

HAVE YOUR SAY!

EARTHQUAKE-PRONE BUILDINGS, GAMING POLICIES AND LIQUOR ABUSE STRATEGY UNDER REVIEW

The Council is developing some of its policies that deal with your health and safety. Now is the time for you to have your say on what you think they should include.

Earthquake Prone Buildings

The Council's Earthquake Prone, Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy is designed to ensure the community is kept safe from the consequences of earthquake prone buildings. It describes what measures building owners in town centres need to take to ensure their buildings are not likely to become unsafe if we have a moderate to severe earthquake. The policy recognises that building owners need to have a choice about how much they spend on their buildings. It also describes how buildings believed to be at high risk of becoming dangerous must be assessed so that safety needs can be decided.

Pokie Machine Gambling

The Council is renewing its policy on pokie machines and is recommending the return to a "sinking lid" policy.

This means that no more pokie machines or TAB Board Venues would be allowed in South Taranaki. The aim of the policy is to reduce the many harms to the community caused by problem gambling.

Liquor Abuse

The Council is proposing to introduce a Strategy for the Reduction of Liquor Abuse in South Taranaki. It is aimed at identifying steps taken by other agencies and community groups who are working toward the reduction of liquor abuse and fitting in with them to better contribute to the reduction of liquor abuse as it affects us.

If you want to have a say about any or all of these matters, the full reports, draft policies and submission forms are available for the Council's administration building in Albion Street, Hawera, at each of the LibraryPlus centres and on the Council's website www.stdc.co.nz The closing date for submissions is Monday 5 July 2010.



He karanga tēnei ki ngā whānau o te tonga, nau mai, haere mai, whakatau mai.

Puanga/Rigel is a star that is part of the Matariki/Orion constellation that Taranaki and Whanganui Māori align themselves to for celebrating the Māori New Year. Over the years Matariki has grown from strength to strength throughout Aotearoa and we are proud to present the South Taranaki Puanga Programme as our contribution towards this auspicious time in the Māori calendar. In the district of South Taranaki Puanga can be seen rising in the east, just before sunrise from June to July and symbolises the time to harvest kai/food in preparation for the cold months ahead. Therefore we invite you to join us to celebrate the fruits our rohe/district and we wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Ngā mihi ki te tōu hou. Tihei Mauriora!

Puanga - An Exhibition by South Taranaki Māori Artists

31 May – 26 June, Lysaght Watt Gallery, Hawera
Open: Monday-Friday 10am - 3pm, Saturday 10am-12noon

Featuring artwork in a variety of traditional and contemporary media by Puhi Nuku, Ariana Brooks, Philip Nuku, Wiremu Tamihana, Darren Parata, Bonita Bigham, Rhegan Brooks and Te Rawenake Hēmara. Puhi Nuku will be in the gallery giving demonstrations on Fridays during the exhibition. All welcome - free entry.

Native Planting at Nowells Lake

Sunday 13 June, 10am-1pm
Nowells Lakes, Rifle Range Road, Hawera
 Council staff, Iwi representatives and their families will be planting hebes along the walkway. All volunteers welcome – phone Michele McDonald on 0800 111 323 to register.

Hawera Astronomical Society Dawn Puanga Viewing

Monday 14 June, 6:30am – 7:30am
Hawera Observatory, King Edward Park, Hawera
 Public talk on Puanga (Rigel) and Matariki (Pleiades or the Seven Sisters) at 6:30am with star viewing to follow just before sunrise (computer simulation if cloudy).

Light breakfast to follow. All welcome - free entry.

Traditional Māori Games Workshop

Friday 18 June, 12pm-4pm, TSB Hub, Hawera
 Dr Ihirangi Heke, sports psychologist runs a session of mental and physical games. Registration essential - phone Leanne Matuku, Sport Taranaki 0800 228 48

More activities to come! Watch this space!

YOUTH WEEK WORKSHOPS

Graffiti art workshops in Patea, Waverley and Hawera kick-started Youth Week celebrations which ran from the 22 to 30 May. Youth who attended the workshops described them as "awesome" with Waverley student Wiki Wallace-Edwards saying "It was great to learn the order of layering paint and that it's easy to fix mistakes."

The workshops were a Raumano Health Trust initiative funded by Creative Communities NZ and coordinated by community members and the South Taranaki District Council. The youth were tutored in graffiti art by Custom Designs Aotearoa artist Blair Mare and CSA Surfboards artist Cain Aldridge.

Community groups were also supported to run fundraising barbecues at the events while CSA Surfboards donated a skate deck and t-shirts for an informal skate competition after the Hawera mural was completed.

MEETING CANCELLATION

Environment and Hearings Committee

Tuesday 8th June, 4pm

Council Chambers, Administration Building, Albion St, Hawera

CANCELLED

DOG REGISTRATION DETAILS



FEES FOR 2010/11

• Urban Dogs	\$133
• Urban Desexed	\$106
• Urban Selected Owner	\$86
• Rural (1st 2 Dogs)	\$60
• Rural (3 or more Dogs)	\$55

Over the past few weeks, dog owners have been enquiring about fees for the coming registration year, and all is now revealed!

Dog registration fees are used solely for the running of the many services supplied by our Animal Services team 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

These include responding to public requests about barking, roaming, and attacking incidents, as well as dog welfare queries and our education programme in schools, and for other community groups.

In addition to this, property visits are carried out for the rehousing of dogs from

the pound, for Selected Owner status applications, and to assist the owners of problem dogs.

Dog owners are reminded that all dogs 3 months of age or older are required to be registered before the end of July each year.

The new reminder notices will be mailed out early in June, and anyone who would like to discuss payment options with us, please do this as soon as you can, as non-payment can result in huge fines and even (worst case scenario) the removal of the dog.