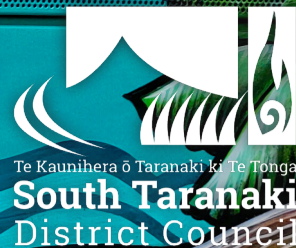


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He karere tā te Kaunihera o Taranaki ki te Tonga News from the South Taranaki District Council

Time's Running Out to demand better 3 Waters Reform

Give your feedback to Government before 22 July

Time is running out for the community to demand better three waters reform, and reject the Government's one size fits none plan, says South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon.

The public currently have their one and only opportunity to have their say on the water reforms through the Select Committee process and Mayor Nixon says it's important that they don't miss the opportunity. Everyone has until July 22 to have their say.

Mayor Nixon says that he and other Councillors had been approached by many people unhappy with what was being suggested, now it was time for everyone to take action.

"This is the only chance that you will get to have any say whatsoever on what happens to our District's infrastructure," he says.

"We need to deliver a strong message to the Government that people want a better form of reform that respects the decades of investment

by local communities and enables them to preserve a real say in how their money is spent in future.

"Through Communities 4 Local Democracy He Hapori mō te Manapori we've developed a common-sense model for reform that everyone can get behind and that delivers every outcome sought by the Government," says Mayor Nixon.

"We've worked hard to create a model for reform that will ensure better long term water services for every community, now it's time for our community to take a few minutes and demand better water reform. "If you don't want to see future water services that are 'all pay, no say' this is your only opportunity to stand up and be counted."

Submissions are now being accepted on the Water Services Entities Bill at: https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/53SCFE_SCF_BILL_124081/water-services-entities-bill

For guidance on how people can provide their feedback and support our work to deliver better water reform, visit www.demandbetter.nz



Upcoming meetings

Extraordinary Council - To approve the submission on the Water Services Entities Bill
Tuesday 19 July, 9.00 am
Council Chamber, Administration Building, Albion St, Hāwera

Policy and Strategy Committee
Monday 25 July 2022 at 1 pm
Council Chamber, Administration Building, Albion St, Hāwera



Will you join the challenge?

Plastic Free July is here – are you ready to challenge yourself to use less (or no!) single use plastics for the month of July?
Head to www.plasticfreejuly.com to find out more and join the challenge today.

Local body elections candidate nominations open this week

MAKE YOUR MARK

If you want to make your mark on your community, consider standing for the South Taranaki District Council in this year's local body elections.

South Taranaki District Council (STDC) chief executive, Waid Crockett says despite the challenges it's an exciting time to be involved in local government.

"With a huge raft of government reforms and the effects of COVID-19 still impacting it's a challenging time, but also one which provides a unique opportunity to be involved in the changing face of local government," says Crockett.

"The rewards certainly outweigh the challenges, as you work together to make the best decisions for the future economic, social, cultural and environmental wellbeing of our District," he says.

Nominations open on Friday 15 July and close at 12noon on Friday 12 August.

There are changes at this year's election following a Representation Review which established two Māori Wards with one representative each (Te Kūrae and Te Tai Tonga) and amended Councillor numbers in the General Wards - Te Hāwera (5), Taranaki Coastal (2), Pātea (2) and Eltham-Kaponga (2).

A Candidates Information Roadshow is being held on Saturday 16 July for anyone wanting to find out more about standing for their local District Council, or the Taranaki Regional Council.

- 9am – TSB Hub, Camberwell Road, Hāwera (hosted by South Taranaki District Council)
- 12noon – Stratford District Council, 63 Miranda Street
- 3pm – New Plymouth District Council, 84 Lizardet Street

Nomination forms will be available at www.southtaranaki.com/vote2022 from 15 July and candidates have until noon on Friday, 12 August to submit their forms. You can also come into the South Taranaki District Council main building and pick up a Nomination Pack.

www.southtaranaki.com/vote2022 contains all the information candidates need to know as well as handy links and facts for voters including how to enrol.

Free Community Composting Workshop

Do you want to know your hot from your cold compost? Between a worm farm and an in-situ compost? And what is the difference between green and brown matter?

The council is teaming up with Michelle from Goldbush Micro Farm to bring to you a Community Composting Workshop to teach you how each of these composting methods works and what you can do at home.

Composting, the traditional method of recycling organic waste, is great for the environment as it allows food to break down naturally with oxygen. This technique means it doesn't release harmful greenhouse gases into the air, like it would if it was buried in a traditional landfill. In turn, the nutrients created by composting are great for your home garden with the added bonus of diverting waste from our landfills.

This free Composting Workshop is taking place on Sunday August 7 at Goldbush Micro Farm on Austin Road, Normanby, 10am – 12noon. Registrations are open now by emailing your details to envirosus@stdc.govt.nz or contact Tarin from the Environment and Sustainability Team on 0800 111 323.

7 August
10am - 12noon

Te Kaunihera o Taranaki ki Te Tonga
South Taranaki District Council

FREE WORKSHOP
home composting

278 Austin Road, Normanby

Annual Dog Registrations

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. 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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