



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

Applications open soon for Council's Community Initiative Fund

Applications open on 1 July to 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.

"The new Community Initiatives Fund replaces the previous practice whereby groups applied for money during the Council's Long Term and Annual Planning process. This proved to be a bit ad hoc and often saw the same groups make funding applications. With the 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.

Applications close at 5pm on Saturday 31 July 2021.

Upcoming meetings

Ordinary Council
Monday 28 June, 7pm

Extraordinary Environment and Hearings Committee

To consider a Limited-notified Resource Consent
Wednesday 30 June, 4pm

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
Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust, High Street, Hāwera

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

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

Eltham LibraryPlus hours

From 1 July, Eltham LibraryPlus will be closing half an hour earlier on weekdays (new hours below).
Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm
Saturdays, 9.30am - 12noon



Get rid of the lid

Did you know that lids can't go in your yellow-lidded recycling wheelie bin because they get caught up in the sorting machines?



Work set to start on Nukumarū Station Road project



Mayor Phil Nixon turns the first sod Ngā Rauru Chair, Mike Noho, looks on.

An enthusiastic crowd turned out on Tuesday to watch South Taranaki Mayor, Phil Nixon turn the first sod on the long awaited Nukumarū Station Road extension project. The ceremony was led by Ngāti Ruaiti Hapū with support from Ngā Rauru representatives.

Mayor Nixon says the \$10.14 million project represents a major investment in the southernmost part of the District which guarantees security of access for residents and business.

"The new road is a vital access for the Waiinu Beach community, the ongoing financial viability of the Waitōtara Silver Fern Farm food processing operation and other businesses in the area and will ensure the community has a secure route in and out of the village," he says.

Physical work will start at the Waiinu Beach end of the 8km road in the next two

weeks with Taranaki Civil Construction being the main contractor.

The project to build the new road was first mooted after the June 2015 floods closed the Limeworks Bridge, the only access road to the Waiōtara meatworks and Waiinu Beach community. This was the fourth time in 26 years the bridge had to be closed for a significant period of time while repairs were made. The new road will eliminate the risk and cost of business interruption to the community and local industry, in the event of future flooding. \$7 million of the \$10.14 million project is being funded from the Government's 'Shovel Ready' projects fund with the remaining money coming from the South Taranaki District Council and Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency.

Construction of the new road will take around 12-14 months.

Mayor Thanks District Volunteers at Pihama

South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon welcomed over 100 volunteers from various organisations across the District to a special 'thank-you' event at Pihama Lavender on Tuesday morning.

The annual event was held as part of National Volunteers Week which runs each year from June 18 to 24.

"Volunteers contribute a huge amount of personal time and resource ensuring that the activities and support people often take for granted, whether social, cultural, sporting or other, actually happen. Putting on a morning tea was just a small way Council could show our appreciation for the



and an oil making demonstration from Liz Sinclair, owner of Pihama Lavender.

effort these volunteer organisations and individuals make to the wellbeing of our communities," says Mayor Phil. "The impact volunteers have on keeping our communities functioning cannot be underestimated, they truly are the glue that holds our district together."

The volunteers were treated to a Devonshire morning tea followed by entertainment from Ōpunakē High School's music students