

# Tuia Taitonga Southlink



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

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## Council Adopts Long Term Plan Proposal for Community Feedback - Average 3.99% Rate Increase

Stimulating economic growth, compliance with new environmental legislation, town centre upgrades and affordability were the key themes guiding South Taranaki District Councillors as they adopted their proposed 2021 – 2031 Long Term Plan for public consultation at Monday's Extraordinary Council meeting.

For South Taranaki ratepayers, the result is an average rate increase of 3.99% each year over the next ten years - the lowest in the region.



South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon says the Council's vision is to make South Taranaki the most liveable District.

"Over the past decade we've focused on upgrading the District's water infrastructure, key community facilities and implementing projects to make South Taranaki a desirable place to live and do business. We now have a much improved water network and, since our last Long Term Plan three years ago, we have progressed the Hāwera Town Centre redevelopment, Te

Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga and the Nukumaru Station Road extension projects," says Phil.

"Our focus for the next ten years is to complete these key projects; continue to upgrade our Three Waters infrastructure with a focus on wastewater, increase our spend on roading, implement our Environment and Sustainability Strategy and create the conditions that encourage sustainable economic growth in the right places, with projects such as the South Taranaki Business Park and Town Centre Upgrades for Manaia, Eltham, Ōpunakē, Pātea and Waverley." "At the same time we know we need to keep rates at an affordable level, so we are proposing to fund our key projects with a combination of loans, external funding sources and earnings from the Long Term Investment Fund, rather than through rates," he says.

"We believe our Long Term Plan proposal strikes the right balance between progress, affordability and providing the services and facilities our communities expect, but we want to know what our residents think."

The Council's proposed 2021-2031 Long Term Plan will be available for comment from 31 March until 7 May 2021. Along with a series of public meetings a Consultation Document outlining key issues and proposals in the Plan and the impact on rates will be in the 8 April edition of the Taranaki Star, in Council LibraryPlus facilities and on the Council website [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com).

### Upcoming meetings

**Extraordinary Environment and Hearings Committee** – to consider a non-notified resource consent  
Monday 29 March, 4pm

**Ordinary Council**  
Wednesday 7 April, 7pm

*If not otherwise stated, meetings are held in the Council Chamber, Albion Street, Hāwera*

### Ōkaiawa Community Groups Meeting

The Taranaki Coastal Community Board is hosting a community groups meeting at Ōkaiawa Hall on Thursday 8 April, at 5.30pm.

The meeting is an opportunity for groups to share what they are working on so people can find out what is happening in their community and will also hear about the Council's Long Term Plan. Call 278 0555 or 0800 111 323 or email [fran.levings@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:fran.levings@stdc.govt.nz), to register your group.

### Public Meetings are being held in the following towns:

#### Public Meetings

- Waverley** – Tuesday 30 March, 5.30pm, Waverley Community Centre
- Pātea** – Tuesday 6 April, 5.30pm, Hunter Shaw Building
- Ōpunakē** – Monday 12 April, 7pm, Sandfords Event Centre
- Hāwera** – Tuesday 13 April, 5.30pm, TSB Hub Western Lounge
- Eltham** – Wednesday 14 April, 6pm, Taumata Recreation Centre
- Waitōtara** – Monday 19 April, 5.30pm, Waitōtara Hall
- Manaia** – Thursday 22 April, 5.30pm, Manaia Golf Club
- Kaponga** – Tuesday 27 April, 5:30pm, Kaponga Town Hall
- Coastal Taranaki** – Thursday 29 April 10am, Cape Egmont Boat Club

#### Casual 'coffee' Meetings

- Pātea** – Wednesday 31 March, 10.30am, Pātea LibraryPlus
- Hāwera** – Friday 9 April, 10am, Hāwera LibraryPlus
- Manaia** – Tuesday 13 April, 1pm, Manaia LibraryPlus
- Eltham** – Wednesday 21 April, 10.30am, Eltham LibraryPlus
- Kāponga** – Friday 30 April, 3pm, Kāponga LibraryPlus
- Waverley** – Wednesday 5 May, 10.30am, Waverley LibraryPlus
- Ōpunakē** – Thursday 6 May, 10am, Ōpunakē LibraryPlus

Keep an eye out over the coming weeks for more information about our 2021-2031 Long Term Plan

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## Soldiers Park Pathway Extension Begins

Work started on Monday on extending the pathway in Soldiers Park, Eltham.

South Taranaki District Mayor, Phil Nixon, says the pathway extension will create an 800 metre loop track in the Park, and is one of the projects the Council has been working on to improve recreational opportunities across the District.

The contract for the development has been let to Excavat and is expected to take two weeks, weather permitting. Some of the new sections will be fine lime chip with other areas of the existing pathways remaining mown grass.

The new pathway will complement the work being done by local volunteers, Eltham Restore, who are working to revegetate the area with native riparian planting along the Mangawharawhara Stream while also providing better access for weed control.

Visitors to the Park are asked to avoid the area while the work is underway.



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