

Tuia Taitonga Southlink



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

Showing our support for Wairoa



South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon is asking the community to help one of the areas most devastated by Cyclone Gabrielle last month. Mayor Nixon says in the wake of the cyclone, South Taranaki District Council decided to help Wairoa, which coincided nicely with LGNZ's Adopt-a-Community initiative.

"Wairoa is a rural community much like ours and was severely affected by Cyclone Gabrielle," he says. "We're reopening the South Taranaki Mayoral Relief Fund and will be talking directly to Wairoa District Council to

see where exactly they want the money to go." Council staff have already raised over \$1,000 to contribute to the fund and some have volunteered to go to the worst-hit areas to help with the recovery efforts. "Please donate in any way that you can. Every contribution, no matter how big or small, will certainly help this devastated community. You might organise your workplace to hold a casual Friday, a bake sale, or some other fundraising event. 100% of money donated into the South Taranaki Mayoral Relief Fund will be donated to Wairoa," says Mayor Nixon. "We know from experience that getting communities back on their feet, is a marathon not a sprint," he says. "That's especially true with a disaster of this scale. So, let's show Wairoa some love."

Upcoming Meetings

Te Kāhui Matauraura
Wednesday 15 March, 10am

Environment and Hearings Committee
Wednesday 15 March, 4pm

Policy and Strategy Committee
Monday 20 March, 1pm
Camberwell Lounge, TSB Hub,
Camberwell Road, Hāwera

Risk and Assurance Committee
Wednesday 29 March, 1pm

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

You can donate funds to the South Taranaki Mayoral Relief Fund through online banking - TSB Bank, 15-3950-0543934-00 with the reference 'Wairoa' or you can bring a cash donation into the Hāwera Administration Building or to your local LibraryPlus.

Encanto & Top Gun: Maverick
Eltham Primary School : Manaia Domain
Saturday 25 March : Sunday 26 March

Drive In Movie Night

GOLD COIN
per vehicle per screening

Drive In Movies in March at Manaia and Eltham

Summer is ending – and what better way to enjoy the end of it than having a fun afternoon watching movies? Two family-friendly movies will be playing on the big screen at Eltham Primary School on Saturday 25 March and Manaia Domain on Sunday 26 March and everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the afternoon's entertainment. Koha entry only. The movies kick off at 4pm with Encanto (PG), followed by Top Gun: Maverick at 7.30pm. Please note the movie times are approximate only. Bring along a picnic lunch or cool down

with an ice cream. Popcorn will be sold on the day as a fundraiser for the Eltham and Manaia Primary Schools, who are also helping out on the day. "This is a fantastic opportunity to have a relaxing family day out while enjoying some great movies on the big screen," says Council's Event Coordinator Emma Vennell. You can enjoy the drive-in movie experience from your car, or take a seat somewhere and watch from there too! These community events are proudly brought to you by South Taranaki District Council and supported by Manaia and Eltham Primary Schools.

Manaia Maara Kai feeding the community

Community gardens are a wonderful resource for the community and as living costs continue to rise, they are becoming increasingly popular. Late last year, South Taranaki District Council (STDC) partnered with the Manaia Community Services Group to give them an overgrown, unused parcel of land to grow fruit and vegetables for the community. The **Manaia Maara Kai** (Community Garden) was established as a community initiative under the umbrella of the Manaia Community Services Group. The community garden is located behind the Plunket building in Manaia. Tere Tangaroa, the Community Liaison for the Maara Kai, says the main focus of the project is to establish and maintain a Maara Kai that can provide fresh chemical-free fruits and vegetables to the members of the Manaia Community. "To date our harvests have been primarily for local kaumatua (elderly), but long term we would like to include our local schools and early childhood centers to come along and harvest too," says Tere. At their first Working Bee, the group had approximately 30 locals help throughout the day – although there is a core group of around 10 or so Kaimahi (Volunteers) who help maintain the garden on a regular basis.

"Everyone is a volunteer, and we consider anyone in the community a potential member." STDC Spaces and Places Volunteer Co-ordinator, Alice Arnold is working with the group to give them support. "By transforming part of this unused land into a vibrant, garden, the group has created a new, productive green space for the community," says Alice. "It's a great example of the Council and community working together for better outcomes." You can check out the group's Facebook page Manaia Maara Kai for updates and scheduled working bee dates.



Speed Limit Review for Schools

Speed management is about achieving safe and appropriate vehicle speeds that reflect a road's function, design, safety, and use. Council has developed a Proposed Interim Speed Management Plan that focuses on reducing speeds around all South Taranaki schools. Please ensure you have your say in the Speed Limit Review.



The consultation period is now open and closes on Friday 31 March 2023.

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