

OUTCOME OF PROPOSALS IN ANNUAL PLAN

'Keep our services' was the overwhelming request the Council received from submissions to its 2010/2011 Annual Plan Proposal – and that's exactly what it did!

After a month of consultation, public meetings and over 300 submissions the South Taranaki District Council met to decide on its 2010/2011 Annual Plan and Councillors rejected most of the controversial proposals to save money.

And in a welcome move, they were able to reject many of the cost cutting proposals while also reducing proposed increases in the targeted water and wastewater rates.

The meeting began on a positive note when the Council's new finance manager, Vipul Mehta, presented Councillors with a significantly improved financial situation. Approximately \$1.7 million in additional savings was identified as a result of the Council being able to secure 0.5% lower interest rates on its loans combined with a significant reduction in the Council's external debt situation.

South Taranaki District Mayor, Ross Dunlop was pleased with the outcome of the Council's decisions.

"The overwhelming desire of those who attended the public meetings and made submissions was to retain services, even if that meant increasing rates. Well, the Council listened to the public feedback and responded accordingly," says Mayor Dunlop.

"We have tried to be financially responsible and keep rate increases as low as possible while continuing to invest in the district's core water and waste water infrastructure and also retaining the services the public have told us they want to keep. I think we have managed that, he says."

The Council will formally adopt its 2010/2011 Annual Plan on 30 June 2010.

Council decided to:

- Keep borrowing of library books free
- Maintain current library opening hours
- Keep the Ancestry and Epic databases
- Keep Manaia, Kaponga and Opunake Town Halls
- Maintain current rural swimming pool season
- Maintain annual grants budget
- Maintain Opunake Plunket toilets
- Keep Waitotara Transfer Station open
- Maintain all rural Transfer Station hours
- Grant SPCA \$10,000 annually for two years

Cost savings adopted by Council:

- Reintroduce fines for overdue books and increase current DVD rental price (\$22,000)
- Reduce PowerCo Aquatic Centre outdoor pools season by 6 weeks (\$12,000)
- Reduce depreciation for the TSB Hub in the 2010/11 year (\$197,000)
- Sell Dixon Court bedsit pensioner units (\$300,000)
- Reduce District Marketing Plan budget (\$65,000)
- Increase Transfer Station fees (\$122,000)
- Reduce unsubsidised roading programme (\$100,000)
- Reduce depreciation for wastewater (\$84,000)

A FULL EXPLANATION OF THE DECISIONS AND RATE IMPACTS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN JULY 8TH SOUTHLINK AFTER COUNCIL HAS FORMALLY ADOPTED THE ANNUAL PLAN

RECYCLING CONTAMINATION



Currently, a lot of contamination is being discovered in resident's recycling bins. Recycling is **hand sorted** when it reaches the plant, so things like human feces, nappies, food, greenwaste, old clothing and shoes is unacceptable.

Below is an example of what can go into your recycling bin. Cut it out and keep it on your fridge!

Paper and junk mail	Plastic bottles (rinse)	Glass bottles (rinse)	Unwaxed cardboard	Clean pizza boxes	Aluminum cans	Newspapers and magazines	Packing wrap
Shopping and bread bags	Milk containers Water bottles (rinse)	Glass jars	Clean foods tins (Rinse)	Telephone directories	Egg cartons	Cereal boxes	Plastic containers with these recycle logos

DAVIS CUP TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!!!

Pop into the South Taranaki i-SITE to purchase your tickets for the Davis Cup! Coming to South Taranaki on the 9-11 July!



THE DAVIS CUP IS NOW ON FACEBOOK

Hop onto Facebook and search for the 'Davis Cup' – become a fan and keep updated!



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.

Ngā mihi ki te tōu hou. Tihei Mauriora!

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, on 0800 228 48

Garden of Tutunui Community Planting

Tuesday 29 June, 12:30-3pm, Patea

Planting of native plants by Patea school students and community. All welcome – please bring a spade.

Manu Tukutuku - Māori Kite Art Workshop

Wednesday 14 July, 1-3pm,

Hawera Community Centre - Hall Lounge

A creative school holiday programme workshop where participants will create a collaborative artwork to be displayed at local libraries.

Limited numbers - free entry. Phone the South Taranaki i-Site on 0800 111 323 to register.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Annual Plan Adoption Meeting

Wednesday 30 June, 3pm
Council Chambers, Administration Building
Albion St, Hawera

Council Meeting

Monday 5 July, 7.30pm
Council Chambers, Administration Building
Albion St, Hawera

CHANGES TO RUBBISH PICKUP

The route orders for South Taranaki's weekly kerbside rubbish and recycling pick ups have changed. Each area will still be picked up on the same day, but the time may be different.

- Please make sure your rubbish, recycling and greenwaste bins are on your kerbside by 7.30am on pick up day

If you have any questions, please call Council on 0800 111323.