

Southlink

News from the South Taranaki District Council

Have a happy and safe festive season

Season's Greetings to all. Christmas is almost upon us and this is always a good opportunity to reflect on the year just gone. 2015 has been an extremely busy year with a number of challenges and achievements for our community.

In particular, the Council started a number of projects designed to make our District a more desirable place to live, work and visit. These included the District Walkways/Cycleways project, the Hawera Town Centre Development, establishment of a Digital Development Strategy and earthquake proofing the Hunter Shaw Building in Patea, Manaia and Eltham Town Halls and the Hawera Memorial Theatre. Another key milestone was completion of the \$10 million

Waimate West Water Treatment Plant which services the rural Waimate West area, including Kaponga and Manaia townships. Two of the most notable challenges we faced of course were the June floods in the upper catchments of our eastern hill country and the August floods in Opunake.

I was very thankful to those who rose to the challenge and helped those in need to get through these events; the effects of which will be felt for some time yet.

One of the things that make South Taranaki so special is the number of people who do voluntary work and keep all sorts of activities going in our community. I always appreciate the opportunity to catch up and see first-hand the good work that happens across the

district. Thank you for the invitations to Jan and I to your special functions.

Christmas is a time for catching up with family and friends. It can also be a very stressful and lonely time for some, so please keep a lookout for those who need support. If you're driving over the holiday season take care on the roads – remember to stay calm and take plenty of breaks.

I wish you all the very best for Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.



Ross Dunlop, 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!** Please contact us directly if you have a request, complaint or even a compliment. Please **phone** the Council on 278 0555, or toll free on 0800 111 323.

Hawera Administration Building

Closed from 3pm Thursday 24 December and re-opens 8am Tuesday 29 December. Closed from 3pm Thursday 31 December and re-opens 8am Tuesday 5 January 2016.

LibraryPlus Centres

Eltham, Hawera LibraryPlus

Thursday 24 December.....9am - 3pm
Friday 25 - Monday 28 December.....Closed
Tuesday 29, Wednesday 30 December.....9am - 5.30pm
Thursday 31 December.....9am - 3pm
Friday 1 - Monday 4 January 2016.....Closed
Re-open Tuesday 5 January 2016.....9am - 5.30pm

Kaponga LibraryPlus

Thursday 24 December.....1pm - 3pm
Friday 25 December - Monday 4 January 2016Closed
Re-open Tuesday 5 January.....1pm - 5pm

Manaia, Opunake and Patea LibraryPlus

Thursday 24 December.....9am - 3pm
Friday 25 - Monday 28 December.....Closed
Tuesday 29, Wednesday 30 December.....9am - 5pm
Thursday 31 December.....9am - 3pm
Friday 1 - Monday 4 January 2016.....Closed
Re-open Tuesday 5 January.....9am - 5pm

Waverley LibraryPlus

Thursday 24 December.....9am - 3pm
Friday 25 - Monday 28 December.....Closed
Tuesday 29, Wednesday 30 December...9am - 12.30pm, 1pm - 5pm
Thursday 31 December.....9am - 3pm
Friday 1 - Monday 4 January 2016.....Closed
Re-open Tuesday 5 January 2016.....9am - 12.30pm, 1pm - 5pm

Aotea Utanganui - Museum of South Taranaki

Closed Christmas Day.
Open 10am - 4pm Monday to Saturday, closed Sundays.

South Taranaki i-SITE Visitor Centre

Monday to Friday.....8.30am - 5pm
Weekends and Public holidays.....10am - 3pm
Closed Christmas Day

Transfer Station Hours

Eltham Transfer Station

Normal operating hours.
Open Tuesdays and Thursdays.....1 - 2.30pm
Open Saturdays and Sundays.....1 - 4pm
Closed Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

Hawera Transfer Station

Monday 21 - Thursday 24 December.....8.30am - 5pm
Friday 25 December.....Closed

Saturday 26 December.....12.30 - 5pm
Sunday 27 December.....12.30 - 5pm
Monday 28 - Thursday 31 December.....8.30am - 5pm
Friday 1 January 2016.....Closed
Saturday 2 January.....12.30 - 5pm

Manaia/Opunake/Patea Transfer Station

Normal operating hours.
Open Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.....1 - 4pm
Closed Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Waitotara Transfer Station

Normal operating hours.
Open Wednesdays and Sundays.....3 - 5pm
Closed Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Waverley Transfer Station

Normal operating hours.
Open Wednesdays.....4 - 6pm
Open Sundays.....12.30 - 4.30pm
Closed Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Kerbside rubbish and recycling will be collected as per normal. Please ensure your bins are out on the kerbside by 7am.