

# Southlink Extra

2019 Summer edition

Newsletter for South Taranaki ratepayers and residents



## Welcome to Southlink Extra

Kia ora and 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 has been doing in our District.

Keep an eye out over summer for our Community Vision project **Think Outside the Box**. We want to hear about what you love, your ideas for the future and what we could do better as a District (see more overleaf).

*Mayor Ross Dunlop*



## Korimako Lane now open

Hāwera's second town centre revitalisation project, Korimako Lane, was officially opened by South Taranaki Mayor Ross Dunlop at the end of last year.

The new laneway, which was opened as part of Hāwera's Christmas street festival, replaced an empty building and dimly lit arcade with a modern, attractive pedestrian thoroughfare (from High Street to the Napier Street Carpark) and two new retail spaces. Crowds packed the site as Ngati Ruanui kuia, Mahuri Tipene, began the ceremony with a karanga followed by a blessing from Kaumatua Turangapito (Sandy) Parata before

the Mayor cut the ribbon and officially declared the Lane open.

The sculpture 'Wings of Korimako' by award winning Oakura sculptor Steve Malloy, which sits prominently in the new laneway, was also unveiled.

Mayor Dunlop says the sculpture was a perfect fit for the new laneway. "You can go anywhere with wings, but your roots will always be in Taranaki."

The celebration concluded with entertainment from South Taranaki kapa haka group Te Kotahitanga.



## TALES & TAONGA

FROM AOTEA UTANGANUI MUSEUM OF SOUTH TARANAKI



AOTEA UTANGANUI  
MUSEUM OF SOUTH TARANAKI

## Do you have a story to tell?

Aotea Utanganui Museum of South Taranaki is publishing a community-driven book called *Tales & Taonga* about great stories from our district and interesting collection items from our heritage holdings. This publication needs your stories, photographs, memories, recollections of anything 'South Taranaki' related. To have your story included in the book, please send your stories/photographs for consideration to [museum@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:museum@stdc.govt.nz). If you want to write about a heritage collection item, please email us for a compiled list. Don't miss your chance to be a published author in this significant publication, *Tales & Taonga*, which aims to tell your unique story from a South Taranaki perspective. Contact us today [museum@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:museum@stdc.govt.nz) or 0800 111 323.



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## Think outside the box...

Our Community Vision project **Think Outside the Box** made its debut at Arts in the Park in December.

You'll be seeing a lot more of this unique blackboard around the district as we travel to community events over the summer to get your opinion on what you love about our

district, what ideas you have about the future and what we could do better. You can also pop into your local LibraryPlus and pick up your own mini cube to write your ideas on!

## Funding Secured for Patea's Hunter Shaw

A \$450,000 grant from the Lotteries Community Facilities Fund for earthquake strengthening Patea's Hunter Shaw building means tenders can now go out for the project. The 1930s Building was closed in 2013 after it was found to be earthquake prone. A detailed engineers report estimated that it will cost around \$950,000 to prepare the plans, strengthen and refurbish the Building. The South Taranaki District Council had committed up to \$500,000 (from the earthquake prone buildings budget) with the remaining funds to be

sourced externally which has now been achieved.

South Taranaki Mayor Ross Dunlop was thrilled that Lotteries had made such a meaningful contribution.

"The Hunter Shaw Building is an important heritage building for Patea and the District and we are very thankful to Lotteries for supporting it," he says.

Hunter Shaw was a farmer in Whenuakura who died in 1927 and left behind a large sum for various charitable institutions including the building of a town library.



## Kaponga LibraryPlus Gets Facelift

Kaponga LibraryPlus was re-opened in December after earthquake strengthening work, refurbishment and painting was completed. District libraries and cultural services manager Cath Sheard says the

\$120,000 project, undertaken by Heartland Construction Ltd of Ōpūnake, was completed on time and on budget.

The Kaponga LibraryPlus had been operating out of the supper room of the Memorial Hall since September 2016 after an Initial Seismic Assessment found the existing building came in at only 20% of the New Building Standard, well below the required 34% mark.

"Kaponga LibraryPlus is at the heart of the community and we hope everyone enjoys their LibraryPlus centre's new look," says Cath.

# South Taranaki 2019 Summer Events!

Keep an eye out on our weekly Southlink page in the Taranaki Star, or visit [south-taranaki.com](http://south-taranaki.com) for more information on events happening in our district over the summer.

## Sounds in the Park

**Sunday 27 January, King Edward Park, Hāwera**

Enjoy an afternoon listening to music with your family and friends. Bring a picnic or grab a bite to eat from one of the delicious food stalls. This is a free event.

## Paepae in the Park

**Wednesday 6 February, Memorial Park, Pātea**

Music, food, stalls and entertainment to celebrate Waitangi Day. This is a free event.

## Movies in the Park

**Saturday 10 February, Soldiers Park, Eltham**

Bring along the family to enjoy the free movies playing on the big screen.

## AmeriCARna

**Wednesday 20 February, Ōpūnake Beach**

This year the cars will be returning to Ōpūnake Beach!

**Friday 22 February, Hāwera**

The streets will be lined with cars along with markets and entertainment in the town square.

Contact South Taranaki District Council Events, phone 0800 111 323 or email [events@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:events@stdc.govt.nz) for more information



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