

Southlink

News from the South Taranaki District Council

Annual Report 2013-2014
South Taranaki District Council

Council posts solid surplus

Reduced expenditure and higher than budgeted income has seen the South Taranaki District Council finish the 2013/14 financial year with a \$1.82 million operational surplus as outlined in its Annual Report, which was adopted at Monday night's (13 October) Council meeting. Council Chief Executive Craig Stevenson says he is very pleased with the financial performance of the organisation.

"The surplus was achieved through lower than budgeted expenditure (\$673,000) and higher than budgeted income (\$1,149,000) which gave us an operating surplus of \$1.82 million dollars before various accounting adjustments," he says.

Long Term Investment Fund Performs Strongly

Mr Stevenson says the Council's Long Term Investment Fund (LTIF) also continued to perform strongly.

"The LTIF returned \$14.3 million for the year which was about \$5.2 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 at year end the LTIF balance totalled \$120.8 million. All revenue over and above the annual drawdown of \$5.6 million is returned to the fund to build it up for those years when it doesn't perform so well.

Each year the Council's \$5.6 million drawdown provides \$3.87 million to subsidise general rates and a further \$1.73 million to service interest and loan repayments for specific community projects. In this way the LTIF has returned over \$78 million back to the South Taranaki Community since it was started in 1997.



THE NEW ZEALAND BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION

THE PINK CARAVAN IS HERE!

HAWERA TOWN SQUARE TODAY

POP IN FOR FREE BREAST HEALTH ADVICE

**THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER, 9AM - 3.30PM
HAWERA TOWN SQUARE**

The New Zealand Breast Cancer Foundation is hitting the road and is in Hawera today! Be sure you get along to the Pink Caravan, today (16 October) in the Hawera Town Square and get free advice from specialist nurses, hands-on displays, Lymphoedema support and free resources.

RONALD HUGH MORRIESON Literary Awards 2014

Members of the public are invited to this year's Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards presentation evening where the winners will be announced.

Hawera LibraryPlus, Saturday 1 November, 6.30pm
This year's judges, David Hill and Glenn Colquhoun, will be there and some of the winning stories, poems and judges' comments will be read during the presentation. Drinks and nibbles will be served at the conclusion of the evening. Please RSVP by Tuesday 28 October to Pamela Jones by calling 0800 111 323.

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How to recruit and retain volunteers

If you are part of a community or voluntary group, come along to the second of a series of 'Volunteers After 5' free workshops on Wednesday 29 October. Learn how to get volunteers and, more importantly, how to keep them! Your volunteers are the back bone of your organisation. Find out what to do to make sure they stay with you and not chose to give their time elsewhere. Register by Friday 24 October by calling Marcia Haigh on 0800 111 323 or emailing Marcia.haigh@stdc.govt.nz

Upcoming Meetings

- 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
- Special Council, Bylaw Review Deliberations**
Monday 10 November, 9am
- Policy Development Committee**
Monday 10 November, 1.30pm
- Council Meeting**
Monday 1 December, 7.30pm

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

Learn about safe boating with Peter Snell

New Zealand's first ever Safe Boating Week, Friday 17 October - Friday 24 October

Head to the Peter Snell statue in Opunake this Friday at 3pm to watch him become involved with Safe Boating Week as part of the Statues for Life (jackets) campaign. He, along with nine other famous monuments around New Zealand, will don a resplendent fluoro life jacket to promote boaties' that if 'It's not on, it's no good' and to focus on ensuring their boats, their gear and themselves are ready for a safe summer boating season.

