

Tuia Taitonga Southlink



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

Annual Plan Adopted with 2.84% Average Rate Increase



“Our Council is always conscious of the need to keep any rate increases to an affordable level, and we were particularly focused on minimising any impact the new property values may have on ratepayers without compromising future plans or our overall financial position,” he says. Mayor Nixon says the Council’s focus for the 2022/23 year continues to be on undertaking activities that encourage sustainable, prosperous, and vibrant communities.

“We are doing that with projects such as the District Business Park, construction of Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga, development of town centre revitalisation upgrades for Eltham, Waverley, Manaia, Pātea and Ōpunakē, implementation of the Council’s Environment and Sustainability Strategy and completion of the Nukumarū Station Road extension south of Waverley. At the same time we are continuing with upgrades and improvements to our roads, water and wastewater infrastructure.”

Other notable projects the Council will work on in 2022/23 include: building a new reservoir at Waimate West, earthquake strengthening and upgrading the Eltham Town Hall, undertaking water pressure improvements in Pātea, establishment of a business enterprise hub and co-working space and progressing investigations with Te Korowai o Ngāruahine into a new combined multi-purpose facility in Manaia. More information on the Council’s 2022/23 Annual Plan can be found on the Council’s website www.southtaranaki.com.

The Council adopted its 2022/23 Annual Plan for the new financial year at Monday night’s Council meeting with a **2.84% average rate increase**, well below the current rate of inflation (6.9%), and lower than the 4.68% originally projected in its 2021-31 Long Term Plan. Mayor Phil Nixon says he is very pleased the Council has been able to reduce the projected rate increase, although the effect on individual properties will vary due to the recent District property revaluation, which saw substantial increases in the value of residential and commercial properties.

“Since its last valuation three years ago, the District has had an average increase in property value of 20.4%. This was largely driven by significant increases in the residential and commercial sectors - while dairy and pastoral properties saw a small decrease.”

“If your property’s valuation increased more than the District average increase (20.4%) you will pay more than the 2.84% rate increase. Conversely, if your property’s capital value did not increase as much as the District’s average movement then your rates will not increase as much as indicated and may even decrease,” says Mayor Nixon.



**FRI 15 JULY - ELTHAM
SAT 16 JULY - HÄWERA**

**THE GREAT COMEDY NIGHT
ELTHAM + HÄWERA**

HOSTED BY BEN HURLEY

FEATURING
DAI HENWOOD
LIV MCKENZIE
DAVID CORREOS

TICKETS ON SALE 02/06

TICKETS \$40 EACH OR \$350 FOR A TABLE OF 10

AVAILABLE FROM SOUTH TARANAKI I-SITE VISITOR CENTRE & ELTHAM LIBRARYPLUS

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Tickets are on sale from today - \$40 each or table of 10 for \$350 at the South Taranaki i-SITE Visitor Centre and Eltham LibraryPlus

Happening Holidays

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 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).



Annual Dog Registrations Due

If your dog is over the age of three months, it needs to be registered and microchipped - simply pop into the Hāwera Administration Building or your local LibraryPlus to get this organised. Take advantage of early bird rates by paying in full by 31 July 2022. After this date, registration fees increase by 50%. You can pay online at www.southtaranaki.com/pay-online.

Upcoming meetings

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, 4pm
Council Chamber, Administration
Building, Albion St, Hāwera

Extraordinary Council - To

approve the submission on the
Water Services Entities Bill
Monday 18 July, 11.30 am
Council Chamber, Administration
Building, Albion St, Hāwera



Will you join the challenge?

Plastic Free July is coming up this 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.

www.southtaranaki.com

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