



Marina News

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Gold Clam – Update

On the 11th of April, the Board made the decision to ban all boats from using the Marina that have been used in the controlled area of the Waikato river which runs from Lake Maraetai Landing to Tuakau. The Gold Clam poses a significant risk to the Lake environment and a major risk for the operational status of the Marina itself. If you have used your boat in these waterways, please see the Marina Manager to complete a declaration regarding the Biosecurity measures as set out by Bio Security NZ. We urge all users to take this issue seriously, the Lake is a valuable resource for all of us and we need to do our utmost to protect it. If you have not seen it already here is the link to the Taupo Herald article about the Gold Clam discovered in the Aqua Park.

STOP!

Boats that have been used in the controlled area of the Waikato River from Lake Maraetai Landing to Tuakua **ARE NOT PERMITTED TO USE THESE FACILITIES**

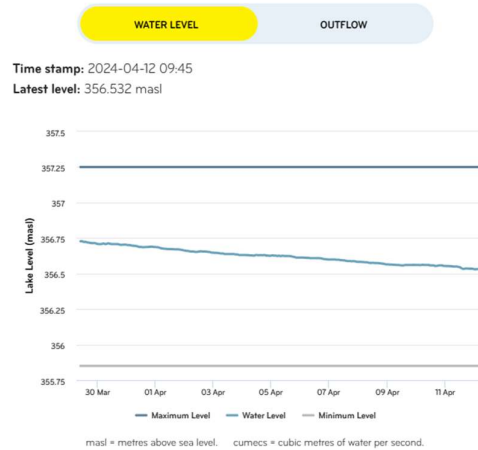
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Lake Levels

LAKE TAUPO WATER LEVEL



LAKE TAUPO SHORT TERM WATER LEVEL



The water level in the lake is continuing to decline, currently sitting at 356.532 meters above sea level, so we are currently sitting halfway between the Maximum and Minimum water level. Take care when navigating out of the entrance as it is getting quite shallow on the edges. The lower level has also exasperated the sediment level in some areas of the marina.

Health & Safety

Pedestrian traffic over the ramps has been highlighted as a risk for the Marina, we are currently investigating how to best redirect traffic from this area to meet our obligations.

Berths for Sale

Berth 1 @9.5m

Berth 7 @9.5m

Berth 104 @5.5m

We hold a list of all parties interested in Berth Ownership, just contact Deb Borlase at secretary@kinlochmarina.co.nz if you are thinking of selling, or contact manager@kinlochmarina.co.nz if you would like to be added to the wait list to purchase.

Compliance

Insurance and Electrical Warrants of Fitness, we still have quite a few insurances not recorded and Electrical WOF out of date, I will be in contact with you directly if we do not have a record to get these up to date.

Dredging

Consents have now been lodged and should be through by the end of June. Sitecare are providing an updated specification of work by the end of May and this will be reviewed by the board in conjunction with the resource consent requirements and if favourable work will begin in August. We will send out an update in July but if work does proceed it will be best if we can empty the marina as much as possible to expedite the dredging process.

General

Water blasting is now complete on Pier 3 and it has come up well, Piers 5, 6 and 7 are due for completion by the end of May. Replacing the rotten Kwila boards has also been completed so we are looking a little like a patch quilt in some places.

The Taupo Council has now engaged a contractor to undertake the Bridge repairs, which will fill in and strengthen the current cavities near the bridge footings. We do not envisage there being any major disruptions to the Marina while these repairs are made but will keep you all up to date.

Unwanted vegetation has been removed or sprayed on the groynes and we have some minor work to put some of the rocks back in place to support the bank closest to the playground.

Long Term Berth rental is still in hot demand, just contact us if you are interested in offering your Berth for rent. Also, if you are interested in your berth being used as a short-term rental while not in use, let us know and we can add you to pool we draw from.

Fishing appears to be good currently with some genuinely nice condition fish being caught.

It looks like we are going to have the Westerly back for the first week of the school holidays, but the temperatures don't look to bad with very little rain forecast, so lets hope there is plenty of boating opportunities.

Happy Boating

Marina Management Team