

# Southlink

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



## Eltham's Movies in the Park

Summer is at its best – and what better way is there than to spend a Sunday afternoon relaxing in the park watching movies?

Three family-friendly movies will be playing on the TSB Super-screen at Eltham's Soldiers Memorial Park on Sunday 2 February and everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy this free event.

The movies kick off at 12.30pm with *The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part* (PG), followed by *The Lion King* (PG) at 2.30pm and the last movie for the day at 4.40pm will be *Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle* (PG). Please note movie times are approximate.

The free community swimming pool will also be open from 12 noon and don't forget the kids can make use of the nearby playground and skate park. Bring a picnic or grab a little something from one of the food vendors in the park.

"This event is always well supported," says Hayley Old, Council's Community Events Co-ordinator. "This is a great opportunity to have a family day out in the fresh air before school goes back, while enjoying some great movies on offer on the TSB super-screen at Soldiers Park, Eltham. Please remember to bring sunscreen, water and a sun umbrella as this venue has very little shade," reminds Hayley.

This free community event is proudly brought to you by South Taranaki District Council and supported by Taranaki Electricity Trust.



## Upcoming meetings

**Iwi Liaison Committee**  
Wednesday 5 February 10am

**Environment and Hearings Committee**  
Wednesday 5 February 4pm

**Policy and Strategy Committee**  
Monday 10 February, 1pm

**Audit and Risk Committee**  
Wednesday 12 February, 11am

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

## Also coming up...

Concerts in the Park is returning to Hāwera's King Edward Park on Sunday 9 February. Entertainment will begin with Hāwera-born musician, Wilforce, at 4.30pm then the Lady Killers (featuring Jackie Clarke, Tina Cross and Suzanne Lynch) will take the stage at 5.30pm.

"We hope families and whānau take the opportunity to enjoy this free event relaxing in Hāwera's premier park," says organiser Hayley Old. "Make an evening of it by bringing along a picnic or buying something from the food vendors!" This event is proudly brought to you by South Taranaki District Council and supported by TSB Community Trust.



**CONCERTS IN THE PARK**  
Featuring **The Lady Killers**  
King Edward Park, Hāwera, Sun 9 Feb



## It's been a Blast!

South Taranaki LibraryPlus' Summer Literacy Programme, **Summer Blast**, wrapped up in the last week with each town hosting it's own Finale Party for the 416 registered participants. Winners for the 16 prizes were also drawn. A number of parents said they enjoyed seeing their children think outside the box to come up with different ideas for a project. Many shared the value of seeing children work with various members of the extended family over the holiday period.



## Residents' feedback of Council services to be canvassed

South Taranaki residents will have the opportunity to give feedback on the performance of the South Taranaki District Council during its annual resident satisfaction survey which gets underway on 7 February.

The telephone survey will be conducted by independent research company, Research First, on behalf of Council and will run for around three weeks.

There will also be an online version of the survey available on the Council's website ([www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com)) to enable more people to take part.

Council's corporate services group manager, Marianne Archibald, says residents will be called at random on week days between the hours of 3pm and 8.30pm, and between 10am and 5pm on weekends.

"The survey gives residents a chance to tell Council what they think about a wide range of council services and activities," says Ms Archibald.

"Residents will be able to rate Council services such as libraries, roads, parks and playgrounds, public toilets, rubbish and recycling collection to name a few. They'll also have the opportunity to rate the overall performance of the Council," she says.

"I encourage people to participate in the survey if contacted, as the results play a valuable role in Council's planning for the future and it lets us know where we're performing well and where we need to do better."

The survey seeks to achieve a representative cross-section of residents across townships and rural areas of the District and across various age groups and gender.

The survey is expected to take around 15-20 minutes to complete and results should be available in April.

If you have any questions regarding the research, please contact Alasdair Allen at Research First on (03) 281 8156.



## Welcome to Kaponga!

Here's a sneak peek of the four new Kaponga Town signs completed by Kaponga local Lary Larkin. Lary made the original signs which, after 20 years, were in a state of disrepair. The Kaponga Progressive Society consulted with the community and it was agreed that they wanted the original signs renewed. The new signs were funded by the Council and will be installed shortly. Eltham-Kaponga Community Board members Sonya Douds (right) and Karen Cave got a sneak preview of the new Kaponga signs with the 'sightist' (sign artist) Lary Larkin.

