

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

Conserve water immediately

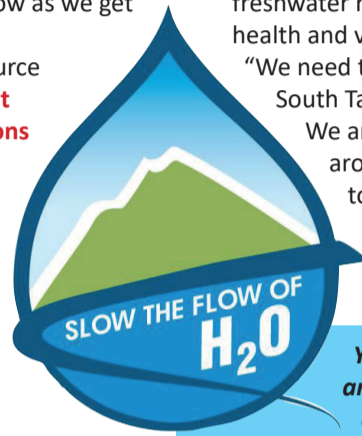
All water supplies throughout District under pressure

Water supplies across the District are running low as we get through the heat of summer.

High usage, coupled with more stringent resource consent conditions, means that **if we don't start conserving water immediately, water restrictions will be enforced in the next week.**

"We had to renew our consent for taking water from the Waingongoro River for the Eltham Water Supply. As part of our consent conditions if the river drops to a certain level we must introduce water restrictions - we don't have any option," says Council Community and Infrastructure Services Group Manager Fiona Aitken.

These new conditions are all part of the government's



freshwater reforms which have a greater focus on preserving the health and vitality of our streams and rivers than previously.

"We need to appreciate that this is the new normal, not just for South Taranaki but the whole of New Zealand," says Aitken.

We are fortunate in that we've got enough water to go around, but not enough to waste. We just need people to conserve, fix leaks, use water wisely and not be wasteful. If we can do that, we can protect the health of our streams and rivers and get through summer without needing widespread restrictions.

You can visit www.southtaranaki.com for easy tips and tricks on how you can conserve water in the home and garden.

Eltham and Waverley residents - we want to hear from you!

Have your say! We are beginning to work on Eltham and Waverley's town centre revitalisation plans and want to hear from you.

In 2019, town centre masterplans were developed to start conversations around how people would like to see their towns revitalised. Now it's time to meet with the community and work together to create town centres where we want to be. Community groups and businesses of these towns are being invited to our workshopping events and asked to have their say

on what ideas they have for the town upgrades. We will also be taking to the streets to chat to the community and taking online submissions - we want to hear from as many of you as possible. If you would like to be a part of these discussions (but aren't part of a community group or business), we still want you to come along and have your say. Simply register your details on www.southtaranaki.com/masterplans, email CDunit@stdc.govt.nz or phone 0800 111 323 with your contact information and we'll keep you up to date.



Council, Sustainable Taranaki, and eateries across South Taranaki are teaming up to make it easier for customers to make the switch to reusable coffee cups and food containers.

As part of the Bring It! campaign, cafes and food businesses across the district are encouraging customers to bring their own takeaway containers and coffee cups so that these can be used when purchasing takeaway food and drinks. Some Bring It! eateries will even provide a discount when you bring your own cup/container. Keep an eye out for the Bring It! posters in participating food businesses. You can also find a full list of South Taranaki Bring It! businesses online at www.southtaranaki.com/bringit



Residents' feedback of Council services to be canvassed

South Taranaki residents will have the opportunity to give feedback on the performance of Council during its annual resident satisfaction survey which gets underway on 22 January. The telephone survey will be conducted by independent research company, Research First, on behalf of Council and will run for around three weeks as well as an online survey available on the Council's website (www.southtaranaki.com).

Council's Corporate Services Group Manager, Marianne Archibald, says residents will be called at random on week days between 3pm and 8.30pm, and between 10am and 5pm on weekends. "The survey gives residents a chance to tell Council what they think about a wide range of council services and activities," says Ms Archibald. "Residents will be able to rate Council services such as libraries, roads, parks and playgrounds, public toilets, rubbish and recycling collection to name a few. They'll also have

the opportunity to rate the overall performance of the Council," she says.

"I encourage people to participate in the survey if contacted, as the results play a valuable role in Council's planning for the future and it lets us know where we're performing well and where we need to do better."

The survey seeks to achieve a representative cross-section of residents across townships and rural areas of the District and across various age groups and gender.

The survey is expected to take around 15-20 minutes to complete and results should be available in April.

If you have any questions regarding the research, please contact Adelaine Hansson at Research First on 027 305 4712.

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, Ōhawe Terrace, 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
(formerly the Iwi Liaison Committee)
Wednesday 2 February, 10am

Environment and Hearings Committee
Wednesday 2 February, 4pm

Audit and Risk Committee
Wednesday 9 February, 11am

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.

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