

# Southlink

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



## Improved River Access at Pātea

The Council is about to undertake work to improve access to the Pātea River from York Street for waka ama (outrigger canoe) clubs and to create a safe and attractive area for the community and public to use. Noel McColl has been contracted to drain, level and clear the section between the Pātea River and York Street. The section will then be reinstated through replanting and re-grassing. Outdoor seating will also be established by the Pātea Community Board.

Work is planned to start on 10 August 2020 and will continue for approximately five days, weather permitting. If you have any questions or concerns about this work, please contact Tim Moffitt on 0800 111 323.

## Lifting Performance – Council Undertakes Independent Assessment



This week the South Taranaki District Council is undertaking its three-yearly assessment as part of the CouncilMARK™ Local Government Excellence Programme.

The CouncilMARK™

programme is designed to give communities an independent picture of how well their council is performing and to support individual councils to further improve the service and value they provide. Participating Councils' undergo a comprehensive assessment by independent experts measuring indicators across the four priority areas: governance,

leadership and strategy; financial decision-making and transparency; service delivery and asset management; and communicating and engaging with the public and business. Councils then receive an overall performance rating from an Independent Assessment Board (IAB) and commentary on their performance. Council Chief Executive Waid Crockett says the CouncilMARK™ programme encourages a culture of continuous improvement and assists councils to further engage with their communities on the issues that matter locally.

"We are committed to lifting and demonstrating our performance so that the community can have confidence in what we do and how we do it, and

we will use our results to develop an action plan to work on those areas where we can improve," he says.

This is the second assessment for the Council which was a foundation member of the CouncilMARK™ programme. The Council completed its inaugural assessment in October 2017 and received a rating of BBB.

The Council is one of 33 Councils across the country which participate in the Local Government Excellence Programme.



## Upcoming Meetings

### Ordinary Council

Monday 10 August, 7pm

### Audit and Risk Committee

Wednesday 19 August, 11am

### Eltham-Kaponga Community Board

Monday 24 August, 10.30am  
Taumata Recreation Centre,  
Preston Street, Eltham

### Te Hāwera Community Board

Monday 24 August, 1.30 am  
Ōhawe Hall, Ōhawe Terrace, Hāwera

### Extraordinary Council

To consider options for the  
Three Waters Reform  
Monday 24 August, 5pm

### Taranaki Coastal Community Board

Tuesday 25 August, 2.30pm  
Sandfords Event Centre,  
156 Tasman Street, Ōpunakē

### Pātea Community Board

Wednesday 26 August, 4pm  
Hunter Shaw Building,  
Egmont Street, Pātea

Unless specified, meetings are held at Council Chamber, Administration Building, Albion St, Hāwera

## Nowell's Lake Walkway Planting Day 2020

The Normanby and Districts Lions Club is organising the annual restoration planting day at Nowell's Lakes Walkways on the morning of Wednesday 12 August.

The planting group will meet at 10am at Nowell's Lakes Walkway at the end of Rifle Range Road, and they will be planting 500 native trees.

Many hands make light work, so please come along if you can! Please bring your own spade, gloves, covered-in shoes and a drink.

The native trees for this project have been gifted to the Nowell's Lakes Walkway Trust by the Council and Trees That Count.

A complimentary BBQ by Normanby and Districts Lions Club will follow. For further information, please contact Martin on 027 278 1178.



## Waverley Water Flushing Programme

Since the new Waverley Water Treatment Plant was commissioned, some areas of the town have experienced taste, odour and discolouration issues due to the chlorine reacting with accumulated material left in the pipes from when the supply was untreated. To remedy this, the Council is going to do some intensive flushing of the town's water supply every Tuesday in August from 9.00am – 1pm (starting on 11 August) in an effort to remove this accumulated material. We expect this will cause some water discolouration, so we suggest residents put some drinking water aside and delay clothes washing until the water is running clear again (run your cold water tap to clear it) after 1pm on these days. If the discolouration remains, or for any other queries, please contact the Council anytime on 0800 111 323.

## Creative Communities Funding Applications Open

The next application round for Creative Communities funding is now open and closes at 5pm on Wednesday 9 September 2020. The South Taranaki Creative Communities Scheme provides funding assistance for community-based arts activities in South Taranaki that take place between 5 October 2020 and 5 October 2021.

Application forms are now available on the Council's website [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com) or at your local LibraryPlus. For further information, email [funding@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:funding@stdc.govt.nz) or phone (06) 278 0555 or 0800 111 323.

## First Rates Instalment

Ratepayers are reminded that the last day for payment of the first instalment of rates for 2020/21 without incurring a penalty will be Wednesday 26 August 2020.