

# Tuia Taitonga Southlink



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

## Conserve Water over Summer



On average, one New Zealand household uses about 500 litres of water every day. That's over 2,000 cups!

Your drinking water comes from streams or underground sources (aquifers) which we then treat and distribute to your house through our pipe networks.

The more water we all conserve, the less has to be taken from these sources, reducing our environmental impact.

Conserving water also means we save on treatment and reticulation costs. So conserving water helps the environment and saves money at the same time.

There are a number of things we can do to

reduce the amount of water we use in and around the house.

- Take shorter showers.
- Wait until you have a full load before starting the washing machine or dishwasher.
- Wash your fruit and veggies in a bowl, rather than running the tap, and then reuse the water.
- Compost or worm farm your food scraps. Waste disposal units use 30 litres of water daily.
- Grow your lawn a little longer in summer.
- Water gardens in the early morning or in the evening once the heat of the day is done.

## Upcoming Meetings

**Te Hāwera Community Board**  
Monday 23 January, 11am  
Ōkaiawa Town Hall,  
Ahipaipa Road, Ōkaiawa

**Pātea Community Board**  
Tuesday 24 January, 4pm  
Hunter Shaw Building,  
Egmont Street, Pātea

**Eltham-Kaponga Community Board**  
Wednesday 25 January, 10.30am  
Tamuata Recreation Centre,  
Preston Steet, Eltham

**Taranaki Coastal Community Board**  
Wednesday 25 January, 2.30pm  
Sinclair Electrical and Refrigeration  
Events Centre, 156 Tasman Street,  
Ōpunakē

**Te Kāhui Matauraura**  
Wednesday 1 February, 10am

**Environment and Hearings Committee**  
Wednesday 1 February, 4pm

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

**Find out what's going on...**  
Don't forget to download our mobile app Antenno or follow our Facebook page to keep up-to-date with what's happening at Council and around the District.

## Free Concert for the Whole Family

### Hollie Smith + The Warratahs + Mitch and his Guitar

Hollie Smith is headlining this year's Concerts in the Park on Saturday 28 January at King Edward Park, Hāwera.

Popular New Zealand entertainer and singer Hollie Smith will be bringing the place to life with her iconic show.

Entertainment will begin with Mitch Careswell kicking things off at 4pm with some of your favourite covers to sing and dance to.

Following Mitch will be The Warratahs! South Taranaki has been a long-time supporter of the band.

Then at 6pm Hollie Smith will bring us a world class experience right here in Hāwera.



South Taranaki District Council events co-ordinator Emma Vennell says she looks forward to families flocking to the this free event and kids making the most of the Kidzone, which will be fun-filled with a bouncy castle, Merry Go Round and sumo suits.

"We hope families and whānau take the opportunity to enjoy this free event relaxing at this beautiful park," says Emma. "We encourage those attending to make an evening of it by bringing along a picnic or buying something from the food vendors we will have available."

*This free community event is proudly brought to you by South Taranaki District Council and supported by the Toi Foundation.*

## Tangata Whenua Liaison Fund Opening

The Tangata Whenua Liaison Fund 2023 will be opening for applications from 31 January for groups, marae, hapū or iwi committees in the District who are seeking assistance for projects or initiatives that develop positive relationships between Tangata Whenua, Council and the people of South Taranaki.

Projects which have received funding include marae water supplies, fire compliance and sanitation facilities, building upgrade projects and the fencing and maintenance of urupā. Te Kāhui Matauraura has also funded community events such as Paepae in the Park.

If your committee has a project that matches the criteria, you should consider making an application to Te Kāhui Matauraura. Application forms are available from any LibraryPlus, the South Taranaki District Council website [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com), the Hāwera Administration Building or by ringing the South Taranaki District Council at 0800 111 323 and asking for an application form to be sent to you.

The fund is open from 31 January 2023 – 31 March 2023. For more information contact the Community Funding Advisor on 0800 111 323 or [funding@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:funding@stdc.govt.nz)



## Is it Safe to Swim?

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 31 March, Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) will monitor water quality at 40 sites across the region's popular recreational rivers, lakes and beaches. Weekly results are 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 advisories.

The TRC's freshwater and coastal team leader Thomas McElroy says to 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 stay out. 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)).

**For more information, visit**  
[www.trc.govt.nz/can-i-swim-here](http://www.trc.govt.nz/can-i-swim-here)

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