

# Reminder to apply for a rates rebate before 30 June 2019 if you haven't already

## WHO CAN APPLY

If you have a low income and pay the rates on your home, you could get up to \$630 taken off your rates bill. You can apply for your rates rebate through your local council.

To apply, you must be:

- the person who pays the rates on the property that's your home
- living in your home at the beginning of the rating year (1 July)
- listed as the ratepayer in the council's Rating Information Database (RID) — this has all the information about rates and ratepayers for every property in your council's area.
- You are the owner of an "Owner-occupier flat" and your name is not on the bill but you pay some of the rates (proof is required). Please contact Council if you would like to know if you are eligible.

## YOU CAN'T APPLY IF:

- you're not the legal rate payer
- your property is mainly used for commercial activities, for example farming or business
- your property is a rental property or holiday home.

## IF YOU LIVE IN A RETIREMENT VILLAGE

Most retirement village residents, including people who live under a licence to occupy agreement, can apply for a rates rebate.

For more information go to [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com).

If you're not sure if you've applied for the current rating year, please contact the Council on 0800 111 323 or email [rates@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:rates@stdc.govt.nz).



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## Annual Plan reduces rate increase

As part of its 2019/20 Annual Plan the Council proposed a lower rate increase of 2.98% (compared to the 3.47% which was initially projected in the 2018-28 Long Term Plan). The effect on individual properties will vary due to the district wide property revaluation which took place in 2018, where commercial and residential properties saw a significant increase in value compared to rural properties which saw a more modest increase.

South Taranaki Mayor Ross Dunlop says the Council is always conscious of the need to keep any rate increases to a minimum, and was pleased they were able to reduce the rate increase from what was projected in the Long Term Plan.

Council's focus for the next year continues to be on the revitalisation of the Hāwera Central Business District, development of town centre strategies for Eltham, Manaia, Ōpūnake, Pātea and Waverley, implementation of the District Pathways Programme and further improvements to the district's water and wastewater infrastructure.

### BY THE NUMBERS:

- Total Expenditure is \$64.2 million
- 25% of Council operational expenditure goes into Roading and footpaths
- 60% of Council operational expenditure is on the core activities of roads, water and waste
- 40% of Council's projected income will come from sources other than rates (11% will come from the Council's Long Term Investment Fund)
- The value of the Long Term Investment Fund is projected to increase to \$144.62 million (including internal borrowings of \$18.25 million)
- Total debt is projected to increase to \$138.32 million (including internal borrowings of \$18.25 million) by the end of 2019-20.

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### OTHER NOTABLE PROJECTS THE COUNCIL IS WORKING ON IN 2019/2020 INCLUDE;

- designing a new community facility in Manaia
- upgrading the Manaia swimming pool
- earthquake strengthening Pātea's Hunter Shaw building (pictured)
- installing fully contained ablution pods at Halse Place, Ōpūnake and Waihi Beach Reserve
- building the Waiinu Beach wastewater plant, Waverley Water Treatment Plant and pipe replacements for Eltham Water Treatment Plant
- completing a feasibility study for an industrial park
- developing of a district digital strategy and
- building the Nukumaru Station Road extension south of Waverley.



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DOG CONTROL BYLAW AND POLICY REVIEW...

SHOULD DOGS BE ALLOWED IN TOWN CBD'S?

SHOULD DENBY ROAD PATHWAY REMAIN LEASH FREE?

WHAT OTHER CHANGES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE?

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## UPCOMING BYLAW REVIEWS

A suite of Bylaws were adopted by South Taranaki District Council in 2014, with the commitment made to review them within a 5-year period. This year Council is reviewing the below Bylaws and want to know what you think.

### LIVESTOCK CONTROL BYLAW

The Council is also reviewing its Livestock Control Bylaw and introducing an Underpass Policy.

You can make a submission between 2 May until 5 June 2019.

### DOG CONTROL BYLAW AND POLICY

We want to know what you think about dog control in South Taranaki. You can make a submission anytime from 6 June until 15 July 2019.

### PUBLIC PLACES BYLAW MOBILE TRADERS BYLAW ROADING BYLAW

PARKING CONTROL AND TRAFFIC FLOW BYLAW  
The Council is also reviewing the above four bylaws. You can make a submission anytime from 27 June until 29 July 2019.

