, nearly 100 over the entire maunga. It took another day to prepare a report and assess what could be done towards reopening some of the tracks. Minor works began on 3 and 4 February. Major work started the following week and the base track was partially opened at 5pm on last Wednesday, 9 February, along with one of the summit tracks.

Within the next week we hope to have the 4WD track open. Please stay on the tracks and do not enter the closed areas. Care should still be taken on all track surfaces.

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"One day, months from now, this will be the Mount base track again." Parks staff took the councillors to the see the worst base track slips last week.

BAYWAVE THE PLACE TO BE THIS WEEKEND!

Splash on in to Baywave for a weekend of fabulous family fun

Sat 19 Feb: Tip Top Popsicle Band

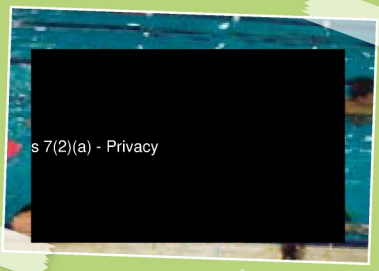
Two performances from the band at 11:30am and 2pm, face painting, competitions, and spot prizes. Standard pool entry charge applies.

Sun 20 Feb- Give it a go day! Activities from 10am until 2pm
\$1.00 entry for kids

Have a go at swimming with a club, water polo, synchronised swimming, learning to swim and much more.

(Due to number restrictions, the learn to swim lessons are on a first come first serve basis).

For more information visit www.tcal.co.nz or call 575 0276



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WANTED

Expressions of interest are sought for membership of Toxic Agricultural Advisory Forum (TAAF). This forum provides advice to Council on the Spray Policy. The ideal applicant would have good skills in communication, be able to work well in a team and have an interest in, or knowledge of, vegetation control. This is an honorary position. TAAF currently meets once a month for 2 - 3 hours.

Please forward your CV and covering letter to Colleen Sidebottom C/- TAAF, Tauranga City Council, Private Bag 12022, Tauranga by **Friday 4 March 2011**.

AROUND TOWN

Pyes Pa

Council will be tidying the Pyes Pa cemetery graves and gardens from **15 - 17 February**. As part of the tidy up, staff will be removing any spent flower arrangements, broken glass, vases, jars, and ornaments. Any items that obviously have sentimental value will be held at the Cemetery Office for a month.

Welcome Bay

Vehicle and boat ramp access into Tye Park is closed until April for stormwater and wastewater improvement work.

Mount Maunganui

Cr Wayne Moultrie will be available to chat about city issues at the Mount Library on **Saturday, 19 February (10am - 11am)**.

On the phones

Mayor Stuart Crosby will be on duty in the Council call centre tomorrow afternoon from **1pm - 2pm. Phone 577 7000**.

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

The winner of the \$250 water rates credit, sponsored by ANZ National Bank, was Mrs Shirley Burr of Greerton.

If you would like to pay your water rates by direct debit, please call 577 7000.

The winners of the Summer in the Bay competition are: Leah Carter, Liza Grant, Evelyn Knights, Lisa Reynolds, Gail Drennan

