

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

Upcoming Meetings

Ordinary Council

Monday 21 September, 7pm
Camberwell Lounge, TSB Hub,
Camberwell Road, Hāwera

Extraordinary Environment and Hearings Committee

To consider the relocation of a Category 2 Heritage Building

Wednesday 23 September, 9am
Camberwell Lounge, TSB Hub,
Camberwell Road, Hāwera

Eltham Drainage Committee

Wednesday 23 September, 10am
Taumata Recreation Centre, Preston Street, Eltham

Normanby Pathway update

On Monday the South Taranaki District Council's Policy and Strategy Committee recommended that due to cost increases, safety concerns, slow progress and funding deadlines the Council change the route of a planned commuter pathway from Normanby to Hāwera.

The original proposal saw the pathway running from Normanby to Hāwera along the railroad corridor however, committee members decided the more viable option would be to build the pathway from Normanby, along the Council owned road reserve on Ketemarae Road to connect with Glover Road into Hāwera.

Group manager of Community Services and Infrastructure, Fiona Aitken, says the original proposal was not achievable due to the number of crossing points needed, which increased both costs and safety issues significantly. A revised proposal to cross the Ōhangai Road intersection was also not approved by either KiwiRail or NZTA because of safety concerns at the railway crossing.

"A range of other alternatives were investigated, including the possibility of building the pathway along

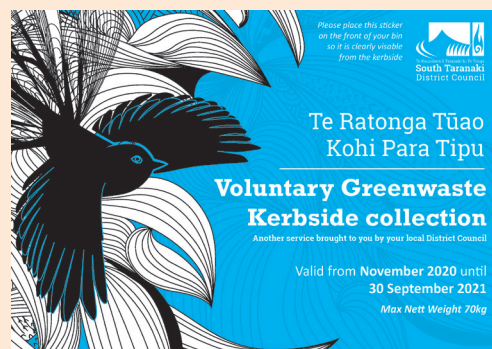
State Highway 3, but the costs, timeframes and safety issues simply didn't stack up. In addition, the NZTA roading subsidy, which was funding the majority of the project (58%) would no longer be available if the project was not done in the current financial year (by 30 June 2021)," she says.

Ms Aitken says the Ketemarae route was the only option that both met the budget, objectives of the District pathway's programme and could be achieved within the timeframe.

"The Ketemarae Road pathway is estimated to cost around \$425,000 of which the NZTA road subsidy would fund the majority (approximately \$250,000). There is a lot of new developments along Ketemarae Road and I think this pathway which would connect with the new pathway on Glover Road will be another great addition that will enhance the lifestyle and recreational opportunities across the District," says Ms Aitken.

The Policy and Strategy Committees recommendation still needs to be confirmed at the Council's next ordinary meeting on 21 September.

Greenwaste sticker reminder



Just a reminder to those who have a greenwaste sticker that this current subscription year has been extended to the beginning of November.

This is to make up for the missed collections during the COVID-19 Level 4 Lockdown earlier in the year when the kerbside collection wasn't taking place. The new stickers will be available to purchase in a couple of weeks - keep an eye out in future editions of Southlink, on our Facebook page and Antenna.

Hāwera Building recommended for sale

At Monday's Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting, members recommended the Council sell, by tender, the building on the eastern corner of Regent and High Street, Hāwera.

The building, commonly referred to as the Oxygen or Bob Thomas building, was purchased by Council in 2015 as a potential site for the District's new Library, Arts and Culture Centre - Te Ramanui o Te Ruapūtahanga. However, this site is no longer required as Te Ramanui is now going to be built on the opposite side of Regent Street.

Group Manager of Community Services and Infrastructure, Fiona Aitken, says Council is keen to ensure the heritage and character of the building is retained, which is why the committee also

recommended that any sale be conditional on the capacity and intent of the new owner to undertake strengthening and refurbishment work.

"If, after 12 months the building has not been sold, a report will come back to Council to look at further options," she says.

Ms Aitken expects that despite work needed on earthquake strengthening, interest in the building (RV of \$138,000) will be strong. "This is a good size heritage building in the heart of the central business district, a prime location, opposite what will be the new Library, Arts and Culture."

Anyone interested in the building should contact the Council on 0800 111 323.

Celebrate Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

South Taranaki LibraryPlus has an extensive range of activities and events happening over all LibraryPlus centres throughout the District for Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week). From Te Reo Storytimes to arts and crafts - make sure you get involved. Check out what's happening on our website www.southtaranaki.com, or on the Council's and LibraryPlus facebook pages.



What we recycle has changed...

We now only accept plastics with the numbers 1, 2 and 5 in the triangle in our kerbside and transfer station recycling. Numbers 3, 4, 6 and 7 now need to go to landfill. **Please continue putting your rinsed, lid-free plastic (check the triangles – 1, 2 and 5), cardboard, paper, aluminium and tin cans in the recycling.**

Keep an eye out on your letterbox for a pack with everything that you need to know.

Find out more in the Rubbish and Recycling section of www.southtaranaki.com

