Tuia Taitonga Southlink





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

Iwi-Council partnership to consider facility for Manaia

A new multi-purpose, shared facility for Manaia is being considered following the signing of a partnership agreement between the South Taranaki District Council (Council) and Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust (Te Korowai)

The agreement enables the two partners to start formal public engagement with key stakeholders and the wider Manaia community and then, if agreed, undertake a business case looking at the feasibility and ongoing viability of establishing a combined multi-purpose, multiuse lwi and community facility in Manaia.

South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon says the partnership is an exciting opportunity for both the Council and the lwi to combine their resources to achieve a great outcome for the whole community.

For some time, the Council has been considering what to do with the Manaia Town Hall and Sports Complex both of which were closed after being assessed as not meeting the minimum 34% new building earthquake standard.

In 2018, the Council approved funding of up to \$1,000,000 to rebuild the town hall. However, following considerable consultation and no clear indication from the community on whether to have a combined

facility or two separate ones, a final decision had not been made. At the same time, Te Korowai was looking to relocate its head office from Hāwera to somewhere within the Ngāruahine rohe.

"As part of our assessment of options, we identified a need for something more than just a head office, but a cultural creative space to support large lwi activities and which complements the role and mahi of our Hapū at a Pā level," says Te Korowai o Ngāruahine chair Paula Carr. "This space, if approved, would be a platform to promote Ngāruahine culture, identity and placemaking, which will raise the profile of the Manaia community regionally and nationally."

As part of the agreement once the public engagement and business case has been completed either party may decide whether a combined facility is the best way forward or not.

"The partnership agreement doesn't commit either party to anything more than this first stage of investigation. However, the timing and potential benefits were such that it warrants careful consideration," says Mayor Nixon.

We expect public engagement and the business case will take place before the end of the year.

Upcoming meetings

Ordinary Council

Monday 27 June, 7pm Council Chamber, Administration Building, Albion Street, Hāwera



"The Rise of Puanga" speaker Maata Wharehoka will talk to you about the Rise of Puanga and Parihaka at the Ōpunakē LibraryPlus on Monday 27 June, 11am - 12.30pm.

"Celebrating Puanga" speaker Puhi Nuku will talk to you about celebrating Puanga and Puanga Traditions at the Manaia LibraryPlus on Wednesday 29 June, 10.15am - 11.30am.

Both events are followed by a light morning tea. You must register to attend, please email *fran.levings@stdc.govt.nz* by 20 June.



Annual Dog Registration Due

If your dog is over the age of three months, it needs to be registered and microchipped - simply pop into the Hāwera Administration Building or your local LibraryPlus to get this organised.

If you are re-registering a dog, look out for your renewal form in your letterbox over the next couple of weeks.

Take advantage of early bird rates by paying in full by 31 July 2022. After this date, registration fees increase by 50%. You can pay online at www.southtaranaki.com/pay-online.

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POETRY WITH Robert Sullivan Thur 16 June, 5.30PM Hāwera Libraryplus

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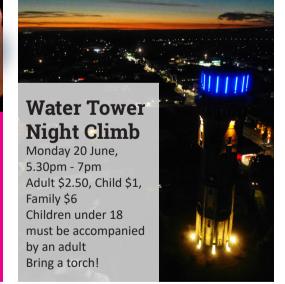
SHORT STORY WITH AIRINI BEAUTRAIS SAT 18 JUNE, 10AM TSB HUB, HĀWERA COMPETITION OPENS WED 15 JUNE 2022

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Drive In Dri

Get your tickets for *Grease* at Rāwhitiroa Domain in Eltham on Friday 10 June (5.30pm or 7.30pm session) or *Herbie: Fully Loaded* in Ōpunakē on Sunday 12 June (5pm or 7pm session).

Tickets are \$10 per vehicle per screening and there is a limit to 50 cars per session, so get your tickets now from South Taranaki i-SITE Visitor Centre or the Ōpunakē and Eltham LibraryPlus.



Free Writing Workshops

These workshops take place next week with Lysaght-Watt Trust Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards 2022 Judges. Numbers are limited, so register now by emailing

entries@stdc.govt.nz



THE GREAT COMEDY NIGHT

FRI 15 JULY - ELTHAM SAT 16 JULY - HĀWERA

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