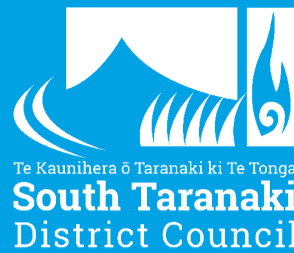


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He karere tā te Kaunihera o Taranaki ki te Tonga News from the South Taranaki District Council

Waitangi Day (Thursday 6 February) opening hours

Kerbside collection will continue as normal over the public holiday, so please put your wheelie bins and glass crate out on your usual day. To see when Council facilities are open, visit www.southtaranaki.com/waitangiday

Celebrating two years of business support

Te W'anake | The Foundry is celebrating two years of supporting businesses and entrepreneurs in Hāwera this February.

The coworking and enterprise hub has become a cornerstone for the community, offering flexible spaces for meetings, events, hot-desking and workshops, as well as fostering connections and collaboration among local businesses and professionals.

With more than 140 businesses regularly using the space, **Te W'anake | The Foundry** has become a hub for a wide range of industries, including trades, professional services, social services, Iwi organisations and government agencies.

A recent survey revealed that users value the strong sense of community and flexibility the space offers, with many noting it helps them feel less isolated, share ideas and connect with others.

Te W'anake | The Foundry is the result of a collaboration



between the South Taranaki District Council and Bizlink Hāwera.

Mayor Phil Nixon says **Te W'anake | The Foundry** has been one of initiatives energising Hāwera's town centre. "With **Te W'anake | The Foundry** attracting a variety of professionals to the CBD, alongside Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga—the new library, visitor information

centre, and art gallery—Hāwera is really coming alive as a vibrant, economically sustainable town," says Mayor Nixon. "I encourage anyone who hasn't yet visited **Te W'anake | The Foundry**, to go to say hello to the team and have a look to see what's on offer."

The space has also become a key support system for startups and small businesses in South Taranaki. Venture Taranaki's fortnightly Startup Clinics, held at **Te W'anake | The Foundry**, have seen a growing number of locals seeking advice and resources to start or grow their ventures.

In addition, free business workshops, run in partnership with Bizlink Hāwera, have provided valuable tools to help local entrepreneurs succeed.

As **W'anake | The Foundry** celebrates this milestone, the team look forward to supporting the district by creating opportunities for businesses to connect, grow, and thrive. Visit www.thefoundrycoworking.co.nz.

Paepae in the Park - Waitangi Day

Come along to celebrate Waitangi Day a free music festival not to be missed in Pātea - Paepae in the Park.

In addition to outstanding performances by The Groove Hut, COME ON UP, the celebrated Pātea Māori Club, Pātea Area School, local reggae artist Jay Rei and REI, attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of delicious food options, explore Māori arts, and browse unique craft vendors. Health and well-being services will also be on-site, provided by Ngāti Ruanui and other local health providers. This gathering will be both smoke-free and alcohol-free, ensuring a positive and inclusive atmosphere for all attendees.

Come along to Paepae in the Park - Waitangi Day (Thursday 6 February), 10am - 4pm at Memorial Park in Pātea (just beyond Aotea Waka).

Hāwera to Normanby Corridor Strategy Open Evening

The Hāwera to Normanby Corridor is Waihi Road (State Highway 3), and a critical connection between Hāwera and Normanby and further afield. While Waka Kotahi/NZTA is ultimately responsible for all State Highways, the South Taranaki District Council is currently consulting on a Strategy to advocate for speed management and safety improvements along that section of the State Highway.



Hāwera to Normanby Corridor Strategy Open Evening

Te W'anake/The Foundry, 130 High Street, Hāwera
Wednesday 12 February, 5.30pm – 7pm

Find out more...

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



Upcoming Meetings

Public are welcome to attend

Policy and Strategy Committee
Monday 3 February, 1pm

Environment and Hearings Committee
Wednesday 5 February, 4pm
East Lounge, TSB Hub,
Camberwell Road, Hāwera.

Te Kāhui Matauraura
Wednesday 12 February, 10am

Risk and Assurance Committee
Monday 17 February, 11am

Unless specified, meetings are held at Camberwell Lounge, TSB Hub, Camberwell Road, Hāwera



Can I swim here?

First check whether lakes, rivers and beaches are safe to swim in. Weekly results and warnings are available on 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.

Partial Water Restrictions now on

With a dry summer ahead and low rainfall, odds and evens water restrictions were introduced across South Taranaki on Saturday 18 January. The restrictions mean all unattended hoses, sprinklers and irrigation systems are banned. Hand-held hoses may be used early in the evening (after 6pm) on the odds and evens system (at even-numbered houses on even

calendar dates, and odd numbered houses on odd calendar dates). Report any leaks in the public system to Council so we can have them fixed, phone 0800 111 323 You can visit www.southtaranaki.com/waterconservation for easy tips and tricks of how you can conserve water in the home and garden.



Fluff it!

With the weather being warm, the greenwaste in your bin can start to sweat, getting moist and stick to the bottom of your bin - which can mean it's not fully emptied come collection day.



Here's a couple of tips to avoid this:

- If you are able, fluff up the greenwaste in your bin as you fill it up and again just before you put your bin out on the kerbside.
- Put a layer of leaves or sticks at the bottom of your bin creating a barrier between the bin and any grass clippings.