

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

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BUSINESS
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Aotearoa

Rebel Business School to pop-up in South Taranaki



Budding entrepreneurs living or working in Taranaki will have the opportunity to attend a free ten-day business course from May 24 – June 4.

The South Taranaki District Council (STDC) has partnered with the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) to bring Rebel Business School Aotearoa to Taranaki as part of its economic and social development initiatives.

Over ten days, Rebel Business School (formerly PopUp Business School) delivers twenty workshops designed to equip participants with the tools they need to start their own business. Topics include building a website for free, the quickest way to find a customer and how to start a business with no money. The course does away with traditional thinking by replacing business plans with actionable, no-cost steps.

The course is free to participants who need only to commit to the ten days of the course. Running from 9.30am – 2.30pm daily, the first seven days will be interactive online sessions with the final three days being held at the Community Centre in Hāwera, including a trade show of the newly created businesses and a graduate celebration.

STDC Business Development Manager Scott Willson is excited to be bringing Rebel Business School to Taranaki.

"This gives anyone in Taranaki the opportunity to start a business and make money doing what they love. Participants get all the support they need to turn their idea into reality and even make their first sales within ten days. After the course, an

excellent alumni programme provides an ongoing support network to help people grow their businesses," he says.

"Small business is really important to the New Zealand economy. 97% of New Zealand businesses employ up to 20 people and this represents 60% of all jobs in New Zealand. We actively encourage people to make that step of getting on their small business journey and attend the Rebel Business School, Taranaki," says

MSD National Manager Industry Partnerships, Amanda Nicolle. The PopUp Business School was brought to New Zealand from the UK by Kiwi Tony Henderson-Newport in 2017.

"More than 1,000 participants have attended our events and formed businesses as diverse as Health and Safety consultants, a drone business, florist, crafts, food and so many more. It's inspiring to see the excitement grow in attendees as their business comes to life," Henderson-Newport says.

While the course is free for participants to attend, Henderson-Newport says it wouldn't have happened without the generous support of its funding partners.

"We are grateful to our partners, STDC and MSD. They recognised what this opportunity means for the community and came onboard. We are just so excited to get stuck in."

For more information and to get involved go to www.rebelbusinessschool.nz/events or contact Scott Willson on 0800 111 323, email scott.willson@stdc.govt.nz

Upcoming meetings

**Extraordinary Council
Long Term Plan Hearing**
Monday 17 May, 2.30pm

Ordinary Council
Monday 17 May, 7pm

Audit and Risk Committee
Wednesday 19 May, 11am

**Extraordinary Council
Long Term Plan Deliberations**
Wednesday 26 May, 9am

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

Fourth Rates Instalment

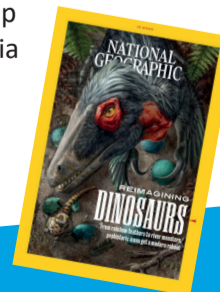
Ratepayers are reminded that the last day for payment of the fourth instalment of rates for 2020/2021 without incurring a penalty will be Wednesday 26 May 2021.



New LibraryPlus Resources

The South Taranaki LibraryPlus has added to its eResource offerings for library patrons. Last month, the libraries added a magazine subscription to the Overdrive app. Over 3000 magazines, in a variety of languages, are available for all people with a current STDC library membership.

The magazines can be accessed on your phone or tablet through the Overdrive app called Libby, or via a computer. Find out more at southtaranaki.com



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HAVE YOUR SAY!
Click here to read about our Long Term Plan

Last chance to have your say on our Proposed Long Term Plan - this Friday 7 May, 5pm

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 aspirational goal, we've been working on our 2021 – 2031 Long Term Plan. The proposed Plan 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.

The key themes in our Plan include actions that encourage economic growth, effective management of our resources, rates affordability, and environmental sustainability.

You have until this Friday, 7 May, to let us know what you think about the proposed Plan. Simply head to www.southtaranaki.com/tenyearplan to have your say.

Have your say by 5pm, Friday 7 May at www.southtaranaki.com/longtermplan

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