

Tuia te Taitonga tāpiringa

Southlink Extra

Winter 2022



Welcome to Southlink Extra

Welcome to the Winter 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.

Annual Plan sees 2.84% Average Rate Increase

Council adopted its 2022/23 Annual Plan for the new financial year on 27 June, approving a 2.84% average rate increase, well below the current rate of inflation (6.9%), and lower than the 4.68% originally projected in our 2021-31 Long Term Plan.

Mayor Phil Nixon says he is very pleased the Council has been able to reduce the projected rate increase, although the effect on individual properties will vary due to the recent District property revaluation, which saw substantial increases in the value of residential and commercial properties.

“Since its last valuation three years ago, the District has had an average increase in property value of 20.4%. This was largely driven by significant increases in the residential and commercial sectors - while dairy and pastoral properties saw a small decrease.”

“If your property’s valuation increased more than the district average increase (20.4%) you will pay more than the 2.84% rate increase. Conversely, if your property’s capital value did not increase as much as the District’s average movement then your rates will not increase as much as indicated and may even decrease,” says Mayor Nixon. “Our Council is always conscious of the need to keep any rate increases to an affordable level, and we were particularly focussed on minimising any impact the new property values may have on ratepayers without compromising future plans or our overall financial position.”

Mayor Nixon says the Council’s focus for the 2022/23 year continues to be on undertaking activities that encourage sustainable, prosperous and vibrant communities.



“We are doing that with projects such as the District Business Park, construction of Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga, development of town centre revitalisation upgrades for Eltham, Waverley, Manaia, Pātea and Ōpunakē, implementation of Council’s Environment and Sustainability Strategy and completion of the Nukumaru Station Road extension south of Waverley. At the same time we are continuing upgrades and improvements to our

road, water and wastewater infrastructure.”

Other notable projects the Council has planned for 2022/2023 include:

- building a new reservoir at Waimate West,
- replacing water pipes in Ōhawe,
- earthquake strengthening and upgrading the Eltham Town Hall,
- undertaking water pressure improvements in Pātea,
- developing a new water bore for Eltham,
- water plant upgrades in Ōpunakē,
- tertiary treatment for the Waverley waste water treatment plant,
- establishment of a business enterprise hub and co-working space and;
- progressing investigations with Te Korowai o Ngāruahine into the feasibility of new combined multi-purpose facility in Manaia.

A full copy of the Council’s 2022/23 Annual Plan can be found on the Council’s website www.southtaranaki.com.

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VOTE 2022

LOCAL ELECTIONS



MAKE YOUR MARK



Are you enrolled?

Get ready to Make Your Mark and vote in the 2022 local body elections. Find out what you need to do to enrol so you and your whānau can vote and have your say.

Who can vote

To be eligible to vote you must:

- be at least 18 years old
- currently live in New Zealand
- be a New Zealand resident, permanent resident, or citizen
- have been living in New Zealand continuously for 12 months or more.



Check if you are enrolled

It's easy to see if you are enrolled to vote, simply scan the QR code to the left (or visit <https://vote.nz/enrolling/enrol-or-update/enrol-or-update-online/>) and type in some details and it'll let you know whether you're currently enrolled or not.

How to enrol to vote

You can either enrol online at www.vote.nz, call 0800 36 76 56 (make sure you have a form of ID on you). Alternatively, come and see one of our Electoral Officials at the South Taranaki District Council by calling 0800 111 323 before 21 September 2022.



Become a candidate

What better way to Make Your Mark than running as a candidate for South Taranaki District Council, or one of the four community boards. Learn how, as an elected member, you can help make decisions that shape the development of South Taranaki and build strong local communities.

You must be enrolled to vote to be a candidate in the local elections.

Nominations are now open and close on Friday 12 August. Visit www.southtaranaki.com/vote2022 for more information about standing for this year's election.



Post that Vote!

If you are an enrolled voter, you'll get a voting information pack in the mail between Friday 16 – 21 September. Mail in your vote before Wednesday 5 October to make sure it is counted,

otherwise you have until 12noon on Saturday 8 October to get your vote into the Administration Building in Hāwera or any South Taranaki LibraryPlus centre.

Find out everything you need to know by visiting www.southtaranaki.com/vote2022 and have a look at the section for voters.

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The fastest and easiest way of hearing about Council news is by downloading the free mobile app Antenno.

Antenno sends you alerts and notifications about places and topics you care about. It doesn't ask for any personal information or log in details, so it's a nice easy way to stay informed.

There are two ways you can use Antenno to receive notifications from Council about

the places you have marked as important to you, or reporting back to Council on issues or feedback. Other ways to stay up-to-date

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