

Tuia Taitonga Southlink

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



Have a happy & safe festive season

Where has the year gone? I know it's such a cliché, but it seems like only yesterday that I was writing my Christmas message for 2023! As we come towards the end of the year it's timely to reflect on the achievements and challenges of the past 12 months.

In South Taranaki we completed many projects including the Nukumarū Station Road extension (Te Ranganuku Road), the new Waimate West reservoir, the 5km multi-use Loop Track in Pātea and, most recently, Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga, the district's new Library, Arts and isite Visitor Information Centre in Hāwera.

In addition, good progress has been made on Stage 2 of the South Taranaki Business Park, as well as planning, design, and public consultation work in support of the town centre revitalisation projects for Waverley, Eltham, Ōpunakē, Pātea and Manaia. Planning and design of Ōpunakē's proposed greenspace was completed as well as a new pump track. Planning and design are well advanced for Stark Park and traffic calming/pedestrian refuge measures have been completed along the main highway in Eltham. Elements including signage and wayfinding had been implemented in Pātea. Behind the scenes work on project Tūkau, (a possible shared Iwi/community multi-purpose space in Manaia) is progressing with the Council committed to undertaking work on both the Manaia Town Hall and Sports Complex. Meanwhile, the Council's town revitalisation efforts in Waverley have not only transformed the town's public spaces but also provided a significant boost to the local economy. Thanks to lead contractor Waina View Civil Ltd employing

local contractors, these projects have created both economic and social benefits for the town. This has also fostered a strong sense of community ownership and pride in the revitalisation initiatives. Waverley residents can now enjoy enhanced public spaces, from safer pedestrian crossings and a vibrant café deck on the main street to scenic pathways and green spaces at the Waverley Domain. These improvements have not only beautified the town but also made it more accessible and inviting for residents and visitors alike.

Looking ahead to 2025 there are plenty of projects and challenges we face (such as how we progress management of our 3 waters infrastructure, adapt to the impacts of climate change and fund our infrastructure while keeping rates affordable) but I am very excited about our District's future.

Thank you to the many clubs, organisations, schools and individuals across the District for the great work you have done for our community over the last year, and those of you who have welcomed me to your meetings, events and special occasions. The opportunity to get out and meet you all is one of the great privileges of my role.

Christmas is a great time for catching up with family and friends, but it can be a stressful and lonely time for many. Please remember to treat each other with kindness and respect. Finally, if you're driving over the holiday season, take care on the roads, stay calm, take plenty of breaks and please don't allow any distractions while driving.

Have a great Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year and I look forward to seeing and working with you in 2025.

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**.

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

Council Services (based at Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga)

Closed from 12noon Tuesday 24 December and re-opens 8am Friday 27 December. Closed from 3pm Tuesday 31 December and normal hours resume 8am, Friday 3 January 2025.

South Taranaki isite Visitors Centre (based at Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga)

Tuesday 24 December.....8.30am - 12noon
Wednesday 25 December.....Closed
Thursday 26 December.....10am - 3pm
Friday 27 December.....8.30am - 5pm
Sat 28, Sun 29 December.....10am - 3pm
Mon 30 December.....8.30am - 5pm
Tues 31 December.....8.30am - 3pm
Weds 1, Thurs 2 January.....10am - 3pm

AA Services (based at the isite)

Tuesday 24 December.....8.30am - 12noon
Wednesday 25 - Sunday 29 December.....Closed
Monday 30 December.....8.30am - 4.15pm
Tuesday 31 December.....8.30am - 3pm
Weds 1, Thurs 2 January.....Closed

Hāwera Aquatic Centre

Tuesday 24 December.....6am - 3pm
Wednesday 25 December.....Closed

Summer Community Pools

Pools are open from 12noon - 7pm during school holidays and weekends and from 12noon - 6pm on public holidays. Please note that the pools close at 3pm on Christmas Eve, 5pm on New Year's Eve and are closed on Christmas Day.

LibraryPlus Centres

Hāwera LibraryPlus
Tuesday 24 December.....9am - 12noon
Wednesday 25, Thursday 26 December.....Closed
Friday 27 December.....9am - 5pm
Saturday 28, Sunday 29 December.....9am - 4pm
Monday 30 December.....9am - 5pm
Tuesday 31 December.....9am - 3pm
Wednesday 1, Thursday 2 January.....Closed

Eltham, Ōpunakē, Pātea, Manaia, Waverley LibraryPlus

Open normal hours with the exception of:
Tuesday 24 December.....closing at 12noon
Weds 25, Thurs 26 December.....Closed
Tuesday 31 December.....closing at 3pm
Weds 1, Thurs 2 January.....Closed

Kaponga LibraryPlus

Closed from 5pm Monday 23 December and reopens at 1pm Friday 3 January 2025.

