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News from the South Taranaki District Council



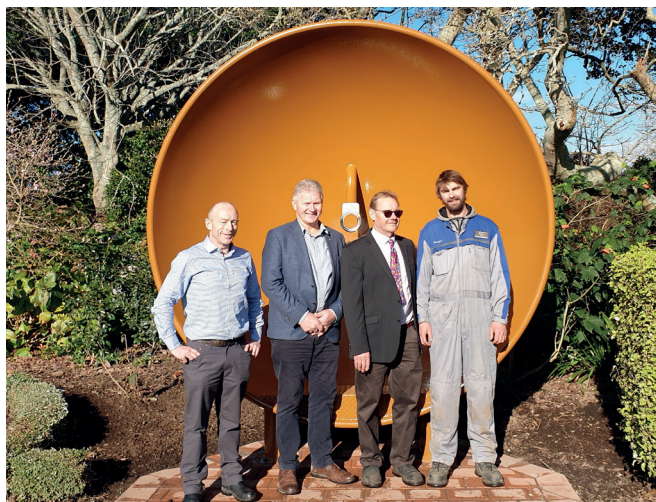
Breaking Sound Barriers at Park

Global Stainless Artworks Hāwera, fabricators of high end stainless steel spheres and sculptures, has worked with the South Taranaki District Council to provide Sound Mirrors for King Edward Park.

Standing over two and a half metres high and facing each other over a distance of 50 metres, these massive Sound Mirrors enable a person to whisper into the focal point of one dish while a friend can hear the whisper at the focal point of the other dish.

“We are very grateful to Global Stainless Artworks for donating these wonderful pieces, and to the funders who made installation possible,” says South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon. “They will be a fascinating addition to our award winning Park. They are a little bit of art, a little bit of fun and a whole lot of science combined.” Kerry Fowler from Global Stainless Artworks explains, “The parabola shaped dishes collect focus and amplify wave signals. Sound that originates at the focal point will bounce off the dish and travel in the direction the dish is pointing. If you speak where the focal point ring is, your ears will also be in the perfect position for listening.”

Te Hāwera Community Board chair Wayne Bigham says the Board was delighted to help fund such a worthwhile



Pictured left to right (Kerry Fowler from Global Stainless Artworks, South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon, Lincoln Raikes and Bergen Raikes from Global Stainless Artworks)

attraction which will provide entertainment and a sense of wonder to our park visitors.

Donations towards the installation of these sound mirrors were received from Te Hāwera Community Board, Lysaght Watt Trust, Fred and Eunice Rodie Trust, Pelorus Trust and Bizlink Hāwera.

Upcoming Meetings

Iwi Liaison Committee
Wednesday 22 July, 10am

Environment and Hearings Committee
Wednesday 22 July, 4pm

Policy and Strategy Committee
Monday 27 July, 1pm

Unless specified, meetings are held in the Council Chamber, Administration Building, Albion Street, Hāwera

Plumbo Solvency

Some plumbing fittings have the potential to let minute traces of metals accumulate in water standing in the fittings for several hours.

Although the health risk is small, the Ministry of Health recommends you flush a mugful of water from your drinking water tap each morning before use to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings. We recommend this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies.

Rates Rebate Forms for new rating year available

The Rates Rebate Scheme was established in 1973 by the Government to provide a subsidy to low-income homeowners on the cost of their rates. The rates rebate application forms are now available for the new rating year. If you applied in the last 12 months you will automatically get posted a form.

Please see our website (www.southtaranaki.com/our-council/rates/rates-rebates) for further information on the Rates Rebate Scheme and to see if you are eligible to apply.

Normanby Community Meeting to Discuss Pathway and Domain

A community meeting is being held by the South Taranaki District Council at the **Normanby Community Centre on Wednesday 29 July at 5.30pm** to discuss alternative routes for a pathway connecting Normanby to Hāwera and projects for the Normanby Domain. South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon says building a pathway along the rail corridor connecting Normanby to Hāwera, one of several priorities identified in the Council's Pathways Strategy, is no closer to becoming a reality after a number of years working on the project. “The Council has proposed two separate options for crossing the Ohangai Road/SH3 intersection, but KiwiRail and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency have serious concerns around safety and are not supportive

of these proposals,” he says. “The Council has been frustrated by the lack of progress on this pathway and we need to go back to the community and discuss whether alternative routes should now be considered.” Te Hāwera Community Board chair Wayne Bigham says the Board will also be at the meeting to ask residents about projects they would like to see developed at the Normanby Domain.

“The Board have recently funded a drinking fountain with a dog water bowl which is to be installed near the community centre, and we're keen to talk with the community about what other things they would like to see to create a more interesting environment around the Normanby Domain.”

SOUTH TARANAKI SPORTING HALL OF FAME

Nominations open

Get your thinking caps on and nominate a deserving sportsperson for the South Taranaki Hall of Fame (housed at the TSB Hub). Nominations close on 31 July, so get your ideas for inductees to us quick. Download the nomination form, or find out more, at www.southtaranaki.com

BEN HURLEY
THE **STRAIGHT-OUT-OF-LOCKDOWN** TOUR
THU 6 AUG @ WAVERLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE, \$40
FRI 7 AUG @ PIHAMA LAVENDER, \$40
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM SOUTH TARANAKI I-SITE

You have until Thursday 30 July to get in your nominations for the 2020 South Taranaki Community Awards. Nomination forms are available from all LibraryPlus', the Council Administration Building, the South Taranaki i-SITE and on www.southtaranaki.com