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

Council's Antenno App Makes Communicating Easy

Reporting issues and receiving notifications from the Council have never been so easy says Kaponga resident and community board member Sonya Douds.

Sonya is one of more than 1,500 people who have downloaded the South Taranaki District's Antenno App and she's an advocate for its use.

"Antenno is a mobile app that sends you Council alerts and notifications, about places and topics you care about. It's free to download and use, and you can opt out of topics that aren't of interest to you. It doesn't ask for any personal information or login details, so it's a nice easy way to stay informed about Council news, events and activities," says Sonya. "One of the best features of the app is that it lets residents report issues or give feedback directly to Council. For example, if you see a damaged footpath or a pothole that needs repair, instead of waiting till you get home to ring it in, you can do it right there and then using the app. It's also particularly useful as a means of staying informed during emergency events."

STDC Communications Manager, Gerard Langford says the Council wants to make it as easy as possible for people to give and receive information.

"The app doesn't replace our current communication methods and our residents can still report issues via our website, our toll-free phone or by visiting any one of our seven LibraryPlus centres

or the Hāwera Administration Building."



Residents can download the Antenno App from App Store or Google Play or go to the Council website *www.southtaranaki.com/antenno* for tips and help.



Community Initiatives Fund now open



The Community Initiatives Fund is now taking applications.

Organisations can apply in July each year and granyd will be allocated from a set pool of money. The Fund is designed to support community initiatives and activities that will make positive contributions to the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of the community. Applicants should also see this as a complementary funding source, not a primary one, and priority may be given to applicants who can demonstrate they are

seeking other sources of funding. The pool of money available in the Community Initiatives Fund is established every three years through the Council's Long-Term Plan budget-setting process. This year the Fund has \$62,600 available to distribute (from an original pool of approximately \$240,000) due to previous grants being allocated over a two or three year period.

Application forms can be found online at www.southtaranaki.com/funding. Applications close at 5pm, Monday 31 July.

Steady Progress on District's Business Park



Significant progress has been made with enabling infrastructure in the South Taranaki Business Park West End Precinct. This includes a 360m extension to Fitzgerald Lane, a 170m portion of new road and underground services and earthworks to enable 13 stage one lots, many of which are already tenanted. An upgraded intersection at

Fitzgerald Lane and Little Waihi Road is underway and the Business Park construction programme will continue this summer

The Business Park is a key project of the Council's strategic plan for encouraging long-term sustainable economic growth in the District.

Upcoming meetings

Te Kāhui Matauraura Wednesday 19 July, 10am

Environment and Hearings Committee

Wednesday 19 July, 4pm

Policy and Strategy Committee Monday 24 July, 1pm Camberwell Lounge, TSB Hub, Camberwell Road, Hāwera

Unless already specified, meetings are held in the Council Chamber, Administration Building, Albion Street, Hāwera



Join host Ben Hurley with featured comedians Hayley Sproull, Justine Smith and Vaughan King as The Great Comedy Night heads to Eltham's Town Hall on Friday 18 August and Hāwera's Memorial Theatre on Saturday 19 August.

South Taranaki District Council Events Co-ordinator Emma Vennell is excited to bring this popular event to two of our towns.

"We are thrilled to be able to provide the opportunity for as many people as we can to sit down and enjoy a much-needed laugh," says

Tickets are now avilable from the South Taranaki isite Visitor Information Centre and Eltham LibraryPlus.

Tickets for the R16 shows are \$30 per person per show for theatre-style seating, or a table of 10 for \$400 is available only at the Eltham show which includes nibbles and being seated on the ground floor closer to the stage.

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