

Southlink

He karere tā te Kaunihera ō Taranaki ki te Tonga
News from the South Taranaki District Council

NZTA Starts Work on Glover Road

Three of the four approaches to Hāwera's main Glover Road roundabout will be realigned and new concrete islands installed to improve visibility and safety. Acting NZ Transport Agency Systems Manager Mark Owen says there have been 18 crashes at the roundabout since 2014. At least half of these crashes were caused by drivers failing to give way. "Eight of the crashes resulted in people being hurt, including two cyclists who were seriously injured. The improvements we are making will encourage drivers to slow down as they approach the roundabout, helping to avoid further crashes and reducing the severity if they do happen. We know speed can be the difference between someone walking away from a crash or being carried away, particularly where pedestrians and cyclists are involved. Lower speeds at this intersection will make it safer for everyone using it," says Mr Owen. The works, which started on Monday 21 October, are expected to take 10 weeks, weather dependant. A temporary road layout and 30km/h speed limit will be in place while the work is carried out. At times southbound traffic on State



Highway 3 will be diverted onto Fantham Street and Turuturu Road. Traffic travelling north on Glover Road will be diverted onto Turuturu Road and Waihi Road. Pedestrians will not be affected, and cyclists can follow posted diversion routes or dismount and use the footpath through the works area. "This is the main commuter line into Hāwera and through to New Plymouth, so we are advising motorists to expect some delays, especially at peak times, and to use alternative routes where possible. We appreciate everyone's patience while we make this busy intersection safer," says Mr Owen.

Upcoming meetings

Inaugural Council Meeting
Thursday 24 October, 6.30pm
Hāwera Community Theatre, Albion Street, Hāwera

Extraordinary Council
To confirm the appointments and remuneration for the Councillors
Monday 4 November, 1pm

Eltham-Kaponga Community Board
Monday 11 November, 10.30am
Taumata Recreation Centre, Eltham

Te Hāwera Community Board
Monday 11 November, 1.30pm

Taranaki Coastal Community Board
Tuesday 12 November, 2.30pm
Sandfords Event Centre, Ōpunakē

Pātea Community Board
Wednesday 13 November, 4pm
Hunter Shaw Building, Pātea

Unless otherwise specified, meetings are held in the Council Chambers, Albion Street, Hāwera.



DAME FIONA KIDMAN

AUTHOR TOUR - FRI 1 NOV
10.30AM @ WAVERLEY LIBRARYPLUS
2PM @ MANAIA LIBRARYPLUS

Taranaki National Art Awards

Artworks start arriving in Ōpunakē soon for the Taranaki National Art Awards. South Taranaki District Council Arts Coordinator, Michaela Stoneman says the Awards attract a diverse range of work and offer an opportunity for emerging artists to show work alongside more established artists. "The exhibition offers wide scope for visitors to start or add to their art collection, with works priced between \$80 - \$16,000." The awards ceremony offers a great night of NZ artwork, entertainment, wine and food. It is also an opportunity to meet many of the artists. This year's dress theme is *Into the Deep Blue Sea*. Tickets are available at the door for \$15, but for \$20 you can become a Friend of the Taranaki National Art Awards and receive free entry to the awards ceremony, early VIP entry to view and purchase artworks and unlimited free entries to the exhibition. **Awards Ceremony: 7pm Friday 1 November. Exhibition: 10am - 4pm, 2- 9 November, Sandford Events Centre, Ōpunakē** For further information visit www.taranakiartawards.co.nz



New Trees for Denby Road Walkway

Last week a team of volunteers - Council staff, former Mayor (Ross Dunlop) and new Mayor (Phil Nixon) planted 14 Norfolk Pine trees (along with solid protective barriers) along the Denby Road to Fairfield Road walkway. Project leader, Kobus van der Merwe, says it was a real team effort. "Mayor Phil provided the tractor, Veolia provided two staff and a digger and Joe Menzies (from Eltham Timber Supplies) built and transported all the protective barriers to the site free of charge," says Kobus. "This was the final part of completing the walkway and I cannot wait to see what the trees will look like in a couple of years. I'm extremely grateful to all the volunteers, in particular Eltham Timber Supplies for their very community-spirited contribution."

Popular Pātea Sculpture Getting a Makeover



The Garden of Tutunui whalebone sculpture has been in place in Pātea for 10 years and, while we've done regular routine maintenance, is showing some wear and tear. Locals and tourists alike enjoy the sculpture; the area is well used and regularly photographed. Following discussions with the artist Kim Jarrett, we have decided to remove the seat as it is causing damage to the overall structure. The sculpture will be given a gentle waterblast and a protective coating, and small repairs made. We will also add paving at the back of the sculpture where people regularly walk and replace the signage. This work will start in the next few weeks, based on staff and contractor availability, and will ensure this beautiful work of art continues to be enjoyed well into the future.

~ Scale Ship ~
REGATTA
KING EDWARD PARK LAKE HĀWERA
SATURDAY 2 + SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER



elektra FRI 8 NOV
6PM - 10PM
KING EDWARD PARK, HAWERA
A COMMUNITY LIGHT EVENT
ELEKTRA will be a fabulous night of fun and creativity, lighting up your senses in every way - with food trucks, lighting performances, light installations and the Park lit up. "Launch of 1000 Lanterns" will give families and friends an opportunity to launch a floating lantern on the Park lake.