



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

## National Kapa Haka Festival

25 FEBRUARY – 1 MARCH 2025  
NGĀMOTU | NEW PLYMOUTH



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### Upcoming Meetings

Public are welcome to attend

**Te Kāhui Matauraura**  
Wednesday 12 February, 10am

**Risk and Assurance Committee**  
Monday 17 February, 11am

**Eltham Drainage Committee**  
Monday 24 February, 10am  
Taumata Recreation Centre,  
Preston Street, Eltham

**Extraordinary Council**  
Purpose to confirm consultation  
options for Local Water Done Well  
Wednesday 26 February, 1pm

**District Plan Committee**  
Wednesday 26 February, 3pm

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

## Hāwera to Normanby Corridor Strategy Open Evening

The Hāwera to Normanby Corridor is located from Waihi Road (State Highway 3), and is 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](http://www.southtaranaki.com/consultation) or Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga (Hāwera's new LibraryPlus) or the Eltham LibraryPlus for submission forms.

## Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund applications closing soon



Applications for the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund are closing on Sunday 16 February, 5pm. Council's community funding administrator Kristy Logan says applications to the Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund can be made by sports club teams and school club teams in South Taranaki, whose members are aged between 5 and 18 years. "The fund is available to support South Taranaki communities with financial assistance for transport so they can participate in local sports competitions," says Kristy. Further information and application forms can be found online at [www.southtaranaki.com/funding](http://www.southtaranaki.com/funding), at Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga (121 High Street Hāwera), from your local LibraryPlus or by emailing [funding@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:funding@stdc.govt.nz).

## Having a Summer Blast with Suzy Cato



South Taranaki LibraryPlus has wrapped up a hugely successful children's summer reading programme, Summer Blast. Council's senior community outreach librarian Katherine Bosworth says the libraries saw the highest number of registrations received since before COVID-19, with 253 children joining the programme. Katherine says a highlight of the summer reading programme was having one of New Zealand's most cherished children's entertainers and authors, Suzy Cato, perform at the District's libraries over three days. "We had about 1,245 people attend our Suzy Cato shows. This was a huge success which received a lot of positive feedback and attention online," she says. In a post on her Facebook page, Suzy also shared her love for her time spent performing in the libraries. "So blessed to have met so many beautiful whanau. To see so many beautiful babes again, who are now beautiful adults and to dance, sing and read stories to a new generation of South Taranaki Tamariki," she wrote. Popularity for Cato's performances stretched beyond district borders, as LibraryPlus Officers reported that families travelled from as far as New Plymouth and Whanganui to see the star in action in South Taranaki. Katherine says that Summer Blast has been a great programme overall. "It's been so great to see and hear stories of children coming in so excited to be part of the programme and so many of our LibraryPlus team had fun chatting with tamariki about what they have been reading," she says.

## Third Rates Instalment Due

Ratepayers are reminded that the last day for payment of the third instalment of rates for 2024/25 without incurring a penalty will be Wednesday 26 February 2025.



## District-wide partial water restrictions now in place on Odds and Evens system.



No sprinklers or irrigation systems allowed.



Hand held hoses allowed only in the early morning and late evening.

### What's the Odds and Evens System?

Houses with an odd number can use hand held hoses on odd dates and houses with an even number can use hand held hoses on even dates.