

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

Successful Taste of Taranaki Pop-up

From November 2021 to the last weekend of January, 25 premium Taranaki food and beverage producers came together to showcase their products to the delight of locals and visitors to Taranaki. The inaugural Taste of Taranaki Pop-up in Eltham was a collaboration between Venture Taranaki and our Council to shine a light on the strength and diversity the region has in producing food and beverage products. "We're thrilled we were able to bring together local vendors to the one place over summer, providing them with another avenue to sell their products while telling our diverse food and beverage production story, and adding something new for visitors to our region," says Justine Gilliland, Venture Taranaki Chief Executive. Eltham was a fitting home for the first Taste of Taranaki Pop-up, with the town's pioneering history in food production and export. The cheese capital of New Zealand, Fonterra and its predecessors have been in Eltham for over 100 years, rolling out internationally acclaimed and innovative



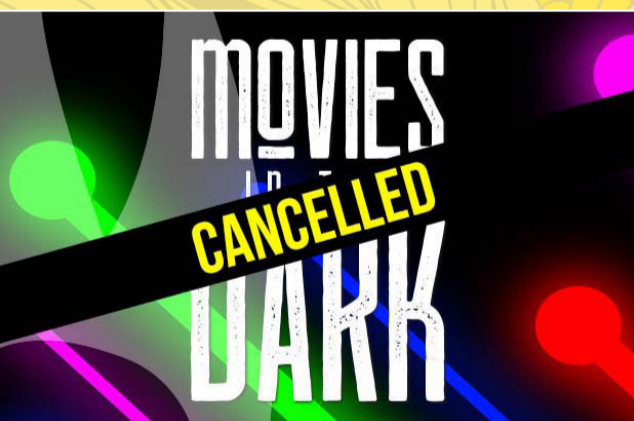
cheeses. South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon was very pleased with how well the community got behind the initiative. "It was great to see so much support for the pop-up in Eltham throughout the summer. Plenty of locals became regular customers and visitors from all over the country enjoyed what we have on offer here," he said. Over the 12 weeks, visitors to the pop-up were able to purchase local coffee, honey, freshly baked bread, sweet treats, specialty cheeses, dips and seasonings, along with a range of products from local beverage crafters and distillers, something Taranaki is increasingly becoming known for. The pop-up has now officially closed and after what looks like a successful three

months, \$1,500 will be donated to the Eltham Food Bank. The next step is to undertake a thorough review of the pop-up from a commercial viability perspective to consider the concept as an on-going enterprise opportunity.

Free Disposal for Storm Related Greenwaste in South Taranaki

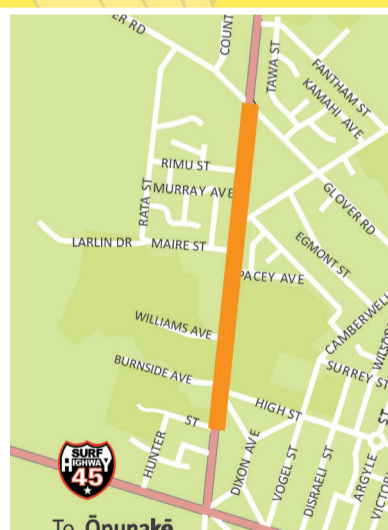
South Taranaki District Council Works Delivery Manager Herbert Denton says the Council is removing fees for storm-related greenwaste at all transfer stations across the District for a week ending on Wednesday 23 February. Mr Denton says the District experienced some pretty wild weather over the last two weekends and this would help get things tidied up in the aftermath. The free disposal of storm-related greenwaste at the transfer

stations started on Wednesday 16 February and continue until close of business on Wednesday 23 February. Mr Denton says there are certain things which must not go in the greenwaste as they can't be broken down. "We accept untreated branches up to 10cm in diameter and general garden waste and leaves. We can't take flax, cabbage tree leaves, treated timber, sawdust, rubble and soil in our greenwaste disposal." Residents can find out more on the Council's website www.southtaranaki.com.



Waihi Road Hāwera Interruption to Waste Collection

Waka Kotahi (NZ Transport Agency) is undertaking road testing works along Waihi Road, Hāwera, State Highway 3 between the Glover Road roundabout and Hunter Street (highlighted orange on map) from Tuesday 22 February - Thursday 24 February (weather permitting). To make sure that we can still pick up your Council kerbside collection, please ensure they are at the kerbside by 7am on your normal collection day (or the night before).



Sport NZ Rural Fund Open

Applications for funding from the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund are now open and close on Tuesday 15 March at 5pm. South Taranaki District Council Funding Administrator Alyssia Redin says applications to the Rural Travel Fund can be made by rural sport club teams and rural school club teams in South Taranaki, whose members are aged between 5 and 18 years. "The fund is available to support those in rural communities with financial assistance for transport so that they can participate in local sports competitions," says Alyssia. Visit www.southtaranaki.com to find out more and to apply or at your local LibraryPlus. For further information call 0800 111 323 or email funding@stdc.govt.nz.

Creative Communities Fund Open

Do you have a community arts project that needs some funding support? The next application round for Creative Communities funding is now open and closes at 5pm on Wednesday 9 March for community-based arts activities taking place between 8 April 2022 and 8 April 2023. Visit www.southtaranaki.com to find out more and to apply or at your local LibraryPlus. For further information call 0800 111 323 or email funding@stdc.govt.nz.

Tangata Whenua Liaison Fund Open

The purpose of the fund is to support local groups, such as marae committees and/or hapu, projects and initiatives that develop positive relationships between Tangata Whenua, Council and the people of South Taranaki. Visit www.southtaranaki.com to find out more and to apply or at your local LibraryPlus. For further information call 0800 111 323 or email funding@stdc.govt.nz.

Upcoming meetings

**Novus Contracting
Annual General Meeting**
Monday 21 February, 2pm

Ordinary Council
Monday 21 February, 7pm

Eltham Drainage Committee
Wednesday 23 February, 10am
Taumata Recreation Centre
Preston Street, Eltham

Eltham-Kaponga Community Board
Monday 28 February, 10.30am
Taumata Recreation Centre
Preston Street, Eltham

Te Hāwera Community Board
Monday 28 February, 1.30pm

Taranaki Coastal Community Board
Tuesday 1 March, 2.30pm
Ōkaiawa Public Hall
Ahipaipa Road, Ōkaiawa

Pātea Community Board
Wednesday 2 March, 4pm
Hunter Shaw Building
Egmont Street, Pātea

Policy and Strategy Committee
Monday 7 March, 1pm

Te Kāhui Matauraura
Wednesday 9 March, 10am

**Environment and Hearings
Committee**
Wednesday 9 March, 4pm

*Unless stated, meetings are held in
Council Chamber, Administration
Building, Albion Street, Hāwera*

Rates instalment due

Ratepayers are reminded that the last day for payment of the third instalment of rates for 2021/22 without incurring a penalty will be Wednesday 23 February 2022.