

# Southlink

News from the South Taranaki District Council

## Normanby Overbridge realignment to start soon

Delaney Myers from the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) received a round of applause at Council's Policy Development Committee Meeting when she confirmed that work will soon start on the Normanby overbridge realignment project. At the meeting Ms Myers outlined the scope of the project which includes removing the existing overbridge and replacing it with an underpass. A new highway adjacent to the railway line will be created which will link back to the existing highway just past

Onewhaia Road. The new, wider, highway will eliminate 5 curves shortening the route by 500 metres as well as adding two passing lanes, one in each direction. Ms Myers said all the design work, property acquisitions and consent work had been completed and NZTA was currently working with Kiwirail to ensure the latest design standards were met. The next step will be to go out to tender and Ms Myers hoped to start the tender process before Christmas. Once started the realignment project will



take the best part of two years to complete but disruption to motorists will be minimal as most of the work will be done across country. South Taranaki Mayor, Ross Dunlop said he was extremely pleased to see the project was about to get underway and added that it couldn't come soon enough. "It's a great relief to know this project is finally going ahead and demonstrates that perseverance pays off," he says.

## Interim Annual Report Signals Strong Result

Reduced expenditure and higher than budgeted income will see the South Taranaki District Council finish the 2013/14 financial year with a healthy \$1.8 million surplus according to figures released in its Interim Annual Report. Council Chief Executive Craig Stevenson says he is very pleased with the financial performance of the organisation over the last 12 months. "Expenditure is down and revenue is up so we finished the year with an operating surplus of \$1.8 million dollars before various accounting adjustments," he says. Mr Stevenson says the Council's Long Term Investment Fund (LTIF) also continued to perform strongly. "The LTIF returned \$14.2 million for the year which was about \$5.1 million or 56% ahead of budget. This is the third year in a row the fund has significantly exceeded budget expectations," he says. Mr Stevenson says the extra revenue will be returned to the fund to build it up for those years when it doesn't perform so well. The final audited Annual Report will be tabled at Council's 13 October regular meeting.



*Congratulations to the recipients of the 2014 Community Awards; Gordon and Ann Chisnall, Kaye Mourie, Lorna Le Fleming, Charles Preddey, Rex Langton, Everybody's Theatre Inc Society, Coastal Taranaki Health Trust, Ngatitara Oaonui Sandy Bay Incorporated Society, Howard Hughes, Fred Patterson, Shirley Maher, Pauline Webby, Trish Coleman, Doug Hutchinson, Christine Creagh, Bryan Vickery, Effie Gallie, Hawera Group Riding for the Disabled and the Hawera Volunteer Fire Brigade Road Crash Rescue Team.*

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**EGMONT A&P SHOWGROUNDS, HAWERA, 11 OCTOBER**  
**GATES OPEN AT 6.30PM**

## Bylaw Review - submissions close tomorrow

Council has developed and reviewed the following bylaws and policies - and we want to know what you think of the proposed changes: Dog Control Bylaw, Dog Control Policy, Livestock Control Bylaw, Parking Control and Traffic Flow Bylaw, Mobile Traders Bylaw, Public Places Bylaw, Skateboard (and similar devices) Control Bylaw, Roading Bylaw, Freedom Camping Bylaw and Bylaw Administration Policy. Bylaws provide rules and regulations to make sure the Council protects the public from nuisances, maintains public health and

safety and minimises offensive behaviour in public places. Policies contain information about how the Council operates on specific issues not covered within a Bylaw. The proposed bylaws and policies, the Statement of Proposal and a submission form can be found on our website ([www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com)) or at any LibraryPlus centre, at the Hawera Administration Building or by contacting Adrienne Cook at the Council on 0800 111 323. **Submissions close tomorrow, Friday 3 October.**

### Upcoming Meetings

**South Taranaki District Licensing Committee - Public Hearing**  
Wednesday 8 October, 10am

**Council Meeting**  
Monday 13 October, 7.30pm

**Special Council Meeting  
Bylaw Review Hearing**  
Thursday 16 October, 9am

**Eltham Community Board**  
Monday 20 October, 10.30am  
Kaponga Town Hall, Victoria St

**Hawera Community Board**  
Monday 20 October, 5.15 pm

**Egmont Plains Community Board**  
Wednesday 22 October, 9.30am  
Sandford Events Centre

**Patea Community Board**  
Wednesday 22 October, 3.30 pm  
Patea Old Folks Hall

**Environment and Hearings Committee**  
Monday 3 November, 4pm

**Iwi Liaison Committee**  
Wednesday 5 November, 10am

*Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held at Council Chambers, Albion St, Hawera*



### Telephone Glitch

Due to a technical error with our phone system on Wednesday morning some phone calls to Council were missed. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused. The problem was fixed by 9:30am.

### Greenwaste Stickers

From October 1, you will need to upgrade to the new greenwaste sticker. This service is a voluntary fortnightly collection using a 240 litre wheelie bin. You can purchase the greenwaste service by going into any of the Council's LibraryPlus, the Hawera Administration Building or the i-Site Visitor Centre. Alternatively you can phone Council on 278 0555 or toll free on 0800 111 323.