

Speed Limit Review for Schools



We want everyone to be able to get home safely every time, and to feel comfortable choosing from a range of safe travel options be it driving, walking, biking, or scootering. As a Road Controlling Authority (RCA) the Council must follow the Government's Land Transport Rule - Setting of Speed Limits 2022. This Rule requires a safe and acceptable speed on all roads and that each RCA develops a Speed Management Plan.

The Rule also requires that the speeds around 40% of our schools must be reduced before 1 July 2024.

The Council has developed a Proposed Interim Speed Management Plan that focuses on reducing speeds around all South Taranaki schools before 1 July 2024. For those schools connected to a state highway we will work with Waka Kotahi - NZ Transport Agency to reduce the speed on our local (Council) roads when they reduce the speed on the state highways, to achieve a common sense and consistent approach for

A 5% decrease in average speed leads to about a 10% decrease in all injury crashes and a 20% decrease in fatal crashes.

all road users. Speed management is about achieving safe and appropriate vehicle speeds on roads that reflect the road's function, design, safety, and use. Over the coming weeks we will be out and about in our communities advertising and discussing the consultation document. Please ensure you have your say in the Speed Limit Review. The consultation period begins on Monday 27 February and closes on Friday 31 March 2023.

Visit www.southtaranaki.com/speedreview to read the submission document. An online submission form will be available when consultation starts on Monday.



Upcoming Meetings

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 Pā, 98 Pariroa Road, Kakaramea

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

Te Kāhui Matauraura
Wednesday 15 March, 10am

Environment and Hearings Committee
Wednesday 15 March, 4pm

Unless otherwise specified, meetings are held in the Council Chamber, Administration Building, Albion Street, Hāwera

Taranaki Mayoral Fund for Cyclone Gabrielle

A Taranaki Mayoral Fund has been set up for Cyclone Gabrielle relief. As the recovery begins from Cyclone Gabrielle, Taranaki's Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Controller Todd Velvin, is urging people who want to make donations to other regions to listen to official advice.

"We want people's donations to be impactful. We are asking people to donate directly to relief funds instead of goods. Monetary donations are the most useful as it means organisations can provide what is really needed to those affected," Velvin says. "We have shown great resilience here, and now it's our turn to help other communities."

Donate to the Taranaki Mayoral Relief Fund

Bank account:
15-3947-0232203-00
Particulars: Gabrielle
Reference: Relief Fund

Aquatic Centre weekend opening time change



Bouts of COVID paired with student lifeguards returning to University have left South Taranaki District Council's Aquatic Team a little bit light. "With just over two weeks to go until the end of the Community Summer Pool season (Taranaki Anniversary weekend) we're having some trouble manning all of our six free pools around the District (Pātea, Waverley, Manaia, Rāwhitiroa, Kaponga and Eltham) with lifeguards," says Council's Property and Facilities Operations Manager Phil Waite. In order to keep as many of the pools open for as

much of the season as possible:

- Hāwera Aquatic Centre will temporarily open later at 10.30am during the weekends (this is when the pool is the quietest)
- Some of the free pools may not be open every day. Please go to the Hāwera Aquatic Centre's Facebook page to check which Community Summer Pools are open each day before you head out.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we navigate the next couple of weeks.

Eltham and Waverley troughs - register your interest

The troughs used in the Eltham and Waverley Innovating Streets trials are now due to be removed. Waka Kotahi, Council and a local contractor will be removing these in the next couple of weeks, so if you think you can make use of a trough in your community group or organisation, please register your interest with us.

The troughs will be moved to Soldiers Park in Eltham and Dallison Park in Waverley and will be offered (for free) to community groups and individuals who

can demonstrate that the re-use is for a community or organisational purpose. Requests from individuals with personal requirements may also be considered. Applicants will be contacted and asked to remove troughs from the parks at their own expense in the coming weeks. Please call the Council on 0800 111 323 or email hayley.old@stdc.govt.nz.

By-Election Results

Congratulations to our newest councillor for the Te Hāwera General Ward Racquel Cleaver-Pittams, and to Bronwyn Watrus who has secured a place on the Pātea Community Board. Thank you to everyone who put their name forward and stood - and thank you to all of you who voted!

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