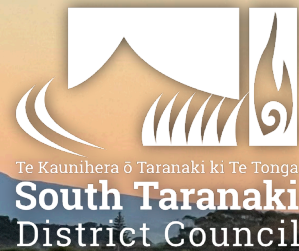


# Tuia Taitonga Southlink



Te Kaunihera o Taranaki ki Te Tonga  
**South Taranaki**  
District Council

He karere tā te Kaunihera o Taranaki ki te Tonga News from the South Taranaki District Council



## Contractor announced for Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga

Construction company Livingstone Building has been selected as the successful tenderer to build South Taranaki's new library arts and cultural centre, Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga, although the \$15.5 million price tag came in well over the \$9.2 million estimated three years ago to build the facility and complete the surrounding landscaping.

South Taranaki District Council chief executive Waid Crockett says while frustrating, the cost increase was not unexpected given the original estimate was three years old and significant cost increases had taken place in the construction industry in the last 12 months alone.

"You really don't know what the final price will be until you go to the market. Livingstone's tender price was in-line with the other tenders and reflects the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the increases in inflation and the difficulty in getting both supplies and skilled tradespeople at a time when demand in the construction sector is so high," says Crockett.

"However, thanks to external fundraising being substantially more than budgeted, and by using funds budgeted for other Hāwera town centre projects, and the council's Long Term Investment Fund, there will be no impact on rates to build the facility and meet the cost increase," he says.

Council's original external fundraising target for the project was \$3.2 million but to date just under \$7 million has been secured with major contributions from the TOI Foundation (\$2.8 million) and the Government's Kānoa – Regional Economic Development and Investment Unit's COVID-19: Infrastructure Investment Fund (\$4 million).

"We will also continue to look at other external funding sources that may be available to us," says Mr Crockett.

Mr Crockett says Livingstone put a strong emphasis on using local subcontractors and suppliers in their tender and many South Taranaki businesses will be working on the project. Physical work will begin on the site by the end of the month.

### Upcoming meetings

**Eltham-Kaponga Community Board**  
Monday 23 May at 10.30am  
Taumata Recreation Centre, Preston Street, Eltham

**Te Hāwera Community Board**  
Monday 23 May at 4.30pm

**Taranaki Coastal Community Board**  
Tuesday 24 May at 2.30pm  
Ōpunakē Town Hall, 42 Domett Street, Ōpunakē

**Pātea Community Board**  
Wednesday 25 May at 4pm  
Waverley Community Centre, Chester Street, Waverley

**Policy and Strategy Committee**  
Monday 30 May at 1pm  
Camberwell Lounge, TSB Hub, Camberwell Road, Hāwera

**Te Kāhui Matauraura**  
Wednesday 1 June at 10am

**Environment and Hearings Committee**  
Wednesday 1 June at 4pm

**Audit and Risk Committee**  
Wednesday 8 June 2022 at 1pm

*If not stated, meetings are held at Council Chambers, Administration Building, Albion Street, Hāwera*

### Rates reminder - Instalment due

Ratepayers are reminded that the last day for payment of the fourth instalment of rates for 2021/22 without incurring a penalty will be Wednesday 25 May 2022.



## Ongoing Waste Disruptions

Due to COVID-related staff shortages, our kerbside collection contractors aren't getting around all their routes in their usual timeframes. If your bins aren't emptied as usual, please leave them out on the kerbside to be emptied over the following days. Thanks for your co-operation and call 0800 111 323 if you have any problems.



**Take a 10 minute survey & be in to win \$100**

Zero Waste Taranaki (made up of Taranaki's three District Councils)

is conducting a survey about people's attitudes, awareness and behaviours regarding waste - to better understand the barriers and motivations they face.

This survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. You have until Sunday 29 May to go in to the draw to win one of four \$100 SOS universal businesses vouchers.



Scan this QR code with your mobile phone to go directly to the survey or visit [www.surveymonkey.com/r/zerowastesurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/zerowastesurvey)



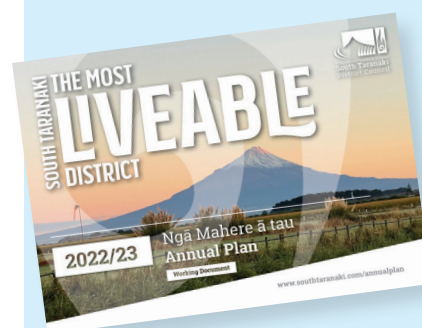
## Bowen Crescent Playground Open

Ōpunakē's new Bowen Crescent Playground was opened recently. Council worked closely with the Ōpunakē Community Spaces Development Group (OCSG Group) to bring the community's vision to life. The OCSG Group raised nearly \$64,000 through community donations, sponsorship and involvement. With South Taranaki District Council's \$50,000 contribution and a \$3,035

grant from the Taranaki Coastal Community Board they were able to have a playground they felt suited the District.

"The Ōpunakē community have many generations with fond memories of the unique mountain playground at Bowen Crescent," says OCSG Group Chair Lisa Beynon.

The playground was officially opened after local kaumatua had blessed the area earlier in the week. South Taranaki Mayor, Phil Nixon says the project is another great example of what more can be achieved when Council and community work in partnership.



### Annual Plan

We are taking feedback **until Friday 20 May** for the 2022/23 Annual Plan. Find out more by reading the document at [www.southtaranaki.com/annualplan](http://www.southtaranaki.com/annualplan) or by scanning the QR code.



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