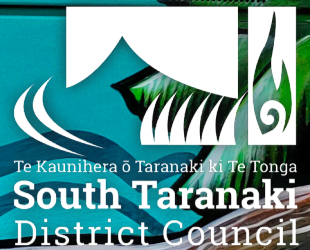


Tuia Taitonga Southlink



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

Celebrating Matariki and Puanga

Friday 24 June is our first national holiday to celebrate Matariki, the Māori New Year.

But while many regions around the country celebrate the Māori New Year with Matariki, in Taranaki the Matariki (Pleiades) star cluster is not as visible - so celebrations are anchored around Puanga (Rigel), the brightest star that can be seen above the three stars of Tautoru (Orion's Belt).

For many, Puanga is a time to observe maramataka (the lunar calendar), which was a guide for times of planting and fishing, according to the phases of the moon. It is also an opportunity to reflect on the past year and remember loved ones.

Puanga Kai Rau is a well-known whakataukī (proverb/saying) and means 'abundant harvest of Puanga', and heralds the beginning of Matariki, calling in the new year, while Matariki signifies the beginning of the new year. Parihaka recently held the annual Puanga Kai Rau festival which celebrated culture and spirituality with a focus on education, working in the māra (gardens) and the arts. We have many events happening throughout Taranaki and Aotearoa to celebrate Matariki and Puanga. Puanga events can also be found at www.southtaranaki.com/puanga.



Puanga Events

Be sure to see what's happening around the District for Puanga. Head to www.southtaranaki.com/puanga

Puanga open hours for Friday 24 June

Hāwera Administration Office – closed

LibraryPlus centres – closed

Hāwera Aquatic Centre – open 9am - 6pm

i-SITE Visitor Information Centre – open 10am-3pm

Hāwera Transfer Station – open 12.30pm to 5pm.

All other transfer Stations – closed

Rubbish and Recycling Kerbside collection – as normal



Volunteers Week (19 - 25 June)

This week is National Volunteers Week. On behalf of the South Taranaki District Council, I'd like to thank the volunteers in our district for all that you have done throughout the year for our communities. We appreciate you all! Happy National Volunteers Week. South Taranaki Mayor, Phil Nixon.

Three Waters Protest



South Taranaki Mayor, Phil Nixon and Councillor Celine Filbee spoke to around 40 people who were meeting to protest against the Government's 3 Waters Reform outside the South Taranaki District Council's (STDC) main office on Monday morning. The STDC is also opposed to the 3 Waters Reform in its current form. Mayor Nixon thanked those in attendance for their support and encouraged them to make a submission to the Water Services Entities Bill which is

currently at the Select Committee stage in Parliament. The closing date for submissions is Friday, 22 July 2022. The meeting, organised by the Taxpayers Union, is part of a 'Stop 3 Waters' roadshow taking place across New Zealand.

Happening Holidays Programme

The Council's Happening Holiday programme is back again for the term 2 school holidays. We've reached the half-way point in the year and are happy to provide some amazing activities to keep the kids entertained. We're bringing plenty of new activities this time round including art classes in Pātea and seed growing with Sustainable Taranaki. We have a huge range of activities such as fun at the pools, mini jeeps, gymnastics, new movies and so much more! There is something for everyone. You can find what's on offer by checking our website www.southtaranaki.com or our South Taranaki District Council facebook page. Make sure you register your child (from Monday 27 June) at either the South Taranaki i-Site and Visitor Centre, Pātea or Ōpunakē LibraryPlus facilities. All activities must be paid and registered for at least 24 hours before the activity (except for roller skating which can be done on the day).

Upcoming meetings

Ordinary Council

Monday 27 June, 7pm

Council Chamber, Administration Building, Albion St, Hāwera

Eltham-Kaponga Community Board

Monday 4 July, 10.30am

War Memorial Hall, Victoria Street, Kaponga

Te Hāwera Community Board

Monday 4 July, 4.30pm

Taiporohēnui Marae, Ōhangai Road, Ōhangai

Taranaki Coastal Community Board

Tuesday 5 July, 2.30pm

Cape Egmont Boat Club, 332 Bayly Road, Warea

Pātea Community Board

Wednesday 6 July, 4pm

Hunter Shaw Building, Egmont Street, Pātea

Te Kāhui Matauraura

Wednesday 13 July, 10 am

Council Chamber, Administration Building, Albion St, Hāwera

Environment and Hearings Committee

Wednesday 13 July, 4 pm

Council Chamber, Administration Building, Albion St, Hāwera



Will you join the challenge?

Plastic Free July is coming up next week – are you ready to challenge yourself to use less (or no!) single use plastics for the month of July? Head to www.plasticfreejuly.com to find out more and join the challenge today.

THE GREAT COMEDY NIGHT

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SAT 16 JULY - HĀWERA

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