

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

Waverley Pools - Mural Design Competition



A Mural Design Competition will be launched in April to select a design for the front of the Waverley Pools. Proposed by local Waverley artist, Jenni Corbett and supported by the Pātea Community Board, the mural design competition acknowledges the breadth of talent in the area, especially promising new artists. This competition gives the opportunity for the community to get creative while providing another point of interest in Waverley. The Council encourages budding artists who reside in the

Waverley, Whenuakura and Waitōtara areas to enter, either as an individual or a group. The winner/s will also participate in the painting of the mural, supported by Jenni Corbett and South Taranaki Council Arts Co-ordinator, Michaela Stoneman. Competition details and conditions will be available on www.southtaranaki.com and at the Waverley LibraryPlus from 1 April. The painting will take place later this year in time for the 2022/23 pool season.

Upcoming meetings

- Ordinary Council**
Monday 4 April, 7 pm
- Eltham-Kaponga Community Board**
Monday 11 April, 10.30 am
- Te Hāwera Community Board**
Monday 11 April, 4.30 pm
- Taranaki Coastal Community Board**
Tuesday 12 April, 2.30 pm
- Pātea Community Board**
Wednesday 13 April, 4 pm
- Te Kāhui Matauraura**
Wednesday 20 April, 10 am
- Environment and Hearings Committee**
Wednesday 20 April, 4 pm

The above meetings will be held online. If you are interested in attending, please email agendas@stdc.govt.nz or ring our Governance Team on 0800 111 323.

Works to be Undertaken at Ōpunakē Lake and Waiaua River

Work to remove tree debris and stabilise the embankment between Ōpunakē Lake and the Waiaua River will start on Monday 4 April says South Taranaki District Council Operations Manager – Property and Facilities, Phil Waite.

Mr Waite says the work is being undertaken following the floods that occurred in early February.

“A large pine tree on an embankment separating the Ōpunakē Lake from the Waiaua River fell into the river. This caused damage to, and a narrowing of, the embankment between the lake and the river.

Following investigations by the Taranaki Regional Council and our Council officers it’s been agreed to remove the tree from the river, along with 6-10 other pine trees growing on the embankment.

This will reduce the risk of more trees falling into the river and will relieve pressure and weight from the embankment.”

Mr Waite says at the same time the water level of the lake will be temporarily lowered. “This will help avoid the possibility of compromising the embankment any further and enable us to work with the key stakeholders to investigate and design a longer term solution to protect the embankment.”



Eltham – Where we want to be

The Council’s Community Development Team continue to have conversations with the Eltham community asking for their thoughts on the town centre revitalisation plans produced in 2019. Some clear themes have already come through and one of the first actions will be opening up the Bridger Park connection to Stanners Street and improving the steps and stair rails. The new town entrance signs will be installed very soon, and plans to improve the appearance of the yellow trough ‘pinch points’ are being worked through. “Eltham – where you want to be” is an ongoing project – and despite COVID and its impact on meeting together, we look forward to hearing from

Arakamu
Eltham
Where we want to be

Eltham residents and receiving your ideas through our online brainstorm. Visit our website to get involved. Eltham and Waverley revitalisation plans are budgeted for in this year’s long term plan and meetings have also been ongoing in the Waverley community. An online ‘brainstorm’ will be available for Waverley residents by the end of this week.

Board Games available from your LibraryPlus

Many families in South Taranaki are having to isolate due to Omicron and are often finding it tough, especially with younger children who get bored and restless. The LibraryPlus has added card and board games to their collections to help families pass the time.

Libraries and Cultural Services Manager, Cath Sheard says the libraries have games to suit a wide range of ages and they hope families will enjoy playing games together.

“The games are available at each of our seven LibraryPlus facilities. They are available for contactless pickup if the family has someone who can do that for them or, like the book delivery service and children’s activity packs, they can be delivered free of charge within town limits,” says Cath.

For information on our collections and services see our LibraryPlus Facebook page or visit the LibraryPlus pages at www.southtaranaki.com. Home delivery and children’s activity packs for isolating families are available now and can be accessed by calling your local LibraryPlus or emailing librarycontact@stdc.govt.nz.



Water restrictions lifted on Saturday

All water restrictions in the South Taranaki District will be lifted from 11.59 pm on Friday 1 April 2022. Thank you for your help in protecting the health of our streams and rivers and in ensuring we had enough water to go around over the summer months. Please remember to always fix leaks and use water wisely.