

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

Council Supports Māori Ward

At last Wednesday night's (11 November) extraordinary meeting, the South Taranaki District Council decided to introduce a Māori Ward/s for the 2022 and 2025 local body elections.

South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon says the decision, which was unanimously supported by all Councillors, was about demonstrating leadership and simply doing the right thing. "This decision is good for our community. As Tangata Whenua, residents and ratepayers, Māori (who make up almost 20% of South Taranaki's population) have been underrepresented at the Council table and disengaged from the electoral process for too long. This will encourage more Māori to participate in the governance of our District and will see Council be more representative of our whole community," says Mayor Nixon. "Research clearly shows that diverse boards operating with high levels of trust are far more successful and effective than those that don't. We will be stronger as we work together in partnership for the good of South Taranaki – which is ultimately what we

are all here for."

The current structure of Council will change with the inclusion of a Māori Ward/s, though this detail will be worked through as the process develops. As an example under the Council's current structure of 12 Councillors, the introduction of a Māori ward would mean that 10 Councillors would be elected from the general electoral population and two from the Māori electoral population, with the Mayor still being elected at large.

"The South Taranaki District Council has always been a leader and innovator – not just in what we do, but in the way we do things. I was extremely pleased with the robust discussion and persuasive arguments put forward with dignity and respect by both members of the public and Councillors. It demonstrated a maturity and self-confidence sadly lacking in many parts of society today and really made me very proud of the way our community works together."



Registrations still open for Arts in the Park

It's not too late to register a stall for South Taranaki's premiere outdoor arts and crafts market, Arts in the Park - happening in Hāwera on Saturday 5 December. Head to www.southtaranaki.com/artsinthepark to fill out the registration form. To find out more about the event, email events@stdc.govt.nz.

Upcoming meetings

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

Extraordinary Council

Adopt the 2019/20 Annual Report

Monday 30 November, 11.30am

Policy and Strategy Committee

Monday 30 November, 1pm

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.

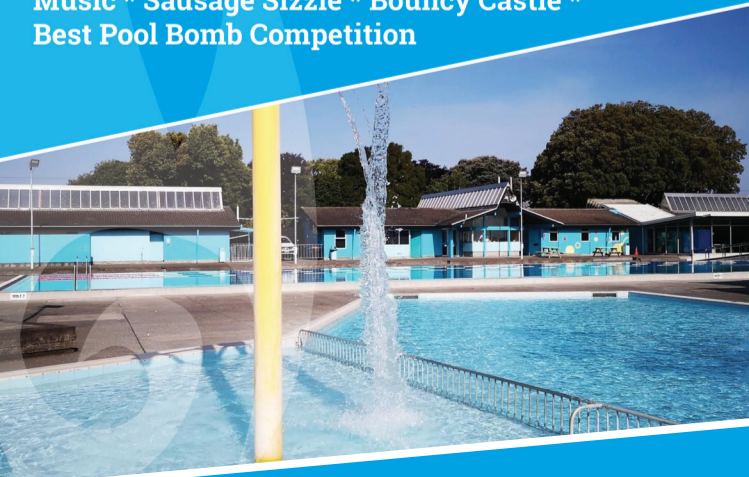
Hāwera Aquatic Centre

Outdoor Pool 50th Jubilee Celebration

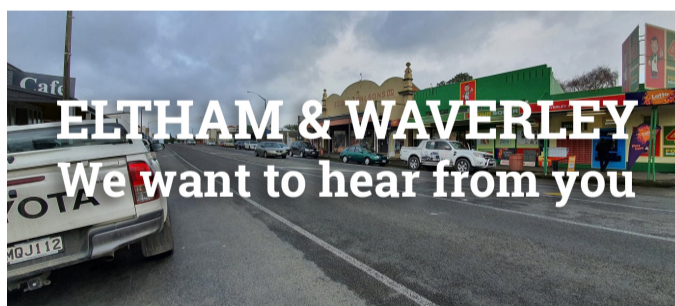
Saturday 28 November, 11am - 2pm

Free Entry!

Music * Sausage Sizzle * Bouncy Castle * Best Pool Bomb Competition



ELTHAM & WAVERLEY We want to hear from you



Draft final plans for the Eltham and Waverley Innovative Streets Pilot Fund trial project have been developed and your comments are needed.

These plans are aimed at testing safer crossing points, slowing down traffic and making the towns more welcoming and vibrant.

The new version will be on display at the LibraryPlus until 20 November and residents can give their thoughts on the draft final plans there, phone 0800 111 323 or email them to cdunit@stdc.govt.nz. Feedback forms are also on our website www.southtaranaki.com.

The trial street treatments will be installed in February/March and monitored to see how they are working so adjustments can be made if required.

The project is 90% funded by the Waka Kotahi Innovating Streets pilot fund with the South Taranaki District Council funding the remaining 10%.



Christmas Dinner and Dance - this weekend

Get your glad rags and dancing shoes on for our Christmas Dinner and Dance event that's on this weekend.

There are still tables available from South Taranaki i-SITE Visitor Information Centre.

www.southtaranaki.com

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