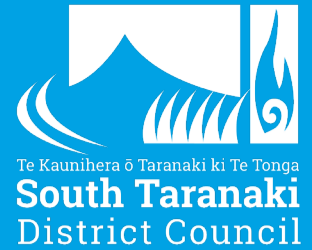


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He karere tā te Kaunihera o Taranaki ki te Tonga News from the South Taranaki District Council

Manaia facility takes another step forward

The development of project Tūkau, a shared Iwi/community multi-purpose space in Manaia, took another step forward when the board of Te Korowai o Ngāruahine and the South Taranaki District Council (STDC) agreed to move to the final phase of due diligence following the completion of the initial business case stage. The final phase involves progressing agreements related to capital and operational structuring. Both STDC and Te Korowai also agreed that the preferred location is the area around the current Manaia Memorial Hall. STDC chief executive Fiona Aitken says that while the sports complex at the Manaia Domain has been ruled out as the location for this multi-use facility, council officers have been asked to develop options for fixing or replacing the sports complex as a separate project to be worked on at the same time. "As part of this decision, Council reaffirmed its commitment to undertaking work on both facilities," she says. Aitken admits, like any other project, there are a number of complex issues to be resolved, including the need to get

government approval due to the hall being a war memorial and on reserve land. "Completing the business case will be a major milestone and it's at this point when both parties will need to make the final decision to commit to the project," she says. Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Pouwhakarae (Chair), Emma Gardiner says that Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Board was satisfied that the business case aligned strongly with the outcomes framework that was developed with their hapū, whānau, uri, kaimahi and the Manaia community. Gardiner says, "It's heartening to see traction on this kaupapa, which has progressed over two board terms. Now it was about structuring it in a way that is feasible and sustainable for both parties. This is a landmark project and will exemplify the value of council – iwi partnerships to both our uri and South Taranaki community." In its recently adopted Long Term Plan, STDC budgeted \$3 million for work on the Manaia town hall and town centre revitalisation.

Upcoming Meetings

Extraordinary Council
Freedom Camping Bylaw Hearing
Monday 2 September, 11am

Policy and Strategy Committee
Monday 2 September, 1pm

Extraordinary Council
To hear submissions on the Road Renaming at the South Taranaki Business Park
Wednesday 4 September, 1pm

Extraordinary Council
Decision on Māori Wards
Wednesday 4 September, 2pm

Ordinary Council
Monday 16 September, 4pm

Unless specified, meetings are held in the Council Chambers, Administration Building, Albion Street, Hāwera.

WASTE-ED with Kate

Want to learn some tips and tricks on how to make the most of your new set of kerbside waste bins? Council is bringing the ever-popular Kate Fenwick (formerly Meads) to town for a workshop to help our locals reduce their waste, care for our beautiful environment and give practical and useable tips and tricks for the new food scrap bins. If you're often puzzled by recycling and unsure if it makes a difference, this session is for you. Kate will clarify where waste and recycling actually ends up in New Zealand and explain your crucial role in managing your own waste. For over 17 years, Kate Fenwick has been delivering entertaining and inspiring waste minimisation events and campaigns across the country at countless towns and cities. She doesn't preach about being "completely waste free", but rather focuses on educating and inspiring participants on a variety of changes they could make every day. Don't miss out on this opportunity, full of witty humour, reality checks, and encouragement that may also challenge your thinking about trash!

TICKETS
\$10 per person

Spaces are limited. Tickets are just \$10, including a gift pack valued at \$40!
Get your tickets now from www.wastedkate.co.nz

Tuesday 10 September, 6pm
TSB Hub | Hāwera

SCAN ME



Senseless vandalism costing time and money

A recent spate in vandalism means Council staff are having to spend more time fixing damage rather than working on new projects and maintaining community spaces. The noticeable increase in incidences of vandalism ranges from graffiti, damage to facilities (especially public toilets), fields being ripped up by vehicles, and destruction of bush and planting within the District parks. STDC Places and Spaces Volunteer Coordinator Alice Arnold says it is destructive and pointless behaviour. "The Council Horticultural team work tirelessly around the District to maintain our parks, gardens and open spaces and we also have dedicated volunteers who work extremely hard to give back to the communities they live in," says Alice. "After all this effort, to return to find such mindless vandalism, is disheartening and frustrating for all involved." Parks are a common target says Alice, with Naumai Park often

showing evidence of bush being hacked away, holes dug, and plants ripped out, as well as grassed areas ripped up by motor bikes. King Edward Park has also become a target for vandals with recurring damage to the public toilets, observatory and sculptures. "It makes those visiting and working in these areas feel unsafe. Not to mention the unnecessary staff time and financial costs of repairs needed to fix the damage. It all adds up and it's ratepayers footing the bill," says Alice. Additional measures have already been taken, with security cameras installed after repeated incidences of vandalism at King Edward Park. Alice encourages anyone who witnesses antisocial behaviour and vandalism happening in a public area to report it to Police.