

# Tuia te Taitonga tāpiringa

# Southlink Extra

Spring 2022



## 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.

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## This year's Election results

At the time of printing, we are still in the voting period. Congratulations to all of our Elected Members who will represent their Wards and District over this new term. Visit our website to see who is representing you - [www.southtaranaki.com/electedmembers](http://www.southtaranaki.com/electedmembers).

A **by-election** will be held for the remaining vacant Te Hāwera general ward councillor position.

The by-election is scheduled for February 2023 with the following key dates:

|                   |                                   |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Nominations open  | Thursday 24 November 2022         |
| Nominations close | Thursday 22 December 2022, 12noon |
| Voting opens      | Thursday 26 January 2023          |
| Voting closes     | Friday 17 February 2023, 12noon   |

## Council to cut emissions by a third

Council will reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by around 33% as we switch from gas fired boilers at the Hāwera Aquatic Centre to new electrical heat pumps.

Property and Facilities Manager Phil Waite says the Hāwera Aquatic Centre accounts for approximately 97% of the Council's annual natural gas use which represents a third of the Council's total carbon emissions (Scope 1 and 2).

"Installing electric air-water heat pumps at the Aquatic Centre will have the single biggest impact on reducing our emissions footprint across all our facilities," says Mr Waite.

"It's estimated to reduce the Aquatic Centre's annual carbon emissions by 324 tonnes, the equivalent of taking 118 cars off the road," he says. "In addition, there will be significant energy savings to be made through the upgrade, so it's a win-win for the Council, our ratepayers and the environment."

Mr Waite says the cost of replacing the boilers with electric heat pumps is estimated to be \$448,500. The Council has received \$174,000 from EECA's (Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority) Technology Demonstration fund, with

the remainder being paid for by a loan.

"The loan will be paid for in seven years with savings made from the Aquatic Centre's reduced energy costs, so the whole project is cost neutral," he says.

EECA's Business Group Manager, Nicki Sutherland, says the project demonstrates the feasibility and benefits of switching to heat pumps for heating public swimming pools – many of which are still powered by fossil fuels.

"We're confident that the results of this project will encourage other New Zealand aquatic centres to replace their coal or gas systems with electric heat pumps," Nicki said.

"We're so pleased we can help the Council take out a third of its emissions, and that the South Taranaki community can relax, play, and exercise in this pool knowing it's no longer polluting the beautiful Taranaki air. This is a great example that other councils can follow," Nicki says.

The work to install the new electric heat pumps will get underway at the end of this summer season.

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# Community Initiatives Fund

An amount of \$67,600 has been allocated to 16 community organisations or groups from the South Taranaki District Council's Community Initiatives Fund.

The Fund was established in 2021 to replace the grants previously considered under the Long Term and Annual Plans. This Fund was created to provide a fair and transparent process to support community activities, initiatives, programmes, projects, and facilities that can deliver a positive contribution to the community's social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being.

South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon says a total

of 25 applications were received from different organisations and groups throughout the Taranaki region.

"A total of \$355,360 has been requested for projects with only \$67,600 available for allocation, making it a difficult task to distribute the funds as all of these applicants contribute positively to the community and deserve support," he says. "As we had only limited funds available, allocations were given to organisations or groups whose work closely aligned with the priorities we outlined in our Long Term and Annual Plans."



## Community Initiatives Fund 2022/23 Allocations

|   |         |  |         |                              |            |
|---|---------|--|---------|------------------------------|------------|
| Alton Coronation Hall Committee         | \$3,500 | Hāwera Group Riding for the Disabled                     | \$2,500 | Ōpunakē Loop Trail Trust     | \$6,000    |
| Taranaki Arts Trail                     | \$2,000 | Eltham Village Gallery                                   | \$2,000 | Ōpunakē Surf Lifesaving      | \$6,000    |
| Taranaki Arts Festival Trust (TAFT)     | \$5,000 | Waverley Chamber of Commerce (Waverley Summer Jam Event) | \$4,000 | Pātea Community Patrol       | \$10,000   |
| People First NZ                         | \$1,500 | Ōpunakē Emergency Management Group                       | \$2,000 | Rāhotu Recreation Reserve    | \$2,898.29 |
| The Wheelhouse (per annum over 2 years) | \$5,000 |  |         | Rāwhitiroa Women's Institute | \$4,000    |
| Coastal Care                            | \$5,000 |  |         | Waverley A&P Association     | \$6,201.71 |

## Additional Grants previously allocated

### Three-year grants (covering July 2021 - 30 June 2024)

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Citizens Advice Bureau - \$2,000  | Ōpunakē Beach Carnival - \$6,000                |
| Egmont Showgrounds - \$20,000     | Ōpunakē Sport and Recreational Trust - \$35,000 |
| EnviroSchools Taranaki - \$10,000 | Paepae in the Park - \$10,000                   |
| Everybody's Theatre - \$12,000    | South Taranaki Neighbourhood Support - \$5,000  |
| Hāwera Cinema 2 - \$40,000        | Waverley Community Patrol - \$5,000             |
| Menzshed Hāwera - \$5,000         |   |

### Other Council Perpetual Grants

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|---|
| Lysaght Watt Gallery - \$15,000                 |
| Ōpunakē Community Baths - \$53,982              |
| Ōpunakē Sport and Recreational Trust - \$41,080 |
| Ōpunakē Surf Lifesaving Club - \$11,500         |
| Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust - \$60,000        |
| Sport Taranaki - \$37,660                       |
| Surf Lifesaving NZ - \$31,116                   |
| Waverley Cemetery Board - \$20,000              |

## Upcoming Events

# ON WHAT FUN

## CHRISTMAS CABARET

FRIDAY 18 NOVEMBER, TSB HUB, \$70 PER PERSON OR \$650 FOR TABLE OF TEN (AVAILABLE FROM I-SITE AND TSB HUB)  
EMAIL [EVENTS@STDC.GOV.TZ](mailto:EVENTS@STDC.GOV.TZ) FOR TICKETS

**Arts IN THE PARK**  
KING EDWARD PARK | HAWERA

**Saturday 3 December,  
10am - 3pm**

Book a stall, or find out more at [www.southtaranaki.com/artsinthepark](http://www.southtaranaki.com/artsinthepark)

# SOUNDS ON THE SAND

SATURDAY 14 JANUARY, 12NOON - 3PM, ŌPUNAKĒ BEACH  
FEATURING SONIC DELUSION

## Drive In Movie Night

COMING EARLY 2023

# CONCERTS IN THE PARK

SATURDAY 28 JANUARY, 4PM - 7PM, KING EDWARD PARK  
FEATURING HOLLIE SMITH

Keep up-to-date with fun family-friendly events happening around the District by visiting [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com) or by downloading our Antenna App!