

We are at COVID-19 Alert Level 2 until 11.59pm on Wednesday 26 August. Please keep an eye on the Council's Facebook page and www.southtaranaki.com for more information.

Upcoming Meetings

Eltham-Kaponga Community Board

Monday 24 August, 10.30am
Taumata Recreation Centre,
Preston Street, Eltham

Te Hāwera Community Board

Monday 24 August, 1.30pm
Ōhawe Hall, Ōhawe Terrace, Ōhawe

Extraordinary Council

To consider options for the
Three Waters Reform

Monday 24 August, 5pm
TSB Hub, Camberwell Lounge,
Camberwell Road, Hāwera

Taranaki Coastal Community Board

Tuesday 25 August, 2.30pm
Sandfords Event Centre,
Tasman Street, Ōpunakē

Pātea Community Board

Wednesday 26 August, 4pm
Hunter Shaw Building,
Egmont Street, Pātea

Iwi Liaison Committee

Wednesday 2 September, 10am

Environment and Hearings Committee

Wednesday 2 September, 4pm

Policy and Strategy Committee

Monday 7 September, 1pm

Unless specified, meetings are held at Council Chamber, Administration Building, Albion Street, Hāwera.

Notice of impounded stock

Section 46(2), Impounding Act 1955

The following stock has been impounded:

1 X R3 Friesian cow white face, roaming Manaia 12 August 2020.

Unless claimed by the owners, the above stock will be sold by public auction or otherwise disposed of in accordance with the Impounding Act 1955 at the South Taranaki District Council Pound, Beach Road, Hawera on Thursday 27 August 2020 at 1.30pm.

Rates due

Ratepayers are reminded that the last day for payment of the first instalment of rates for 2020/21 without incurring a penalty will be Wednesday 26 August 2020.

Seven Tonnes of Electronic Waste Diverted from Landfill

Over seven tonnes of South Taranaki's electronic waste has been diverted from landfill in the last (2019/20) financial year, about the same weight as an adult African Elephant or Tyrannosaurus rex, says South Taranaki District Council (STDC) Environment and Sustainability Manager, Rebecca Martin.

"Council set up an E-Waste (Electronic Waste) Recycling Subsidy in early 2019 in an effort to divert these hard to recycle electronic items. E-waste is a term applied to electronic equipment that is no longer functional or necessary. It includes small appliances, printers, televisions and computer waste (keyboards, screens etc). It is estimated that 80,000 tonnes of E-waste is disposed of into New Zealand landfills every year," says Martin.

"This E-Waste subsidy, which was paid for by the Waste Minimisation Levy Fund, was designed to create an affordable option for people to recycle electronic waste such as laptops, screens, keyboards, small appliances and so on. Our records show that as a result just over seven tonnes of electronic waste has been diverted from landfill last year, which is a great start," she says.

Martin says that, due to the success of the E-Waste programme, the Council has also started accepting undamaged, domestic handheld batteries at the Hāwera Transfer Station free of charge. "These batteries are then collected by New Zealand company E-Cycle. E-Cycle then takes these batteries for recycling. Once the batteries are received and sorted into the different battery chemistries, for example alkaline or lithium, they are sent to reputable local and international specialist recyclers for extraction and conversion back into raw materials or for re-use in new products," says Martin.

"We've wanted to put this in place for some time now as battery acid, amongst other corrosive material, is really bad for the environment and a huge contributor to the poisonous leachate by-product of landfills. To make it easier for residents to recycle batteries, we are also investigating options for battery recycling stations at local retailers, but this is still in an early planning phase" she says.

"In the meantime, please don't put your undamaged domestic batteries in with your general waste – take them to the Hāwera Transfer Station for recycling."

47% Increase in Domestic Visitors

The South Taranaki i-SITE Visitor Centre had a 47% increase in domestic visitors in July, making it the best start to a financial year for visitors since 2011.

i-SITE Visitor Centre Manager, Tarin Hunt says overall for the month, there was an increase of 22% in visitors to the office.

"Tourism New Zealand's campaign 'Do Something New, New Zealand' definitely seems to be working with numerous comments from people that as they couldn't go overseas this year, they were heading out and about in New Zealand, visiting areas that they hadn't been to before."

Tarin says that the number of out-of-region families who visited the area during the school holidays was particularly noticeable.

"The Water Tower also saw an unprecedented number of visitors over July, the highest since it reopened in 2005 with numbers climbing it up 89%."

Contractor Information Evening for Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga

An information evening is being held for contractors and sub-contractors who could be interested in tendering for the work to build Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga, the District's new Library, Culture and Arts Centre.

Located on the corner of High and Regent Streets, the new 1,605m² building combines a number of facilities onto one site, including a bigger library, meeting rooms, public toilets, art gallery and heritage exhibition space, i-SITE Visitor Centre and café.

When: Thursday 20 August 2020, 5.30 - 7pm

Where: Hāwera Community Centre, Albion Street, Hāwera

NOTICE OF COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON ELECTORAL SYSTEM AND RIGHT TO DEMAND A POLL

Notice is given under section 28 of the Local Electoral Act 2001, that the South Taranaki District Council has resolved to retain the First Past the Post electoral system for its 2022 triennial election.

Electors of the South Taranaki District Council have a right to demand a poll at any time to countermand the resolution to use the First Past the Post electoral system. Should a valid demand for a poll be received by 21 February 2021 (effective 22 February 2021), a poll will be held by 21 May 2021 on whether the First Past the Post or the Single Transferable Voting electoral system will be used for the next two triennial elections (2022 and 2025) of the South Taranaki District Council. If a valid demand for a poll is received after 21 February 2021 (effective 22 February 2021), a poll will be held after 21 May 2021 with the outcome applicable for the 2025 and 2028 triennial elections.

A valid demand must be:

- made in writing;
- signed by at least 5 percent of eligible voters of the South Taranaki District Council. This equates to 887 elector signatures;
- delivered to South Taranaki District Council, Hāwera Administration Building, 105-111 Albion Street, Hāwera by 5pm, Monday 22 February 2021 (for the outcome of the poll to apply to the 2022 triennial election of the South Taranaki District Council).

Every elector who signs a demand must also set out in it their full name and the address for which they are qualified as an elector of the South Taranaki District Council.

Dated at Hāwera

13 August 2020

Waid Crockett, Chief Executive
South Taranaki District Council

