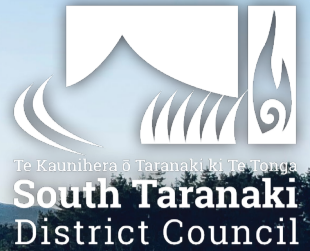


Tuia Taitonga Southlink



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

New \$12 million Road Opened in South Taranaki

An enthusiastic crowd of more than 50 people turned out last Wednesday to watch South Taranaki Mayor, Phil Nixon, and Ngā Rauru Chairperson Mike Noho, officially open the district's newest road, Te Ranganuku. Following the road's blessing led by Ngāti Ruaiti Hapū and Ngā Rauru, representatives from the Council, Waka Kotahi NZTA, residents and the Government were on hand to witness the much-anticipated opening of the new 8.3km road. Mayor Nixon says the \$12.1 million project, two thirds of which was paid for by the Government through its Shovel Ready Projects Fund and Waka Kotahi - NZ Transport Agency, represented a major investment in the southernmost part of the District which guarantees security of access for residents and business. "The Council made a commitment to provide a secure, safe and reliable access route to the Waiinu beach settlement, guaranteeing the security of access for residents in the event of future floods, as well as the ongoing financial viability of businesses operating in the area." The project to build the new road was first mooted after the June



Ngā Rauru Chair Mike Noho and South Taranaki District Mayor Phil Nixon cut the ribbon to open Te Ranganuku Road.

2015 floods closed the Limeworks Bridge, the only access road to the Waitōtara meatworks and Waiinu Beach community. This was the fourth time in 26 years the bridge had to be closed for a significant period while repairs were made. The new road will eliminate the risk and cost of business interruption to the community and local industry, in the event of future flooding. Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) representative Bridget Sullivan congratulated the Council for their diligence and care throughout the project, particularly in managing the funding aspects and keeping up communication with the Government. "This was critical for the economic safety and resilience of the area, and this is a great example of central and local government collaboration," This sentiment was echoed by Whanganui MP Carl Bates who also extended his thanks to all who were involved in the project. "This project is a great demonstration of how local and central government can work together and provide our communities and businesses with the infrastructure so critical to their ongoing viability. Now, enjoy the new road."

Upcoming Meetings

Te Hāwera Community Board
Monday 15 April, 11am

Pātea Community Board
Monday 15 April, 4pm
Kaipō Marae, Waitōtara Valley Road, Waitōtara

Eltham-Kaponga Community Board
Wednesday 17 April, 10.30am
Mangamingi Hall, Rāwhitiroa Road, Eltham

Taranaki Coastal Community Board
Wednesday 17 April, 2.30pm
Pihama Hall, 3271 Surf Highway, Pihama

Te Kāhui Matauraura
Wednesday 24 April, 10am

Environment and Hearings Committee
Wednesday 24 April, 4pm

Unless specified, meetings are held in the Council Chambers, Administration Building, Albion Street, Hāwera.

South Taranaki LONG TERM PLAN 2024-2034

Come to a Community Meeting or Kuppa Kōrero



ONLINE MEETING (ON TEAMS)

Monday 8 April, 5.30pm.

Email longtermplan@stdc.govt.nz to have the link sent to you.



COMMUNITY MEETINGS WITH LTP PRESENTATION

Come along to see a presentation about the Long Term Plan, as well as having your questions answered by Elected Members and Council staff.

Waverley - Thursday 4 April, 6.30pm, Waverley Community Centre

Hāwera - Tuesday 9 April, 6pm, Te W'ananke | The Foundry

Kaponga - Wednesday 10 April, 6pm, Kaponga War Memorial Hall

Pātea - Wednesday 17 April, 6pm, Hunter Shaw Building

Ōpunakē - Thursday 18 April, 6.30pm, Sinclair Electrical and Refrigeration Events Centre

Eltham - Tuesday 23 April, 7pm, Eltham Fire Station

Manaia - Thursday 2 May, 7pm, Gibson Memorial Hall

*Note - The Ōpunakē and Waverley Kuppa Kōrero had already been held at time of publishing.

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- Hard copy feedback form
- Phone 06 278 0555 or toll free 0800 111 323



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