

# Tuia te Taitonga tāpiringa

# Southlink Extra

Autumn 2022



## Welcome to Southlink Extra

Welcome to the Autumn 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.

## Get your rates electronically

If you want to get your rates directly to your inbox - simply email [rates@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:rates@stdc.govt.nz).



## Elections 2022 – are you enrolled?

Now is the time for you and your whānau to get enrolled for this year's Local Body Elections.

This is your opportunity to choose who will represent you in the South Taranaki District for the next three years.

In this election, there will be two new Māori Ward Councillors elected from Te Kūrae Māori Ward and Te Tai Tonga Māori Ward.

Our District will be represented by the Mayor, 11 general ward councillors, two Māori ward councillors and 16 community board members. If you have never enrolled to vote before, are 18 years or over and a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand, you can scan the QR code to the left, contact the

Electoral Commission or visit

[www.southtaranaki.com/vote2022](http://www.southtaranaki.com/vote2022) for more information on how to enrol.

The next Local Body Elections will be held on Saturday 8 October 2022, by postal vote. It is important that you have your say on who represents you by voting in the Local Body Elections.

If you are community minded, now is also the time to consider being a candidate in the local elections. Nominations open in July. For more information, visit [www.southtaranaki.com/vote2022](http://www.southtaranaki.com/vote2022) about standing for this year's election.



## Business Connect - a new online service for food and alcohol licenses



Businesses are now able to apply for their Food Business Registration and Alcohol licenses using an online service called Business Connect. Business Connect is a free, online portal where businesses can manage their license and permit applications in one place. Business Connect makes the application process simple, makes the process more transparent and allows businesses to store their information and documents to reuse in future applications, saving them time and money. The Business Connect portal is accessed via our Council website [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com) on the Food and Alcohol Licensing pages.

## Whakapā mai / Contact us

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# VOTE 2022

LOCAL ELECTIONS

## Do you live in one area and pay rates on a property in another area?

Wherever you pay rates you can vote - you may qualify to vote in both areas at the local authority elections in October 2022.

You may like to vote in this election. Voting is a way to have your say on what happens in your local community. This information is designed to help you. It notes who you can contact to enrol, and ways you might qualify to vote.

There are two types of electors...

**Residential Electors** – If you are registered to vote on the electoral roll, you are automatically enrolled to vote in local authority elections. You will receive a voting document so that you can vote by post.

**Ratepayer Electors** – You may also be eligible to enrol as a non-resident ratepayer elector in a council district if both of these apply:

- you are on the district valuation roll and pay rates in the council district
- the address where you are registered as a Parliamentary elector is outside that council district.

Your eligibility to enrol or be nominated as a ratepayer elector may also depend on your individual circumstances as determined by criteria in the Local Electoral Act 2001 and its regulations.

**An organisation can nominate one of its members or officers to vote on its behalf**

If a firm, company, trust, corporation, society partners, joint tenants and tenants in common collectively pay rates on a property in a council district, one of the group may be nominated to be the ratepayer elector. The person nominating and the nominated person must be registered as Parliamentary electors at addresses outside the council district where the property is located.

**You can only enrol once**

You can only enrol, or be nominated to enrol, once in a council district, no matter how many properties you own in that council district. Council district includes: a city, district and regional council area; a community board area if established; the area of Auckland Council and the local boards.

**New Ratepayer Electors**

If you think you may be eligible to enrol or to nominate someone as a ratepayer elector, get an Enrolment Form for Ratepayer Electors from the local council where you pay your rates. The Electoral Officer will be able to help you with your application. If you want further information please phone toll free 0800 54 8683 0800 LG VOTE (phone number is available until 30 August 2022).

Enrol now – the Ratepayer Electoral Roll closes on 12 August 2022

## Win your share of \$20,000 with Go Local



BE IN TO  
WIN  
with sos  
business

**GO LOCAL**  
Go Taranaki

**SUPPORT A  
TARANAKI  
BUSINESS  
AND WIN A  
SHARE OF  
\$20,000**

Win a share of \$20,000 of vouchers simply by supporting local businesses.

Using the SOS Business platform, customers can go to [sosbusiness.nz](https://www.sosbusiness.nz) to purchase vouchers from Taranaki businesses to be redeemed at a later date. There are no fees and businesses keep 100% of the proceeds. Until the end of June, anyone who buys a voucher worth \$25 or more will go in the draw to win even more vouchers. Five \$150 vouchers are up for grabs each week, as well as one \$3,000 voucher each month.

Launched in late March, as a partnership by the region's District Councils, Venture Taranaki, Taranaki Chamber of Commerce, Mediaworks and BARA, this campaign recognises the challenging time businesses are facing and encourages people to support local. Businesses are encouraged to sign up to the SOS platform in order to benefit from the scheme. Those keen to support local enterprises can head to [sosbusiness.nz](https://www.sosbusiness.nz) to purchase a voucher - and also be in to win.

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