

Tuia Taitonga Southlink



Have a happy & safe festive season

2020 has certainly been a year like no other. The COVID-19 global pandemic presented our community, our nation and the whole world with disruption on a scale not seen in my lifetime. But in true kiwi style we faced this unprecedented challenge with purpose, fortitude and good spirit. It wasn't easy. Whether you were an essential worker that kept services running, a business owner facing an uncertain future, someone who lost employment, or someone living alone isolated from friends or family, I just want to say a heartfelt, thank you. While the crisis is not over yet, there is light at the end of the tunnel and the way we responded as a nation has set us up for a quicker recovery.

While it can be hard to recall other events under the cloud of a global pandemic, there have been a number of notable achievements to celebrate: Work on the \$277 million Waipipi Wind Farm is well underway with several of the massive turbines already operational and producing energy for the national grid. Implementation of the Hāwera Town Centre Strategy continued with extension of the Little Regent Street carpark, completion of the Nelson Street one-way, and refurbishment of the town square. Plans for a Manaia combined community facility, an upgrade to the Manaia Swimming Pool and for improving Eltham and Waverley main streets have been developed and will be implemented in 2021. The Hawera subway bridge mural and the footbridge across Ōtahi Stream in Ōpunakē, were also completed.

Significant infrastructure projects completed during the year included the stormwater upgrades at Wilson Road, Fox Street and Dieffenbach Street, Ōpunakē, the new Waiinu wastewater treatment plant and the Waverley Water Treatment Plant. The Eltham Water Treatment Plant trunk main replacement programme was started and will be finished in 2021. Stage one of the District Business Park was also approved and work has started. We received substantial government funding to support both Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga (our new District Library, Arts, Culture and Information Centre) and the Nukumarū Station Road extension, projects which will both get underway in the New Year. The Council was able to do these things and implement a zero % rate increase for the 2020/2021 year as well as a freeze on fees and charges.

South Taranaki is an awesome District and I feel very privileged to have the opportunity to lead the Council team. Next year Council will share our Long-Term Plan (for the next ten years) with you. We are really looking forward to working with all our communities and getting stuck into a range of projects designed to make South Taranaki an even better place to live and do business. Finally, while Christmas is a great time for catching up with family and friends, it can also be a very stressful and lonely time for some - so please keep a lookout for those who need support. If you're driving over the holiday season take care on the roads – no drink driving, buckle up and don't use cell phones when driving - remember to stay calm and take plenty of breaks.

I wish you all the very best for Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Phil Nixon, Mayor of South Taranaki

Council's Christmas Hours

If your rubbish has been missed, a street light is not working, or a pot hole needs filling... **we need to know!** Contact us directly if you have a request, complaint or even a compliment. Please call Council on (06) 278 0555, or toll free on 0800 111 323 any time - or you can fill out an online form at www.southtaranaki.com or download our **Antenna App**.

Hāwera Administration Building

Closed from 3pm Thursday 24 December and re-opens 8am Tuesday 29 December. Closed from 3pm Thursday 31 December and normal hours resume 8am, Tuesday 5 January 2021.

LibraryPlus Centres

Hāwera LibraryPlus

Thursday 24 December.....9am - 3pm
Friday 25 - Monday 28 December.....Closed
Tuesday 29, Wednesday 30 December.....9am - 5.30pm
Thursday 31 December.....9am - 3pm
Friday 1 - Monday 4 January 2021.....Closed
Tuesday 5 January.....9am - 5.30pm

Eltham LibraryPlus

Thursday 24 December.....9am - 3pm
Friday 25 - Monday 28 December.....Closed
Tuesday 29, Wednesday 30 December.....9am - 5.30pm
Thursday 31 December.....9am - 3pm
Friday 1 - Monday 4 January 2021.....Closed
Tuesday 5 January.....9am - 5.30pm

Kaponga LibraryPlus

Thursday 24 December.....1pm - 3pm
Friday 25 Dec - Monday 4 January 2021.....Closed
Tuesday 5 January.....1pm - 5pm

Manaia LibraryPlus

Thursday 24 December.....9am - 3pm
Friday 25 - Monday 28 December.....Closed
Tuesday 29, Wednesday 30 December.....9am - 5pm
Thursday 31 December.....9am - 12.30pm, 1pm - 3pm
Friday 1 - Monday 4 January 2021.....Closed

Tuesday 5 January.....9am - 5pm

Ōpunakē LibraryPlus

Thursday 24 December.....9am - 3pm
Friday 25 - Monday 28 December.....Closed
Tuesday 29, Wednesday 30 December.....9am - 5pm
Thursday 31 December.....9am - 3pm
Friday 1 - Monday 4 January 2021.....Closed
Tuesday 5 January.....9am - 5pm

Pātea LibraryPlus

Thursday 24 December.....9am - 3pm
Friday 25 - Monday 28 December.....Closed
Tuesday 29, Wednesday 30 December.....9am - 5pm
Thursday 31 December.....9am - 3pm
Friday 1 - Monday 4 January 2021.....Closed
Tuesday 5 January.....9am - 5pm

Waverley LibraryPlus

Thursday 24 December.....9am - 3pm
Friday 25 - Monday 28 December.....Closed
Tuesday 29, Wednesday 30 December.....9am - 12.30pm, 1pm - 5pm
Thursday 31 December.....9am - 3pm
Friday 1 - Monday 4 January 2021.....Closed
Tuesday 5 January.....9am - 12.30pm, 1pm - 5pm

