



Is your child a dreamer? Can you see the stirrings of an artist or an inventor developing?

This summer South Taranaki LibraryPlus are embarking on a new and innovative holiday programme for 5-12 year olds that will spark their imagination and set them on a road of discovery. Summer Blast is a new dynamic way of encouraging your child's learning and discovery while not being limited to just reading. Over the six week summer holidays children will have the opportunity to choose from a fun set of challenges and activities that appeal to them and then go in the draw for some fabulous prizes.

Planning Underway to enhance South Taranaki Town Centres



Following similar planning work done on the Hāwera town centre, the Council has embarked on a process to develop town centre masterplans for Eltham, Ōpūnake, Manaia, Pātea and Waverley. The aim of this master planning exercise is to develop a suite of actions for each town centre which can be included in the Council's next Long Term Plan in 2021 and is part of the Council's vision to make South Taranaki the most liveable District in New Zealand. The masterplans will look at things like movement in and around the CBDs (pedestrians, cycles and vehicles), sustainable design and the relationship of adjoining developments. The aim is to have the town masterplans prepared in draft form around July/August this year.

Get it done online

There's a wealth of things that you can do online at www.southtaranaki.com - check out the Online Services panel.

REPORT IT - you can send us an enquiry/complaint or a compliment, and also fill out a customer service request form.

PAY IT - you can pay your rates, water bills, resource consent fees, food and health license fees, liquor license fees, IQP fees, building consent fees, parking fines, dog registration, dog fines, building WOF and LIMs.

APPLY FOR IT - Apply for your Resource Consents, LIMs and Building Consents

FIND IT - Find out where the council facilities and tourist attractions are in our District.

MY PROPERTY - this will take you to the Taranaki Regional Explorer where you can have a look at rates, and other property information

RESEARCH IT - Cemeteries search.

ONLINE LIBRARY SERVICES - Online catalogues and register as a LibraryPlus member.

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

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, Hawera Aquatic Centre, Aotea Utanganui and South Taranaki i-SITE facebook pages.



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New Centre receives major grant from TSB Community Trust

Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga, South Taranaki's new Library, Culture and Arts Centre, has received a \$2.8 million grant from the TSB Community Trust.

South Taranaki Mayor, Ross Dunlop, was absolutely thrilled with the TSB Community Trust's decision. "The Trust's grant is a huge boost and means that we can move forward on this project with great confidence. The Trust has once again demonstrated its commitment to and investment in the District by supporting projects that will make a real difference in South Taranaki," says Mayor Dunlop.

South Taranaki District Council's (STDC) Chief Executive Waid Crockett, says the \$8 million facility, to be located on the corner of High and Regent Streets, is the key anchor project in the Hāwera town centre redevelopment.

"At 1605m² the building combines a number of facilities onto one site, including a bigger library, meeting rooms, public toilets, an art gallery and heritage exhibition space, i-SITE visitor centre and café," says Mr Crockett.

"Te Ramanui will provide people with a wide-range of services, information, cultural and educational resources right in the heart of Hāwera, bringing more foot traffic,

visitors and vibrancy to the town centre."

The building, designed by architects Warren and Mahoney, takes environmental sustainability into account wherever possible, which helps keep ongoing operational costs to a minimum.

"Te Ramanui will not only be a community and visitor hub, it will be a catalyst for driving change and increasing investment. We believe it will completely transform the town centre."

Mr Crockett says the Council is contributing \$4.8 million towards the facility, with the remaining \$3.2 million being sought from external funding.

"The Council's contribution is being loan-funded. Earnings from the Council's Long Term Investment Fund (LTIF) will be used to repay the loan over a number of years so there is no impact on rates to fund this development. Thanks to the TSB Community Trust's support we are now well on our way to meeting our external funding target," he says. To date the site for the new centre has been purchased and detailed designs are being developed. Construction is planned to begin in late 2019 - early 2020 to be complete by July 2021.



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LOCAL ELECTIONS

Local Body Elections 2019 What you need to know

The Local Body Elections, for Mayor, Council and Community Boards will be held by postal vote on 12 October this year. Anyone who is on the electoral roll can vote, but you must be enrolled by Friday 16 August to ensure your voting papers will reach you in the mail on time.

To make sure as many people as possible are enrolled to vote, the Electoral Commission sent enrolment packs to all enrolled voters at the beginning of July to check their details are up to date.

