

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

Temporary Liquor Bans during Christmas and New Year

In accordance with the South Taranaki District Council's Alcohol Control Bylaw 2018, a temporary liquor ban will be in place in:

Manaia:

- South Road (SH45) Manaia, between Hassard and Kaipai Streets.
- All public places adjacent to these streets and within the area including the Band Rotunda.

The temporary ban will start on Friday 18 December 2020 and ends on Sunday 3 January 2021.

Ōpunakē:

- Ōpunakē Lake Reserve, Ōpunakē Beach and the surrounding cliff tops (excluding Ōpunakē Beach Camp).

The temporary ban will start on Friday 18 December 2020 and ends on Sunday 10 January 2021.

Waiinu Beach, Waitōtara:

- Waiinu Beach Road, from 373 Waiinu Beach Road (Old Quarry Road) to Nukumaru Parade;
- Nukumaru Parade; Pingao Place; Okiwa Terrace;
- Waiinu Beach (1km in both directions from the road entrance to the beach area); and Waiinu Beach Camp Reserve.

The temporary ban will start at 12 noon on Thursday 31 December 2020 and ends at 12 noon on Friday 1 January 2021.

Hāwera CBD liquor ban reminder

In accordance with the South Taranaki District Council Alcohol Control Bylaw 2018, the following image shows the permanent liquor ban in the Hāwera CBD, which is in force 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



Abandoned Vehicles

You can contact us on 0800 111 323 to report an abandoned vehicle. To help resolve the problem, please have as much of the following information available as you can:

- Where is the vehicle located?
- What is the vehicle's make, model, colour and registration number?
- How long has the vehicle been there?
- Do you know who owns the vehicle?
- Does the vehicle have a current Warrant of Fitness or Licence?

If a vehicle is parked over your driveway, Council have no authority to remove it – please phone Police to assist you with this matter.

Community Summer Pools

Our free Community Summer Pools are now open!

The pools are open and patrolled from 12noon - 7pm during school holidays and weekends and from 12noon - 6pm on public holidays. Eltham's pool is undergoing some maintenance and will be opening this Saturday.

Stay in the know

If you want to get Council updates sent directly to your phone, download the Antenna App today. Not only can we let you know when something is happening at places that interest you, but you can also report issues into us!

Don't trash Christmas

Following last year's popular event, South Taranaki District Council (STDC) is bringing back the free Zero Waste gift wrapping station for Christmas shoppers. The Zero Waste giftwrapping team will be set up in the Bizlink Hāwera office on Union Street between 10am - 2pm on Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 December. Simply bring in your Christmas gifts and we will wrap them for free in 100% compostable, reusable or recyclable material - a more sustainable alternative to traditional wrapping paper, foil and ribbons, all of which generally can't be recycled.

STDC Environment and Sustainability Officer Brittany Rymer is looking forward to encouraging residents to think about the waste they are creating over this festive season.

"Council is actively working towards a Zero Waste future and we encourage all residents to consider purchasing more sustainable options during this festive season, whether that means giving presents in reusable bags or compostable paper, sharing or freezing leftovers from Christmas lunch or recycling your glass bottles," says Brittany.

In the week after Christmas, New Zealanders send approximately 50,000 extra tonnes of waste to landfill.

"By acknowledging that small changes can make a difference, we as a community can reduce the waste we are sending to landfill over the festive period," says Brittany.



Free
Sustainable Christmas Wrapping
Bizlink Hāwera Office
Tuesday 22nd and
Wednesday 23rd December
10am - 2pm

Bring your Christmas presents into the Bizlink Hāwera offices on Union Street and we'll wrap them in **100% compostable** gift wrapping.

Summer - blast -

Raumati Manawareka

Registrations now open for Summer Blast

Registrations for the Summer Blast Literacy Programme are now open at your local LibraryPlus or online www.southtaranakisummerblast.com.

Over the six week summer holidays, the Programme offers children (5-12 years) the opportunity to choose from a fun set of challenges and activities that appeal to them and then go in the draw for some fabulous prizes.

A holiday message from the South Taranaki District Council

Please remember during the festive season...

Food Safety

In summer, you need to take special care when preparing, cooking and storing food. Summer brings warm moist conditions - the ideal situation for pathogens to multiply fast and cause foodborne illness. Follow the 20+20 hand washing rule before and after handling food.

