

## 2021/22 Annual Report sees good progress on Key Projects

South Taranaki District Council finished the 2021/22 financial year with an \$815,000 surplus despite revenue being \$1.06 million less than budgeted, according to its Annual Report which was adopted on Monday at the last meeting for the year. Mayor Nixon said the result was a good one considering the large increase in inflation and the subsequent uncertainty in financial markets.

“While the Covid 19 pandemic continued to impact Council over spring 2021 and summer 2022 with lockdowns, facilities closures, sickness and staff shortages, STDC managed to keep all essential services running and was able to complete 25% more capital works projects (\$28.4m) than in the previous year (\$23.2m).”

The economic climate for the year was characterised by a high degree of uncertainty reported Nixon.

“A tight labour market, ongoing supply issues arising from Covid 19 and the global instability following the Russian invasion of Ukraine saw a significant rise in inflation. This had an impact on Council with increased costs (particularly in the construction sector) and negative returns on our Long-Term Investment Fund (LTIF), which was valued at \$143.5 million at 30 June 2022,” he says.

The impacts of climate change were also felt, with severe storms causing considerable damage to the District’s roading infrastructure, especially in the Tāngāhoe and Waitōtara Valleys, Mangamingi and in the Taranaki Coastal area. The total repair cost was around \$1.8 million.

Mayor Nixon says positive progress was made on several key projects during the year. “Demolition work was completed, and a contractor engaged for Te Ramanui o

Ruapūtahanga the District’s new Library, Culture and Arts Centre. Construction has started and the facility is expected to open in the first half of 2024. Planning for the installation of three waters infrastructure in the South Taranaki Business Park was started with designs for Stage 1 of the water supply completed. Installation of the water main started in July 2022. Council partnered with Bizlink Hāwera to develop a business innovation and enterprise hub. Construction of the hub has started and is scheduled to open 31 Jan 2023. Stage 1 of the new (8.2km) Nukumarū Station Road extension project was about 80% complete, with the final 2.2km of the project to be completed in the 2022/23 year. While Covid affected implementation of our town centre master plans, some work was started (particularly in Waverley and Eltham) and plans are underway to begin specific projects in 2023. The Normanby to Hāwera pathway (along Ketemarae and Glover Roads) was completed and in June 2022 Council signed a partnership agreement with Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust to investigate the feasibility and ongoing viability of establishing a combined multi-purpose, multi-use Iwi and community facility in Manaia.”

Mayor Nixon says it was also pleasing to see satisfaction with Council services remained high with 92% of residents happy with the overall service Council provides and 83% believing the Council is moving in the right direction, according to its annual independent survey.

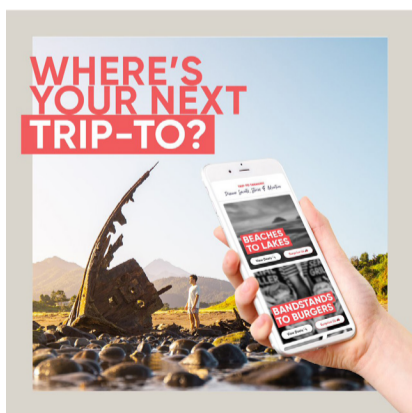
The 2021/22 Annual Report covers the financial year from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 and can be found on the Council’s website [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com)



### By-Election nominations close next week

As a result of insufficient candidates at the 2022 triennial elections and a resignation, there are two extraordinary vacancies in the Te Hāwera General Ward (Councillor) and Pātea Community Board. Head to [www.southtaranaki.com/vote2022](http://www.southtaranaki.com/vote2022) to download a nomination form to become a candidate in these By-Elections. Hard copy forms need to be handed into the Hāwera Administration Building or Pātea LibraryPlus before 12noon on Thursday 22 December.

## New App Launched to Encourage Exploration Around South Taranaki



Council, along with Venture Taranaki, is excited to announce the launch of ‘Trip-to’, a free game-based web-app that offers a selection of curated mystery road-trips along Surf Highway 45.

The new game will encourage locals and visitors to explore the region and unearth hidden gems and local stories. Each trip is different, giving the user a rich, immersive experience that caters to their interests and curiosities, it provides prompts for playful games, puzzles, stories, and activities while travelling along the chosen route.

Surf Highway 45, between New Plymouth and Hāwera, was specifically selected as the initial area of focus to draw in visitors. Six journeys have been launched and another five trips will be released before Christmas. South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon recently tested out the game-based experience, completing the ‘Shipwreck to Roses’ trip and says ‘Trip-to is an easy-to-use game full of fun activities that will take you directly to hidden

gems and must-see spots. It’s a great way to explore our wonderful region and have an adventure with your kids, visiting friends or relatives.’ Visit [tripto.taranaki.co.nz](http://tripto.taranaki.co.nz) start taking trips now!



