

PATEA FREEZING WORKS UPDATE

Work at the old Patea Freezing Works site has been going extremely well. It has been cleared, re-filled and levelled. All that's left to do is to lay 15cm of topsoil over the site and plant grass which will be done in early summer when it's a better time for planting. The site will then get its 'validation certificate', declaring it safe for agricultural and recreational purposes, which was always the goal for this project. During the clean up the contractors found asbestos below the foundations of some buildings. The good news is all asbestos that was either above ground, or up to 1 metre below the surface, has been cleared from the site. Any asbestos below has been 'capped' with a special protective membrane. The material which has been capped

is totally harmless and once the final layer of topsoil is put over the site it will be completely safe for recreational and agricultural purposes.

The discovery of unforeseen contamination and other variations that normally occur with a contract like this, have meant the cost of the cleanup has increased. The Council is negotiating with the Government to see if it will contribute some money (on top of the \$1.5 million it has already made) towards the shortfall.

Once the site has received its validation certificate, ongoing monitoring of the soil will take place. Nine monitoring wells will be established where water samples will be regularly taken to make sure that there are no contaminants leaching into the estuary.

BUILDING, VERANDA AND PARAPET MAINTENANCE

Council's Building Control Team has recently reviewed earthquake prone buildings in the district and would like to remind building owners that it their responsibility to make sure their buildings are maintained to a standard which will avoid the likelihood of damage to neighbouring property or injuring people.

If properties are not maintained to a safe condition, they may be identified as a Dangerous Building under section 121 of the Building Act 2004 and will not be able to be used until repaired. Or worse still, it may cause damage to a neighbouring property or injure someone.

If you have any questions regarding this, please the South Taranaki District Council's Building Control team on 0800 111 323.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Iwi Liaison Committee

Wednesday 21st July, 10am
Council Chambers, Administration Building
Albion St, Hawera

Environment and Hearings Committee

Wednesday 21st July, 3pm
Council Chambers, Administration Building
Albion St, Hawera

Policy Development

Monday 2nd August, 1pm
Council Chambers, Administration Building
Albion St, Hawera

TRANSFER STATION FEE INCREASES

Recently the Annual Plan 2010/11 was adopted by the South Taranaki District Council. Part of this plan included an increase in fees at the district's transfer stations. Currently the general ratepayer pays for 78% towards the total cost of running the transfer station service and the actual users contribute 22%. The Council decided to increase the transfer station fees by 30% from 19 July so that users of the service are paying a greater share. The general ratepayer will still be subsidizing the service by around 70%. Check out the new fees at your local transfer station, or visit www.stdc.co.nz

COMMUNITY AWARD NOMINATIONS OPEN

Get your thinking caps on because nominations are now open for the 2010 South Taranaki Community Awards and we want to hear from you!

If you know of someone - an individual or group, deserving recognition for going beyond the call of duty from within the South Taranaki community - let us know!

These awards are for individuals or organisations within South Taranaki who have, by personal

leadership, inspiration, sacrifice or devotion, made a significant contribution to the wellbeing of their communities.

Nominations are open until Wednesday 18th August. Nomination forms are available from any LibraryPlus centre, the council administration building in Hawera, South Taranaki i-SITE Visitor Information Centre or on the council's webpage www.stdc.co.nz. If you'd like to know more, please phone Sally on 0800 111 323.

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Adult Writing Workshop

Wednesday July 28 - 1.30pm
Hawera LibraryPlus

Open Division for Taranaki residents

For more information
Call Pam Jones on 0800 111 323
Email pamela.jones@stdc.govt.nz
Go online www.ronaldhughmorrieson.com

'I hope I'm not another one of these poor buggers who get discovered when they're dead'

Local Elections 2010

YOUR VOTE YOUR COMMUNITY

South Taranaki District Council, Taranaki Regional Council and Taranaki District Health Board are holding a candidate information evening for people who may be thinking of standing in the elections to be held in October this year.

This is your chance to find out how these authorities operate and what you need to do to stand for election. There is no charge for attending.

To register or for further information contact Jan Johnston on 0800 111 323 or Barry Rollo on (06) 759 6060.

Candidate Information Evening

Tonight - Thursday 15 July, 7pm
South Taranaki District Council
Albion Street, Hawera

DON'T MISS IT! FIRST GRADE RUGBY BEING PLAYED IN HAWERA AT THE TSB HUB – FRIDAY 16th JULY

TENDERLINK TARANAKI v WAIKATO @ 1.30pm

ENTRY – GOLD COIN DONATION

ALSO – 10.30am South Taranaki under 8s, 12 noon - Curtain Raiser – Hawera High School 1st XV v Coastal 1st XV