Clean

- Wash your hands for 20 seconds with soap and hot water
- Dry your hands for 20 seconds with a clean dry towel or paper towel

Always wash your hands:

- Before handling food
- After handling raw meat and poultry
- After going to the toilet or changing nappies
- After handling pets
- After gardening

Also:

- Before you start handling food, make sure all surfaces and equipment used for food are spotlessly clean
- Wash knives and utensils, and scrub chopping boards between preparation of raw and cooked foods

Cook

- Defrost frozen foods in the fridge before cooking - not on your bench top
- Cool hot foods, covered and for no more than 30 minutes before refrigerating
- Reheat leftovers until steaming hot throughout and don't reheat them more than once
- Precook chicken, meat patties and sausages before barbecuing
- Make sure all meat is cooked thoroughly until the juices run clear and there is no pink flesh
- Place cooked items on a clean plate - not one already used for raw meat



Chill

- Keep food very cold or very hot - bacteria thrives at room temperature
- A chilly bin is a good way of keeping chilled products cold when taking them home from the supermarket
- Put a frozen chilly pad with your picnic food to keep food safe
- Defrost meat and poultry thoroughly before cooking
- Cover perishable food before storing it in the cupboard or fridge
- Cover and refrigerate or chill leftovers as soon as possible after cooking
- When eating outdoors, keep your food covered to prevent contamination from insects, birds and pets
- Throw out perishable food that you have left at room temperature for more than two hours



Water Safety

Always supervise children near water

The only safe pool environment is one where young children cannot gain access to a pool without adult supervision.

Supervise children who are swimming in your private pool. Make sure your pool is fenced according to the Building (Pools) Amendment Act 2016. Do not leave pool gates open, ensure that trees and branches hanging over the pool fence are trimmed. Move items away from the fence that a child could use to gain access to the pool area. Have no permanent objects on the outside of the fence that could provide a climbing step.

Contact the Council on 0800 111 323 for more information.



Dog Control

If you are going away on holiday and cannot take your dog with you, make sure that your dog is well looked after.

Ask a neighbour or friend to come and feed your dog while you are away.

Ask them to take your dog for a walk. Ensure that your dog has shelter, food and water. Dogs can become bored when owners are away and will sometimes bark or howl. As a responsible dog owner you must ensure that your dog does not annoy your neighbourhood.



Noise Control

It's now summer! The season of hot sunny days, parties and BBQ.

When enjoying your summer, consider your neighbours and community by keeping the noise of your stereo down to a reasonable level. If the Council receives a complaint about the noise level of your stereo, you may be issued with an abatement notice, which you need to abide by. If Council receives another complaint about your stereo being too loud, we can legally seize it. Remember that the bass of your music travels much further from your stereo, so turn the bass level down to keep your neighbours happy!

Host responsibility

Plan to do things other than eat and drink

The best bit about this time of year is catching up with people and having fun. Plan fun games or activities to get people up out of their chairs and talking and laughing. And try to include people in your party that may not have plans these holidays.

Don't serve your friends if they are drunk

If you see someone getting too tiddly, get them to ease off the alcohol and offer them some coffee or a yummy non-alcoholic cocktail instead.

Provide substantial food - not just chippies

Chips and rice crackers are not a magic sponge and we all know what can happen when people drink on an empty stomach. Whenever you're providing alcohol, provide food that stays in the body longer and takes time to digest like bread, pasta, potatoes, meat and cheese. Make sure there is always plenty available and keep passing it around. And remember to have some vegetarian options too!

Look after young people around alcohol

Keep an eye on everyone, especially young people around alcohol. They're not as bulletproof as they think.

Provide appealing low or non-alcoholic drinks

Put as much thought into the non-alcoholic drinks as the alcoholic ones... coffee and water are good but also try some interesting non-alcoholic cocktails or low alcohol drinks.

Serve alcohol responsibly or not at all

Don't keep topping up half-full glasses and don't push it if someone refuses a drink. Arrange safe transport for your guests or somewhere for them to stay. Don't let people drive home after they've been drinking. Arrange for a sober driver, or give them a pillow and a sleeping bag and point them towards the couch.

If you want to report any animal or noise issues, please contact the Council on 0800 111 323, 24 hours a day.