

Tuia Taitonga Southlink



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

Open Hours Over Easter

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Council and Te Korowai to Pursue Separate Development Projects in Manaia

The South Taranaki District Council and Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust have decided to pursue separate development projects in Manaia, following extensive collaboration and due diligence. Councillors made the decision to cease work on a shared Iwi/Council facility at its 14 April meeting and instructed officers to move quickly on developing a plan for building a standalone community facility in the town.

South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon says Council and Te Korowai have been working together since 2022 to investigate the viability of developing a multi-purpose, multi-use Iwi and community facility in Manaia. Work included development of an Initial Business Case followed by a more detailed Stage 2 Business Case, focusing on potential commercial and relationship agreements.

"Since August 2024, we've been exploring various ownership and operating models. However, due diligence revealed that transferring land ownership of the Memorial Hall site from the Council to Te Korowai was problematic and, along with potential lease-back arrangements, was just not viable for either party." Mayor Nixon says that while the outcome was not what Council or Te Korowai hoped for, it was worth pursuing.

"The concept provided the potential for us to combine our

resources to achieve a great outcome for the whole community. While this collaborative approach has proven not to be viable in this instance, we remain committed to enhancing the community assets in Manaia. This decision provides clarity and allows both parties to focus on their respective projects while maintaining a strong relationship and the desire to explore future collaboration opportunities."

Te Korowai Pouwhakarae, Emma Gardiner says that Te Korowai is optimistic regarding future collaborations.

"Because of the way we structured both the outcomes framework and the business case, both can be divided by their parts and utilised – so neither party is starting the due diligence from scratch. We also know that much of the outcome's framework is applicable to future town planning. So, although we are progressing separate projects, we know that both parties will have a positive impact on the future of Manaia," she says. Mayor Nixon says Council understands the frustration the community has with the length of time it has taken to get to this point and has instructed officers to come up with a plan for a standalone facility as a priority.

"We just need to get on and make something tangible happen as quickly as possible."

Upcoming Meetings

Public are welcome to attend

Te Hāwera Community Board

Monday 28 April, 11am
Hāwera Community Centre Hall,
Albion Street, Hāwera

Pātea Community Board

Monday 28 April, 4pm
Kakaramea Hall, 2192 Main South
Road, Kakaramea.

Eltham-Kaponga Community Board

Wednesday 30 April, 10.30am,
START Taranaki, Victoria Street,
Kaponga

Taranaki Coastal Community Board

Wednesday 30 April, 2.30pm,
Ōaonui Hall, Surf Highway 45,
Ōpunakē

Policy and Strategy Committee

Monday 5 May, 1pm

District Plan Committee

Monday 5 May, 3 pm

Te Kāhui Matauraura

Wednesday 7 May, 1 pm

Environment and Hearings Committee

Wednesday 7 May, 4 pm
East Lounge, TSB Hub, Camberwell
Road, Hāwera

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

South Taranaki Water Restrictions Lifted

All water restrictions in South Taranaki have now been lifted says the Council's infrastructure group manager Herbert Denton.

"It's been a tough summer for our farmers, with many areas in the District getting much less than half of their average rainfall for this time of year. But thanks to the recent rainfall and forecast weather we are now able to lift our partial restrictions," says Mr Denton.

"I'd like to thank all residents for their efforts to conserve water over summer but also remind them, despite the fact that we are moving into the cooler months, to keep using water sensibly throughout the year."



SOUTH TARANAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL'S

HAPPENING HOLIDAYS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Need something for the kids to do these school holidays? The Happening Holidays School Holiday Programme is now available and is packed with a great range of activities for everyone to enjoy. Some activities have limited spaces and/or require registration, so be sure to register early to avoid missing out. Pick up a hard copy of the programme at your local LibraryPlus, at TSB Hub or isite, or download it online at www.southtaranaki.com/holidayprogramme. Bookings can be made at the South Taranaki isite (now located at Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga).

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