

# 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](http://www.covid19.govt.nz)

## Decisions Approved at Monday's Council meeting

At Monday night's ordinary Council meeting the South Taranaki District Council confirmed the following recommendations from its Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting:

### Stage 1 of Business Park Gets Funding

Council approved up to \$3 million for water, stormwater and roading infrastructure, to be installed as part of stage 1 of the Council's Business Park initiative in the Waihi Road mixed use area in Hāwera.

Located on the western side of Waihi Road, SH3 the area contains a mixture of residential, commercial and industrial properties and was identified in a 2019 Feasibility Study as the most suitable location for the development of a District Business Park.

Council Chief Executive, Waid Crockett, says installing the infrastructure will support existing properties in the area and lays the foundations for the Council's Business Park development, a strategic initiative designed to support the COVID-19 recovery and drive investment, resilience, jobs and economic growth in the District.

"It means we can provide the existing businesses and potential new businesses with the confidence they need when making decisions about where they might go and whether they expand. We are already working with an anchor business which has purchased land within the area identified for the Business Park. This is a new business to the District which intends to be operating on the site by October 2021 with a large hardware distribution warehouse."

### Normanby Pathway Update

The Council agreed to 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, due to cost increases, safety concerns, slow progress and funding deadlines, Council 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 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 are lots 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.

### Buyers Sought for Hāwera Building

The Council agreed to 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.

Council is keen to ensure the heritage and character of the building is retained, and has asked for any sale to 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. Anyone interested in the building should contact the Council on 0800 111 323.

### Upcoming meetings

**Eltham-Kaponga Community Board**  
Monday 5 October, 10.30am  
Kaponga War Memorial Hall, Victoria Street, Kaponga

**Te Hāwera Community Board**  
Monday 5 October, 1.30pm  
Council Chamber, Albion Street, Hāwera

**Taranaki Coastal Community Board**  
Tuesday 6 October, 2.30pm  
Otakeho Hall, 10 Auroa Road, Otakeho

**Pātea Community Board**  
Wednesday 7 October, 4pm  
Waverley Community Centre  
Chester Street, Waverley

**Audit and Risk Committee**  
Monday 12 October, 1pm

**Iwi Liaison Committee**  
Wednesday 14 October, 10am

**Environment and Hearings Committee**  
Wednesday 14 October, 4pm

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

### Dog registration due 1 October

A reminder that dog owners have until 1 October to pay their dog registration fees without incurring a fine.

### Mental Health Awareness Week

Come into Hāwera LibraryPlus this week and improve your mental health and wellbeing during Mental Health Awareness Week. On Thursday 24 September at 11am Greer Gibbs will lead a session on meditation preparation and some tips and tricks for starting a journey into self-care. On Friday 25 September at 10am Wellness Practitioner Patina Edwards will join us for Casual Chat and will discuss the Five Ways to Wellbeing, using the Te Whare Tapa Wha model.



### KidzBiz School Holiday Programme out now

Download it at [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com) today



### What we can 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. Visit [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com) for more information.



Check your triangles

## Ōpunakē Community Meeting to Discuss Community Group Projects

A community meeting is being held by the Taranaki Coastal Community Board at Sandfords Events Centre on Wednesday 14th October at 6:00pm. This is an opportunity for community groups in the area to share what they are working on with others and provide an opportunity for collaboration between groups. Groups attending will have 10 minutes each to share the key points about their group and current projects however

presenting is not compulsory.

If your group wants to present at this meeting, please get in touch with Masina Taulapapa, Taranaki Coastal Community Development Advisor on [masina.aulapapa@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:masina.aulapapa@stdc.govt.nz) or call 0800 111 323 so you can be added to the agenda.

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