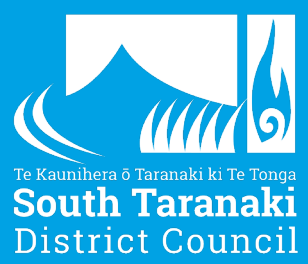


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South Taranaki OPEN DAY *new* kerbside collection *new kerbside collection starting 1 October 2024

Grab a free sausage!
(limited numbers available)

Have a chat to Council and WM New Zealand (Waste Management) staff about the new collection



Get some giveaways!
(limited numbers)

Get a discounted Death Before Decaf coffee
(if you bring a reusable cup)

Come and see the newly designed trucks that will take to the streets from 1 October

**Hāwera Community Centre Carpark, Albion St
Saturday 14 September, 10am - 1pm**

Make sure you've read the **Guide** (found in your food scraps bin) and put your **calendar** on your fridge.



Download the **Antenna app** to your cellphone to get weekly kerbside collection reminders (starting in October)



Get reminders and report back to Council about issues.

Find out more at www.southtaranaki.com/antenna



**Tātari atu Taranaki ki te Tonga
Sort it out, South Taranaki**

Your new collection does not start until October

We can't pick the new bins up now as they are different sizes and our current trucks are not made to collect them. You need to keep using your old bins until the end of September.

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori with South Taranaki LibraryPlus



Te Wiki o te Reo Māori is being celebrated throughout our LibraryPlus this September with a variety of activities and events for all ages to join in. The theme for Te Wiki 2024 is 'Ake ake ake – A Forever Language'. It represents the resilience, adaptability and endurance of the language. Storyteller extraordinaire, Moira Wairama, is visiting South Taranaki Libraries to deliver five sessions at our LibraryPlus to Tamariki and their whanau. The sessions will involve bi-lingual storytelling and teaching a waiata in Māori. This is a free event. Senior Community Outreach Librarian, Katherine Bosworth says "It's fantastic that we can offer storytelling of this calibre to tamariki in South Taranaki.

AKE AKE AKE A FOREVER LANGUAGE KIA KAHA TE REO MĀORI

It's all thanks to our generous sponsors, Lysaght-Watt Trust, for making it possible to bring people like Moira to our District. The sessions are going to be lots of fun, fully interactive and a great way to celebrate the Te reo language." Art sessions aimed at adults will be held at each of our libraries where participants will get to create a bookmark using a printing method whilst getting to learn kōwhaiwhai and whakatauki.

"We are excited to provide something just for adults this year, giving adults an opportunity to learn and talk about Te Reo Māori whilst having some fun getting creative."

Various other activities will also be held around our LibraryPlus, including craft bags, tukutuku panels, waiata performances from local kura and so much more. There will also be a series of giveaways on the LibraryPlus facebook page during the week.

"Our Māoritanga collection and books around Te Ao Māori will be on display within our LibraryPlus centers as well as on our library catalogue. It's amazing the items within our library collection and that it is all available for free to borrow. There will be opportunities to win some great prizes for the whole whanau. Head over to our facebook page for a chance to win!" Katherine comments.

For more information, visit your local LibraryPlus, its facebook page or head to www.southtaranaki.com/akeakeake to see the full calendar.

2024 Arts in the Park Registration Form



If you are interested in having a stall at this year's Arts in the Park - the registration form is now live on our website! Happening the first weekend of December (Saturday 7 December) at Hāwera's picturesque King Edward Park, Arts in the Park is one of the most popular events in our annual calendar. Visit www.southtaranaki.com/artsinthepark to register online, or contact events@stdc.govt.nz if you have any other queries.

KING EDWARD PARK | HĀWERA

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Council votes to keep Māori Wards



At last week's (4 September) extraordinary council meeting, South Taranaki District Councillors unanimously voted to retain the District's Māori Wards and hold a poll at the 2025 local authority election. The Council had previously agreed to introduce Māori wards in November 2020, but a recent law change, the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2024, meant the Council was required to revisit its decision and either disestablish the Māori Wards or agree to hold a binding poll.

