

Tuia te Taitonga tāpiringa

Southlink Extra

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Welcome to Southlink Extra

Hello everyone and welcome to the Winter edition of *Southlink Extra*. This quarterly newsletter compliments 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.

It's certainly a busy time in South Taranaki with many Council projects underway. The Normanby to Hāwera pathway (which runs along Ketermarae and Glover Roads) is progressing well as is the Manaia Swimming Pool upgrade which will be completed before the summer season. The Nukumarū Station Road extension project has started (see below) and demolition work is underway to clear the site for Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga, our new District library, arts and culture centre. We continue to receive record numbers of consent applications for new builds and subdivisions which is further evidence of strong growth in the District. The Council has plans in place to continue this momentum following the adoption of our Long Term Plan on 28 June. You can read about our Plan in more detail over the page or go to our website www.southtaranaki.com.

Warm regards, *Phil Nixon, South Taranaki District Mayor*

Work starts on Nukumarū Station Road Project



Mayor Phil Nixon turns the first sod Ngā Rauru Chair, Mike Noho, looks on.

South Taranaki Mayor, Phil Nixon turned the first sod on the long awaited Nukumarū Station Road extension project last month. The ceremony was led by Ngāti Ruaiti Hapū with support from Ngā Rauru representatives.

Mayor Nixon says the \$10.14 million project represents a major investment in the southernmost part of the District which guarantees security of access for residents and business.

“The new road is a vital access for the Waiinu Beach community, the ongoing financial viability of the Waitōtara Silver Ferns Farm food processing operation and other businesses in the area and will ensure the community has a secure route in and out of the village,” he says.

Physical work started at the Waiinu Beach end of the 8km road in July with Taranaki Civil Construction being the main contractor.

The project to build the new road was first mooted after the June 2015 floods closed the Limeworks Bridge, the only access road to the Waitōtara meatworks and Waiinu Beach community. This was the fourth time in 26 years the bridge had to be closed for a significant period of time while repairs were made. The new road will eliminate the risk and cost of business interruption to the community and local industry, in the event of future flooding.

\$7 million of the \$10.14 million project is being funded from the Governments ‘Shovel Ready’ projects fund with the remaining money coming from the South Taranaki District Council and Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency.

Construction of the new road will take around 12-14 months.

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Economic Growth and Sustainability at Heart of Council's Long Term Plan

Stimulating economic growth, town centre upgrades, environmental sustainability and keeping rates affordable are the key themes guiding South Taranaki District Council's 2021 – 2031 Long Term Plan which was formally adopted at the end of June. **For South Taranaki ratepayers, the result is an average rate increase of 3.99% each year over the next ten years, the lowest in the region.**

The Plan was adopted following a month of public consultation which saw 215 public submissions made. Public support was strong for the Council's plans to undertake town centre upgrades in Ōpunakē, Manaia, Pātea, Waverley and Eltham; complete all three stages of the South Taranaki Business Park; and to fully fund an Environment and Sustainability Strategy over the next ten years.

Based on submissions, Councillors also agreed to put an additional \$100,000 each year towards resourcing the Horticultural Services Team (in Years 2 and 3), \$10,000 extra each year towards the Rural Halls Grant Fund and \$60,000 to be ring fenced for the Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust.

South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon says the Council's vision is to make South Taranaki the Most Liveable District.

"Over the past decade we've focussed on upgrading the District's water infrastructure, key community facilities and implementing projects to make South Taranaki a desirable place to live and do business. We now have a much improved water network and, since our last Long Term Plan three years ago, we have progressed the Hāwera Town Centre Redevelopment, Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga and the Nukumarū Station Road extension projects," says Phil

"Our focus for the next ten years is to complete these key



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projects, continue to upgrade our three waters infrastructure with a focus on wastewater, implement our Environment and Sustainability Strategy and create the conditions that encourage sustainable economic growth in the right places, with projects such as the Business Park and Town Centre Upgrades."

"At the same time we know we need to keep rates at an affordable level, so we are funding our key projects with a combination of loans, external funding sources and earnings from the Long Term Investment Fund, rather than simply through rates," he says.

"We believe our Plan strikes the right balance between progress, affordability and providing the services and facilities our communities expect."



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