

# Southlink

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



Unite  
against  
COVID-19

## We Will Remember Them



This year's ANZAC day is one like no other, but still as always, it's a day to reflect on the sacrifice (and for far too many the ultimate sacrifice) that so many brave men and women have made over the last 100 plus years to make the world that we live in today, what it is.

That world, at the moment, is again not the world we want – though unlike what happened in the past with world wars, we are in a battle without guns and without borders.

This COVID-19 is a global event of a scale we would never

have thought possible – it is affecting every corner of the world and how we live our everyday lives.

Fortunately, our generations today live, not having experienced world wars of the past, but we are all now having to make some sacrifices in the way we live and interact in the battle against COVID-19. In this limited sense we have a greater appreciation of what people went through during war times.

War not being just the horrors of the fighting front but the disruption and sacrifice to family and civilian life.

During the wars there was the essential businesses and industries and in a lot of cases it was the women who kept these home fires burning while the men fought offshore. Often these women would tend to their homes and families on their own whilst also working in the factories and other essential services.

It was ordinary men and women - people like you and me, who showed extraordinary courage, discipline, resourcefulness and friendship and I am incredibly grateful to them, their wives, husbands, children, parents and siblings for their sacrifice. For some - their ultimate sacrifice.

Today, we are currently working with alert level changes and restrictions that are lasting weeks. During the wars these changes to everyday life and loss of loved ones lasted years and changed the way we lived life forever. This current "war" will undoubtedly see major changes in the way we live too.

But, as a district and nation, we recovered from the tragedies of war and we will do that again from COVID-19. We need to continue to stay safe and be kind to everyone – we need to understand and accept change - we are all in this together and we will come out of it together.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

Phil Nixon

Mayor of South Taranaki

## Keep up-to-date

**Websites** - [www.covid19.govt.nz](http://www.covid19.govt.nz) and [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com)

**Facebook** - like 'South Taranaki District Council', 'Uncovid - South Taranaki' and 'Unite Against Covid-19'

**Antenno** - join Antenno! Visit [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com)

## Council Services at Level 3

Local Government won't be back to delivering normal services under Level 3 as we are still not allowed to physically interact with customers and public facilities (such as libraries, pools and playgrounds) must remain closed. We will continue to keep delivering essential services such as water and waste like we have been. Many other council services will continue to be delivered by staff working remotely, for example consenting and some regulatory functions and our Contact Centre remains open so customer enquiries can be taken. However, following the Government's announcement that the country is moving to Alert Level 3, from Tuesday 28 April we are making the following changes:

### KERBSIDE COLLECTION

- **General waste (red-lid)** wheelie bin collection will continue on normal collection day.
- **Mixed recycling (yellow-lid)** wheelie bin collection will resume on normal collection day. Please note; because the facility we send our mixed recycling to remains closed, all mixed recycling (e.g. paper, cardboard, plastic) will have to go to the LANDFILL. For this reason, we do encourage you to continue to stockpile your recycling if it is possible.
- **Glass recycling (blue crate)** collection will resume on your collection day and the glass will be recycled.
- **Green waste (large green bin)** collection will resume on normal collection day and will be sent to our green waste processing facility. Please note; Green waste stickers will remain valid for five weeks past their original end date of 30 September 2020, up to (and including) 4 November 2020.

### TRANSFER STATIONS

- Transfer stations will open as per their normal operating hours to accept the usual general waste, glass and mixed recycling and green waste.
- To ensure there is no physical contact payment is by EFTPOS or account only.
- 24-hour recycling will not be available at any transfer station so please do not dump any waste outside of transfer stations.
- Transfer station opening hours and charges are available at [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com)

### LIBRARYPLUS CENTRES

- LibraryPlus facilities remain closed however residents can again access physical books from their local LibraryPlus via a new "click and collect" contactless system
- "Click and collect" items will be available for pickup:
  - Hāwera 11am - 2pm, Monday to Friday
  - Eltham, Manaia, Ōpūnake, Pātea and Waverley 11am - 1pm, Monday to Friday
  - Kaponga 1.30 - 3pm, Wednesday
- Online services are available including access to eBooks and eAudio. Contact us by phoning 0800 111 323 or email [librarycontact@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:librarycontact@stdc.govt.nz) if needed
- Public Wifi remains off

### CEMETERIES

- Remain open with updated protocols in place around burials and services

### PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

- While our Parks are open to walk through (with safe distancing practices), playgrounds will remain closed. Parks staff will resume their work in our parks and gardens.

### BUILDING

- Building consents continue to be processed and building inspections have been resumed. After clearing outstanding bookings, new inspection bookings will be scheduled from Monday 4 May onwards.

*We continue to deliver the following services:*

### LIMS

- Land Information Memorandums (LIMs) can still be ordered but will only be provided electronically.

### NOISE CONTROL AND ANIMAL SERVICES

- Please call 0800 111 323 if you need to make a service request.

### PLANNING AND RESOURCE CONSENTS

- Phone (0800 111 323) and email enquiries can be directed to [planning@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:planning@stdc.govt.nz)
- Resource consents are being processed and any hearings being held 'virtually'.

### CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Libraries, Aquatic Centre, TSB Hub, Playgrounds, Public Halls, i-SITE, Aotea Utanganui Museum, Freedom Camping sites, Hāwera Administration Building

### CONTACTING COUNCIL - ALERT LEVEL 3

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