

Tuia Taitonga Southlink



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Start your engines! AmeriCARna is roaring back into Hāwera and Ōpunakē

On Wednesday 24 February, AmeriCARna heads to Ōpunakē Beach from 11.30 am. There will be live music by local entertainers, food from local vendors and community fundraisers and the beach shop will also be open. The cars depart at 2.30 pm.

On Friday 26 February, the cars will head to Hāwera from Stratford via Kaponga and Manaia and then along State Highway 45 and line Hāwera's CBD for the afternoon. The town square will be filled with live music from 'Campbell Vibe' and be busy with the usual market day through High Street. Cars will arrive in town at 1 pm and depart at 5.15 pm.

"There are about 700 cars registered this year – we are sure to fill the beach and streets of South Taranaki!" says South Taranaki District Council's Community Events Co-ordinator Hayley Old.

Bizlink Hāwera has organised an AmeriCARna fashion parade starting at 3.30 pm in the square and will have a mechanical bull going from 1 pm till 4 pm, head along to try your luck.

The Acceleration event will once again be held on Albion Street from 2.30 pm, with cars being timed over the 80 metres to the finish line. Alongside the Acceleration event will be the Harley Davidson Stunt Riders, who will put on a show of tricks and wheelies, so be sure to get along to see this!

"We are really excited to have AmeriCARna return to South Taranaki once again. The Ōpunakē and Hāwera communities and businesses really get behind it every year, it creates a buzz through the town," says Hayley. "It is important to make sure motorists take extra

care on the roads at all times and be patient. Plan ahead as it may take you a little longer to get where you are heading due to road closures."



Road closures during the AmeriCARna events:

- On Wednesday 24 February, Beach Road in Ōpunakē will be closed to all vehicles except AmeriCARna cars, we recommend that spectators park on a side street and walk down to the beach.
- On Friday 26 February, cars will be parked on High Street (from Argyle Street to Caledonia Street), Regent Street (from High Street to Little Regent Street), Union Street (for 80 metres from High Street) and in the Community Centre carpark. Albion Street (from High Street to Rowe Street) will also be closed for the Acceleration event.

AmeriCARna Ōpunakē Beach, Wednesday 24 February 11.30 am–2.30 pm.

AmeriCARna Hāwera CBD, Friday 26 February, 1 pm–5.15 pm.

Rock protection barrier for Ōpunakē Beach

Work is set to start today (18 February) on installing a rock protection barrier around the base of the cliffs above the Ōpunakē Beach Holiday Park.

South Taranaki District Council Projects Manager, Kobus van der



Merwe says the 1.5 metre-high barrier fence is designed to stop rocks rolling onto the Beach Camp area should that occur.

"The cliffs surrounding the Beach Holiday Park aren't particularly stable and we've had periodic rock falls, most recently in 2014 and 2015, which resulted in debris falling onto the roadway, walking tracks and camping area itself," he says.

While it's not feasible to stabilise the whole cliff, this barrier fence will reduce the risk to the Holiday Park visitors from falling debris.

Van der Merwe says the project, which will cost around \$162,000 for materials and installation.

All events advertised in today's Southlink are subject to COVID-19 level restrictions. Depending on COVID-19 levels these events may or may not go ahead. For the latest information on these events follow our Council Facebook page or go to www.covid19.govt.nz for information on current COVID-19 levels.

Movies in the Park returns to Soldiers Park See family friendly movies on the big screen in Eltham

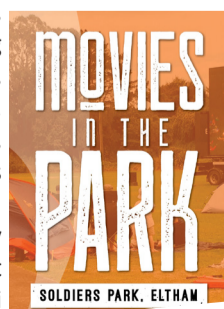
Three family friendly movies will be playing on the big screen at Eltham's Soldiers Memorial Park on Sunday 21 February and everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the afternoon's free entertainment.

The movies kick off at 12.30 pm with **Dumbo** (PG), followed by **Sonic the Hedgehog** (PG) at 2.30 pm and the last movie for the day at 4.15 pm will be **Dora and the Lost City of Gold** (PG). Please note the movie times are approximate only.

As well as the movies, the kids can make use of the free community swimming pool which will be open from 12 noon, as well as the nearby playground and skate park. You will find something delicious to eat at one of the food vendors, or you can bring along a picnic lunch.

"This event is always popular in Eltham, it's going to be an awesome, relaxing afternoon in the park," says Hayley Old, Council's Community Events Co-ordinator. "Please remember to bring sunscreen, water and a sun umbrella or gazebo, as this venue has very little shade."

This free community event is proudly brought to you by South Taranaki District Council and supported by the Taranaki Electricity Trust.



Upcoming meetings

Ordinary Council

Monday 22 February, 7 pm

Eltham Drainage Committee

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

Extraordinary Council

Purpose to adopt information for the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan
Monday 1 March, 1 pm

Eltham-Kaponga Community Board

Tuesday 9 March 2021 at 10.30 am
Taumata Recreation Centre, Preston Street, Eltham

Te Hāwera Community Board

Tuesday 9 March 2021 at 1.30 pm
Council Chamber

Pātea Community Board

Wednesday 10 March 2021 at 4 pm
Ngamatapouri Hall, 4325 Waitōtara Valley Road, Ngamatapouri

Taranaki Coastal Community Board

Thursday 11 March 2021 at 2.30 pm
Ōpunakē Town Hall, Domett Street, Ōpunakē

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

Please note that if COVID-19 restrictions remain at Level 2 then the meeting venues may change. Please regularly check our website for the updated venues.

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.

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