

Tuia Taitonga Southlink



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

Last chance to vote in South Taranaki By-Elections

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2022**
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**GET YOUR
VOTES IN!**

**VOTE
2022**
LOCAL ELECTIONS

IT'S TOO LATE TO POST IN YOUR VOTE! DROP OFF YOUR VOTING PAPERS TO HĀWERA ADMINISTRATION BUILDING OR PĀTEA LIBRARYPLUS.

Voting closes at 12noon this Friday (17 February) for the Te Hāwera General Ward and Pātea Community Board by-elections, says South Taranaki District Council electoral officer Becky Wolland. "It's now too late to post in your vote, so if you want to be counted you need to drop your voting papers into the Pātea LibraryPlus or Hāwera Administration Building before noon on Friday," she says. Preliminary results should be known on Friday evening and will be posted on the Council's website www.southtaranaki.com. Wolland says the by-elections were needed after two positions remained vacant following the local body elections in October 2022.

Upcoming Meetings

Ordinary Council
Monday 20 February, 4pm
Council Chamber, Administration Building, Albion Street, Hāwera

Eltham Drainage Committee
Wednesday 1 March, 10am
Taumata Recreation Centre, Preston Street, Eltham

Te Hāwera Community Board
Monday 6 March, 11am
Senior Citizens Association, 81 Victoria Street, Hāwera

Pātea Community Board
Monday 6 March, 4pm
Pariroa Pa, 98 Pariroa Road, Kakaramaea


Eltham-Kaponga Community Board
Wednesday 8 March, 10.30am
War Memorial Hall, Victoria Street, Kaponga

Taranaki Coastal Community Board
Wednesday 8 March, 2.30pm
Manaia Golf Club, 117 Bennett Drive, Manaia

Free disposal of storm-related greenwaste

South Taranaki District Council's Infrastructure Group Manager Herbert Denton says the Council is removing fees for storm-related greenwaste at all transfer stations across the District for a week ending on Wednesday 22 February. Mr Denton says the District experienced some pretty wild weather over the last couple of days and this would help get things tidied up in the aftermath. The free disposal of storm-related greenwaste at the transfer stations started on Wednesday 15 February and continues until close of business on Wednesday 22 February.

Mr Denton says there are certain things which must not go in the greenwaste as they can't be broken down. "We accept untreated branches up to 10cm in diameter and general garden waste and leaves. We can't take flax, cabbage tree leaves, treated timber, sawdust, rubble and soil in our greenwaste disposal." Please note, this is for storm-related greenwaste only, not your usual lawn clippings/gardening jobs. Residents can find out more on the Council's website www.southtaranaki.com.

 While South Taranaki wasn't hit as hard by Cyclone Gabrielle as other parts of the country, we know there are quite a few residents still without power. If you haven't already, please call your power provider and let them know that your property is without power. If you have any welfare concerns, please call 0800 900 049.

Residents' feedback of Council services to be canvassed over the next five weeks



The letter will include a link to the online version or a paper copy can be requested. "The survey gives residents a chance to tell Council what they think about a wide range of Council services and activities," says Ms Archibald. "Residents will be able to rate services such as libraries, roads, parks and playgrounds, public toilets, rubbish and recycling collection to name a few. They'll also have the opportunity to rate the overall performance of the Council," she says. "I encourage people to participate in the survey if contacted, as the results play a valuable role in our planning for the future and it lets us know where we're performing well and where we need to do better." The survey seeks to achieve a representative cross-section of residents across townships and rural areas of the District and across various age groups and genders. The survey is expected to take around 15-20 minutes to complete and results should be available in April. If you have any questions regarding the research, please contact Michael Hooker at Key Research on 0800 501 015.

South Taranaki residents will have the opportunity to give feedback on the performance of the District Council during its annual resident satisfaction survey that gets underway this week. The survey will be conducted by independent research company, Key Research, on behalf of Council and will run for around five weeks. Council's Corporate Services Group Manager Marianne Archibald says a random selection of residents will receive a letter inviting them to complete the survey.

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**PAINT PARTY
POSTPONED!**

Due to the affects of Cyclone Gabrielle we have to postpone this event to

Sun 12th March 1pm - 4pm

TSB Hub, Hāwera



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