If you enrol after 16 August, you can still vote by requesting special voting papers which can be completed at the Council's Hāwera Administration Building up until 12 noon voting day on 12 October.

Council Chief Executive, Waid Crockett, stressed the importance of participating in the selection of those who will make decisions that affect most people's daily lives. "Local government shapes the place that you live. It's the footpaths you walk on, the roads where you drive, the water in your shower, and the parks, libraries and swimming pools where you take the kids. The local government elections are a one-in-three-year opportunity to have your say and be counted," says Mr Crockett.

To check that you are enrolled to vote visit www.elections.org.nz or phone 0800 36 76 56.

When will I get my voting papers?

Voting documents will be delivered from 20 September to 25 September 2019 and you will have until midday 12 October 2019 to vote. Voting documents can be returned in the pre-paid envelopes provided, delivered to all South Taranaki LibraryPlus centres and the Hāwera Administration Building. However, it is important to note that voting documents can only be received by the LibraryPlus facilities up until Friday 11 October 2019.

Special votes can be placed at the Hāwera Administration Building up until midday Saturday 12 October 2019.

Important dates for 2019 Local Body Elections

Friday 19 July
Nominations open
Roll open for inspection

Friday 16 August
Nominations close (12noon)
Roll closes

Wednesday 21 August
Public notice of day of election,
candidates' names

**Friday 20 - Wednesday 25
September**
Delivery of voting documents

**Friday 20 September - Saturday
12 October**
Special Voting Period

Saturday 12 October
Election Day
Close of voting (12noon)
Progress and preliminary results
available

Sunday 12 - Thursday 17 October
Official Count

**Thursday 17 - Wednesday 23
October**
Declaration of result/public notice
of declaration

"Elections for Local Government are just around the corner, so please make sure you are enrolled to vote. We often forget how lucky we are to live in a democracy, where we have the freedom to choose the people who make the decisions about our local areas. As you may have heard, I won't be standing again so this will be my last term as Mayor. If you see yourself as a potential leader and are passionate about your community then now's your chance to give local politics a go and have a say in your community's future."

- Ross Dunlop, Mayor of South Taranaki



Want to help shape your community? Nominations are now open for candidates.

Nominations for the 2019 Local Body Elections opened on Friday 19 July 2019 and close at midday 16 August 2019. Nominations can be sent via the post to Election Services or delivered to the Hāwera Administration Building and must be received no later than 12 noon 16 August. Nomination forms along with a Candidate Information pack are available from all South Taranaki LibraryPlus Centres, the Hāwera Administration Building or the Council website www.southtaranaki.com.

More information about enrolling to vote; what it means to stand as a Community Board member, Councillor or Mayor; nomination forms; and a frequently asked questions document can be found on the Council's website www.southtaranaki.com/Council/A-Z/E/Elections



Historic Gun Receives Timely Restoration

Don't be alarmed if you have noticed that the Krupp field gun is missing from its site on Bridge Street, as it will return after undergoing considerable restoration work. Eltham Community Board chair, Maree Liddington says the World War I field howitzer is being restored by volunteers from the New Zealand Antique and Historical Arms Association (NZAHAA).

"The Eltham Community Board has an agreement with the NZAHAA, giving them authority to do the restoration. The field gun will be taken off site for the work to be carried out, and many hours will be put in to stripping, cleaning and refurbishing it before final presentation back to the Eltham Community," says Maree.

"An important part of the agreement is the degree of restoration which applies to general rust and aging but any 'battle scars' will remain visible," she says.

"It seems quite fitting that just over one hundred years after the end of World War I, that a German field gun gifted to the township of Eltham in recognition of the services given by our soldiers, is about to undergo restoration. We wish NZAHAA well with the project and look forward to the return of the historical gun."



District Industrial Park

To support reinvestment, industry growth, and diversification, the Council commissioned a study to examine the feasibility of developing an industrial park. A new industrial area is considered one way to support economic resilience, and growth opportunities in South Taranaki by: creating the opportunity for a high-tech industrial hub, creating new employment opportunities and attracting new investment to the district. In the right circumstances, industrial parks have proven to be a solution to help overcome low growth and can assist in reforming a local economy. The study, which has been mostly funded by the Government's Provincial Growth Fund, will be completed in late July 2019 after which the Council will decide whether there is a case for further development and, if so, next steps towards establishment.

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