

Southlink



He karere tā te Kaunihera o Taranaki ki te Tonga
News from the South Taranaki District Council



On Friday 21 February, the cars will head to Hāwera from Stratford (via Kaponga and Manaia along State Highway 45) and line Hāwera's CBD for the afternoon. Cars will arrive in town at 1 pm and depart at 5.15 pm. Bizlink Hāwera has organised an AmeriCARna fashion parade (starting at 4.00 pm in the square) as well as a scavenger hunt on the day.

The Stop/Go event will once again be held on Albion Street from 2.30pm. Alongside the Stop/Go event will be the Harley Davidson Stunt Riders, who will put on a show of tricks and wheelies.

Road closures during the AmeriCARna events:

On Friday 21 February, cars will be parked on High Street (from Argyle Street to Caledonia Street), Regent Street (from High Street to Little Regent Street), Union Street (for 80 metres from High Street) and in the Community Centre carpark. Albion Street (from High Street to Rowe Street) will also be closed for the Stop/Go event.

Upcoming meetings

Ordinary Council

Monday 24 February, 7 pm

Eltham Drainage Committee

Wednesday 26 February, 10 am

Eltham-Kaponga Community Board

Tuesday 10 March 10.30 am
Taumata Recreation Centre
Preston Street, Eltham

Te Hāwera Community Board

Tuesday 10 March 1.30 pm
Normanby Recreation Centre
Ketemarae Road, Normanby

Pātea Community Board

Wednesday 11 March 4 pm
Hunter Shaw Building
Egmont Street, Pātea

Taranaki Coastal Community Board

Thursday 12 March 2.30 pm
Sandfords Event Centre
156 Tasman Street, Ōpunakē

Unless otherwise specified, meetings are held in the Council Chambers, Albion Street, Hāwera.

Community engagement on future education provision for Hāwera

South Taranaki Mayor, Phil Nixon is encouraging people to get involved in a community engagement process, being led by the Ministry of Education (MoE), on future education provision in Hāwera.

Mr Nixon says the MoE is currently working on plans for future schooling in the Hāwera area having committed to investing in the property at Hāwera Intermediate and Hāwera High School. "The MoE is going to make a significant capital investment in Hāwera, so the Ministry is keen to renew discussions about how to achieve the best possible outcome for current and future students. They did something similar in 2017, but there have been changes to schooling in Hāwera since this time (changes to boards, principals etc) so the Ministry is leading a new engagement process. I think this is an important opportunity for the community to have input into the future of schooling in Hāwera," says Mr Nixon.

The first phase of the engagement will involve face-to-face public workshops, to gather and explore ideas about future

education provision. They will be facilitated by Dr Gabrielle Wall and are scheduled as follows:

Whānau and Community members

- Tuesday 3 March, 5.30 – 6.30 pm, Hāwera Community Centre
- Tuesday 3 March, 7 – 8 pm, Hāwera Community Centre
- Wednesday 4 March, 7 – 8 pm, Hāwera Community Centre
- Thursday 5 March, 7 – 8 pm, Robert Gibson Hall (Manaia)

These sessions are all open to the public - parents and interested community members are welcome. Similar content will be covered in all sessions, so feel free to attend whichever time best suits your schedule.



Free Advanced Driving Course

Roadsafe Taranaki is holding its annual (free) Advanced Driving Course at the Egmont A&P Showgrounds, Hāwera on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 March 2020 from 9 am to 4 pm. This course aims to help young or inexperienced drivers learn how to:

- Brake safely in an emergency
- Control the car when cornering
- Navigate out of an understeer or oversteer mistake
- Recognise and respond to other risks on the road

The course takes approximately 2 hours, with a mixture of theory, interactive activities and driving in cars with instructors. The practical sessions will be provided by

instructors from NZ Advanced Driver Training, including NZV8 Championship driver Phil Blythe.

To register: Contact Marion (Road Safety Coordinator)

Email: roadsafetaranaki@stdc.govt.nz

Text 027 279 2662 with your name, your preferred day and start time (30 minute time slots), or freephone 0800 111 323 and leave your contact details.



Phone 0800 111 323

Residents asked to conserve water

The recent run of warm sunny weather has led to increased use of water across the district. This is putting pressure on our water supply infrastructure, especially the level of water in our reservoirs.

Please use your water wisely, as some areas may require water restrictions if water use remains high and the hot, dry weather continues.

Please fix any leaks on your property.

Likewise, if you see any leaks in our reticulation network, please call us on 0800 111 323.

Some tips for conserving water:

- **Water gardens out of the heat of the day**, do it sparingly in the evenings but not all night.
- **Let lawns dry off naturally**

– saves mowing. They'll recover in autumn.

Farms – always check the water meter flow, find and fix leaks also reuse cooling water.

Use brooms and brushes instead of water wash down.

Report any leaks and wastage – free phone 0800 111 323.

Dog Splash Day

Does your dog like to make a splash?

Kaponga Pools, Grace Avenue, Kaponga

Taranaki Anniversary
Monday 9 March 2020
12 noon to 6.00 pm



More information next week

Daffodil Bulbs

Rāhotu School students were pleased to receive Daffodil bulbs from our new (Taranaki Coastal) Community Development Advisor, Masina Taulapapa. The Council purchased two thousand and four hundred King Alfred Daffodil bulbs which this year have been donated to schools in Kākaramēa, Mokoia, Pungarehu and Rāhotu and the Pātea Community Gardeners. The planting of daffodils continues to support the Councils District-wide planting program endeavouring to enhance our communities.

