

# 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](http://www.covid19.govt.nz)

## Help Us Make South Taranaki the Most Liveable District

### Council Long Term Plan Proposal Available for Comment

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 is available in today's 8 April edition of the Taranaki Star. You can also find copies in our Council LibraryPlus facilities and on the Council website [www.southtaranaki.com/longtermplan](http://www.southtaranaki.com/longtermplan). 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 you think. Consultation ends Friday 7 May 2021.

Look out for our Consultation Document included in this edition of the paper.



### Upcoming meetings

**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**  
Wednesday 21 April, 4pm  
Hunter Shaw Building,  
Egmont Street, Pātea

**Iwi Liaison Committee**  
Wednesday 28 April 2021 at 10am

**Environment and Hearings Committee**  
Wednesday 28 April 2021 at 4pm

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

## Poppy and Star Flight Flying into Hāwera

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? It's Superman! Okay, it's not Superman: but it is a very special plane.

The Poppy and Star Flight departed Ardmore Airport on 26 March and is currently travelling around New Zealand for the RSA and Starship Foundation with symbolic knitted artworks (a poppy and a star), attending more than 30 events across New Zealand on their route.

On Friday 16 April the Flight is coming to Hāwera, landing at the aerodrome, followed by a free event at Hāwera LibraryPlus at 10.30am where attendees can meet the pilot and enjoy a children's activity.

There will be an opportunity to add poppies and stars to the original small pieces of artwork so they grow on the way

round, showing nationwide support for the charities.

The pattern for the poppy and star are available from Hāwera LibraryPlus, with knitters being encouraged to knit poppies and stars ahead of time so they can be attached to the existing pieces while the Poppy and Star Flight is in the library.

The Poppy and Star Flight's collective fundraising will help the RSA and Starship Foundation continue to provide the care needed in many areas while keeping our aviation history alive through the New Zealand Warbirds Association, without whom the flight would not be possible.

Originally planned for the lead up to ANZAC Day 2020, but cancelled the week before departure due to lockdown, the project was moved forward to ANZAC Day 2021.



## Remember When...A Free Community Event - 14 April

Do you remember wringer washing machines? The Art Union ticket? 6 o'clock closing?

If you can remember where the Regent Theatre was, then you'll enjoy sitting in the Hāwera Assembly of God Church on Wednesday 14 April for a morning of reminiscing at our "Remember When" event.

MC "Gerard Langford is interviewing two or three of our own community members on stage in the Hāwera Assembly of God – which was of course, the former Regent Theatre. Many of us have a story or two to tell about that building too," says Mayor Phil Nixon. "The conversations will be lots of fun and I've heard there's a special, mystery guest coming for a surprise segment in the morning's programme, so you'll have to be there to find out who it is – I don't even know – so we'll all be curious!"

"Remember When" is the Council contribution to the Hāwera Genealogy Society's annual Heritage and Family History week.

The Society is once again hosting a week long programme of events that are free to the public between 12-16 April.

"Our programme is a 'lite' version this year because of the uncertainties of COVID-19, but we're looking forward to a good week and an opportunity to hear and learn more of 'our stories'," says Jill Williams, the convenor of the Hāwera Genealogy Society. The programme features walks and talks around Hāwera as well as a mid week trip down memory lane with a few blasts from the past. For further details about the Heritage and Family History week please phone Jill Williams 027 431 0145 or email [hawera@genealogy.org.nz](mailto:hawera@genealogy.org.nz). Look for posters about town promoting the Heritage week programme and the "Remember When" event.

# REMEMBER WHEN?

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



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

**FREE ENTRY**

*Dress up and step back in time!*

Join host Gerard Langford as he reminisces with guests Enfys Soothill, David Bruce, Luana Paamu (from Aotea Utanganui Museum of South Taranaki)

**AND FEATURING**

a very special, surprise guest - you'll have to be there to find out who it is!



Register your attendance by phoning 0800 111 323 or emailing [CDUnit@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:CDUnit@stdc.govt.nz)



### Ōkaiawa Community Groups Meeting Tonight

Tonight at the Ōkaiawa Hall, 5.30pm. Attendees will also get a chance to hear about the Council's Long Term Plan for the District.

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