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Helpline available to those struggling in Lockdown

A new 0800 number for people needing urgent help accessing food, medication or other household goods and services was launched last week.

Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Group Controller, Craig Campbell-Smart says the region is doing a great job of wrapping its arms around those who need help and Civil Defence wants to make sure no one falls through the cracks.

"As expected, we're seeing an increasing number of people needing support during this period and it's great to see family members, friends and neighbours stepping up to help those close to them," says Craig.

"Sometimes it's not possible for that support to come from family or friends, and there are many services provided locally and nationally to help in those situations, such as healthline, lifeline and local essential services like Meals on Wheels and Food Bank."

"This new phone number is not a replacement for those resources but is available to ensure that no one misses out on the essentials during this period."

When seeking support for yourself or others, Taranaki Civil Defence is asking people to follow three simple steps:

1. Check if a family member or friend can access support.
2. If the above isn't an option, phone the dedicated government helpline 0800 779 997 to find out what support is available from essential social services operating during Alert Level 4.
3. Taranaki CDEM can assist with urgent needs that can't be met by the above two options. Phone 0800 900 077 between 7 am and 7 pm daily.



Upcoming meetings

Eltham-Kaponga Community Board
Monday 20 April, 10.30 am

Te Hāwera Community Board
Monday 20 April, 1.30 pm

Taranaki Coastal Community Board
Tuesday 21 April, 2.30 pm

Pātea Community Board
Wednesday 22 April, 4.00 pm

Unless otherwise specified, meetings are held via video conferencing and the recording will be made available on the South Taranaki District Council's website following the meeting.

Keep up-to-date

Websites - www.covid19.govt.nz and www.southtaranaki.com

Facebook - like 'South Taranaki District Council', 'Un-COVID South Taranaki' and 'Unite Against COVID-19'

Antenno - join Antenno! Visit www.southtaranaki.com

Reminder that rubbish fires in urban areas are illegal



Across Taranaki there has been an increasing number of complaints being made about residential rubbish fires in urban areas recently. Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Controller Craig Campbell-Smart says residential rubbish fires in urban areas are illegal so

no one should be burning rubbish on an urban property.

"This is not acceptable behaviour at any time as rubbish fires cause smoke, odour and can lead to longer-term adverse health effects," says Craig.

"In order to assist people with disposing of rubbish during Alert Level 4, all districts in Taranaki are currently collecting general waste on a weekly basis."

"Don't burn it, bin it," says Craig. "Or if it's recyclable and you have the space available to store it safely until our recycling collections resume, then that's even better."

"Let's be sensible and get through COVID-19 by being considerate of our environment and those around us."

To report any rubbish fires in your neighbourhood please contact your district council.

South Taranaki Lockdown Recycling Competition

If you're looking for something to do while you're in lockdown, especially something you can do with the kids, here's an opportunity to have fun and win some great prizes. The South Taranaki District Council (STDC) is encouraging you and the people in your bubble to make use of your recycling and build a sculpture out of it.

"Recycling and rubbish collections have changed since we all entered COVID-19 Level 4 and the red lid general waste kerbside wheelie bins are the only ones being collected so if you're storing up recyclables until collections start again, why not use it one more time?" says South Taranaki Mayor, Phil Nixon.

STDC will provide prizes in the form of vouchers that will support our local businesses and local economy, once everything is back to business as usual.

The competition starts on Monday 6 April and runs until Wednesday 6 May. More information can be found on the STDC Facebook page and STDC website.

Mayor Phil Nixon says "Work with your bubble buddies and collaborate together – this is a great family activity and if you want to skype friends and whānau into the challenge, go for it. The idea is to keep entertained, have fun and use the recycling".

South Taranaki District Council Lockdown Recycling Competition

Rules of the Recycling Competition:

- Make a sculpture out of recyclable material from your home.
- Take a picture of it and send it to CDUnit@stcdc.govt.nz to win
- The sculpture must be at least 50cm tall
- The sculpture must be able to stand on its own
- The material used must be recycling which residents would usually put in their kerbside or transfer station recycling bins
- The sculpture must have a name
- We will be judging on creativity, structure and types of material used so get funky with it!
- Winners will be announced after Wednesday 6 May and prizes will be given to the winners after the end of the lockdown period.

Recycling Competition prizes available:

Adult's section 15 years and over: 3 x Prize Vouchers from South Taranaki Businesses worth \$100 each

Children's section 14yrs and under: 3 x Prize Vouchers from South Taranaki Businesses worth \$100 each



Professional Services Grants for Small-Medium Enterprises

To support our district's small-medium enterprises (SMEs - those with fewer than 50 staff) affected by the impacts of COVID-19, STDC has teamed up with Venture Taranaki to make available a \$400 grant, giving access to much-needed professional services advice and support.

SMEs that use one of the professional advice partners will receive an additional \$400 of support, thanks to the partners' own contribution of time; providing them with a total of up to \$800 of professional services advice. Those SMEs that wish to use other service providers will still be eligible to access the \$400 grant through Venture Taranaki.

The support enables South Taranaki SMEs to access advice including legal, human resource management, financial and business continuity as they navigate the impacts of COVID-19. To access this funding, please email Venture Taranaki at business@venture.org.nz. To find out more visit www.business.taranaki.info.