

FAMILIAR FACE TAKES NEW ROLE

Fiona Greenhill, is the new the Community Services and Development Group Manager – a senior Council position which was vacant with the recent departure of Jan Martin. Ms Greenhill was formerly the Economic Development and Tourism Manager.

"There were a number of high calibre candidates," says Council CEO Craig Stevenson, "but Fiona, who has worked at the Council for more than 18 years, and who had been Jan Martin's deputy for several years, was the natural choice," he says.

"We pride ourselves on our staff culture and we try to look after our people, so we look to promote internally wherever possible," says Mr Stevenson. "Fiona has consistently delivered for the organisation, she knows the job and has spent time in the seat," he says.

Born and bred in the region Fiona is fiercely passionate about South Taranaki and is looking forward to making a positive difference in the community.



eDAY THANK YOU



Thank you to everyone who came and made eDay possible. We filled nearly two 20 foot containers full of e-waste that will be diverted from landfills! Congratulations!

Thank you to our local sponsors; Egmont Refuse and Recycling, Taranaki Roadsafe, South Taranaki District Council and Taranaki Regional Council.

STDC ONE OF BEST PLACES TO WORK

The South Taranaki District Council came 6th in the national JRA Best Workplaces Survey, up 3 places on last year and only .3 of a point behind 5th place. The Council which was in the medium-large businesses (150- 399 employees) category, was the only public organisation to make the finals. Council CEO Craig Stevenson was absolutely thrilled to hear that for the second year running, his organisation was a finalist in the JRA Best Workplaces Survey. Mr Stevenson believes the reason why the Council has rated so highly comes down to the quality of its people and the great culture that exists. "We employ people that

have pride in their organisation, are passionate about their district and are totally committed to doing their best for our residents," he says.

The JRA Best Workplaces Survey is New Zealand's largest annual workplace climate-employee engagement survey and uses confidential feedback from organisations' employees to rate their employers.

Almost 31,000 employees from 245 organisations across the country took part in the survey this year, up from last year's 216.

TAKE CARE WITH OPEN-AIR FIRES

With the current weather conditions being quite dry, Council would ask rural property owners to be vigilant when undertaking any open-air burning activities.

Property owners have a moral obligation to supervise any fires until they have burnt out. If property owners or anyone is concerned about a fire in the rural areas of the South Taranaki District they should call the New Zealand Fire Service on 111.

Rural property owners that have land adjacent to any Department of Conservation State Areas need to be aware that if they wish to have a fire within the 1 kilometre Fire Safety Margin they will need to apply to DOC for a Fire Permit, and this requirement is year round.

ART - IT'S NOT ONLY PAINTINGS

If you head down to Arts in the Park in Hawera on Saturday 4th December – you might just find something a little different hanging in the trees of King Edward Park. Art is not just paintings and drawings.

The Hawera Flora Arts Club has been at Arts in the Park for many years, but you won't find any of their members sitting behind a table selling wares, in fact you probably won't find any other them there, other than enjoying the day along with everyone else. But you will see their work... and it is stunning.

Adorning trees at the Camberwell Road entrance are magnificent examples of the talent of the club. At first glance you may not see them but take a closer look and beautiful floral art displays are hanging all around you.

"We do it for the love of flowers also the art of it," says Jenny Mieken from the Club. "We all love flowers and the companionship of the Club is fantastic".

So take a closer look around on the day, where you may just find that art is more than just paintings.

Arts in the Park, Saturday 4th December 10am – 4pm King Edward Park Hawera.



TEMPORARY LIQUOR BAN

From Wednesday 1 December 2010 until Friday 31 December 2010 it is illegal to drink, possess or transport opened liquor along the following streets:

Glover Road, Hawera, from Victoria Street to the Waihi Road roundabout; and Waihi Road (including the Waihi Road roundabout) State Highway 3 to Chute Street, Normanby.

This notice is issued in accordance with the South Taranaki District Council Liquor Control Bylaw. A person convicted of an offense against this bylaw could be fined up to \$20,000.

RATES INSTALLMENT

Ratepayers are reminded that the last day for payment of the second instalment of rates for 2010/2011 without incurring a penalty will be **Wednesday 24 November 2010.**

UPCOMING MEETINGS

All meetings are at the Council Chambers, Administration Building, Albion St, Hawera – unless otherwise stated.

Eltham Community Board -
22 November at 10.30am

Eltham Community Centre, Eltham

~~**Environment and Hearings Committee -**~~
~~22 November at 4pm CANCELLED~~

Iwi Liaison Committee - 24 November at 10am

Policy Development Committee -
29 November at 1pm