

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 Orange on the COVID-19 Traffic Light System. Find out more at www.covid19.govt.nz

Triennial Revaluations Delayed Property Revaluations to be sent out end of February



Every three years, all properties in the District are valued to help Council assess annual rates. The latest valuations were completed by QV to reflect market value as at 1 September 2021. Due to unforeseen circumstances, there was delay with the auditing process, but South Taranaki ratepayers should get their property valuations sent to them around the end of February. Keep in mind that an increase in your property's value doesn't necessarily mean a proportionate increase for rates.

When rates are set on 1 July each year, the Capital Value of your property is only one of several elements that help us work out how much you pay in rates. Also the total amount of rates collected does not change as a result of the total value of properties in the District. Put simply, your rates will only be affected if your property value has increased (or decreased) by more (or less) than the average movement across the District. There will be a period where property owners can object to their valuations and the new rating values will not be used for rating purposes until 1 July 2022 when the new financial year begins.

Tangata Whenua Liaison Fund

Applications for the Tangata Whenua Liaison Fund open on Monday 31 January and close on Thursday 31 March at 5pm. The purpose of the fund is to support local groups (such as marae committees and/or hapū) projects and initiatives that develop positive relationships between Tangata Whenua, Council and the people of South Taranaki. Funding a project or initiative depends on available funding and the extent to which the project meets the overall objectives and criteria of the fund. In particular, the Te Kāhui Matauraura Committee would give consideration to marae, urupā/wāhi tapu, whanau/safer communities, performing arts and visual arts type projects. Application forms are available on the Council's website www.southtaranaki.com or at your local LibraryPlus Centres. For further information, email funding@stdc.govt.nz or phone (06) 278 0555 or 0800 111 323.

Free Community Summer Pools now open!



Head to one of our six free Community Summer Pools around the District - open every day until the end of the season. Find out more at www.southtaranaki.com.

Upcoming meetings

Eltham-Kaponga Community Board
Monday 24 January, 10.30am
War Memorial Hall,
Victoria Street, Kaponga

Te Hāwera Community Board
Monday 24 January, 1.30pm
Ōhawe Hall, Karora Street, Ōhawe

Taranaki Coastal Community Board
Tuesday 25 January, 2.30pm
Sandfords Event Centre,
156 Tasman Street, Ōpunakē

Pātea Community Board
Wednesday 26 January, 4pm
Ngā matapōuri Hall,
4323 Waitōtara Valley Road,
Ngā matapōuri

Policy and Strategy Committee
Monday 31 January, 1pm

**Te Kāhui Matauraura Committee
(formerly the Iwi Liaison Committee)**
Wednesday 2 February, 10am

**Environment and Hearings
Committee**
Wednesday 2 February, 4pm

Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held at the Council Chamber, Administration Building, Albion Street, Hāwera

Safe to Swim?

It pays to check before you take a dip - especially after we've had rain. While water quality in our rivers and at our beaches is generally pretty good over summer, heavy rain flushes contaminants off land into our waterways and we strongly advise you not to swim for at least three days after heavy or prolonged rainfall - even if a site generally has good water quality. Before heading out check which popular South Taranaki swimming spots are safe to swim, on our website www.southtaranaki.com/our-community/safe-to-swim

A friendly reminder about your kerbside collection

Don't forget these simple guidelines when putting your wheelie bins and glass crate at the kerb on your collection day.



Place bins at kerbside before 7.30am on collection day



Bins 50cm apart



Glass bin

- no glass above the top of the crate
- safe lifting weight for both you and the driver



Closed Lid

- no overflow
- no rubbish next to or on top of bins
- use bin clip/latch on windy days



Single file on kerbside

- less than 50cm from kerb where possible
- make sure the handles are facing your property
- avoid blocking the footpath or entrances
- place on level ground where possible

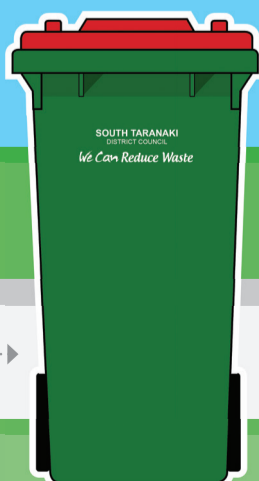


Away from obstructions

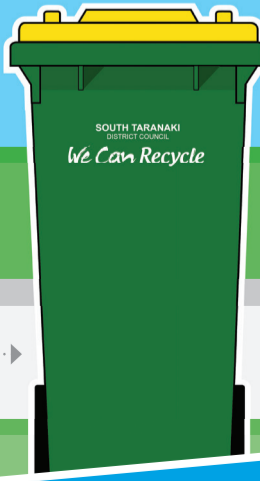
- Place bins at least 1 metre away from parked cars, poles and other obstructions



50cm



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1m



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