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



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against
COVID-19

Council Services at Alert Level 2

At Level 2 Council will resume all services, including reopening our facilities when all safe working rules for Alert Level 2 are in place. However, there will continue to be changes to the way we operate as we comply with public health measures - in particular physical distancing and contact tracing measures. This means:

- Most facilities will re-open today (14 May), except for our LibraryPlus centres and Aotea Utanganui which will re-open on Monday 18 May.
- Some public programmes will remain on hold
- We ask everyone to keep at least 2 metres apart from people not in their bubble
- We need to collect visitor details for contact tracing
- We continue to encourage contactless payments
- We ask people to stay at home if they're feeling unwell
- There will be limits on the number of visitors allowed in our facilities at any one time to meet physical distancing requirements

HĀWERA AQUATIC CENTRE - open today (14 May)

- Today and tomorrow, opening hours 10am – 7pm. No early birds' session
- No hydroslide at Level 2
- Saturday and Sunday (16-17 May), 9am – 6pm
- Monday 18 May, normal operational hours 6am – 7pm weekdays and 9am – 6pm weekends. Aqua aerobics will resume
- Monday 25 May, Learn to Swim programmes resume within Level 2 guidelines

TSB HUB – open today (14 May)

- Limited programmes operating (contact TSB Hub on 278 0646, email tsbhub@stdc.govt.nz or check out the TSB Hub facebook page for more information)

HĀWERA ADMINISTRATION BUILDING - open today (14 May)

- Open via Princes Street entrance only

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS - open today (14 May)

- Don't forget to wash and dry hands or use hand sanitiser before and after using playground equipment
- Lake Rotokare Reserve open with restricted access from 8:30am – 5pm (no overnight camping)

BOAT RAMPS – open today (14 May)

PUBLIC HALLS – open today (14 May)

- Subject to restrictions on numbers and/or types of event

I-SITE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE – open today (14 May)

CAMPGROUNDS AND FREEDOM CAMPING SITES – open today (14 May)

- Except for Waverley and Waiinu Beach campgrounds which remain closed because we cannot meet contact tracing requirements

KERBSIDE REFUSE/RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

- All kerbside collections will continue on normal collection day.
- We can start recycling from today, so please ensure only recyclable material goes into your yellow-lid recycling bins. All glass must go in the blue glass recycling crate

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 and 24-hour recycling will resume
- Transfer station opening hours and charges are available at www.southtaranaki.com

LIBRARYPLUS CENTRES – open on Monday 18 May, normal hours

- The Click and Collect Service will continue for the foreseeable future

AOTEA UTANGANUI – MUSEUM OF SOUTH TARANAKI – open on Monday 18 May, normal hours

CEMETERIES

- Open with protocols in place around burials and services

CONTACTING COUNCIL ALERT LEVEL 2

- Call us on 0800 111 323 or (06) 278 0555
- Email contact@stdc.govt.nz
- Visit www.southtaranaki.com
- Like 'South Taranaki District Council' on Facebook
- Download our Antenno app to send through customer requests from your cellphone, and to receive messages from Council. Download the app from the App Store or Google Play

ALERT LEVEL 2 GOLDEN RULES

Do everything you can to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission – we all have a part to play in keeping each other safe.

1. COVID-19 is still out there. Play it safe.
2. Keep your distance from other people in public.
3. If you're sick, stay home. Don't go to work or school. Don't socialise.
4. If you have symptoms of cold or flu call your doctor or Healthline and get tested.
5. Wash your hands. Wash your hands. Wash your hands.
6. Sneeze and cough into your elbow, regularly disinfect surfaces.
7. If you have been told to self-isolate, you must do so immediately.
8. Keep a track of where you've been and who you've seen.

Upcoming Meetings

Ordinary Council

Monday 18 May 2020 at
2.30pm *please note time
TSB Hub, Camberwell
Lounge, Camberwell Road,
Hāwera

Audit and Risk Committee

Wednesday 20 May 2020 at
11.00am
TSB Hub, Camberwell
Lounge, Camberwell Road,
Hāwera

Rates due

Ratepayers are reminded that the last day for payment of the fourth instalment of rates for 2019/2020 will be Wednesday 27 May 2020.

If possible, please pay your rates by a contactless method (go to www.southtaranaki.com to find out all of the options, or give us a call on 0800 111 323).

If you are experiencing financial hardship, please contact us on 0800 111 323 or email rates@stdc.govt.nz so we can discuss your individual situation and arrange a manageable payment plan.



Youth Week Video Challenge

This week is national Youth Week and to celebrate the South Taranaki District Council is joining forces with Kiel McNaughton from BSAG Productions to run a creative video challenge.

"We want to hear what our tamariki think about this wonderful district," says South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon. "We're encouraging our young people to share by video what they love most about their town, and how we might contribute to a more vibrant district in the future."

All instructions on how to get involved and make the videos are on the Council's Un-COVID Facebook page. Mayor Nixon says Youth Week is a nationwide festival of events organised by young New Zealanders to celebrate the talents, passion and success of local young people.

"Youth Week recognises the amazing contributions and achievements of young people in New Zealand. The week inspires us to value, support, and affirm the diversity of young people in our society. We want South Taranaki to be a place where young people are vibrant and optimistic and are supported and encouraged to take up challenges, something which will be even more relevant as we recover from COVID-19," he says. Youth Week which runs from 9-17 May also recognises the youth workers, youth service providers and others working with and for young people.