

# Tuia Taitonga Southlink

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



## Have a happy & safe festive season

I can't believe I'm writing another Christmas message as it seems like only yesterday that I was penning the last one! Perhaps it's the ageing process, but 2022 has felt a bit like riding a bullet train with everything flashing past in a blur. It certainly has been a busy year for our District.

Despite the many challenges we continued to face (COVID-19, inflation, and extreme weather events - to name a few), our communities have remained very resilient (*please spare a thought for residents cut off in the Mangamingi area*). We saw a lot of exciting development throughout the District – both by council and private enterprises. The final stage of Nukumarū Station Road is well underway and very visible from SH3 with the new road to be completed this summer. Construction of Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga is well underway and the South Taranaki Business Park is growing very quickly. Our agricultural and food processing sectors have continued to grow as has the construction industry with record numbers of subdivisions and new houses being built. We are seeing a lot of interest in green energy with three players interested in establishing offshore wind farms as well interest in further onshore wind farms.

Council also continued to voice our opposition to the Government's ill-conceived

three waters reform proposal. While they seem determined to ignore better alternative solutions, we will continue to advocate for a better version of reform that respects the decades of investment by local communities and enables them to preserve a real say in how their money is spent in future.

Thank you to the many clubs, organisations, schools and individuals across the district, who have welcomed me, and my wife Tanya, to your meetings, events and special occasions. The opportunity to get out and meet you all is one of the great privileges I get in my role.

Also thanks to those of you who voted in the recent local body elections. We welcomed our newly elected members at Kanihi Māwhitiwhiti Marae in October, including our two new Māori ward councillors. Unfortunately, we need to run a by-election for a Te Hāwera Ward councillor and a Pātea Community Board member – voting will be in January 2023.

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](http://www.southtaranaki.com) or download our *Antenna App*.

### Hāwera Administration Building

Closed from 3pm Friday 23 December and re-opens 8am Wednesday 28 December. Closed from 3pm Friday 30 December and normal hours resume 8am, Wednesday 4 January 2023.

### LibraryPlus Centres

#### Hāwera LibraryPlus

Friday 23 December.....9am - 3pm  
Saturday 24 - Tuesday 27 December.....Closed  
Wednesday 28, Thursday 29 December.....9am - 5.30pm  
Friday 30 December.....9am - 3pm  
Saturday 31 December - Tuesday 3 January 2023.....Closed  
Wednesday 4 January.....9am - 5.30pm

#### Eltham LibraryPlus

Friday 23 December.....9am - 3pm  
Saturday 24 - Tuesday 27 December.....Closed  
Wednesday 28, Thursday 29 December.....9am - 5pm  
Friday 30 December.....9am - 3pm  
Saturday 31 December - Tuesday 3 January 2023.....Closed  
Wednesday 4 January.....9am - 5pm

#### Manaia LibraryPlus

Friday 23 December.....9am - 12.30pm, 1pm - 3pm  
Saturday 24 - Tuesday 27 December.....Closed  
Wednesday 28 December.....9am - 5pm  
Thursday 29 December.....9am - 12.30pm, 1pm - 5pm  
Friday 30 December.....9am - 12.30pm, 1pm - 3pm  
Saturday 31 December - Tuesday 3 January 2023.....Closed  
Wednesday 4 January.....9am - 5pm

#### Kaponga LibraryPlus

Friday 23 December - Tuesday 3 January 2023.....Closed  
Wednesday 4 January.....1pm - 5pm

### Ōpunakē LibraryPlus

Friday 23 December.....9am - 3pm  
Saturday 24 - Tuesday 27 December.....Closed  
Wednesday 28, Thursday 29 December.....9am - 5pm  
Friday 30 December.....9am - 3pm  
Saturday 31 December - Tuesday 3 January 2023.....Closed  
Wednesday 4 January.....9am - 5pm

### Pātea LibraryPlus

Friday 23 December.....9am - 3pm  
Saturday 24 - Tuesday 27 December.....Closed  
Wednesday 28, Thursday 29 December.....9am - 5pm  
Friday 30 December.....9am - 3pm  
Saturday 31 December - Tuesday 3 January 2023.....Closed  
Wednesday 4 January.....9am - 5pm

### Waverley LibraryPlus

Friday 23 December.....9am - 12.30pm, 1pm - 3pm  
Saturday 24 - Tuesday 27 December.....Closed  
Wednesday 28, Thursday 29 December.....9am - 12.30pm, 1pm - 5pm  
Friday 30 December.....9am - 12.30pm, 1pm - 3pm  
Saturday 31 December - Tuesday 3 January 2023.....Closed  
Wednesday 4 January.....9am - 12.30pm, 1pm - 5pm

### South Taranaki i-SITE Visitor Centre and AA Services

**Note the AA services are not available on weekends or public holidays.**

Saturday 24 December.....10am - 3pm  
Sunday 25 December.....Closed  
Monday 26, Tuesday 27 December.....10am - 3pm  
Wednesday 28, Thursday 29 December.....8.30am - 5pm  
Friday 30 December.....8.30am - 3pm  
Saturday 31 December - Tuesday 3 January.....10am - 3pm

### Transfer Station Hours

#### Eltham Transfer Station

Friday 23 & 30 December.....Closed  
Saturday 24 & 31 December.....1pm - 4pm  
Sunday 25 December & 1 January.....Closed  
Monday 26 December & 2 January.....Closed  
Tuesday 27 December & 3 January.....1pm - 2.30pm  
Wednesday 28 December & 4 January.....Closed  
Thursday 29 December.....1pm - 2.30pm

#### Hāwera Transfer Station

Friday 23 & 30 December.....8.30am - 5pm  
Saturday 24 & 31 December.....9.30am - 5pm  
Sunday 25 December & 1 January.....Closed  
Monday 26 December & 2 January.....12.30pm - 5pm  
Tuesday 27 December & 3 January.....12.30pm - 5pm  
Wednesday 28 December & 4 January.....8.30am - 5pm  
Thursday 29 December.....8.30am - 5pm

#### Manaia/Ōpunakē/Pātea Transfer Station

Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays.....1pm - 4pm  
Closed Christmas and New Years Day

#### Waitōtara Transfer Station

Wednesday and Sundays.....3pm - 5pm  
Closed Christmas and New Years Day

#### Waverley Transfer Station

Sunday 25 December and 1 January.....Closed  
Wednesday 28 December and 4 January.....4pm - 6pm

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