

Tuia te Taitonga tāpiringa

Southlink Extra

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Welcome to Southlink Extra

Welcome to the Summer edition of *Southlink Extra*. This quarterly newsletter complements our Council *Southlink* publication, which appears weekly in the Taranaki Star and provides another way for us to keep you informed about what the Council is doing in our District.



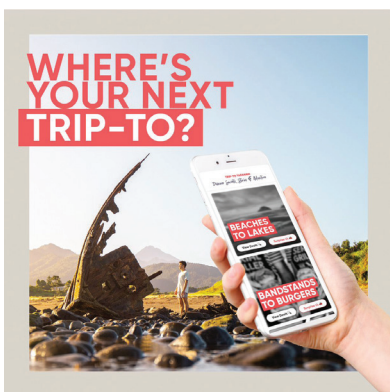
New Elected Members Inducted

South Taranaki District Council's inaugural meeting for the new term was held in late October at Kānihi Māwhitiwhiti Pā. A pōwhiri welcomed the newly elected members, their friends and family, and Council staff onto the marae, before elected members were sworn into their roles.

It's the first time an inaugural meeting has been held at a marae in South Taranaki, which was particularly significant given the introduction of the two new Māori wards.

Head to our website to see who your representatives are at www.southtaranaki.com/electedmembers

New App Launched to Encourage Exploration Around South Taranaki



Council, along with Venture Taranaki, is excited to announce the launch of 'Trip-to', a free game-based web-app that offers a selection of curated mystery road-trips along Surf Highway 45.

Each trip is different, giving the user a rich, immersive experience that caters to their interests and curiosities, it provides prompts for playful games, puzzles, stories, and activities while travelling along the chosen route. Surf Highway 45, between New Plymouth and Hāwera, was specifically selected as the initial area of focus to draw

in visitors.

South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon recently tested out the game-based experience, completing the 'Shipwreck to Roses' trip and says 'Trip-to is an easy-to-use game full of fun activities that will take you directly to hidden gems and must-see spots. It's a great way to explore our wonderful region and have an adventure with your kids, visiting friends or relatives.'

Visit tripto.taranaki.co.nz and start exploring our District now!

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Everyone needs to do their bit to use water wisely - every little bit counts



New consent conditions around the District mean water restrictions are likely to be our new normal - not just in South Taranaki, but the whole of New Zealand. These new conditions are all part of the government's freshwater reforms, which have a greater focus on preserving the health and vitality of our streams and rivers than previously. We are fortunate that we have enough water to go around, but not enough to waste.

We just need people to conserve, fix leaks, use water wisely and not be wasteful. If we can do that, we can protect the health of our streams and rivers. Visit www.southtaranaki.com/waterconservation to find tips and hints on how to use water wisely.



Waverley Mural Showcases Young Talent



The end result of a 'Mural Design Competition' launched in April 2022 for a new mural at Waverley Pool was officially 'opened' at a ceremony in December. Proposed by local artist, Jenni Corbett and supported by the Pātea Community Board, the mural design competition reflected the breadth of talent in the area, especially promising new artists. The competition offered the opportunity for the

community to get creative while providing another point of interest in Waverley. The Council encouraged budding artists in the Waverley, Whenuakura and Waitōtara areas to enter, either as an individual or a group.

Three shortlisted designs went to public vote at the local LibraryPlus, with 9-year-old Noklair Milton's design winning the vote. Council's arts coordinator, Michaela Stoneman, worked directly with the young artist to refine her design to make it fit well on the building and guided her through the design process, including selecting specialty paint colours. Eltham based professional mural artist Dan Mills, was given the task of bringing the designs to life on the front façade of the Waverley Pool building, highly visible on State Highway 3. "Dan did an awesome job of translating Noklair's concept drawings to a vibrant, dynamic artwork that represents the local community. We are really fortunate to have such creative people in South Taranaki – art gives context to place, brightens up our lives and inspires us to be creative," Stoneman says. At the ceremony Mayor Phil Nixon thanked the artists and funders of the project. Waitōtara School attended the ceremony, sang a waiata and supported their school friend in her achievement.

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