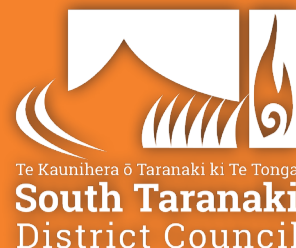


# Tuia Taitonga Southlink

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2022  
LOCAL ELECTIONS



**MAKE  
YOUR  
MARK**

## Get your votes in!

Make your mark by voting in this year's Local Body Elections! You should have now received your voting documents in the post. Completed voting papers need to be returned by post at any post shop or post box (before Tuesday 4 October) or can also be returned to the Council's Administration Office in Hāwera or any of the District's seven LibraryPlus centres up until noon Saturday 8 October.

Council Chief Executive Waid Crockett encourages South Taranaki residents not to miss the chance to have their say. "Local Government plays such an important part in people's daily lives. From the water we drink, to the roads we travel on,

the facilities we enjoy, to the waste we dispose of and recycle. With around \$1 billion in assets and an annual operating budget of \$74 million it's important that voters have their say on the people managing our resources and making the big decisions about the future of our District," he says. You can see the full list of candidates and their profiles on our website at [www.southtaranaki.com/vote2022](http://www.southtaranaki.com/vote2022)



**If you have missed getting your name on the roll - you can pick up a special voting pack from the Hāwera Administration Building.**

### Calling all South Taranaki Artists!

Council is calling for visual art submissions from South Taranaki artists for lease and display in the Council's Administration Building in Hāwera. Up to four wall hanging artworks can be submitted per artist. Submissions close Monday 3 October at 5pm. For more information please email [michaela.stoneman@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:michaela.stoneman@stdc.govt.nz)

### Waimate Plains Development Levy Fund

The Waimate Plains Development Levy Fund is now open until 20 October. The Waimate Plains Development Levy Fund is used for the development of community or recreational facilities associated with the use of Council owned land or reserves in the district previously known as the Waimate West District which is available for use by the general public. This can include maintenance of buildings situated on Council reserves or land provided they are available for public use. Further information and application forms can be found at [www.southtaranaki.com/funding](http://www.southtaranaki.com/funding).

## Council cutting emissions by a third

Council will reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by around 33% following a recent decision to switch from gas fired boilers at the Hāwera Aquatic Centre to new electrical heat pumps. Council's Property and Facilities Manager Phil Waite says the Hāwera Aquatic Centre accounts for approximately 97% of the Council's annual natural gas use which represents a third of the Council's total carbon emissions (Scope 1 & 2).

"Installing electric air-water heat pumps at the Aquatic Centre will have the single biggest impact on reducing our emissions footprint across all our facilities," says Mr Waite. "It's estimated to reduce the Aquatic Centre's annual carbon emissions by 324 tonnes, the equivalent of taking 118 cars off the road. In addition, there will be significant energy savings to be made

through the upgrade, so it's a win-win for the Council, our ratepayers and the environment."

Waite says the cost of replacing the boilers with electric heat pumps is estimated to be \$448,500. The Council has received \$174,000 from EECA's (Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority) Technology Demonstration fund, with the remainder being paid for by a loan.

"The loan will be paid for in seven years with savings made from the Aquatic Centre's reduced energy costs, so the whole project is cost neutral," he says.

The work to install the new electric pumps will get underway at the end of this summer season.

## Read books and be in to win at South Taranaki LibraryPlus

All you need is a LibraryPlus membership to be in to win some awesome prizes at your local LibraryPlus next month.

READ – the adult reading challenge – is starting on Monday 17 October and for five weeks, any book that is issued from one of our LibraryPlus centres will go in the weekly draw to win PaperPlus vouchers.

You can also go into the draw to win an iPad simply by telling us what you think of the book you just read. Fill out a review card, and add a star rating.

South Taranaki Community Outreach Librarian, Layne Winiata, says this is an exciting opportunity to re-ignite the reading habits of the South Taranaki public.

"We've seen a decrease in the number of books going off of our shelves and we miss seeing the friendly faces of our borrowers," she says. "It's exciting that we're able to do this and hopefully motivate some steady borrowing."

Running for five weeks in October and November, the programme will encourage library patrons by allowing them to enter a prize draw every time they issue a book. There will be three prizes drawn weekly across the District.

If you are not yet a LibraryPlus member, simply head into your local centre and sign up!

Head to [www.southtaranaki.com/read](http://www.southtaranaki.com/read) to find out more.

South Taranaki LibraryPlus

# READ!

Adult Reading Challenge  
17 October – 18 November 2022

**Read Books – Win Prizes!**

## Last Stage to start on Nukumaru Rd project

Work is set to start on the last section of the Nukumaru Station Road extension project, following the remaining land acquisitions being finalised says Council Chief Executive Waid Crockett.

Mr Crockett says he would like to thank all the landowners for their patience and co-operation in getting to this stage.

South Taranaki Mayor, Phil Nixon says it was a great relief to have the final stage get the green light.

"This long awaited \$10.14 million project represents a major investment in the southern part of the District which guarantees security of access for residents and businesses in the event of future flooding. The new road is a vital access for the Waiinu Beach community, the ongoing financial viability of the Waitōtara Silver Fern Farms food processing operation and other businesses in the area and will ensure the community has a secure route in and out of the village," he says.

Mayor Nixon says \$7 million of the \$10.14 million project is being funded from the Government's 'Shovel Ready' projects fund with the remaining money coming from the South Taranaki District Council and Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency.

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