

# Tuia Taitonga Southlink

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

## Arts in the Park on this Saturday



there is sure to be something for everyone. Various performers will fill the park with music to keep you entertained throughout the day as well as roving entertainment to keep the kids preoccupied while you shop. Have a seat, pick up something to eat and soak up the vibe. This free event runs from 10am – 3pm on Saturday 3 December at King Edward Park, Hāwera. If the weather is not suitable on the day the event will be taken indoors to TSB Hub.

**ARTS IN THE PARK – King Edward Park, Hāwera, Saturday 3 December.**

On Saturday 3 December, Hāwera's picturesque King Edward Park will once again come alive with the popular Arts in the Park. If you are looking for that perfect Christmas gift or a new piece of art, then this is just the day for you. With everything from handmade jewellery to garden art, woodturning to knitting,

## Temporary Road Closure Outside New Hāwera School

Last Monday the Council's policy and strategy committee agreed to a request from Hāwera's newest school – Te Paepae o Aotea, to close a section of Camberwell Road during school hours for student safety.

Te Paepae o Aotea replaces both Hāwera High School, which closes on December 9, and Hāwera Intermediate, which has already closed. A section of Camberwell Road divides Hāwera High School's existing campus from Bayly Park, a sportsground opposite. While Te Paepae o Aotea will be built on the Hāwera High School site, the school will use 16 prefab classrooms on Bayly Park to accommodate students until the old buildings are demolished and the new facilities are built.

Te Paepae o Aotea Principal Rachel Williams told the committee there will be 1,150 students from year 7 - 13 at the new school when it opens in February 2023.



"During the next few years, our campus will be on both sides of Camberwell Rd, with students crossing to get between classes.

We've deliberately put the year 11-13 students at Bayly Park, but these students will need to go back and forth as their special classrooms like labs and workshops, are on the old school site," she says.

"Older students should be able to look both ways, but that's not the way it is, and sometimes cars fly through there really fast."

The school was also working out where teachers and students' cars would be parked, and how to manage drop-off and pick-up times.

The committee agreed to close the section of the road outside the school between 8.30am and 3.30pm on school days. The decision is to be reviewed every 12 months.

## Upcoming Meetings

**Extraordinary Environment and Hearings Committee**  
Wednesday 7 December, 3pm

**Ordinary Council Meeting**  
Monday 12 December, 4pm

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

## Check before you swim



Visit [www.trc.govt.nz/can-i-swim-here](http://www.trc.govt.nz/can-i-swim-here)

People heading to Taranaki's lakes, rivers and beaches this summer are encouraged to first check whether the water is safe to swim in.

Until the end of March 2023, Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) will monitor water quality at 40 sites across the region's popular recreational rivers, lakes and beaches. Weekly results will be available on [www.trc.govt.nz/can-i-swim-here](http://www.trc.govt.nz/can-i-swim-here) along with information on any permanent health warnings or temporary advisories.

With New Zealand on track for one of its hottest summers, it's expected that more people will be heading out for a swim to cool off.

The TRC's freshwater and coastal team leader Thomas McElroy urges people to use their common sense if the water looks murky or smells unpleasant.

"Always avoid swimming for three days after heavy or prolonged rainfall. If you can't see your feet in water that's knee deep, it's best to keep out of the water." Water quality results can also be found on the national environmental monitoring website Land, Air, Water Aotearoa ([www.lawa.org.nz](http://www.lawa.org.nz)).

## LIMS Stop over Summer

If you need a LIM during December, there are a few important dates you need to know!

Processing LIMs stops on 20 December and does not restart until 10 January 2023.

So, it's important that you get in early, as it's possible that LIM applications received after the first week of December may not be issued before Christmas.

## Nominations open for South Taranaki By-Elections

# TŪ MAI STAND

Nominations are open for candidates interested in standing in Te Hāwera General Ward and Pātea Community Board By-elections. South Taranaki Electoral Officer, Becky Wolland says the By-elections need to be held to fill the vacant Te Hāwera general

ward Councillor position and the vacant Pātea Community Board position.

Nomination forms can be collected from the Hāwera Administration Building, Pātea LibraryPlus or online at [www.southtaranaki.com/vote2022](http://www.southtaranaki.com/vote2022).

Completed nomination forms must be returned before 12noon on Thursday 22 December 2022.

If you are interested in standing for either of these positions, you can contact Becky Wolland on 0800 111 323

[www.southtaranaki.com/vote2022](http://www.southtaranaki.com/vote2022)

## Summer Blast Programme at South Taranaki LibraryPlus



**Summer Blast**, the summer holiday programme run by South Taranaki District Libraries, is back again this year with an exciting and dynamic way of encouraging children's learning. Not limited to just reading, the programme inspires children to get out into nature, explore their creativity, and discover new things.

"Over the six-week summer holidays, Summer Blast allows children aged 5-12 years old to get involved with their local library, choose from a fun set of challenges and activities that interest them, all while going in the draw to win some fantastic prizes," says South Taranaki District Libraries Community Outreach Librarian, Layne Winiata.

Registrations for Summer Blast open from 5 December at your local LibraryPlus or online [www.southtaranaki.com/summerblast](http://www.southtaranaki.com/summerblast).