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

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

Help Us Make South Taranaki the most liveable **District**

Council Long Term Plan Proposal Available for Comment

Stimulating economic growth, compliance with new environmental legislation, town centre upgrades and affordability were the key themes guiding South Taranaki District Councillors as they adopted their proposed 2021 – 2031 Long Term Plan for public consultation at last Monday's (22 March) Extraordinary Council meeting.

For South Taranaki ratepayers, the result is an average rate increase of 3.99% each year over the next ten years the lowest in the region. South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon says the Council's vision is to make South Taranaki the most liveable District.

"Over the past decade we have focussed on upgrading the District's water infrastructure, key community facilities and implementing projects to make South Taranaki a desirable place to live and do business. We now have a much improved water network and since our last Long Term Plan three years ago, we have progressed the Hāwera Town Centre redevelopment, Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga and the Nukumaru Station Road extension projects," says Phil.

"Our focus for the next ten years is to complete these key projects, continue to upgrade our three waters infrastructure with a focus on wastewater, increase our spend on roading, implement our Environment and Sustainability Strategy and create the conditions that encourage sustainable economic growth in the right places, with projects such as the South Taranaki Business Park and town centre upgrades for Manaia, Eltham, Ōpunakē, Pātea and Waverley." "At the same time we know we need to keep rates at an affordable level, so we are proposing to fund our key projects with a combination of loans, external funding sources and earnings from the Long Term

Investment Fund, rather than through rates," he says.

"We believe our Long Term Plan proposal strikes the right balance between progress, affordability and providing the services and facilities our communities expect, but we want to know what our residents think."

The Council's proposed 2021-2031 Long Term Plan is available for comment until 7 May 2021. Along with a series of public meetings a Consultation Document outlining key issues and proposals in the Plan and the impact on rates will be in the Thursday 8 April edition of the Taranaki Star, in Council LibraryPlus facilities and on the Council website www.southtaranaki.com/longtermplan.

Public consultation on the Council's proposed Long Term Plan starts on Wednesday 31 March and runs until Friday 7 May 2021.



Remaining Public Meetings are being held in the following towns:

Public Meetings

- Tuesday 6 April, 5.30pm, Hunter Shaw Building

Ōpunakē - Monday 12 April, 7pm, Sandfords Event Centre Hāwera - Tuesday 13 April, 5.30pm, TSB Hub Western

Lounge

– Wednesday 14 April, 6pm, Taumata

Recreation Centre

Waitōtara - Monday 19 April, 5.30pm, Waitōtara Hall

Manaia - Thursday 22 April, 5.30pm, Manaia Golf Club

Kaponga - Tuesday 27 April, 5:30pm, Kaponga Town Hall

Coastal Taranaki

Eltham

- Thursday 29 April 10am, Cape Egmont Boat

Casual 'coffee' Meetings

- Friday 9 April, 10am, Hāwera LibraryPlus Hāwera

Manaia **Eltham**

- Tuesday 13 April, 1pm, Manaia LibraryPlus

- Wednesday 21 April, 10.30am, Eltham

LibraryPlus

- Friday 30 April, 3pm, Kāponga LibraryPlus Kāponga Waverley

- Wednesday 5 May, 10.30am, Waverley

Ōpunakē

- Thursday 6 May, 10am, Ōpunakē LibraryPlus

Keep an eye out over the coming weeks for more information about our 2021-2031 Long Term Plan

REVIEWE

A trip down memory lane with a few blasts from the past!

FREE ENTRY

WEDNESDAY 14 APRIL, 10AM - 12NOON HĀWERA ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH High Street (formerly the Regent Theatre)

Dress up and step back in time!

Upcoming meetings

Ordinary Council Wednesday 7 April, 7pm

Eltham-Kaponga Community Board Monday 19 April, 10.30am

Kaponga Memorial Hall. Victoria Street, Kaponga

Te Hāwera Community Board

Monday 19 April, 1.30pm Normanby Recreation Centre, Ketemarae Road, Normanby

Taranaki Coastal Community Board Tuesday 20 April, 2.30pm Puniho Pā, South Road, Warea

Pātea Community Board Meeting Wednesday 21 April, 4 pm Hunter Shaw Building, Egmont Street, Pātea

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

Okaiawa Community Groups Meeting

The Taranaki Coastal Community Board is hosting a community groups meeting at Ōkaiawa Hall on Thursday 8 April, at 5.30pm.

The meeting is an opportunity for groups to share what they are working on so people can find out what is happening in their community and will also hear about the Council's Long Term Plan.

Call (06) 278 0555 or 0800 111 323 or email fran.levings@stdc.govt.nz, to register your group.

Notice of impounded

Section 46(2), Impounding Act 1955 The following stock have been impounded:

1 x Nanny Goat, female, approximately 2 years old found roaming at the intersection of State Highway 3 and Lower Taumaha Road with a long chain

Unless claimed by the owners, the above stock will be sold by public auction or otherwise disposed of in accordance with the Impounding Act 1955 at the South Taranaki District Council Pound, Beach Road, Hāwera on Thursday 8 April at 1.30pm.