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

**Summer
-blast-**

**LibraryPlus
Literacy Programme**

South Taranaki Libraries popular summer reading programme is being revamped this year to offer a new, dynamic way of encouraging children's learning and discovery while not being limited to just reading.

South Taranaki District Council Children and Young Adults Librarian, Pam Jones, says the Summer Blast Literacy Programme is a new and innovative holiday programme for 5-12 year olds that will spark their imagination and set them on a road of discovery. "Over the six-week summer holidays, the Programme offers children the opportunity to choose from a fun set of challenges and activities that appeal to them and then go in the draw for some fabulous prizes," says Pam.

"The Programme covers a multitude of literacies, including visual and digital literacy - not just reading and writing. Traditionally, libraries were places where you could go to find knowledge. Today libraries are places where you can find, create and use knowledge. The Programme empowers our children to find, use and create knowledge, and use that knowledge in a meaningful way."

Registrations for the Summer Blast Literacy Programme open from 16 December at your local LibraryPlus or online www.southtaranakisummerblast.com

Upcoming meetings

Eltham-Kaponga Community Board
Monday 27 January, 10.30 am
Kaponga War Memorial Hall

Te Hāwera Community Board
Monday 27 January, 1.30 pm

Taranaki Coastal Community Board
Tuesday 28 January, 2.30 pm
Ōkaiawa Hall, Ōkaiawa

Pātea Community Board
Wednesday 29 January, 4.00 pm
Hunter Shaw Building, Pātea

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

Impounded Stock Section 46(2),
Impounding Act 1955

The following stock has been impounded:

1 x Ram lamb, Romney cross,
approximately 4 months old

Found on Hunter Street, Hāwera, on 30 November 2019. Unless claimed by the owner, the above stock will be disposed of in accordance with the Impounding Act 1955.

Reviewed Dog Control Bylaw and Policy take effect

The South Taranaki District Council has reviewed and confirmed the amendments to its Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.

Changes to bylaw include:

- Dogs are now allowed (on leads no longer than 1.5 metres long) in the Hāwera, Ōpunakē and Eltham CBD areas. Please note that dogs classified as menacing or dangerous are still prohibited.
- Dogs are now required to be on leads for the entire length of the Denby Road Walkway (entire length of Denby Road to just prior to the Waihi Reserve, the loop walk, and Fairfield Road).

For more information, the bylaw and policy can be found on the Council's website: www.southtaranaki.com, viewed at the Council Administration Building (Albion Street, Hāwera), or any LibraryPlus Centre. If you require further information, please contact the Policy Advisor at the Council on 0800 111 323.



Council to Investigate Possibility of Roundabout on Glover/Turuturu Road



The South Taranaki District Council (the Council) has taken on feedback received from motorists and will investigate the options and suitability for having a permanent round-about at the Glover/Turuturu Road intersection. Group Manager of Community and Infrastructure Services, Fiona Greenhill says the works undertaken by NZTA at the Waihi/Glover Road round-about have been completed which means the temporary round-about used

to divert traffic at the Glover/Turuturu Road intersection has to be removed. "While the temporary round-about did a good job, it was only ever a temporary structure and larger trucks and heavy vehicles did not find it so easy to negotiate. However we got a lot of feedback from motorists that they really liked the round-about at the intersection in terms of traffic flow," says Ms Greenhill. "Based on that feedback we've decided to investigate options for having a permanent round-about at that location. But whatever we decide, it needs to be safe, fit for purpose and affordable - so it's important that we consider all our options carefully before making any final decision." Ms Greenhill hopes to have options for the Council to consider in February for inclusion in the next Long Term Plan.

Free Sustainable Gift Wrapping

The South Taranaki District Council (the Council) are kicking off Christmas early by running a pop-up (free) sustainable gift-wrapping station for residents.

The Council's environment and sustainability team will be set up in the Hāwera Town Square between 10am – 2pm on Thursday 19 and Friday 20 of December or located in Caffeinate (opposite the town square) if the weather is inclement.

"Things are moving really quickly in the world of waste, and this is our way of acknowledging that small changes can make a big difference" says the Council's Environment and Sustainability officer, Victoria Moyle.

"To raise awareness about our disposal culture and help to promote sustainable options our team will be wrapping gifts in brown paper, biodegradable tape and natural jute twine. So, after ripping open presents on Christmas morning you can return the wrap to the earth or keep the twine and recycle the paper," she says.

Wrapping paper has been an issue over the years as the recycling Material Resource Facility (MRF) in New Plymouth gets a lot of soft plastic, foils, decorative paper and ribbon which are not recyclable. "Gift wrap has to be pulled out of the recycling which is labour intensive and ends up making its way to the landfill where it doesn't break down" says Moyle.

The Council endorses Zero Waste and encourages all residents to consider sustainability during this festive season, whether that means giving presents in reusable bags or compostable paper, sharing or freezing left-overs from Christmas lunch or recycling your glass bottles.

"Let's give our environment, our planet, a present this Christmas and reduce waste."

