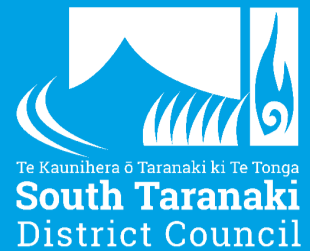


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He karere tā te Kaunihera o Taranaki ki te Tonga News from the South Taranaki District Council

Limited Council Services on Saturday 9 November

Due to organisation wide IT systems maintenance, some Council services will be limited at our LibraryPlus centres on Saturday 9 November. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Our after hours service is available 24 hours a day over the weekend and our website www.southtaranaki.com has many services available online.

Annual Report Highlights Capital Works Success

Council had one of its most successful years of capital expenditure (\$42m) according to its 2023/24 Annual Report, which was adopted at Wednesday's (30 October) Council meeting.

The Report, audited by Deloitte covering from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, highlighted the completion of Nukumarū Station Road extension project (Te Ranganuku Road) that opened in March 2024, the new Waimate West reservoir and the 5km Loop Track in Pātea. Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga, the new LibraryPlus and isite, which will be completed at the end of November, and Stage 2 of the Business Park, with roading and three waters infrastructure upgrades to Fitzgerald Lane, Little Waihi Road, Kerry Lane and SH3. The report also highlighted that the work in support of the town centre revitalisation projects for Waverley, Eltham, Ōpunakē, Pātea and Manaia is progressing well. Traffic calming/pedestrian refuge measures, funded by Waka Kotahi/NZTA, had been completed along the main highway in Eltham and Waverley. Planning and design of Ōpunakē's proposed green space was completed, as well as a new pump track. Planning and design is well advanced for Eltham's Stark Park and signage and wayfinding had been implemented in Pātea. South Taranaki Mayor, Phil Nixon said the 2023/24 financial year was a challenging one, characterised by ongoing global geopolitical instability, economic volatility and a sluggish domestic economy.

"While inflation started to show signs of easing, local government inflation, for things like fuel, bitumen, electricity, construction, interest rates and insurance costs, remained high. We expect inflation and interest rates to ease further in the next 6-12 months." Despite this, the Council finished the year with a \$2.3m surplus after unbudgeted adjustments. Mayor Nixon says the main reason for this was higher than expected revenue (mainly from increased subsidies from Waka Kotahi/NZTA, South Taranaki Business Park development and financial contributions) and lower than expected direct costs due to no major severe weather events to contend with. However, because of global volatility and weak market conditions, the Council's Long Term Investment Fund made \$2.6 million less than anticipated and, after allowing for the withdrawal of the annual rates subsidy, finished the year at \$143.2 million. The Annual Report also highlighted that satisfaction with Council services remained high with 88% of residents happy with the overall service the Council provides, 96% satisfied with the facilities provided and 90% believing the Council is moving in the right direction. The services that had the lowest satisfaction rates were the condition of roads and animal management. A full version of the 2023/24 Annual Report will be on the Council's website www.southtaranaki.com from Monday 18 November.

Upcoming Meetings

Risk and Assurance Committee
Monday 11 November, 11am

Te Kāhui Matauraura
Wednesday 13 November, 10am

Environment and Hearings Committee
Wednesday 13 November, 4pm

Policy and Strategy Committee
Monday 25 November, 1pm

Extraordinary Council
Hāwera to Normanby Strategy and Statement of Proposal,
Monday 25 November, 3pm

Ordinary Council
Monday 9 December, 4pm

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

Rates reminder

Ratepayers are reminded that the last day for payment of the second instalment of rates for 2024/25 without incurring a penalty will be Wednesday 27 November 2024.



Greenwaste sticking the bottom of your bin? Fluff it!

With the weather getting warmer, your greenwaste bin can start to sweat, get moist and stick to the bottom of your bin - which can mean it's not fully emptied come collection day. A simple way to avoid this is to fluff up the greenwaste in your bin as you fill it up and again shortly before you put your bin out on the kerbside.



Hāwera LibraryPlus and isite prepare for shift to new facility

Hāwera LibraryPlus and South Taranaki isite Visitor Information Centre will close for a short period as staff prepare to shift into the district's new library, art and information centre, Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga. Hāwera LibraryPlus will be closed from 5pm today (Thursday 7 November) and the isite (which includes the AA service centre) will be closed from Wednesday 20 November. Both facilities will reopen at 1pm on Monday 25 November in their new premises on the corner of High and Regent streets.

South Taranaki District Council arts and culture manager Cath Sheard encourages people to stock up on library books before the 7 November closure.

"As well as ensuring you've got enough to last you over the two weeks the LibraryPlus will be closed, it will also help us because we'll have less books to shift," says Cath. "You'll still be able to return books through the afterhours return the slot at the old library if you need to, but any books reserved for Hāwera users will be held until Te Ramanui opens.

Cath also reminds people that the free Wi-Fi service will be unavailable from Thursday 7 November when the LibraryPlus closes until its reopening on Monday 25 November.

VALUATION ROLLS

The Valuation Rolls for South Taranaki District Council have been revised by Quotable Value Limited (as the Council's valuation service provider).

The revised Rating Values are effective as at 1 September 2024 and the new notices of valuation will be posted to owners and ratepayers from 13 November 2024. The District Valuation Rolls will be open for public inspection, free of charge, during regular office hours, at the offices of:

South Taranaki District Council
105 Albion Street, Hāwera

or, at:

Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga
121 High Street, Hāwera
(from 25 November 2024, as Albion Street office will be closed for earthquake strengthening).
The revised values can be viewed until 20 December 2024.

Objections to the revised valuations must be lodged, in writing or online at www.qv.co.nz, no later than 20 December 2024.

Objection forms are available from South Taranaki District Council or Quotable Value Limited and should be posted to:

Quotable Value Ltd – Business Support
Private Bag 39 818
Wellington Mail Centre
LOWER HUTT 5045

More information about "Understanding your Rating Value" can be found at www.qv.co.nz

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