

# Tuia Taitonga Southlink



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

## Help Us Make South Taranaki the Most Liveable District

We live in one of the best places in the world and our Council's vision is to continue to build on our many strengths to make South Taranaki the most liveable District. To work towards this, we've been working on our 2021 – 2031 Long Term Plan. The proposed Plan, which is currently available for public comment, outlines the projects, activities and services we intend to carry out in our community over the next ten years, along with how we will fund these. In the 8 April issue of the Star we published a Consultation Document outlining the key issues and proposals in the Plan and the impact

on rates. If you didn't get a copy of the Consultation Document you can go onto our website [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com) or call into any one of our seven LibraryPlus centres to pick up a copy.

The key themes in our Plan include actions that will encourage economic growth, maintain and improve our infrastructure, support environmental sustainability while keeping rates affordable. In today's Southlink we outline one of the key proposals we want your feedback on - undertaking town centre upgrades in Pātea, Waverley, Manaia, Ōpunakē and Eltham.

## Town Centre Upgrades - Pātea, Waverley, Manaia, Ōpunakē and Eltham

Developing masterplans to encourage vibrancy, improve amenity and social connectivity in Pātea, Waverley, Manaia, Ōpunakē and Eltham town centres was identified as a key project from our previous 2018 - 28 Long Term Plan (LTP). These high-level plans have been completed and we now need to budget to carry out the work.

the projects identified in the five town centre masterplans. The projects focus on improving main street public safety and amenity, wayfinding/storytelling, public art, pathways and entranceways. You can find the five town centre masterplans on our website [www.southtaranaki.com/masterplans](http://www.southtaranaki.com/masterplans).

The town centre upgrades would be funded from the Council's Long Term Investment Fund (LTIF) fluctuation reserve. This means there would be no impact on rates. However, using the LTIF's fluctuation reserve means we forgo earnings of \$370,000 per annum on average over the next ten years. To counter this, we won't need to pay interest on any loans and we stay within our debt levels.



### Proposal

Over the next ten years we will budget \$10.6 million to complete

### Options

#### Option 1: (Council's preferred option): Undertake all upgrades.

The Council's preferred option is to budget \$10.6m over the next ten years to complete the projects identified in the five town centre masterplans. Eltham \$2.3m, Manaia \$1.8m, Ōpunakē \$2.2m, Waverley \$2.0m and Pātea \$2.3m.

#### Option 2: Reduce the budget and shorten the timeframe.

There is the option to reduce the budget to \$1 million per town and undertake the work over the next five years. However, reducing the budget by half would severely limit the ability to undertake some of the projects identified in the town centre masterplans.

#### Option 3: Do none of the town centre upgrades.

### How Can I Have My Say?

The Council's proposed 2021-2031 Long Term Plan is available for comment until 5pm, Friday 7 May 2021. This is your chance to give your feedback about the proposed Plan, so please take the time to get involved and have your say.

Comments and suggestions can be sent to the Council by:

- Completing the online submission form at [www.southtaranaki.com/longtermplan](http://www.southtaranaki.com/longtermplan).
- Sending an email to [longtermplan@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:longtermplan@stdc.govt.nz).
- Completing the hard copy feedback form in the Consultation Document and posting it to us at Private Bag 902, Hāwera 4640 or dropping it into any LibraryPlus or the Hāwera Administration Building.
- Phoning us on 06 278 0555 or toll free 0800 111 323 and we can fill out a submission form for you over the telephone.



## Upcoming meetings

**Iwi Liaison Committee**  
Wednesday 28 April at 10am

**Environment and Hearings Committee**  
Wednesday 28 April at 4pm

**Policy and Strategy Committee**  
Monday 3 May at 1pm

**Extraordinary Environment and Hearings Committee** – to consider a limited notified resource consent  
Monday 3 May at 4pm

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

## Remaining Public Meetings

### Public Meetings

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

**Kaponga Town Hall**  
Tuesday 27 April, 5.30pm

**Cape Egmont Boat Club**  
Thursday 29 April 10am

### Casual 'coffee' Meetings

**Kaponga LibraryPlus**  
Friday 30 April, 3pm

**Waverley LibraryPlus**  
Wednesday 5 May, 10.30am

**Ōpunakē LibraryPlus**  
Thursday 6 May, 10am

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

## ANZAC Services - Sunday 25 April

### Ararata

**9.30am** Service at Ararata War Memorial, opposite Ararata Hall. *To be followed by a potluck lunch. Could those attending please bring a plate.*

### Alton

**11am** - Service at Alton War Memorial (next to Alton Hall, Ball Road). *Followed by a shared lunch, could those attending please bring a plate.*

### Eltham

**8.45am** - Parade assemble at the Eltham Fire Station.  
**9am** - Service at War Memorial Gates, Conway Road, followed immediately by the RSA Commemorative Service at the Services Cemetery, Anderson Road. *Refreshments served at the Eltham Fire Station at the conclusion of the service.*

### Hāwera

**6.15am** - Parade assemble at front of the Ngati Ruanui Office, Princes Street, Hāwera.  
**6.30am** - Service at Memorial Arch, Princes Street. *Morning tea will be served at the RSA after the service.*

### Kaponga

**10.30am** - Parade assemble at former Medical Centre.  
**10.45am** - Service at Kaponga Memorial Hall, followed by the benediction at the Memorial Plot. *A light lunch will be served in the Kaponga Memorial Hall after the service.*

### Manaia

**6.15am** - Parade assemble at Manaia Bowling Club, Riemenschneider Street.  
**6.30am** - Service at Band Rotunda/Cenotaph. *Refreshments will be served at the Bowling Club after the service.*

### Ōpunakē

**6am** - Parade assemble at the Ōpunakē Town Hall.  
**6.15am** - Service at Cenotaph.  
**8am** - Public Service at Services Cemetery. *Refreshments will be served at the Ōpunakē Town Hall after the 8am service.*  
**11am** - Service at Te Kiri Cenotaph.  
**5.30pm** - Service at Pihama Cenotaph.



### Otakeho - Saturday 24 April

**6pm** Evening service at the Otakeho Hall.

### Pātea

**6.20am** - Parade assemble at the Old Folks Hall.  
**6.30am** - Parade falls into march from the old Folks Hall to the Cenotaph (Memorial). *A cup of tea will be served at the Old Folks Hall after the service.*

### Waverley

**9am** - Service at Baptist Church, Weraroa Road.

### Waitōtara

**11am** - Wreath Laying Ceremony - Waitōtara Memorial Gates, Waitōtara Domain.

**Residents are invited to attend ANZAC services of remembrance held throughout the South Taranaki District.**

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