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News from the South Taranaki District Council



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COVID-19

Stay home, stay connected and stay local - a message from the Mayor



The Prime Minister has announced some details of how moving into Alert Level 3 might look, but at this stage we are still in Level 4.

Level 3 will be a continuation of the COVID-19 elimination pattern like in Level 4, but will see us moving to talking about safe workers rather than essential workers.

We need to realise we will still be very much limited to a similar lockdown to what we have at the moment - stay home, stay connected and stay local.

We have been very good at following the rules and we are seeing the benefits of this with the reduction in new cases nationally and no new cases in Taranaki since 1 April. We do not want to undo any of our great work at this stage. It is very evident in Singapore right now that relaxing of restrictions is leading to a lot of reinfection. This would really send us backwards if we relaxed now.

We are all feeling the stress and anxiety of our isolation and it is really important to

remember that you are not in this alone – we are all going through this and we need to look after our mental and emotional well-being.

Stay connected, as talking and sharing your emotions really does help. It is perfectly normal to feel overwhelmed at the moment and it is important to acknowledge your feelings, reach out to others whether it be a family member or a professional. Contact others who may need help, especially the vulnerable and those living alone.

Be selective in what you watch and read – limit your media intake and get the facts from covid19.govt.nz and then you will have facts and not rumors.

A huge thank you to all the essential workers who are supporting us at the moment. We salute you all and respect that there is huge pressure on you to look after us as well staying safe yourself and protecting your families. It is very hard for all those families who for whatever reason are split at the moment.

Phil Nixon

Mayor of South Taranaki

Keep up-to-date

Websites - www.covid19.govt.nz and www.southtaranaki.com

Facebook - like 'South Taranaki District Council', 'Uncovid - South Taranaki' and 'Unite Against Covid-19'

Antenno - join Antenno! Visit www.southtaranaki.com

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NEW ZEALAND
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**BIN IT
DON'T BLOCK IT!**

Help keep our Essential Workers in their Bubble
Don't Block Pipes with Wipes



Think Before You Flush



Poo, Pee & Toilet Paper



All Wipes



Paper Towels



Tissues

Bin it, don't block it

Staying clean and healthy has taken on extra importance during the Covid-19 lockdown, but we still have to look after our sewage system. Wet wipes are becoming a problem in wastewater systems around the country and we're seeing them gum up the works in South Taranaki too, with seven recent blockages at pump stations.

"Wet wipes belong in the landfill bin – as do rags, paper towels, nappies, sanitary pads and tampons," says STDC works delivery manager Herbert Denton.

"These items don't break down in water like toilet paper does so please don't flush them. Only flush pee, poo and toilet paper."

STDC's wastewater crew are essential workers during the lockdown and while they are still working, the Council wants to cut down how many callouts they have to attend. Clearing blocked pumps of rags and wet wipes at pump stations, is an unnecessary use of resources, and can result in unwanted sewage overflows to the environment.

"The fewer blockages we have to clear the better, as it means our emergency staff can avoid meeting in person at a time when we're meant to be keeping our distance," says Mr Denton. "We need our residents to do their bit by not flushing wet wipes and rags. We'd really appreciate you putting them straight in the landfill bin."

Virtual Lockdown events

You may be locked down at home - but there's still plenty to do. Head to www.southtaranaki.com and take a look at the virtual events calendar for libraryplus book clubs, science experiments for kids, cooking videos as well as Facebook Live concerts!



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FRI 1 MAY, 5.30PM

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