

Historic Day as New Council Sworn In



South Taranaki District Council's inaugural meeting for the new term was held at Kānihi Māwhitiwhiti Pā last week.

A pōwhiri welcomed the newly elected members, their friends and family, and Council staff onto the marae, before Council chief executive, Waid Crockett opened the meeting which saw Mayor Nixon, Councillors and Community Board members sworn into their roles.

It's the first time an inaugural meeting has been held at a marae in South Taranaki, which was particularly significant given the introduction of the two new Māori wards.

South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon says he's incredibly excited by the new Council and the calibre of the elected members.

"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 Nixon.

"The rewards certainly outweigh the challenges, and our Council's success has always been our ability to work together for the good of all South Taranaki residents."

All up the election saw three new Councillors (Te Aroha Hohaia, Tuteri Rangihaeata and Leanne Horo) and five new Community Board Members (Monica Willson, Heather Brokenshire, Andrew Blanche, Owen Savage and Cheryl Rook) join sitting elected members.

At the meeting Mayor Nixon also announced that Councillor Rob Northcott would be his deputy for a second term.

Two by-elections are required early in the New Year for a Te Hāwera general ward Councillor and a Pātea Community Board position which remain vacant.

Nominations for both positions will open on Thursday 24 November with voting opening on 26 January 2023.

Upcoming Meeting

Taranaki Coastal Community Board
Tuesday 8 November, 2.30pm
Otakeho Hall, 10 Auroa Road, Otakeho

Pātea Community Board
Wednesday 9 November, 4pm
Hunter Shaw Building, Egmont Street, Pātea

Eltham-Kaponga Community Board
Thursday 10 November, 10.30am
War Memorial Hall, Victoria Street, Kaponga

Te Hāwera Community Board
Thursday 10 November, 1.30pm
Normanby Recreation Centre, 97 Ketemarae Road, Normanby

Extraordinary Council
to determine Remuneration Pool
Monday 14 November, 3pm
Camberwell Lounge, TSB Hub, Camberwell Road, Hāwera

Te Kāhui Matauraura
Wednesday 16 November, 10am

Environment and Hearings Committee
Wednesday 16 November, 4pm

Policy and Strategy Committee
Monday 21 November, 1pm

Unless mentioned, meetings are held in the Council Chamber, Administration Building, Albion St, Hāwera

Christmas Cabaret - the perfect night out!

It's time to eat, drink and be merry!

South Taranaki District Council is once again hosting the popular end of year Christmas Cabaret, so get a group together and come and celebrate the festive season with us at the TSB Hub on Friday 18 November.

The night will start off with an incredible interactive performance from Flash Mob Entertainment's very own Drag Queens followed by mesmerising show girls and burlesque dancers. To finish off the evening, Campbell

OH WHAT FUN!

Vibe will keep the dance floor alive well into the night.

A delicious Christmas buffet will be provided with all the trimmings, so get your workmates, social club or group of friends together and come dance the night away.

Tickets are now available from the South Taranaki i-SITE Visitor Centre and TSB Hub for \$70 each, or \$65 each for groups of 10 or more.

Email events@stdc.govt.nz for more information.



Zero Waste

Where do we want to be?

Every six years, councils are required to develop a Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP). Please take the time to fill out a survey to help guide us in the direction of where we want to be. Have your say by visiting www.zerowastetaranaki.org.nz/nextsixyears

Temporary Closure - Hāwera CBD Streets

Road repairs are being undertaken on High Street (between Albion and Argyle Sts), Princes Street (between High Street and Glover Road) and Victoria Street this week. This work involves the streets being closed at night between 6pm to 5am.

- High Street is scheduled 30 October to 3 November and will be done in sections starting at Albion Street.
- Princes Street is scheduled over two nights 6-7 November.
- Victoria Street will be done as a lane closure at night on 8 November.

Pātea Centennial Bursary open

The Centennial Bursary is available to applicants for the first four years of their tertiary study for residents living in the Pātea Ward for at least the last two years. Find out more, or apply, on www.southtaranaki.com/funding

Rates Reminder

Ratepayers are reminded that the last day for payment of the second instalment of rates for 2022/2023 without incurring a penalty will be Wednesday 30 November 2022.