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News from the South Taranaki District Council

Popular Comedy Show – 7 Days, Coming to Hāwera, 21 November

7 Days (Live Show) is coming to Hāwera on Thursday 21 November as part of the town's annual comedy show, but you will need to get in quick as there's only a few tickets still available. The occasion is a double celebration with 2019 being the 10th Anniversary of the Hāwera Comedy Night and 7 Days also turning 10 this year, and like any ten-year old's birthday there's sure to be plenty of laughter, tears, chaos and general hilarity.

South Taranaki District Council tourism team leader Tarin Hunt says it's a huge coup to get the show to South Taranaki.

"7 Days showcases some of New Zealand's best comedians each smashing out a quick-fire burst of stand-up comedy, before getting into a game of 7 Days in your town, and about your town. It's New Zealand's best comedy programme and New Zealand's most hilarious, out-of-control live show," says

Tarin.

"Don't miss out on seeing local boy Ben Hurley, Josh Thomson, Jeremy Elwood, Justine Smith, Jeremy Corbett, Dai Henwood and Paul Ego all live and unleashed, without the cameras, editors or censors to hold them back," she says.

Jeremy Corbett says "If you only see one show this year, well, it's obviously got to be Les Miserables, but if you can see two, then maybe catch School of Rock too. But also, don't miss out on 7 Days Live - The 10th Birthday Tour! We're bringing it to you, and we'll make sure it's a night you won't forget."

7 DAYS LIVE/ANNUAL COMEDY NIGHT – Thursday 21 November, TSB Hub, Hāwera. Tickets available from South Taranaki i-SITE Visitor Centre.

Upcoming meetings

Audit and Risk Committee

Monday 18 November, 11 am

Iwi Liaison Committee

Wednesday 20 November, 10.00 am

Ordinary Council

Monday 9 December, 7.00 pm

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

An **elektra**-fying Success

"I had chills and they were electrifying," was the response event co-ordinator Tarin Hunt gave when asked about her impression of the Elektra, community light event held at Hāwera's King Edward Park last Friday night. "I was just blown away by the amount of people who turned up to enjoy the night," says Tarin. "The feedback I got was also extremely positive, particularly considering this was the first time we've tried this type of event. It was also fantastic how other groups like Bizlink and some of the businesses in town got in behind the event. Hāwera Cinema got in two big searchlights to light up the night sky as a way of showing their support." STDC Community Development Advisor, Ella Borrows was one of many Council staff who mucked in to organise the great family night out. "The weather was perfect. It was just fantastic to see so many families with young kids out enjoying the free community event. There was just such a positive community spirit, I loved it."



\$277m Waipipi Wind Farm Underway

The first sod has been officially turned for the new \$277 million Waipipi (formerly named Waverley) Wind Farm. Pictured (right) Ngaa Rauru Kaumatua Paul Williams digs the first sod as Tilt Renewables (the company building the new Wind Farm) chief executive Deion Campbell and South Taranaki District Mayor, Phil Nixon, look on.

About 85 people turned up for the formal sod turning on November 1.

The Wind Farm has been planned for 10 years and got consent in July 2017. It will have 31 turbines, with a top blade height of 160m, and 14km of road will be built to service them.

Pre-construction work started in early September including fencing the environmental buffer zones, wetlands and Waipipi Stream along with access road upgrades from SH3 to the site

entrance (via Rangikura and Dryden Roads).

Building the Wind Farm will take around 18 months to two years and employ about 150 people.

Once operational the Waipipi Wind Farm will produce enough clean energy each year to power about 70,000 homes and save the emission of roughly 350,000 tonnes of carbon. This is the equivalent of removing about 70,000 cars from our roads.



Work Started on \$2m Waverley Water Treatment Plant

Physical work is well underway on building a new \$2 million water treatment plant for the Waverley township. The new plant located on Mangatangi Road will feed directly into the town's existing reservoir and will ensure ongoing compliance with Drinking Water Standards. STDC Group Manager of Infrastructure and Community Services, Fiona Greenhill, says greensand filters and Ultra Violet equipment will be installed in the new plant to treat the iron, manganese and ammonia impurities found in the water and to remove protozoa. Ms Greenhill says to increase safety the town's water supply will also be permanently chlorinated.

"Chlorinating the water ensures that all bacteria are killed and is safe. It is one of the most effective ways of treating water

and is used in water supplies all round the world to protect against certain types of bacteria because it disinfects the water all the way from the source through to where it comes out of taps in homes and businesses."

The new plant is due to be completed around the end of April 2020.

