

Tuia te Taitonga tāpiringa

Southlink Extra

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Welcome to Southlink Extra

Welcome to the Spring edition of *Southlink Extra*. This quarterly newsletter complements our Council *Southlink* publication, which appears weekly in the Taranaki Star and provides another way for us to keep you informed about what the Council is doing in our District.

Nominations open for the South Taranaki Sporting Hall of Fame



Been a senior athlete or a significant contributor of a national representative team at an elite international level; or Made a significant contribution and distinguished service to elite sport which has brought credit to South Taranaki. As well as these criteria inductees must have a strong association to South Taranaki and have spent a significant period of their life living in the District. It's also preferred that nominees be retired from elite level sport for at least five years before being nominated.

"Nominations don't roll over from year to year, so anyone who hasn't been chosen from an application in the past is eligible to be nominated for the 2024 round of inductions," says Ella. The South Taranaki Sporting Hall of Fame includes Roger Cox (shearing), Adine Wilson (netball), James Hunter (rugby), Graham Mourie (rugby), Stan Lay (javelin), Graeme West (rugby league) and Michael Campbell (golf). A nomination form can be picked up from TSB Hub, South Taranaki i-site, any South Taranaki LibraryPlus or online at www.southtaranaki.com. Nominations close on Friday 1 November. For more information contact Ella Tosland on 0800 111 323 or email events@stdc.govt.nz.

We're on the hunt for two new inductees to join South Taranaki's Sporting Hall of Fame.

"South Taranaki has produced some incredible sports people, and we want to acknowledge that," says Community Events Coordinator, Ella Tosland. "We have inducted seven people in the past and are looking for the next two to join this elite group."

A nominee must meet at least one of the following criteria to be considered for the Sporting Hall of Fame.

Achieved international success by winning Gold, Silver or Bronze at either the Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games, World Championship or an officially approved elite level event; or



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Registrations now open

Arts in the Park is happening again this year on Saturday 7 December at Hawera's picturesque King Edward Park. This outdoor arts and crafts market remains one of our most popular on our events calendar.

Registrations are being taken for those who are keen to have a stall at the event. Simply head to www.southtaranaki.com/artsinthepark and fill out a registration form.



Central government increases parking fees

Parking infringement fees are set to increase from 1 October 2024, as the Government 'cracks down' on car park misuse. The fees, which are set by central government and enforced by local authorities, will be increasing for the first time in 20 years to align with inflationary changes.

Disability Issues Minister Louise Upston and Transport Minister Simeon Brown said the changes have also been made to stop people from misusing carparks reserved for disabled people, levelling the playing field and preventing unnecessary disruptions to their day-to-day lives.

In addition, the regulated fees for towage and impoundment will be increasing, as the current fees no longer cover tow-truck operators' costs, leaving them out of pocket.



The changes mean that common infringement fees like overstaying a park for no more than 30 minutes will increase from \$12 to \$20. The most prominent fee increase however, is illegally parking in an area reserved for disabled persons, which will increase from \$150 to \$750.

As of 1 October 2024, anyone who is issued a parking infringement anywhere in New Zealand will receive the increased fee. All Councils are required to use the new fees and are unable to make any amendments for their own territories.

Residents can read the full Government

announcement here: www.beehive.govt.nz/release/government-update-parking-penalties

Little Duns Bridge



Work on upgrading Little Duns Bridge is now complete. The bridge was likely constructed in the early 1900s – 1920s as a single-lane earth-filled arch bridge. Exact records for the original construction date are not known, however it was widened to two lanes in the early 1960s to accommodate the increased traffic volumes in the area. The upgrade also included repairs to the approaches on both sides of the bridge which had previously had issues with recurring potholes. The work was completed by a local contractor.

Inaha Reservoir Rehabilitation



Work on rehabilitating the Inaha Reservoir is complete. A cleaning, disinfection, hydrotesting and commissioning process was undertaken in late September/early October. By the time you receive this newsletter the rehabilitated reservoir will already be up and running.