

# Southlink

News from the South Taranaki District Council

## Sounds in the Sand - back again!

### Opunake Beach

The South Taranaki District Council's events team is bringing music to Opunake Beach on Sunday 12 February from 1pm. "It's going to be a great afternoon," says event organiser Jody Bloor. "Hopefully we get great weather like we did last year - so come along, bring the kids and a picnic. Sit back and relax enjoying the sounds from the band 'Hard Candy' and the waves crashing on the beach."

Hard Candy vocalist and guitarist Karen Clarke says the band's music is an upbeat blend of country rock and blues with elements of boogie and swing.

"It's a big sound with a whole lot of punch that'll take you up country, down river and back home again," she says.

The five members of Hard Candy are coming from all over the lower North Island to perform in Opunake.

Renowned finger picking blues exponent Bob Cooper-Grundy from Wairarapa fires up the front line, and locals may well recognise Taranaki-based drummer Wayne Morris from Gumboot Tango.

"We look forward to a great picnic atmosphere at the beach," says



Kapiti-based Karen.

After spending the afternoon listening to music, why not head to Opunake's Everybods Theatre to see the newly released movie 'Footloose' (M rating) at 7pm - tickets are only \$8 each, which makes for a great family day out.

**Sounds in the Sand, Sunday 12 February, 1-4pm, Opunake Beach, all welcome - no charge**

### Upcoming meetings

#### Iwi Liaison Committee

Wednesday 1 February, 10am  
Council Chamber, Administration Building  
Albion St, Hawera

#### Policy Development Meeting

Wednesday 8 February, 1pm  
Council Chamber, Administration Building  
Albion St, Hawera

#### Environment and Hearings Committee

Monday 13 February, 4pm  
Council Chamber, Administration Building  
Albion St, Hawera

## creative

Are you knowledgeable about South Taranaki's art and cultural environment?  
Are you good at making decisions and enjoy seeing money being put to good use?  
Would you like to be one of South Taranaki Creative Communities Assessment Committee community representatives?

CHECK OUT THE PUBLIC NOTICES in this issue of the South Taranaki Star for more information on nominations for community representatives for the Creative Communities Assessment Committee; or contact Maryse Ropiha, Community Funding Advisor, on 2780555, tollfree on 0800 111 323 or email [maryse.ropiha@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:maryse.ropiha@stdc.govt.nz)

### Spaces still available..

Do you want your child to be able to Swim and Survive? Spaces still available in Term 1 Learn to Swim Classes at the PowerCo Aquatic Centre. Don't delay this is

a life skill you can't afford your child to miss call Powerco Aquatic Centre on 06 2780021 for bookings and details.



## Are you eligible for a rates rebate?

The Rates Rebate Scheme was established in 1973 by the Government to provide a subsidy to low-income homeowners on the cost of their rates.

You are eligible apply for a rates rebate if:

- You are on a low income
- You have to pay rates on the address you live at, and
- You were living there at the beginning of the rating year (1 July), and
- Your name is on the rates bill, or
- You are the owner of an "Owner-occupier flat" and your name is not on the bill but you pay some of the rates (proof is required).

Please contact the Council if you would like to know if you are eligible.

The maximum rebate given for 2011/2012 is \$580. The closing date for applications is Saturday 30 June 2012.

If you are not sure whether you are eligible to apply, call us on (06) 278 0555 or toll free on 0800 111 323 or go to the website [www.ratesrebates.govt.nz](http://www.ratesrebates.govt.nz) to see their example tables or electronic calculator.

### How to apply

When applying you must have:

- Details of gross income (income before tax is deducted) for the last tax year (ended 31 March 2011)
- Details of your partners/joint home owners income if they live with you.

Complete the correct application form and return to Council offices, all details must be completed. Go to

[www.ratesrebates.govt.nz](http://www.ratesrebates.govt.nz) for more information or contact the Council.

## Women's and Children's Triathlons - Entry Forms out now!

### Seaver's Cycles Children's Triathlons

Patea: Sunday 26 February  
Hawera: Sunday 4 March

### Hub Health & Fitness Women's Triathlon

Hawera: Sunday 4 March

Entry forms are out now for the **Hub Health & Fitness Women's Triathlon** and **Seaver's Cycles Children's Triathlons**.

There is a children's triathlon being held in Patea on Sunday 26 February and another in Hawera on the same day as the Women's Triathlon - Sunday 4 March.

Visit [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com) for all the information you need to get started and you can even find helpful tips and hints for your training.

The countdown is on - only 5 weeks left to go until the events - so what are you waiting for? Make the commitment, grab the kids and get training!