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PREPARATIONS FOR TAUMARUNUI CHRISTMAS PARADE & DOMAIN FESTIVAL IN FULL SWING

The planning for Taumarunui's annual Christmas Parade and Domain Festival on Saturday 3rd December is well underway.

Mayor Morris said that anyone who wants to enter a float into the parade or have a stall at the Domain Festival need to pick-up a registration form from either Council's Huia St office or from the REAP office on Hakiaha St and have the completed form returned to REAP by Friday 25th November.

"This year there will be a change to the parade route which will now start from the Cosmopolitan Club car park in Katrina St at midday and then head along Hakiaha St to Turaki St before ending at the Taumarunui Domain for the Festival," she said.

"Also new is a 'Market Day on the streets' which will see stalls set-up in the CBD between 10:00am and midday before continuing on at the Domain following the parade."

"This year the theme of the festival in the Taumarunui Domain is 'Picnic in the Park'"

Mayor Morris said that everyone is encouraged to bring along a picnic and set-up in the shade under the Totara trees in the Taumarunui Domain and enjoy the festivities.

"The festival gets more popular every year with more and more families coming along after the parade to enjoy the afternoon's activities in the Domain," she said.

"As per last year we will be having a Lucky Shoppers Draw followed by the awarding of the prizes to the colouring-in contest winners."

"So make sure the kids enter the colouring-in contest and that you support the Taumarunui retailers with your Christmas shopping and pick-up your lucky shopper tickets and be in to win."

"The prizes will be drawn around 2.00pm and remember to be a winner you have to be there!"

"If anyone has any questions on either the Christmas Parade or Domain Festival they can call either Karen Ngatai at REAP on 07 895 8033 or Lee Anne Jolly via any Council office," she said.

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