

He karere tā te Kaunihera ō 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

Win with Go Local Competition

Customers wanting to help support Taranaki businesses through the pandemic challenges can now win a share of \$20,000 in business vouchers. SOS Go Local is a campaign that recognises the challenging time businesses are facing and aims to make the next three months a bit easier for local enterprises.

It was launched late March as a partnership by Venture Taranaki, Taranaki Chamber of Commerce, Mediaworks, BARA and the district councils of New Plymouth, Stratford and South Taranaki.

"This campaign is about encouraging people to continue supporting local enterprises, like we did so well in 2020," says Venture Taranaki CEO Justine Gilliland.

The scheme uses the SOS Business platform, which was the brainchild of long-time business advocate and Venture Taranaki trustee David Downs in the 2020 lockdown. Customers can go to the SOS website to purchase vouchers from Taranaki businesses that can be redeemed at a later date. There are no fees and businesses keep 100% of the proceeds.

Until the end of June, anyone who purchases an SOS business voucher worth \$25 or more will go in the draw to win even more vouchers. Five \$150 vouchers are up for grabs each week, as well as one \$3,000 voucher each month.

Customers can be businesses purchasing services from other businesses, as well as consumers purchasing hospitality or other services, such as home improvements.

Businesses are encouraged to sign up to the SOS platform in

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order to benefit from the scheme. Those keen to support local enterprises can head to **sosbusiness.nz** to purchase a voucher and also be in to win.



Facility open hours over Easter

The Hāwera Administration Building and LibraryPlus centres will be closed between Good Friday and Easter Monday, opening as normal on Tuesday 19 April. All transfer stations across the District are closed on Good Friday. Head to *www.southtaranaki.com/easter* to find out all hours. A reminder that kerbside rubbish and recycling will be collected as normal during public holidays.



Waverley, Waitōtara and Whenuakura residents - it's time to get creative! Council is currently holding a Mural Design Competition to select a design for the front of the Waverley Pools.

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 are available on **www.southtaranaki.com** and at the Waverley LibraryPlus, painting will take

place later this year in time for the next season.



Keep up-to-date with Antenno

Antenno is a mobile app that sends you alerts and notifications, about places and topics you care about. Antenno is free to download and use, and you can opt out of topics that aren't of interest to you. It doesn't ask for any personal information or login details, so it's a nice easy way to stay informed. There are two ways you can use Antenno; to receive notifications from council about the places you have marked as important to you, or reporting

Upcoming meetings

Te Kāhui Matauraura Wednesday 20 April, 10am

Environment and Hearings Committee Wednesday 20 April, 4pm

Policy and Strategy Committee Wednesday 27 April, 1pm

Audit and Risk Committee Wednesday 4 May, 11am

All 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.



School Holiday Programme

The school holiday programme is out now! Check out what activities are on during the school holidays by heading to **www.** southtaranaki.com/kidzbiz

Council's South Taranaki LibraryPlus team is developing an exciting new teen programme and we

Manga logo competition

need help with a logo! We're asking students aged between 12 - 18 years to submit a Manga

logo that includes "In Three Words" (the programme's name) and, if chosen, win a \$100 Manga Drawing Pack (and bragging rights)! Submit your entry at your local LibraryPlus,



Are you enrolled to vote?

With Local Body Elections coming up this year - it's time to check. Simply head to *www.vote.nz* to find out!



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