Transfer Station Hours

Eltham Transfer Station
Tuesdays and Thursdays.....1pm - 2.30pm
Saturday and Sundays.....1pm - 4pm

Hāwera Transfer Station

Tuesday 24 December.....8.30am - 5pm
Wednesday 25 December.....Closed
Thursday 26 December.....12.30pm - 5pm
Friday 27 December.....8.30am - 5pm
Saturday 28 December.....9.30am - 5pm
Sunday 29 December.....12.30pm - 5pm
Mon 30, Tues 31 December.....8.30am - 5pm
Wednesday 1 January.....Closed
Thursday 2 January.....12.30pm - 5pm

Manaia/Pātea/Ōpunakē Transfer Station

Saturdays, Sundays.....Open normal hours
Wednesday 25 December, 1 January.....Closed

Waitōtara/Waverley Transfer Station

Sundays.....Open normal hours
Wednesday 25 December, 1 January.....Closed

Aotea Utanganui - South Taranaki Museum

Open Monday - Saturday, 10am - 4pm.
Closed Sundays, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Day and January 2nd.

There's nothing like a...

SOUTH TARANAKI SUMMER

SOUNDS ON THE SAND

Sonic Delusion
Saturday 11 January,
12noon, Ōpunakē
Beach



Sounds on the Sand

The South Taranaki District Council is bringing Sonic Delusion to Ōpunakē Beach on Saturday 11 January 2025 from 12noon.

The vibrant Swiss-Kiwi, high-energy performer, Sonic Delusion (Andre Manella) has played over 1,000 live shows at venues and festivals across Switzerland, New Zealand, Australia and Germany over the last decade.

"We are incredibly excited to welcome Sonic Delusion back to Sounds on the Sand this year. We know Andre will have everyone up on their feet dancing in the sun," says Event Coordinator Ella Tosland. "Pack a picnic, or grab some food from the campsite shop, and bring the whole family down for an afternoon of music. Don't forget sunscreen!"

Sonic Delusion's happy, funky and groovy indie pop is 'too funky for folk and too folk for funk'. In his boogielicious live performances, he uses his well worn loop pedal with an array of instruments to skilfully create an incredible sound. This free community event is proudly brought to you by the South Taranaki District Council.



CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Featuring Hollie Smith
Saturday 25 January,
4pm, King Edward
Park, Hāwera



Concerts in the Park with Hollie Smith

Her incredible live performances and powerhouse vocals have made her one of the most sought after acts in the New Zealand music industry. She is best known for her song 'Bathe in the River' and 'Whakaaria Mai'.

South Taranaki District Council Events Coordinator Ella Tosland says she looks forward to hearing the well-known artist's songs reverberate around King Edward Park

"We hope families and whānau take the opportunity to enjoy this free event relaxing at this beautiful venue," says Ella. "We encourage those attending to make an evening of it by bringing along a picnic or buying something from the food vendors we will have available."

This free event is proudly brought to you by South Taranaki District Council and supported by the Toi Foundation.

Popular New Zealand entertainer and singer Hollie Smith will be bringing our premier Park to life with her power packed show.

One of our popular annual summer events, Concerts in the Park, is returning to King Edward Park in Hāwera on Saturday 25 January 2025. Entertainment will begin with duo Nana & Petal (Paul Adams and Celine Filbee) kicking things off at 4pm, and the main act will take the stage at about 5.15pm.

Hollie Smith is a singer, songwriter, and performer.



Family Fun Day in Eltham

Save the date - a Family Fun Day is coming to Eltham for Saturday 18 January 2025. Be sure to put it into your diaries now and watch this space (and our Facebook page) for more information in the new year!

Free Community Summer Pools

Council is proud to provide towns around the District with community pools, free of charge, that open during the summer months.

Head to Pātea, Manaia, Rāwhitiroa, Kaponga or Eltham to make the most of the pools over the hot days ahead!

Find out opening times and more at www.southtaranaki.com/summerpools



Public Notice

On 9 December 2024 the Council adopted a new Cemeteries Bylaw and reviewed its Livestock Control Bylaw. Both are effective from 1 January 2025. A new Trade Waste Bylaw was adopted in June 2024 and is now in effect.

The new Bylaws are available to view on our website at www.southtaranaki.com/bylaws or at the Council Services Desk at Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga on the corner of High and Regent Streets in Hāwera during office hours.



Liquor Bans

This is a reminder to all residents and visitors that Temporary Liquor Bans come into effect over the festive season for Ōpunakē (beach, clifftop and surrounds), Manaia (South Road/SH45 and surrounds) and Waiinu Beach. Existing permanent liquor bans in Eltham, Hāwera, Normanby, Ōpunakē and Pātea will remain in place throughout the Christmas and New Year period. Find out more at www.southtaranaki.com/liquorbans