

Southlink

News from the South Taranaki District Council

Fresh look for Hawera Town Signs

Hawera has a fresh welcome for travellers with the installation of three new signs at each of the Town's main entranceways.

The signs are part of a joint project between the South Taranaki District Council (STDC) and Bizlink Hawera (Hawera Business Association).

STDC project manager, Claire Symes says the erection of the signs completes stage two of the upgrade project to replace the old town signs.

"Hawera had a mixture of tired-looking entranceway signs, from the three orange Water Tower signs to the two wooden 'Kia Ora katoa' signs on South Road and the Glover/Waihi Road intersection. The Kia Ora katoa signs, which were erected sometime in the 1970's had served the town well but were well past their use-by date," says Claire.

"The new signs are designed to make the town's entranceway signage look more modern and vibrant. We were also keen to put a sign right across the subway bridge at the southern end of town, however we were not able to get approval from the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA), so we had to go with something a little more modest" she says.

"The entrance signs are the first thing you see as you enter Hawera so it's important they make a positive impression," says Bizlink Co-ordinator, Rangi Coleman.

"Putting up new town entranceway signs was part of Bizlink's five year beautification plan, so it is really pleasing that we can tick that one off and move onto the next project," says Mr Coleman.

The Council and Bizlink are also working together on the Hawera Town Centre Development Plan. The Plan, which



is still in its early stages, will provide real potential to build a vibrant and economically sustainable town centre that is a showcase to attract new residents, business and visitors.

Upcoming Meetings

Eltham Community Board

Tuesday 11 March
Eltham Community Centre, 10.30 am

Hawera Community Board

Tuesday 11 March, 4pm

Egmont Plains Community Board

Wednesday 12 March, 9.30am
Sandfords Event Centre, Opunake

Patea Community Board

Wednesday 12 March, 3.30pm
Patea Old Folks Hall

Environment and Hearings Committee Meeting

Monday 17 March, 4pm

Iwi Liaison Committee Meeting

Wednesday 19 March, 10am

Policy Development Committee Meeting

Monday 24 March, 1pm

Ordinary Council Meeting

Monday 14 April at 7.30pm

All meetings, unless stated, are held at Council Chambers, Administration Building, Albion St, Hawera

AmeriCARna

AmeriCARna roars into Hawera tomorrow! With over 500 cars visiting, the roads are going to be rather busy! Here's the timetable for the day if you want to take a look: 12.30pm-2.30pm Cars will be parked in High Street and from 3-5pm - GymCARna will take place at the TSB Hub, Waihi Rd Carpark.

Local businesses are getting right behind the event with store frontages all red, white and blue!

Eltham Arts in the Park

The very popular 'Arts in Park' is returning to Eltham on Sunday 9 March. However this time it has a new home to showcase the recently redeveloped Bridger Park and neighbouring Stark Park. Jewellery, woodcraft, garden and decorative art are just some of the stalls that will be featuring at this year's event
The day runs from 10am-2pm, Sunday 9 March, at Bridger and Stark Parks in Eltham.



Restricted fire season

From midnight Tuesday 25 February, a Restricted Fire Season was put in place which means the lighting of fires in the open air is restricted within the entire Taranaki Region. The land area under the control of the Eltham Drainage Committee has a year round Restricted Fire Season.

A restricted fire season means that permits are required for all open air fires. All residents need to be aware that if they light a fire without a permit, the full costs of extinguishing these fires will be charged to the property owner.

If you need a permit (free of charge) contact STDC by calling 0800 111 323 or visit www.alright2light.co.nz to apply online.

Please note: When applying for a permit, please allow at least 5 working days' notice. Inspections will take place on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Water conservation

We've had some beautiful warm, dry days in South Taranaki recently. But that makes it even more important to use water wisely. Here are some quick tips for how to conserve water:

- Avoid watering lawns.
- Use a hand-held hose instead of sprinklers.
- Take short showers instead of baths.
- Fix leaks on your property as soon as possible.
- Report any other leaks. We will fix leaks on the Council network, and follow up with private property owners.

If you'd like more information on how to conserve water, see us at www.southtaranaki.com, 105-111 Albion St Hawera, or your local LibraryPlus. With your help, we could make it through another summer without water restrictions.

Alternate Worlds

Next week, an exhibition by Waverley artists Lisa and Jimi Walsh will open following their artistic adventure to China earlier this year. The husband and wife team represented New Zealand at the 2014 Harbin International Ice Festival Sister City Snow Sculpting Competition, the largest ice festival in the world. The exhibition will focus on the alternate realities faced by the artists during their eleven day residency.

**Opening: 5.30pm Tuesday 6 March 2014 - All welcome
Lysaght Watt Gallery, 6-8 Union St, Hawera**

A gig for folk lovers

Next week, UK folk and Americana songwriters Adam Piggott and Jayne Freeman will be playing live at Hawera LibraryPlus as part of their tour of New Zealand. A gig for all lovers of finely played acoustic music, acoustic guitars and ukuleles.

You can see them at Hawera LibraryPlus, on Wednesday 5 March at 1pm. Free of charge. All welcome.