

We are at COVID-19 Alert Level 2 until midnight Friday. Please keep an eye on the Council's Facebook page and www.southtaranaki.com for more information on Council facilities and services.

Upcoming Meetings

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, Ōhawe

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,
Tasman Street, Ōpunakē

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

Iwi Liaison Committee
Wednesday 2 September, 10am

Environment and Hearings Committee
Wednesday 2 September, 4pm

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

Notice of impounded stock

Section 46(2), Impounding Act 1955

The following stock has been impounded:

1 x Composite Ewe, 4-5 years old (not in lamb) found roaming on King Edward Street, Eltham, on Thursday 6 August 2020.

Unless claimed by the owners, the above stock will be sold by public auction or otherwise disposed of in accordance with the Impounding Act 1955 at the South Taranaki District Council Pound, Beach Road, Hāwera, on Thursday 20 August 2020 at 1.30pm.

Rates due

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.



Contractor Information Evening for Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga

An information evening is being held for contractors and sub-contractors who could be interested in tendering for the work to build Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga, the District's new Library, Culture and Arts Centre.

Following the resource consent being granted by Independent Commissioner, Alan Withy, work on the new centre could start in the next few months, subject to no appeal being lodged.

Project co-ordinator, Phil Waite says once the appeal period is over, the next step is to put tenders out for the demolition and construction work.

South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon says Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga is a key anchor project in the Hāwera Town Centre Redevelopment which will also be a big boost to the District's post COVID-19 recovery.

"It will bring more foot traffic, visitors and vibrancy

to the CBD, provide enhanced community services, create jobs and economic stimulus at this crucial time and improve connectivity for both the South Taranaki community and for visitors to the District," says Mayor Nixon.

Located on the corner of High and Regent Streets, the new 1605m² building combines a number of facilities onto one site, including a bigger library, meeting rooms, public toilets, an art gallery and heritage exhibition space, i-SITE Visitor Centre and café.

When: Thursday 20 August 2020
Where: South Taranaki District Council Chamber, Albion Street, Hāwera
Time: 5.30pm – 7pm
Please RSVP by Wednesday 19 August to tarin.hunt@stdc.govt.nz or (06) 278 8599

Council Decides on First Past the Post

At Monday night's ordinary meeting, the Council decided to use the First Past the Post (FPP) electoral system at the next 2022 Local Body elections as opposed to the Single Transferable Voting (STV) system.

The FPP electoral system is currently used by the Council and most local authorities throughout New Zealand. Under FPP, the voter places a tick by the name of their preferred candidate and the candidate with the most votes are elected to the position.

The STV electoral system is where voters rank some or

all candidates in order of personal preference. In order for a vote to be valid, each voter needs to rank only one candidate.

However, the more candidates that are ranked by the voter, the greater the contribution that vote makes to the final result. The Taranaki District Health Board uses the STV system.

Councillors felt that the advantages of FPP are that it is simple to understand, transparent, familiar to most voters and works well in a ward-based district like South Taranaki.

Council Hosts Network of Trades Meeting

Tradies and trades-based businesses are invited to attend a Network of Trades event at the South Taranaki District Council next week.

This is a specific networking group which meets together on a monthly basis and is organised by the Taranaki Chamber of Commerce.

This month the Council is hosting the event which it sees as an opportunity to look at how the trade sector and Council can work together better and to talk about the importance of the construction/trade industry to the District's economy.

Council's Environmental Services Group Manager Liam Dagg says "most trades will need to interact with the Council at some stage when doing a job and

this is a chance for us to talk with our key customers about how we can work together more effectively and provide an overall better customer experience." Mayor Phil Nixon agrees.

"We need the trades in our community – as workers and employers – and I'll be taking a little bit of time to talk about the South Taranaki Mayors Taskforce for Jobs and to thank businesses for taking on apprentices and training our young people into essential careers."

When: Tuesday 18 August, 5.15pm
Where: Council Chamber, Albion St, Hāwera.
Please RSVP to the Taranaki Chamber (06) 759 9080 or email admin@taranakichamber.co.nz