

Tuia Taitonga Southlink



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

The South Taranaki District is now at COVID-19 Alert Level 1. Find out more at www.covid19.govt.nz

Partnership to trial regional banking hub in Ōpunakē

The Council is working in partnership with the New Zealand Bankers' Association to trial a Regional Banking Hub at Ōpunakē LibraryPlus opening on 7 December.

The Ōpunakē Hub is part of a wider trial of Regional Banking Hubs to test the demand for basic banking services in regional communities.

The trial, which includes ANZ, ASB, BNZ, Kiwibank, TSB and Westpac, will run in four regional centres: Twizel, Martinborough, Stoke and Ōpunakē. Three of the sites will have community partners, who will host the Hub and provide staff services.

The Hubs will be based around a Smart ATM that provides for deposits and withdrawals. Other basic transactions will be available on tablets and phones, with staff to assist. Staff will not be able to provide financial advice or assist with individual bank products such as home loans, but can help direct customers to phone or internet banking.

The year-long trial was set to begin in May but was delayed by COVID-19.

"I am delighted to see that this unique partnership of six banks looking at innovative ways to support smaller communities is ready to go," says New Zealand Bankers' Association chief executive Roger Beaumont.

"During the COVID-19 lockdowns, banks helped thousands of New Zealanders get better at using online and mobile banking. Those customers aren't looking back. However, we know that some customers still prefer face-to-face banking and that's what this Banking Hub trial is designed to test."

The six participating banks have voluntarily chosen not to close regional branches since the trial was announced in September 2019. This commitment will continue until the end of the year. From 1 January 2021, the six participating banks will not close any branches or ATMs within the boundaries of the district councils hosting the Hubs, for the remainder of the 12 month trial.

The Ōpunakē Banking Hub which opens on 7 December will be hosted in the Ōpunakē LibraryPlus, in partnership with South Taranaki District Council.

Upcoming meetings

Extraordinary Council

To determine if Māori representation will be implemented for the 2022 Local Body Elections

Wednesday 11 November at 5.30 pm

Eltham-Kaponga Community Board

Monday 16 November, 10.30 am

Taumata Recreation Centre, Preston Street, Eltham

Te Hāwera Community Board

Monday 16 November, 1.30 pm

Taranaki Coastal Community Board

Tuesday 17 November, 2.30 pm

Sandfords Event Centre, 156 Tasman Street, Ōpunakē

Pātea Community Board

Wednesday 18 November, 4 pm

Alton Coronation Hall, 355 Ball Road, Alton

Audit and Risk Committee

Monday 23 November, 11 am

Iwi Liaison Committee

Wednesday 25 November, 10 am

Environment and Hearings Committee

Wednesday 25 November, 4 pm

If not otherwise stated, meetings are held at Council Chamber, Albion Street, Hāwera

Rates Reminder

Ratepayers are reminded that the last day for payment of the second instalment of rates for 2020/21 without incurring a penalty will be Wednesday 25 November 2020.

Pātea Centennial Bursary Now Open

Applications for the Pātea Centennial Bursary are now open and close on Monday 30 November 2020, at 5 pm.

The Bursary is available to eligible applicants for the first four years of their tertiary study. In applying to the Centennial Bursary, applicants must:

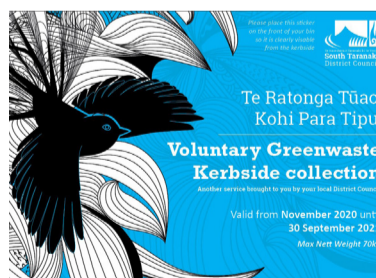
- Have normally been a resident of the Pātea Ward of the South Taranaki District for the previous two years;
- Be over the age of 15 years;
- Be available for full or part-time study;
- Successful applicants will be expected to provide at least one progress report through the year.

Further information and application forms can be found on the Council's website www.southtaranaki.com or from the Pātea and Waverley LibraryPlus Centres.

Greenwaste stickers available for purchase

Just a reminder that new greenwaste stickers are now needed for the voluntary greenwaste collection service. New stickers are currently on sale from your local LibraryPlus or Hāwera Administration Building. Don't forget your Gold Card to get 20% off the subscription fee.

Please note that this discount only applies to the property where you live.



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