

# Tuia Taitonga Southlink



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## Arts in the Park this Saturday

On Saturday 7 December, Hāwera's picturesque King Edward Park will once again come alive with the ever-popular Arts in the Park. Stalls with various homemade arts and crafts will be scattered throughout the park along with a variety of food trucks and entertainment. If you are looking for that perfect Christmas gift or a new piece of art, then this is the day for you. With everything from

handmade jewellery to garden art, woodturning to knitting, there is sure to be something for everyone. Music will fill the Park throughout the day from various performers and keep you entertained, as well as a kid's zone filled with fun activities and games. Have a seat, pick up something to eat and soak up the vibe.  
**Arts in the Park - Saturday 7 December, King Edward Park, Hāwera**

### Upcoming Meetings

- Public are welcome to attend
- Ordinary Council**  
Monday 9 December, 4pm  
Council Chambers, Administration Building, Albion Street, Hāwera
- District Plan Committee**  
Wednesday 12 December, 10am  
Community Lounge, TSB Hub, Hāwera



If you have chickens, ducks or poultry at home, or keep birds as pets, now is a good time to get ready for bird flu. The H5N1 strain of bird flu spreading around the globe has caused the deaths of millions of birds across the northern hemisphere and the Americas, including native species, as well as commercial and backyard poultry. It spreads quickly by direct, bird to-bird contact as well as indirectly – that means birds can get it by coming into contact with feed, water, clothing and equipment that has been contaminated by infected birds. In countries where the current H5N1 strain of bird flu is present, human infection has been rare. The risk to human health is considered low. Find out more about bird flu and how you can protect your birds at: <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/biosecurity-in-nz/bird-flu-be-ready/>



**Summer -blast- + READ**  
Raumati Manawareka  
ADULT READING CHALLENGE

the perfect Summer combo!

The South Taranaki LibraryPlus have an exciting summer of reading lined up with the annual children's summer reading programme, Summer Blast, as well as an adult reading programme, READ. Summer Blast is a six-week programme designed for 5 – 12-year-olds, encouraging daily reading for at least 15 minutes and visiting the LibraryPlus three times to talk with librarians about what they have read. Tamariki who complete the programme by the end of January will receive a free book! Register in person at your local LibraryPlus from Monday 9 December until Tuesday 24 December. READ, the adult reading programme, is about visiting the library, borrowing books and completing reviews. Each time an adult borrows a book from our LibraryPlus they are automatically be entered into a weekly prize draw to win 1 of 4 Prezzy Cards. Each review completed goes into the draw for an iPad drawn at the end of January.

Find out more about these exciting programmes and activities on your local LibraryPlus at [www.southtaranaki.com/libraryplus](http://www.southtaranaki.com/libraryplus)

## Tell us what you think!

The Council wants to find out what changes the community want to see for the area of State Highway 3 (Waihi Road) between Hāwera and Normanby (the Hāwera to Normanby Corridor). The 'corridor' is the section of road from the Glover Road/Waihi Road roundabout in Hāwera to the Ketemarae Road/Waihi Road intersection in Normanby. The South Taranaki Business Park Development is underway, and the primary access to the Business Park is via Fitzgerald Road (was Fitzgerald Lane) and Kerry Road (was Kerry Lane). The Strategy has been created to advocate for safety improvements and speed management to allow for safe and practical access to the Business Park, but it also includes considerations for the wider corridor area. Mayor Phil Nixon says the Hāwera to Normanby Corridor is getting busier by the day and will continue to do so in the future.

There are several speed limit changes within the 4.5km section of road and there are opportunities for safety improvements at multiple locations throughout the area. As the state highway is managed by Waka Kotahi - New Zealand Transport Agency and not Council, the Corridor Strategy is being created to inform Waka Kotahi of changes that could make this section of road safer and more efficient for all transport users. "We need to get the traffic flow and speeds along the corridor fit for purpose for existing users, but we also need to think about the future use of the corridor. It is a fine balance of not restricting productivity but also allowing traffic to move safely and efficiently through the area," says Mayor Nixon. Council is consulting on the Hāwera to Normanby Corridor Strategy until Friday 28 February 2025.

Visit the Council website at [www.southtaranaki.com/consultation](http://www.southtaranaki.com/consultation) or Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga (Hāwera's new LibraryPlus) or the Eltham LibraryPlus for submission forms.