

Be safe this festive season



Despite the continued disruption in our lives with our second year of COVID-19, 2021 has been an extremely busy and productive year. On the Council front we have undertaken a major representation review, completed our Long Term Plan for the next ten years (which focuses on economic growth, environmental sustainability and undertaking town centre upgrades in Ōpunakē, Manaia, Eltham, Pātea and Waverley) and kept our average annual rate increase below 4%. We have started a number of our key projects such as Stage One of the District Business Park, site preparation for our new library, culture and arts centre, and the Nukumaru Station Road extension. Other projects were also completed such as Eltham's Soldiers Park and the Hāwera to Normanby

pathways, Bridger Park entrance beautification and the Manaia pool upgrade. The strong performance of our Long Term Investment Fund also saw Council receive an even higher credit rating.

Despite the many challenges of COVID-19, the news for South Taranaki has been equally positive. Our agricultural and food processing sectors have had a great year as has the construction industry with record numbers of subdivisions and new houses being built. In fact, South Taranaki ranked as having one of the fastest rates of job growth in New Zealand over the last 12 months. With exciting developments, such as Hiringa Energy's green hydrogen and ammonia project at Kapuni, the momentum looks set to continue.

Christmas is a great time for catching up with family and friends, however, please continue to do all those things you've been doing to keep yourself and your family safe and well up to this point. If you're driving over the holiday season take care on the roads, stay calm and take plenty of breaks. Have a great Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Phil Nixon, Mayor of South Taranaki

Council's Christmas Hours

If your rubbish has been missed, a street light is not working, or a pot hole needs filling... **we need to know!** Contact us directly if you have a request, complaint or even a compliment. Please call Council on (06) 278 0555, or toll free on 0800 111 323 any time - or you can fill out an online form at www.southtaranaki.com or download our **Antenna App**.

Hāwera Administration Building

Closed from 1pm Friday 24 December and re-opens 8am Wednesday 29 December. Closed from 3pm Friday 31 December and normal hours resume 8am, Wednesday 5 January 2022.

South Taranaki i-SITE Visitor Centre

Saturday 25 December.....Closed
Sunday 26 - Tuesday 28 December.....10am - 3pm
Wed 29 and Thurs 30 December.....8.30am - 5pm
Friday 31 December.....8.30am - 3pm
Saturday 1 - Tuesday 4 January.....10am - 3pm

LibraryPlus Centres

Hāwera LibraryPlus

Friday 24 December.....9am - 1pm
Saturday 25 - Tuesday 28 December.....Closed
Wednesday 29, Thursday 30 December.....9am - 5.30pm
Friday 31 December.....9am - 3pm
Saturday 1 - Tuesday 4 January 2022.....Closed
Wednesday 5 January.....9am - 5.30pm

Eltham LibraryPlus

Friday 24 December.....9am - 1pm
Saturday 25 - Tuesday 28 December.....Closed
Wednesday 29, Thursday 30 December.....9am - 5pm
Friday 31 December.....9am - 3pm
Saturday 1 - Tuesday 4 January 2022.....Closed
Wednesday 5 January.....9am - 5pm

Kaponga LibraryPlus

Friday 24 December - Tuesday 4 January.....Closed
Wednesday 5 January.....1pm - 5pm

Manaia LibraryPlus

Friday 24 December.....9am - 1pm
Saturday 25 - Tuesday 28 December.....Closed
Wednesday 29 December.....9am - 5pm
Thursday 30 December.....9am - 12.30pm, 1pm - 5pm
Friday 31 December.....9am - 12.30pm, 1pm - 3pm
Saturday 1 - Tuesday 4 January 2022.....Closed
Wednesday 5 January.....9am - 5pm

Ōpunakē LibraryPlus

Friday 24 December.....9am - 1pm
Saturday 25 - Tuesday 28 December.....Closed
Wednesday 29, Thursday 30 December.....9am - 5pm
Friday 31 December.....9am - 3pm
Saturday 1 - Tuesday 4 January 2022.....Closed
Wednesday 5 January.....9am - 5pm

Pātea LibraryPlus

Friday 24 December.....9am - 1pm
Saturday 25 - Tuesday 28 December.....Closed
Wednesday 29, Thursday 30 December.....9am - 5pm
Friday 31 December.....9am - 3pm
Saturday 1 - Tuesday 4 January 2022.....Closed
Wednesday 5 January.....9am - 5pm

Waverley LibraryPlus

Friday 24 December.....9am - 1pm
Saturday 25 - Tuesday 28 December.....Closed
Wed 29, Thurs 30 Dec.....9am - 12.30pm, 1pm - 5pm
Friday 31 December.....9am - 3pm
Saturday 1 - Tuesday 4 January 2022.....Closed
Wednesday 5 January.....9am - 12.30pm, 1pm - 5pm

Kerbside rubbish and recycling will be collected as normal - even on Public Holidays. Please ensure bins are on the kerbside by 7am.

Transfer Station Hours

Eltham Transfer Station

Friday 24 and 31 December.....Closed
Saturday 25 December and 1 January.....Closed
Sunday 26 December and 2 January.....1pm - 4pm
Monday 27 December and 3 January.....1pm - 4pm
Tuesday 28 December and 4 January.....1pm - 2.30pm
Wednesday 29 December and 5 January.....Closed
Thursday 30 December.....1pm - 2.30pm

Hāwera Transfer Station

Saturday 25 December and 1 January.....Closed
Sunday 26 December and 2 January.....12.30pm - 5pm
Monday 27 December and 3 January.....Closed
Tuesday 28 December and 4 January.....12.30pm - 5pm
Wednesday 29 December and 5 January.....8.30am - 5pm
Thursday 30 December.....8.30am - 5pm
Friday 31 December.....8.30am - 5pm

Manaia/Ōpunakē/Pātea Transfer Station

Sundays and Wednesdays.....1pm - 4pm

Waitōtara Transfer Station

Wednesday and Sundays.....3pm - 5pm

Waverley Transfer Station

Sunday 26 December and 2 January.....12.30pm - 4.30pm
Wednesday 29 December and 5 January.....4pm - 6pm

Water Conservation

For the first time in many years parts of South Taranaki will likely see water restrictions this summer, largely due to new regulations.

We need to appreciate this is the new normal, not just for South Taranaki but the whole of New Zealand. We are fortunate in that we've got enough water to go around, but not enough to waste. We just need people to conserve, fix leaks, use water wisely and not be wasteful.

Check that it's Safe to Swim

Check before you take a dip! Water quality in our rivers and at our beaches is generally pretty good over summer, except in poor weather conditions. We strongly advise you not to swim for at least three days after heavy or prolonged rainfall – even if a site generally has good water quality. Before heading out, check which popular South Taranaki swimming spots are safe to swim on our website www.southtaranaki.com/safetoswim