The new legislation was introduced following the previous Labour Government's removal of the right to demand a poll for Māori wards if 5% of electors requested it.

South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon expressed frustration at the requirement to revisit a decision which already met the requirements of the old legislation.

"Our Council made the decision to introduce Māori wards in 2020, prior to the Labour Government removing the right to demand a poll. At the time a demand for a poll was received, but the demand did not meet the required 5% elector threshold and was not required." "While we acknowledge the Coalition Government's desire to restore the right to binding referenda, we feel strongly that any council that

made a decision on Māori wards and fully completed the legislative process prior to the Labour Government's changes, should not have been made to go through this costly, time consuming and politically divisive process again."

As part of its decision, Council also agreed to investigate whether there were any legal avenues for being able to not hold a poll. Mayor Nixon says the introduction of Māori wards in South Taranaki has been a positive enhancement to decision-making and enabled the Council to be more effective as a board of governors.

"As residents and ratepayers, Māori (who make up almost 20% of South Taranaki's population) had been underrepresented and disengaged from the electoral and local democratic process for too long. Our move to Māori wards has encouraged more Māori to participate in the governance of our District and means the Council is more representative of our whole community."

"Having diverse opinions at the Council table helps us make the best decisions for all our communities. We are stronger as we work together in partnership for the good of South Taranaki – which is ultimately what we are all here for."

Upcoming Meetings

Ordinary Council
Monday 16 September, 4pm

Eltham Drainage Committee
Monday 23 September, 10am
Taumata Recreation Centre,
Preston Street, Eltham

Extraordinary Council
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN TIME
To deliberate on the Freedom
Camping Bylaw
Wednesday 25 September, 9am

Risk and Assurance Committee
Wednesday 25 September, 1pm

Te Hāwera Community Board
Monday 30 September, 11am
Normanby Hall, Ketemarae Road,
Normanby

Pātea Community Board
Monday 30 September, 4pm
Waverley Community Centre,
Chester Street, Waverley

Eltham-Kaponga Community Board
Wednesday 2 October, 10.30am
Auroa Memorial Hall, Auroa
Road, Auroa

Taranaki Coastal Community Board
Wednesday 2 October, 2.30pm
Sinclair Electrical and
Refrigeration Events Centre, 156
Tasman Street, Ōpunakē

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

Applications open for Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund



Applications for the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund are now open and close on Tuesday 1 October at 5pm.

South Taranaki District Council Funding Advisor Sara Dymond says applications to the Rural Travel Fund can be made by rural sport club teams and rural school club teams in South Taranaki, whose members are aged between 5 and 18 years. "The fund is available to support those in rural communities with financial assistance for transport so that they can participate in local sports competitions," says Sara. Further information and application forms can be found online at www.southtaranaki.com/funding, at the Council Administration Building, Albion Street, Hāwera, from your local LibraryPlus or by emailing funding@stdc.govt.nz



Kids will have plenty to do these school holidays - especially if you've got the latest edition of the South Taranaki Happening Holiday programme.

Happening Holidays is the South Taranaki District Council's holiday programme booklet - a convenient one stop shop, packed with information about the various holiday activities happening across the district.

Happening Holidays covers all activities happening at the seven LibraryPlus centres, Hāwera Aquatic Centre, and community activities. The range of activities is huge, from a day at the Hāwera Aquatic Centre, arts and crafts, cupcake decorating, roller skating, croquet, hoppers and training with the Taranaki Bulls!

Registrations and/or permission slips are needed for most activities. This is outlined on the programme. Some activities have limited spaces so get in quick to not miss out.

Find out more by heading online to www.southtaranaki.com/happeningholidays

Out for consultation

Tell us what you think about our new Cemeteries Bylaw and the review of the Livestock Control Bylaw and Underpass Policy. You can find out everything you need to know, as well as make an online submission at www.southtaranaki.com/consultation or pick up paper copies at your nearest LibraryPlus or the Administration Building.

Submissions close on Monday 23 September 2024.