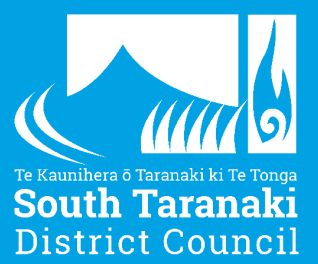


# Tuia Taitonga Southlink



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## Business (Almost) as Usual While Building Strengthened

Services at the South Taranaki District Council will be disrupted for approximately 4-6 months while the main Administration Building in Hāwera is earthquake strengthened, says Council chief executive Fiona Aitken.

Ms Aitken says from 3 December the Administration Building on Albion Street will be closed and the staff relocated to other facilities while the strengthening work is done.

Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga, the District's new Library, isite Visitor Information Centre and gallery on the corner of High and Regent Streets will be the temporary location for all Council related enquiries.

"All the same services will be available as before; however, we will need to do some things just a little differently," says Ms Aitken.

"When customers need to see a staff member, we'll need to use video conferencing technology (Teams) or arrange for appointments to be made, because staff will be in several locations," she says.

While there will be a degree of disruption for the public and staff, Ms Aitken says it's nothing they can't accommodate.

"Since COVID-19 we've learnt to be very flexible with how we do things and, while shifting out of the main building is not ideal, it means we can get the strengthening work done more quickly."

Ms Aitken says the strengthening work is needed because the Hāwera Administration building is the District's Civil Defence emergency operations centre and needs to meet higher structural requirements than other buildings.

"We need to make sure that in the event of a major disaster we are able to use this building as our base of operations as well as continue to deliver our business-as-usual activities to our communities."

**From 3 December go to Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga on the corner of High and Regent Streets for all Council related matters or ring 278 0555 or 0800 111 323 to set up a meeting.**

### Upcoming Meetings

Public are welcome to attend

**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

**District Plan Committee**  
Wednesday 18 December, 10am  
Camberwell Lounge, TSB Hub, Hāwera

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.

### Registrations Open



KING EDWARD PARK | HĀWERA

Do you want to secure a stall at this year's Arts in the Park on Saturday 7 December? If so, get those registrations in as soon as possible. Visit [www.southtaranaki.com/artsinthepark](http://www.southtaranaki.com/artsinthepark) to fill in an online registration form, or call our events co-ordinator on 0800 111 323.

### Can I swim here?

People heading to our lakes, rivers and beaches this summer are encouraged to first check whether the water is safe to swim in. Weekly results and warnings are available on [www.trc.govt.nz/can-i-swim-here](http://www.trc.govt.nz/can-i-swim-here). As a rule of thumb you should always avoid swimming for three days after heavy or prolonged rainfall. If the water doesn't look or smell right, it's safest to not enter the water.



**If you want to meet with a staff member, please ring us first so we can make an appointment with you.**

**Hāwera LibraryPlus**  
The Hāwera LibraryPlus is temporarily closed and will reopen in its new home of Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga (corner of Regent and High Streets) from 1pm on Monday 25 November.

**isite + AA Services**  
The isite Visitor Information Centre and AA Services are temporarily closed and will reopen in its new home of Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga from 1pm on Monday 25 November.

**CLOSED** The old LibraryPlus and isite building will remain closed to the public.

**Water Tower closed**  
The Hāwera Water Tower is temporarily closed to public use while we are undertaking the shift to the new building, and through the festive season.  
**Watch this space for public Water Tower Open Night Climbs!**

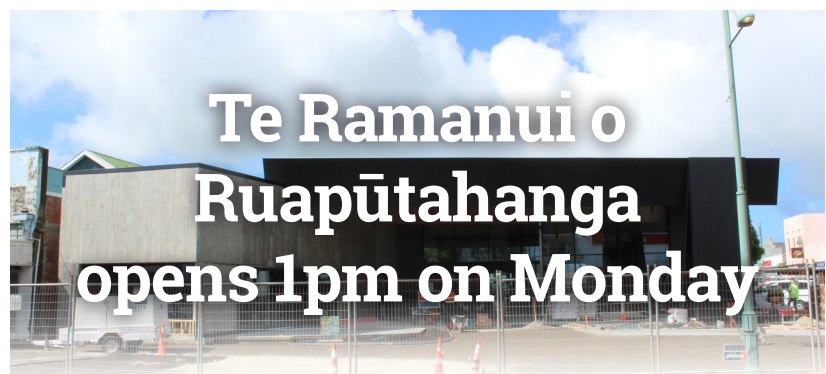
## Tuata'i | First

Come along to Lysaght Watt Gallery's inaugural exhibition in their custom-built new space at Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga, showcasing the diversity of artists in South Taranaki, featuring artworks that reflect the scope of contemporary art in the District.

**Tuata'i - First** will feature works in a wide variety of mediums by 20 South Taranaki artists.

Artists featured in the exhibition are: Lisa Armett, Mark Bellringer, Gabrielle Belz, Steven Boothe, Dale Copeland, James Davidson, Viv Davy, Kris Donaldson, Reeve Hokopaura, Maree Horner, Paul Hutchinson, Claire Jensen, Jennifer Laracy, Meka Mauriri, Daniel McCrae, Remo Roger Morris, Marianne Muggeridge, Holly Smith, Charlotte Stark and Tim Wigmore.

**Tuata'i - First is open from 1pm, Monday 25 November at Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga, corner of High and Regent streets, Hāwera. Opening event: Wednesday 27 November, 6pm - all welcome.**



## Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga opens 1pm on Monday

Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga, the District's new Library, isite Visitor Information Centre and gallery on the corner of High and Regent Streets will be open to the public from 1pm on Monday 25 November. To celebrate the first week of opening, building tours are being held, along with a couple of activities. Come along and join us!

Tuesday 26 November		
Wednesday 27 November	Building Tours, Tues - Fri, 9.30am and 2pm	Play equipment out for preschoolers
Thursday 28 November		Waiata performance by Ramanui School - 10am
Friday 29 November		Mitch and His Guitar 12.30 - 1.30pm
Saturday 30 November	Building Tour - 11am	
Sunday 31 November	Building Tour - 3pm	