

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

South Taranaki Multi-Cultural Festival

If you're feeling a bit down because you can't fly overseas and get your fix of exotic cuisines or sway to rhythm of the beat in a foreign country, make sure you get the family together for South Taranaki's own "Taste of the World", a multicultural food and music festival being held on Friday 12 March.

This community event brought to you by the South Taranaki District Council, will be presented by international singer, actor and performer Frankie Stevens at the Hāwera Community Centre from 5-9 pm.

"It's a great time to celebrate all the wonderful diversity in our District" says Mayor Phil Nixon. "We'll have music and dance performances from different cultures across the world, so come on out, buy your tea from one of the local vendors and enjoy the free entertainment. If you can't fly there, we'll bring the world to us," he says.

"We're delighted to have Frankie Stevens MC our event – he's a highly experienced MC, accomplished entertainer and I understand he'll also sing a bracket or two for us." Frankie was born in Wellington, his mum was Māori and his dad Scottish, and is well known from years of singing internationally, touring with Olivia Newton John, Shirley Bassey,

Milton Berle and Sammy Davis Jr to name just a few. Frankie has had his own TVNZ show, appeared on TV in episodes of *Lawless*, *Hercules* and *Hawaii Five-O* and in recent years in *Christmas in the Park* and *Show Times Spectacular*.

The programme of events will be released soon on the Council's website and facebook page, but expect music from Scotland, dance from the Philippines, drumming, belly dancing, kapa haka and food ranging from fresh sushi, paella and Asian fusion, pizza, delicious Turkish delight and hāngī. There'll be something for everyone – so bring the family along to enjoy the diversity our community.

SOUTH TARANAKI MULTICULTURAL "Taste of the World" festival

Frankie Stevens
International singer, entertainer and actor

Our MC for the evening is:

Hāwera Community Centre and Carpark
Friday, 12 March 2021, 5-9 pm

FREE ENTRY

Food, music and dance from around the world - fun for all the family

Not all food vendors will have EFTPOS, please come prepared with cash. Come and Taste the World in Hāwera (because flying there isn't an option).

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Upcoming meetings

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

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

Taranaki Coastal Community Board
Monday 15 March 2021 at 2.30 pm
Ōpunakē Town Hall, Domett Street,
Ōpunakē

Please note the change of date

Iwi Liaison Committee
Wednesday 17 March 2021 at 10 am

Audit and Risk Committee
Wednesday 17 March 2021 at 1 pm

Environment and Hearings Committee
Wednesday 17 March 2021 at 4 pm

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

Streets will be closed on Friday 26 February, during the AmeriCARna event. There will be AmeriCARna cars on:

- High Street (from Argyle Street to Caledonia Street)
- Regent Street (from High Street to Little Regent Street)
- Union Street (80m 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.

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Hits Hāwera Tomorrow

(starting at 3.30 pm in the square) and will have a mechanical bull going from 1 pm till 4 pm.

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!

Please 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.

Tomorrow the AmeriCARna cars will head to Hāwera from Stratford (via Kaponga and Manaia 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. Bizlink Hāwera has organised an AmeriCARna fashion parade

Public Meeting - Ōpunakē Community Emergency Management

A public meeting will be held at the Sandford's Event Centre on Wednesday 10 March at 7 pm for anyone interested in being involved in Ōpunakē's Community Emergency Management planning.

During disasters, councils and emergency services are likely to be overwhelmed and may not be able to respond to every issue immediately. Communities have many of the skills, resources and contacts needed to help each other at a local level.

This community meeting will discuss ways the Ōpunakē community can respond locally to help each other and build community resilience.

If you think having an Emergency Plan for Ōpunakē and the surrounding area is important and you might be able to help, please come along to the meeting at Sandford's Event Centre on Wednesday 10 March at 7 pm.

Taranaki Emergency Management staff will be present to explain how communities can be involved with emergency management, and what training they can give to volunteers.

If you have any questions or would like to be involved but can't make the meeting, please contact Glenn Hansen at 0800 111 323 or email glenn.hansen@stdc.govt.nz.

Applications Open for Rural Travel Fund



Applications for funding from the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund are now open and close on Monday 15 March at 5 pm.

South Taranaki District Council Funding Administrator Jacinta Fitzgerald says applications to the Rural Travel Fund can be made by rural sport club teams and rural school

teams in South Taranaki, whose members are aged between 5 and 18 years. "The fund is available to support those in rural communities with financial assistance for transport so they can participate in local sports competitions," says Jacinta. Further information and application forms can be found on our Council website, from your local LibraryPlus or from the fund administrator at funding@stdc.govt.nz.