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News from the South Taranaki District Council



AmeriCARna rolling into town

Ōpunakē Beach, Wednesday 19 February 11.30am–2.30pm | Hāwera CBD, Friday 21 February, 1pm–5.15pm

Start your engines! AmeriCARna is roaring back into town. South Taranaki welcomes back the popular car event to Hāwera and Ōpunakē.

“There are about 700 cars registered - so there will be plenty to look at,” says South Taranaki District Council’s community events coordinator Hayley Old.

On Wednesday 19 February, AmeriCARna heads to Ōpunakē Beach from 11.30am. There will be live music by local entertainers, food from local vendors, community fundraisers, and the beach shop will also be open. The cars depart at 2.30pm.

On Friday 21 February, the cars will head to Hāwera from Stratford (via Kaponga and Manaia along State Highway 45) and line Hāwera’s CBD for the afternoon. The town square will be filled with live music from ‘Just Us’ and be busy with the usual market day through High Street. Cars will arrive in town at 1pm and depart at 5.15pm

Bizlink Hāwera has organised an AmeriCARna fashion parade (starting at 4.00pm in the square) as well as a scavenger hunt on the day.

The Stop/Go Sprints will once again be held on Albion Street from 2.30pm, with cars being timed over the 80 metres to the finish line. About 30 vehicles are registered for the sprints,



so you can expect to see and hear plenty of action on the day. Alongside the Stop/Go event will be the Harley Davidson Stunt Riders, who will put on a show of tricks and wheelies, so be sure to get along to see this!

“We are really excited to have AmeriCARna return to South Taranaki. The Ōpunakē and Hāwera communities and

businesses really get behind it, creating great atmosphere in town,” says Hayley. “It is important to make sure motorists take extra care on the roads at all times and be patient. Plan ahead as it may take you a little longer to get where you are heading due to road closures.”

Road closures during the AmeriCARna events:

- On Wednesday 19 February, Beach Road in Ōpunakē will be closed to all vehicles (except AmeriCARna cars). We recommend that spectators park on a side street and walk down to the beach.
- On Friday 21 February, cars will be parked on High Street (from Argyle St to Caledonia Street), Regent Street (from High Street to Little Regent Street), Union Street (for 80 metres from High Street) and in the Community Centre carpark. Albion Street (from High Street to Rowe Street) will also be closed for the Stop/Go event.

Creative Communities funding round open

The next funding application round for Creative Communities is now open and closes on Friday 27 March.

This fund provides assistance for community-based arts activities in South Taranaki that take place after 16 April 2020 and meet one or more of the following funding criteria:

- **Broad community involvement** - a project that will create opportunities for local communities to engage with and participate in art activities
- **Diversity** - a project that will support the diverse arts and

cultural traditions of local communities, enriching and promoting their uniqueness and cultural diversity

- **Young people** - a project that will enable and encourage young people (under 18 years) to engage with and actively participate in the arts.

Applications are now available on the South Taranaki District Council website www.southtaranaki.com or at your local libraryplus. For more information call 0800 111 323 or email funding@stdc.govt.nz

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 at the end of this week (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) 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.

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, please contact Alasdair Allen at Research First on (03) 281 8156.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Upcoming meetings

Ordinary Council

Monday 24 February, 7pm

Eltham Drainage Committee

Wednesday 26 February, 10am

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

Rates Reminder

Ratepayers are reminded that the last day for payment of the third instalment of rates for 2019/20 without incurring a penalty will be Wednesday 26 February 2020.

Residents asked to conserve water

The recent run of warm sunny weather has led to increased use of water across the district. This is putting pressure on our water

supply infrastructure, especially the level of water in our reservoirs. Please use your water wisely, as some areas may require water restrictions if water use remains high and the hot, dry weather continues. Please fix any leaks on your property. Likewise, if you see any leaks in our reticulation network, please call us on 0800 111 323.

Some tips for conserving water:

- **Water gardens out of the heat of the day**, do it sparingly in the evenings but not all night.
- **Let lawns dry off naturally** – saves mowing. They’ll recover in autumn.

Farms – always check the water meter flow, find and fix leaks also reuse cooling water.

Use brooms and brushes instead of water wash down.

Report any leaks and wastage – free phone 0800 111 323.

