

Tuia te Taitonga tāpiringa

Southlink Extra

Spring 2020



Welcome to Southlink Extra

Hello everyone and welcome to the spring 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.

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

Stage 1 of Business Park Gets Green Light

Stage one of the Council's Business Park initiative got the green light at September's ordinary Council meeting after councillors agreed to budget up to \$3 million for water, stormwater and roading infrastructure, to be installed in the Waihi Road mixed use area in Hawera.

Located on the western side of Waihi Road, SH3 the area contains a mixture of residential, commercial and industrial properties and was identified in a 2019 Feasibility Study as the most suitable location for the development of a District Business Park.

Chief Executive, Waid Crockett, says installing the infrastructure will support existing properties in the area and lays the foundations for stage 1 of the Business Park development.

"It means we can provide the existing businesses and potential new businesses with the confidence they need when making decisions about where they might go and whether they

expand. We are already working with an anchor business which has purchased land within the area identified for the Business Park. This is a new business to the district which intends to be operating on the site by October 2021 with a large hardware distribution warehouse."

Mr Crockett says the Council's Business Park investment is a strategic initiative designed to support the COVID-19 recovery and drive investment, resilience, jobs and economic growth in the district.

"The \$3 million will initially be funded by the Council's Long-Term Investment Fund and recovered over time through financial contributions from developers and other funding sources," he says.

Subsequent funding of stages two and three of the Business Park will be included in the Council's 2021-2031 Long Term Plan and budgeted over a number of years.

Plans for Innovating Streets in Eltham and Waverley

Following consultation with the community in September and October, Council expects the final plans for the Eltham and Waverley Innovative Streets (Pilot Fund) projects to be ready by mid-November. The projects are aimed at testing safer crossing points, slowing down traffic and making the towns more welcoming and vibrant.

South Taranaki District Council (STDC) community development manager, Claire Symes, says the feedback received from the Eltham and Waverley communities is being considered as part of the development of the final plan by urban architects Bluemarble, in conjunction with the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency safety engineers.

"The street treatments will be installed in February/March and monitored to see how they are working so adjustments can be made if required," says Claire. "Whether the treatments will be permanent will depend on feedback from the community, businesses and Waka Kotahi that the treatments are successfully alleviating the issues identified in the Town Masterplans relating to the speed of the traffic through the central business areas, unsafe crossing points and lack of a town heart," she says.

The projects are 90% funded by the Waka Kotahi Innovating Streets pilot fund with the South Taranaki District Council funding the remaining 10%.

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Upgrades to Manaia and Pātea Swimming Pools

Work has started on upgrades to the Manaia and Pātea Community Swimming Pools in anticipation of the summer pool season.

The \$42,000 Pātea upgrade sees new tiered seating and sunshades which should be fully installed before the pool opens for the summer season which starts 12 December. The \$623,000 Manaia upgrade sees modernising of the changing and toilet facilities and the lifeguard station, installation of solar panels, a diving platform for the main pool and some work on the pool surrounds to remove trip hazards. Not all the work will be completed by the time the pool opens at the beginning of this season. Contractors will likely be working throughout the season, and we will endeavour to ensure

there is minimal disruption to the enjoyment of the pool over summer. There is some painting proposed for the concrete walls on the inside of the pool facility, and we are hoping to have some local artwork on these walls.

The Manaia and Pātea pools are part of six community pools the Council provides free of charge, during the summer months (from early December - Taranaki Anniversary at the beginning of March). The pools are open, Monday – Friday 3.30pm – 7pm (during the school term) and from 12noon – 7pm during school holidays and weekends and from 12noon – 6pm on public holidays. Please note that the pools close at 5pm on Christmas and New Year's Eve and they are closed on Christmas Day.

Summer
-blast-
Hau te raumati!

Open for ages 5 - 12 and free to join, this Summer programme at your local LibraryPlus is set to ignite your child's imagination.

There are plenty of activities to complete, workshops to attend and fun to be had - especially at one of the finale parties at the end of summer!

Registrations open Monday 14 December 2020 and you can enter all through summer. Visit www.southtaranakisummerblast.com to find more.

Council Events over Summer



Arts in the Park

King Edward Park, Hāwera

Saturday 5 December

Registrations are open for stallholders now at www.southtaranaki.com



CONCERTS
IN THE
PARK

Sunday 14 February 2021
King Edward Park, Hāwera

