

# Tuia Taitonga Southlink



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

## Time's running out to submit



Speed management is about achieving safe and appropriate vehicle speeds on roads that reflect the road's function, design, safety, and use. 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, the Council must follow the Government's Land Transport Rule which requires a safe and acceptable speed on all roads, that we develop a Speed Management

Plan and that the speed limits 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. 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 on the Speed Limit Review.



The consultation period is now open and closes on Friday 31 March 2023. Scan the QR code to be taken directly to the website to find out more.

## Upcoming Meetings

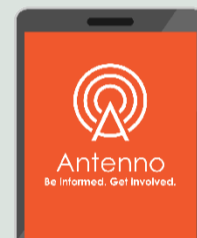
**Policy and Strategy Committee**  
Monday 20 March, 1pm  
Camberwell Lounge, TSB Hub,  
Camberwell Road, Hāwera

**Risk and Assurance Committee**  
Wednesday 29 March, 1pm

**Ordinary Council**  
Monday 3 April, 4pm

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

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## Have your say on the future of the region's transport

Taranaki Regional Council has launched a wide-ranging community conversation giving everyone in the region the chance to have a say on the future of transport with their views helping to shape public transport, cycling and walking, road speeds and safety. Head to [www.trc.govt.nz/transport](http://www.trc.govt.nz/transport) to comment or take part in a survey from 15 March to 30 April. There is one \$200 Prezy Card up for grabs for those taking part.

## 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. "We've reopened 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," says Mayor Nixon. "Every contribution, no matter how big or small, will certainly help this devastated community." 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.



**SUPPORT WAIROA**

**DONATE TO THE SOUTH TARANAKI MAYORAL RELIEF FUND**

## Aquatic Centre temporarily closed on Saturdays

Due to low numbers of experienced staff, the Hāwera Aquatic Centre has to close for the next three Saturdays (18, 25 March and 1 April). "We know that this will be a bit of a disappointment for the community," says Council's Operations Manager - Property and Facilities Phil Waite. "But we simply can't safely open the pools without lifeguards." "We have, however, arranged things so our learn to swim programme can continue as per normal throughout the week, our doors will be open every day throughout the April school holidays (with the exception of Good Friday when we are normally closed) and operations will run as normal on the other days."

To keep our facility open as much as possible leading up to Easter, the Hāwera Aquatic Centre will:

- Be closed on Saturdays for the next couple of weeks (18 March, 25 March, 1 April)
- Open later at 10.30am on Sundays (this is when the pool is the quietest)

"Thank you for your patience and understanding while we navigate the next couple of weeks," says Mr Waite.

If you are a self-driven, outgoing person and are interested in becoming a lifeguard, bring your CV into the Aquatic Centre or email it through to [aquatic@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:aquatic@stdc.govt.nz) or call (06) 278 0021.

## Need a trough or two (or more)?

The troughs used in the Innovating Streets project trials have been removed in Waverley, and are set to be removed in Eltham in the next couple of weeks. If you think you can make use of a trough, please register your interest with us. We are offering these up for free to anyone who can find a use for them - first in first served (although preference will be given to those using them for a community group or purpose). Applicants will be contacted and asked to remove troughs from Soldiers Park in Eltham and Dallison Park in Waverley at their own expense in the coming weeks. Please call the Council on 0800 111 323 or email [hayley.old@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:hayley.old@stdc.govt.nz) to register your interest.



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