

Tuia te Taitonga tāpiringa

Southlink Extra

Spring 2023



Welcome to Southlink Extra

Welcome to the Spring 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.



A bronzed Kiwi

About 350 people gathered in Waverley's Gully Park on September 11 to celebrate the official unveiling of Kiwi, the famous Waverley racehorse who 40 years ago won the Melbourne Cup in a remarkable dash to victory. The bronze sculpture of the 1983 Melbourne Cup winner (owned by locals Snow and Anne Lupton) and his jockey, Jimmy Cassidy, was gifted to the Council by the late sculptor Fridtjof Hanson.

Following consultation with the Waverley community in 2021, Council contributed \$155,000 out of the \$2 million Waverley Town Centre revitalisation fund to have the work cast in bronze by the Heavy Metal Company and installed, with a major community fundraising effort to cover the remaining expenses.



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Summer - blast -

Raumati Manawawera

South Taranaki LibraryPlus Summer Reading Programme is back again for another year.

South Taranaki Libraries have listened to our communities and are bringing the books back!

This reading programme is designed to combat the Summer Slide which typically happens over the summer break as many children tend to lose knowledge and skills they acquired during the school year.

This six-week programme is designed for 5 – 12-year-olds where we encourage at least 15 minutes of reading every day and visiting the library three times to have a chat with a librarian about what they have been reading. All children who complete the programme will receive a free book! A range of exciting activities will be happening in each LibraryPlus during December and January, including special entertainment from WhizzBang Science with the Unbelieve-a-Bubble show.

Registrations are open from Tuesday 5 December until Saturday 9 December.

This programme is free thanks to the support from South Taranaki District Council, Lysaght-Watt Trust and Normanby and District Lions Club.

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Arts in the Park is back

Arts in the Park is returning to the beautiful King Edward Park in Hāwera on Saturday 2 December.

One of our most popular events held in our premier park, Arts in the Park provides an opportunity for visitors to come and peruse quality handmade and crafted items before Christmas, enjoy some food and take in the music and wandering entertainment. There's a Kidzone full of activities and rides for the children making it a fun-filled day for the whole family.

If you are interested in becoming a stallholder, food provider or an entertainer on the day, you can register for free at www.southtaranaki.com/artsinthepark

Save the Date for our Summer Events

SOUNDS ON THE SAND
ŌPUNAKĒ BEACH
SATURDAY 13 JANUARY 2024
 FREE FAMILY EVENT

CONCERTS IN THE PARK
KING EDWARD PARK, HĀWERA
SATURDAY 20 JANUARY 2024
 FREE FAMILY EVENT

Did you know?

- In 1997 the Council formed an \$89million Long Term Investment Fund from the proceeds of the sale of Egmont Electricity.
- Each year rates are subsidised by \$3.87million
- Some earnings from the fund are also used to service interest and loan repayments for specific community projects.
- \$129million has been returned to the community through rate subsidies and community projects since the fund started.
- The fund is currently valued at \$145million



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