TO MAKE A SUBMISSION, OR TO FIND OUT MORE, VISIT [WWW.SOUTHTARANAKI.COM/COUNCIL/CONSULTATION](http://WWW.SOUTHTARANAKI.COM/COUNCIL/CONSULTATION)



## Recycling Tip

Leaving your lids on your bottles or putting the lids in the yellow lidded bin means they cause the bottles to burst in the compactor or the lids get trapped in the machine.

Please remove your lids and put them in the red bin.



Over the last few months Council staff and elected representatives have been making their way around the district with 'the Cube', to find out what it is that our communities love about and want to see in South Taranaki. We've been asking these three questions: 1. What do you love about your district, your town, your community? 2. What ideas do you have for the future? 3. What could we do better? The responses will be used to help build the vision and priorities in our next Long Term Plan (2021-31).

If you haven't had an opportunity yet and would like to share your thoughts, you can write your responses to these questions on coloured cardboard boxes available at your nearest LibraryPlus centre (Hāwera, Manaia, Opunake, Kaponga, Eltham, Pātea and Waverley) or go to the consultation area online at [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com).



## Industrial Park and town masterplans

An Industrial Park Feasibility and Initial Business Case Study is being undertaken for the Council by two companies, Veros and Rationale, working together with the study part-funded by a Provincial Growth Fund grant. The consultants spent two days in South Taranaki recently speaking to business people, land owners and Councillors. The aim of the study is to complete an assessment of costs and benefits; its activities and strategic fit, an indicative budget and structure, and recommendations as to whether there is a case for further development of the proposal, and if so, the next steps towards establishment. The same consultants, along with Landlab, are also undertaking a Town Masterplan exercise in Waverley, Pātea, Ōpūnake, Manaia and Eltham with roadshows travelling through these towns in May asking the communities for ideas and suggestion for their towns. These masterplans will look at movement (pedestrian, cycles and vehicles) in and around the central business



district (CBDs). Areas of importance including lines of sight through the CBD; sustainable design; crime prevention and the relationship of adjoining developments to the CBD. The aim is to develop masterplans that present written and pictorial strategies and actions for the future of each town's CBD. After the roadshow the consultants will prepare a draft plan which will be brought back to the community for feedback, with a final plan presented in September this year.

## STDC Relay for Life Dream Team



Over the last 14 years, the South Taranaki District Council's Relay for Life Team 'Pride of Purple Passion' has raised over \$50,000 for the Taranaki Cancer Society.

The team has also reached 'Dream Team' status for the last six years (meaning over \$5,000 has been raised annually). All money raised goes directly to the Taranaki Cancer Society.

"We're doing what we can help those affected in our community and to raise cancer awareness," says team captain Michelle Commerer.

## Our LibraryPlus services

At South Taranaki District Libraries we love books. But wait...there's more! Our libraries hold regular morning tea gatherings and craft groups such as The Yarn Circle at Ōpūnake LibraryPlus, Peggy Purl at Hāwera LibraryPlus, The Crafty Volunteers at Eltham LibraryPlus and the Crafty Morning Tea at Pātea LibraryPlus. We have morning tea groups for the non-crafters at Hāwera and Eltham LibraryPlus. Throughout the year different events are run in the libraries to reflect special days or weeks, world happenings and educational fun activities for adults. Makerspace technology programmes keep the children learning, creative and inspired with most LibraryPlus' running regular weekly sessions with all LibraryPlus centres devising holiday programmes with their own special themes. There is even something for the little ones happening throughout the district with tot-times, story times and Wa Pepi for the under two's just starting at Pātea LibraryPlus. You can keep up with happening events and special events such as author book tours on our Facebook page and [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com), and follow us on Blogspot, Twitter, Pinterest and Instagram for frequently updated book news.

## Want to receive your rates electronically?

If you want to receive your rates by email instead of being posted to you, simply email [rates@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:rates@stdc.govt.nz)

## Keep up-to-date

One of the best ways to keep up-to-date with what's happening at Council (and in the community) is to 'like' the South Taranaki District Council Facebook page.

While you're there, don't forget to 'like' the South Taranaki LibraryPlus, TSB Hub, Hāwera Aquatic Centre, Aotea Utanganui and South Taranaki i-SITE facebook pages.

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