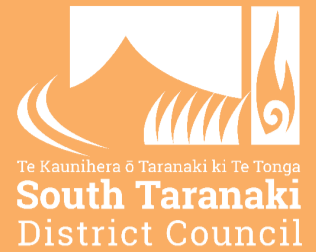


Tuia Taitonga Southlink



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



Arotakenga Kaikōwhiri Representation Review

We are reviewing how the South Taranaki District Council represents our

communities by way of a Representation Review. All councils are required to review their representation every six years. In November 2020, Council decided to establish a Māori ward/s and that decision triggered the need to review our Council representation for the Local Body Elections in 2022 and 2025.

What are we reviewing?

- How many councillors should represent the District? (South Taranaki can have between 5 and 29 councillors)
- Are they elected from wards or 'at large' across the whole District, or a mix of both?
- Should we retain our community boards?
- Should the Māori representatives be elected from one ward or two?

Council must consider three key factors to ensure effective representation of our communities. This is required for both

the Māori and General electoral populations:

- Communities of interest
- Effective representation of communities of interest
- Fair representation of electors

How can I give my Feedback?

You can give your feedback by filling out the survey on our website www.southtaranaki.com or by calling into any of our seven LibraryPlus centres or our Administration Building in Hāwera by 5pm Friday 9 July. Alternatively you can call us toll free on 0800 111 323 and give us your feedback over the phone.

Once we get all the feedback from the survey, we'll create an initial proposal (one option) and we'll ask you for your feedback again in late July 2021.



Get in quick!

The survey closes 5pm Friday 9 July. Visit www.southtaranaki.com to find out more.

Upcoming meetings

Eltham-Kaponga Community Board
Monday 12 July, 10.30am
Kaponga War Memorial Hall,
Victoria Street, Kaponga

Te Hāwera Community Board
Monday 12 July, 1.30pm
Council Chamber
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE

Taranaki Coastal Community Board
Tuesday 13 July, 2.30pm
Ōkaiawa Town Hall, Ahipaipa Road,
Ōkaiawa

Pātea Community Board
Wednesday 14 July, 4pm
Hunter Shaw Building, Egmont
Street, Pātea

Iwi Liaison Committee
Wednesday 21 July, 10am

**Environment and Hearings
Committee**
Wednesday 21 July, 4pm

Policy and Strategy Committee
Monday 26 July, 12.30pm

**Extraordinary Council –
Representation Review**
Monday 26 July, 2pm

**Extraordinary Environment and
Hearings Committee**
Subdivision and Land Use Consent
Monday 26 July, 4pm

Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held in the Council Chamber, Albion Street, Hāwera

Council receives Credit Rating upgrade

Global Ratings Agency Standard and Poors (S&P) has upgraded the South Taranaki District Council's (STDC) long term credit rating from AA- to AA and affirmed its short term rating A-1+ with Stable outlook.

Council Chief Executive Waid Crockett says the upgrade reflects the Council's sound financial management and liquidity coverage. "This credit rating upgrade from S&P is great news not only because it signals strong confidence in Council's prudent

financial management from a well respected independent source, but also because it will result in significant savings for our ratepayers," says Mr Crockett. "The higher credit rating means we will further be able to save up to \$50,000 - \$60,000 annually on debt servicing in the future."

South Taranaki District Council is one of 32 councils across the country that has credit ratings. S&P conducts its reviews annually.

VISIT WWW.SOUTHTARANAKI.COM

It's time to register your dog

All dogs over the age of three months need to be registered and microchipped. To take advantage of the discounted registration fees, fees must be paid in full by 31 July 2021. After this date, registration fees go up by 50%.

If you are re-registering a dog, you should have already received your renewal form in the mail.

Don't forget that you can pay online by visiting www.southtaranaki.com.

If you have any questions, contact our Quality Assurance Team on 0800 111 323.

Have you had a change in circumstances?
If you have moved, had a change of

contact details, changed ownership of your dog or your dog has passed away - you need to let us know.

Registration Category	Fee
Urban (town) dog	\$150
Urban (town) dog - desexed	\$123
Selected Owner Policy (entire)	\$92
Selected Owner Policy (desexed)	\$71
Rural - first two dogs (each)	\$59
Rural - three or more dogs (each)	\$49
Dangerous Dogs	Fee + 50%
Permit to keep more than two dogs in town	\$80

KidzBiz now available

Head to www.southtaranaki.com to check out the latest edition of KidzBiz, the one-stop-shop for all school holiday activities happening throughout the District organised by Council.

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