

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)

## FREE COMIC BOOK DAY - 7 AUGUST



### Upcoming meetings

**Policy and Strategy Committee**  
Monday 26 July, 12.30pm

**Extraordinary Council**  
Determine an initial proposal for the Representation Review formal consultation  
Monday 26 July, 2pm

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

**Ordinary Council**  
Monday 9 August, 7pm

**Audit and Risk Committee**  
Wednesday 11 August, 11am

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

Why have a Free Comic Day when you can have a Free Comic Book Week?

This year, the Free Comic Book Day celebrations are extending into an fun-filled week of comic-themed activities in LibraryPlus centres around the District as we lead up to the main event happening in Hāwera on the Saturday.

On 7 August, dress up as your favourite comic book character and be one of several hundred comic book enthusiasts who will participate in activities which range from illustration workshops to gaming sessions, galaxy rock hunts, face painting, costume parade, activities for the kids plus much, much more – and don't forget there's also over 500 free comics to give away as well as a tonne of spot prizes.

The gaming zone is being held at local coffee shop and our key event supporter, Caffeinate; while the costume parade will be taking place at 12noon in the town square (weather dependant) – sign up at the library on the day. This year, 2NuiCode have joined in as well as Hāwera Cinemas.

"It's always such an exciting day with people coming from far and wide," says event organiser Katherine Bosworth. "Our event just keeps growing and we're excited to be the only Free Comic Book Day event in Taranaki this year."

To find out about all of the events happening either on the day or in the week leading up to it, check out the South Taranaki LibraryPlus Facebook page or visit [www.southtaranaki.com/freecomicbookday](http://www.southtaranaki.com/freecomicbookday)



### Ōpunakē Water Supply - Please Conserve

Following the weekend's intense rainfall, the Waiaua River, the water source for the town, is still recovering from erosion and heavy silt. This means it's more difficult to get the water needed for treatment as the intake works are being impacted even though the rain has passed for a while.

As more rain is forecast mid-week please conserve water and fix any leaks now so there is enough water for everyone. Please keep doing this into the weekend – 24/25 July.

The water is safe to drink although it may be slightly discoloured at times. Our team are working hard to keep water flowing however your help would be much appreciated in reducing demand and losses.



**DOG REGO DUE  
HAVE YOU GOT  
YOUR RED TAG?**



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## Community Initiative Fund closing soon

Applications close at the end of the month for the South Taranaki District Council's new Community Initiative Fund.

South Taranaki District Mayor, Phil Nixon says the new fund is designed to support community initiatives and activities that will make positive contributions to the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of the community.

"With this new fund, organisations will be able to apply each year in July and will be allocated grants from a set pool of money," says Mayor Nixon. "The new fund will provide a fair and transparent process where all applications will be considered and determined by the Council at the same time each year."

The pool of money available in the Community Initiative Fund will be established every three years through the Long Term Plan budget setting process. This year Council plans to set the Fund at \$237,460 including an additional \$60,000 to be ring fenced for the Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust.

Information and application forms for the Community Initiative Fund can be found on the Funding and Grants page of the Council's website [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com).

Applications close at 5pm on Saturday 31 July 2021.