

Tuia Taitonga Southlink

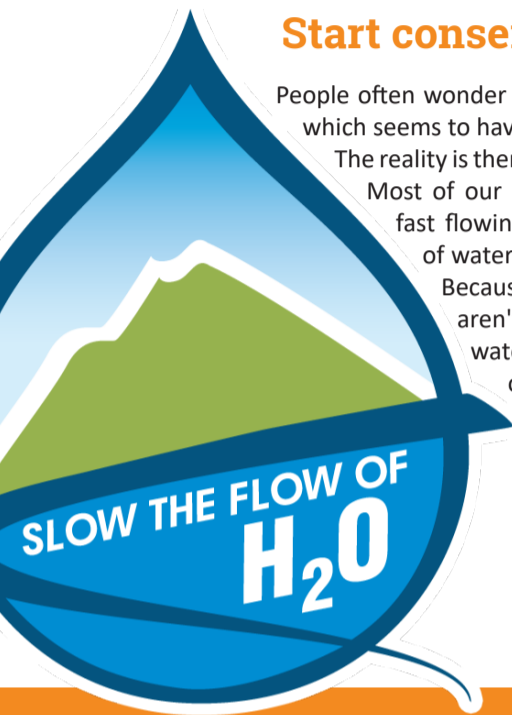


He karere tā te Kaunihera o Taranaki ki te Tonga News from the South Taranaki District Council

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

Please Conserve Water Now

Start conserving water to avoid restrictions this summer



People often wonder why we need to conserve water in an area which seems to have plenty of rain.

The reality is there is not a never ending supply of fresh water.

Most of our District's water comes directly from steep, fast flowing rivers and we are limited in the amount of water we are allowed to take from these sources.

Because of the geography of South Taranaki there aren't any large storage areas or large bodies of water to access. We rely on reservoirs but most of these hold less than a day's storage.

On top of this the soils in South Taranaki are porous and drain quickly and we experience drying winds.

We can only go ten days without significant rainfall before land becomes very dry. At the same time demand for water is increasing each year.

Tips for the summer

- **Use water wisely and fix leaks.**
- **Accept a dry lawn over summer.** Grass becomes dormant during periods of drought, but rejuvenates naturally when winter approaches.
- **Let your grass grow slightly taller in the summer.** Longer blades promote deeper rooting and shade the root zone, reducing water loss.
- **Use a broom to clean driveways and paths.** Sweeping will get them clean without wasting water.

Fix leaks immediately

We encourage people to have any water leaks on their property repaired as soon as they notice them. A leaking toilet might not be obvious, but it can waste thousands of litres of water. If you see a leak, either on the Council network or on private property, please call us on 0800 111 323 so that we know about it and can arrange to have it repaired.

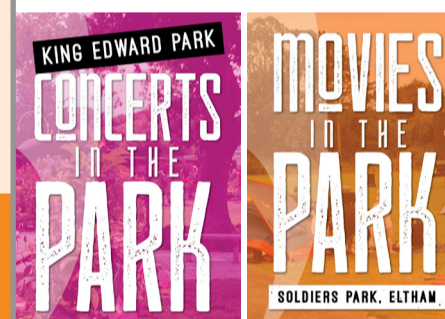
Upcoming meetings

Audit and Risk Committee
Wednesday 10 February, 11am

Ordinary Council
Monday 22 February, 7pm

Eltham Drainage Committee
Wednesday 24 February, 10am
Taumata Recreation Centre, Preston Street, Eltham

If not otherwise stated, meetings are held in the Council Chamber, Albion Street, Hāwera



Concerts in the Park on Sunday 14 February and Movies in the Park on Sunday 21 February. Visit southtaranaki.com to find out more.

Rates payment due

Ratepayers are reminded that the last day for payment of the third instalment of rates for 2020/21 is Wednesday 24 February 2021.

Overflowing street bins in Hāwera

Council is getting complaints from the public about overflowing street litter bins in Hāwera's main street.

The amount of refuse from our street litter bins has more than doubled over the last year. We have had reports of some people depositing their household rubbish into our street litter

bins. Council would like to remind people that depositing household, shop, office or trade refuse into our street litter bins is an offence under our bylaw and they could be liable for a fine up to \$20,000.

Please do the right thing and take all your refuse to your local transfer station.



Get sorted with your recycling - Top Five mistakes we make

This month South Taranaki District Council is helping residents get sorted with their recycling.

To help things along, we've delved into the research to see the top five mistakes we make here in our District.

1. **Plastic wrap and cling film** (only firm plastic with the numbers 1, 2 and 5 on them can be accepted in the kerbside collection).
2. **Take away coffee cups and lids** (these are not recyclable – even if they say so on the cup. These need to go into the red landfill wheelie bin, or even better, take your own keep cup to the café next time!)
3. **Dirty containers/bottles** (only clean and rinsed items can be placed into the recycling bin).
4. **Tissue products** – tissues, toilet paper, paper towels and serviettes (while these items are made of paper these can't be recycled only paper and newspaper can – nothing soiled can be put into the bin).
5. **Polystyrene** (this needs to go into the red landfill bin).



It's important that we get serious about what we put in the recycling bin because nearly a third of the items put into the kerbside recycling wheelie bins can't be recycled.

Make sure you only put in clean:

- **Firm plastic containers** with the numbers 1, 2 and 5 on it (milk bottles, drink bottles, cleaning bottles, shampoo bottles, ice cream containers, dip/yoghurt pottles, plastic meat trays)
- **Paper** (not shredded), flattened cardboard, junk mail, magazines, newspapers, phone directories (with the cover removed) and egg cartons
- **Food tins and drink cans**

Head online to www.southtaranaki.com/recycling, download the rubbish and recycling app or call one of our team on 0800 111 323 to find out more.

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