Tuia Taitonga

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



South Taranaki District Council is thrilled to announce the latest edition of the Happening Holidays programme is out now, packed with a wide array of exciting activities for everyone to enjoy.

Happening Holidays is your go-to guide for all Council organised school holiday activities happening across the District. This comprehensive programme includes events at each of the seven LibraryPlus centres, Hāwera Aquatic Centre, TSB Hub and various community locations.



There is a great range of activities; from water play at the Hāwera Aquatic Centre and Taranaki Rugby Skills Sessions to tennis and skating lessons, arts and crafts, Easter-themed scavenger hunts, cupcake decorating, movie magic, a fun puppet show, the Big Day Out and much more. Council's Events Co-ordinator Alysha Judson says there is something for everyone, and we hope the community gets involved and enjoys the activities on offer.

You can pick up a hard copy of the programme at your local LibraryPlus, at TSB Hub or isite, or you can download it online at *www.southtaranaki.com/holidayprogramme*

Parents, please note that registrations and/or permission slips are required for some activities, as outlined in the programme. Bookings can be made at the South Taranaki isite (Whare Whakamōhio Manuhiri o Taranaki ki te Tonga) now located inside the Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga building on High Street.

Some activities have limited spaces, so be sure to register early to avoid missing out.

Upcoming Meetings

District Council

Public are welcome to attend

Ordinary Council Monday 14 April, 4pm

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



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Tai Chi at King Edward Park - Saturday 5 April

Come along to an introductory session of Tai Chi at King Edward Park, starting 10am this Saturday (weather permitting). Meet at Hāwera Observatory. Morning tea to follow.

Recycle old cell phones at your nearest LibraryPlus

Have an old mobile phone lying around? Don't know what to do with it? Drop it into your local LibraryPlus where it will be recycled! It doesn't matter if it is working or not, has a broken screen or even if it doesn't turn on, we want them all! Council is working with RE:Mobile to recycle all unwanted mobile phones. Inside any mobile phone are over 20 different materials used to make it function, including gold, silver, palladium and platinum. While most of these materials are only present in each phone in small amounts (there are about 0.034g of gold and 0.34g of silver in the typical iPhone), it all adds up, especially when there are an estimated seven billion mobile phones in use world wide.

The great news is that nearly all parts of your mobile phone can be recycled and reused to make new devices. Before you donate your mobile phone, there are five steps we encourage you to do:

- 1. If the phone still turns on, disconnect it from any cloud service.
- 2. Complete a factory reset to erase any data from the phone.
- 3. Remove your sim card from the phone and keep it.
- 4. Leave the battery in the phone.
- 5. Switch the phone off.
- 6. Drop it into your local LibraryPlus.

It's as easy as that! For every phone recycled, RE:Mobile donate money to Sustainable Coastlines, a multi awardwinning New Zealand charity working hard to look after the waterways and coastlines we all love. Learn more about what RE:Mobile does at **www.remobile.org.nz**

55 phones recycled so far!

Pātea Domain Sports Field Temporarily Closed for Repair

The Pātea Domain sports field is being closed for restoration work until the end of July.

Council's operations manager property and facilities, Johan Gray says the closure is due to extensive damage caused by an infestation of grass pests, which have eaten away the turf in large areas of the field.

"It's unfortunate that we have to close the field coming into the winter sport season, but if we don't, the damage will only get worse and it's quite dangerous as it is now," he says.

"The field will remain closed while specialists undertake repairs to the turf and signs will be erected."

Johan says all league and rugby games will be relocated to the Pātea Area School until the field has been reopened, but the Domain clubrooms will remain open for the clubs to use.

"We'd just ask people to stay off the field until the restoration is complete and the turf has recovered."