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### Register for Summer Blast

Registrations for the Summer Blast Literacy Programme are now open at your local LibraryPlus or online at [www.southtaranaki.com/summerblast](http://www.southtaranaki.com/summerblast). Over the six-week summer holidays, the Programme offers children (5 - 12 years) the opportunity to choose from a fun set of reading challenges and activities that appeal to them and then go in the draw for some fabulous prizes.



## Temporary Liquor Bans over Christmas and New Year

In accordance with the South Taranaki District Council's Alcohol Control Bylaw 2018, a temporary liquor ban will be in place in:

### Ōpunakē

The public areas of the Ōpunakē beach area (excluding the Ōpunakē Beach Camp) and the surrounding cliff tops and the public areas of the Ōpunakē Lake Reserve and all public places adjacent to these streets and within these areas.

The temporary liquor ban will start on Friday 23 December 2022 and ends on Sunday 8 January 2023.

### Manaia

- South Road (SH45) Manaia, between Hassard and Kaiپی Streets.
- All public places adjacent to these streets and within the area including the Band Rotunda.

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### Waiinu Beach, Waitōtara

- Waiinu Beach Road, from 373 Waiinu Beach Road (Old Quarry Road) to the shoreline.
- Nukumarū Parade; Pingao Place; Okiwa Terrace
- Waiinu Beach (1km in both directions from the road entrance to the beach area);
- All public places adjacent to and within this area.

The temporary liquor ban will start 12noon on Saturday 31 December 2022 and ends 12noon on Sunday 1 January 2023.

Existing permanent liquor bans in Eltham, Hāwera, Normanby, Ōpunakē and Pātea will remain in place throughout the Christmas and New Year period. For more information, head to [www.southtaranaki.com/liquorbans](http://www.southtaranaki.com/liquorbans)



### Noise Control

It's now the season for hot sunny days, parties and BBQs. When enjoying your summer, consider your neighbours by keeping the noise of your stereo at a reasonable level. Officers follow up on noise complaints and assess whether it's too loud based on the time of day or night, type of noise, location of neighbours and duration. There is no one set level or decibel reading, it's up to the judgement of the Noise Control Officer. Remember that the bass of your music travels much further from your stereo, so turn the bass level down to keep your neighbours happy! Your stereo can legally be seized should your noise be assessed as excessive.

### Be Food Smart

In summer, you need to take special care when preparing and cooking food. Summer brings warm moist conditions - the ideal situation for pathogens to multiply fast and cause foodborne illness. Every year, around 200,000 New Zealanders get food poisoning, around half of these cases occur in homes just like yours. Food poisoning is caused by harmful germs in or on the food we eat. You can help stop your family from getting sick by following the 3 Cs - Clean, Cook, Chill and following the 20/20 hand washing rules before and after handling food.

**Clean** - Handwashing, clean kitchen and utensils between cooking and raw foods.

**Cook** - Meat should be cooked until the juices run clear and not pink in the middle, above 75°C if you have a thermometer.

**Chill** - Keep food in fridge, refrigerate uneaten cooked food in the fridge within two hours of cooking. Keep food covered and raw meat and poultry below cooked meats.



Clean



Cook



Chill

### Water Safety

Always supervise children near water. The only safe pool environment is one where young children cannot gain access to a pool without adult supervision. Supervise children who are swimming in your private pool. Make sure your pool is fenced according to the Building (Pools) Amendment Act 2016. Do not leave gates open, ensure that trees and branches hanging over the pool fence are trimmed and move items away from the fence that could be used to gain access to the pool. Contact the Council on 0800 111 323 for more information.

### Be a good host

The best bit about this time of year is catching up with people and having fun. Remember to serve alcohol responsibly.

- Plan to do things other than eat and drink
- Don't serve your friends if they are drunk
- Provide substantial food - not just chippies
- Look after young people around alcohol
- Provide appealing low or non-alcoholic drinks
- Serve alcohol responsibly or not at all

### Dog Control

As a responsible dog owner, you must ensure that your dog does not annoy the neighbourhood. If you are going away on holiday, make sure that your dog is well looked after. Ask a neighbour or friend to come and feed your dog and take it for a walk, as dogs can become bored when owners are away and will sometimes bark or howl.

### Free Community Summer Pools Open

South Taranaki District Council's free community summer pool season opened on Monday. The free community pools based in Waverley, Pātea, Manaia, Kaponga, Rāwhitiroa and Eltham are open from 3pm – 7pm during the school term and then open from 12noon – 7pm from 19 December when the school holiday hours begin. Pools are open from 12noon - 7pm over weekends, and Public Holidays 12noon – 6pm. All pools are patrolled by lifeguards however all children under the age of 8 must be actively supervised by a caregiver 16 years or older.

The community pools are a free service brought to the community by the South Taranaki District Council.