Transfer Station Hours

Eltham Transfer Station

Thursday 24 + 31 December.....1pm - 2.30pm
Friday 25 December + 1 January.....Closed
Saturday 26 December + 2 January.....1pm - 4pm
Sunday 27 December + 3 January.....1pm - 4pm
Monday 28 December + 4 January.....Closed
Tuesday 29 December + 5 January.....1pm - 2.30pm
Wednesday 30 December.....Closed

Hāwera Transfer Station

Thursday 24 + 31 December.....12.30pm - 5pm
Friday 25 December + 1 January.....Closed
Saturday 26 December + 2 January.....12.30pm - 5pm
Sunday 27 December + 3 January.....12.30pm - 5pm
Monday 28 December + 4 January.....12.30pm - 5pm
Tuesday 29 December + 5 January.....8.30am - 5pm
Wednesday 30 December.....9.30am - 5pm

Manaia/Ōpunakē/Pātea Transfer Station

Saturday, Sunday and Wednesdays.....1pm - 4pm

Waitōtara Transfer Station

Wednesday and Sundays.....3pm - 5pm

Waverley Transfer Station

Sunday 29 December.....1.30pm - 4.30pm

Normal hours resume Friday 3 January 2020

Kerbside rubbish and recycling will be collected as normal - even on Public Holidays (Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day and 2 January). Please ensure bins are on the kerbside by 7am.

South Taranaki i-SITE Visitor Centre

Monday to Friday.....8.30am - 5pm
Weekends and Public holidays.....10am - 3pm
Closed Christmas Day.

He karere tā te Kaunihera o Taranaki ki te Tonga

News from the South Taranaki District Council

Green Flag Award Winning Park

We are excited to announce that Hāwera's King Edward Park has once again been awarded the prestigious international Green Flag Award. The Green Flag Award is the international mark of a quality park or green space, judged by green space-expert volunteers, across 27 criteria. These criteria include horticultural standards, cleanliness, sustainability, community involvement, accessibility and providing a warm welcome. In total this year, 24 parks in New Zealand have made the grade to be awarded a Green Flag. We are incredibly proud of the hard work the team at King Edward Park have put in to make this a reality and look forward to celebrating this achievement with our local community. King Edward Park was first a recipient of this award in 2019. South Taranaki District Council Parks Curator David Bruce says he's thrilled with the Award. "Winning the Award the first time was a real thrill as it showed that the standards we had set ourselves were appropriate to the Green Flag



criteria," he says. "The assessment this year reaffirms those standards and also acknowledges some areas of improvements that enhance both King Edward Park and the experience of the Park's visitors." The Green Flag Award scheme was launched in 1997 and is managed in England by Keep Britain Tidy. This year's results mark a record breaking 2,221 Green Flag Award winners worldwide. Flags fly in sites across the UK, Republic of Ireland,

Germany, the Netherlands, Finland, the USA, United Arab Emirates, as well as Australia and New Zealand. Recreation Aotearoa Parks and Open Spaces Manager, Annette Richards, said: "It's fantastic to see so many of our parks investing time into creating spaces where our communities can connect and find joy. "It is significant for us to be able to recognise these parks with this award. But it's about so much more than winning an award. It's about embarking on a journey with all the people that make providing quality horticultural standards, cleanliness, sustainability, access, community involvement and a warm welcome for our visitors and locals possible," she says. To learn more about the Green Flag Award programme, you can visit their website www.greenflagaward.org King Edward Park is South Taranaki's premiere Park and also has a five-star rating with the New Zealand Gardens Trust.

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. Don't miss out on the free workshops happening at LibraryPlus centres throughout the district in January 2021.

Visit www.southtaranakisummerblast.com to find out more and to see the schedule.

Upcoming meetings

Eltham-Kaponga Community Board
Monday 25 January 2021, 10.30am
Kaponga War Memorial Hall, Victoria Street, Kaponga

Te Hāwera Community Board
Monday 25 January 2021, 1.30pm
Ōhawe Hall, Ōhawe Terrace, Hāwera

Taranaki Coastal Community Board
Tuesday 26 January 2021, 2.30pm
Waiokura Marae, 27 Winks Road, Manaia

Pātea Community Board
Wednesday 27 January 2021, 4pm
Waitotara and District Hall, 12 Kaipo St Waitotara

Take breaks. Get home safely.

Take breaks so you are alert and well rested. Look out for our Taranaki fatigue stops.

Have fun this festive season but get home safely!

Roadsafe TARANAKI

Annual Report Summary

The Annual Report Summary is now available on our website at www.southtaranaki.com

Sounds on the Sand

Sounds on the Sand is returning to Ōpunakē this summer. The South Taranaki District Council is bringing Selah Saints to Ōpunakē Beach on Saturday 16 January from 12noon. Selah Saints will fill the beach with relaxed vibes as they play a variety of covers for all to enjoy. They fuse together rock, funk, RnB, and reggae to bring conscious music with an Aotearoa twist. Selah Saints are a popular South Taranaki band who have been together for **** years. "It is exciting to give a Selah Saints the opportunity to perform at this event, as they have such a great reputation for entertaining" says Community Events Co-ordinator Hayley Old. "Pack a picnic, or grab some food from the campsite shop, and bring the whole family down for an afternoon of music. Don't forget sunscreen!" This free community event is proudly bought to you by the South Taranaki District Council.

Check out the other South Taranaki Summer events happening in the District at www.southtaranaki.com

SOUNDS ON THE SAND

ŌPUNAKĒ BEACH

FEATURING SELAH SAINTS

SATURDAY 16 JANUARY, 12NOON

FREE FAMILY EVENT

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