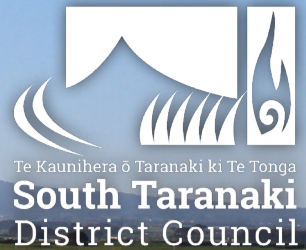


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Te Kaunihera o Taranaki ki Te Tonga
South Taranaki
District Council

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

Costs Increase to Complete Nukumaru Station Road

An additional budget of up to \$2 million to complete the Nukumaru Station Road extension project was approved by Councillors at Monday's (3 April) Council meeting.

Acting group manager of infrastructure services Cath Sheard says the increase was mainly the result of a 30% surge in the cost of roading construction in addition to other factors such as legal costs, changes to rail crossing standards and design variations.

The increase in budget takes the total cost for the project to just over \$12 million, two thirds of which are being paid for by the Government through its Shovel Ready Projects Fund and Waka Kotahi - NZ Transport Agency.

South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon says while the cost increase was disappointing it was not unexpected given the huge cost increases the road construction industry had experienced over the last couple of years.

"It's not ideal but we are fortunate in that the bulk of this project is being funded by the Government," he says.

"This long-awaited project represents a major investment in the southern part of the District which guarantees security of access for residents and business in the event of future flooding. The new road is a vital access for the Waiinu Beach community, the ongoing financial viability of the Waitōtara Silver Fern Farms food processing operation and other



businesses in the area. It's an investment in economic growth and jobs and will ensure the community has a secure route in and out of the village," he says.

Mayor Nixon says the additional \$2 million will be funded by way of a loan, repayment of which will be spread out over a number of years, so the overall impact on rates is 0.23%. In addition, Mayor Nixon has approached the Government for additional funding.

Physical work on the road should be complete by the end of July, although it will take several months after that to complete the legal designation process.

Upcoming Meetings

Extraordinary Council

Please note change of time

to hear submissions on the Proposed Interim Speed Management Plan
Wednesday 12 April, 10.30am

Te Hāwera Community Board

Monday 17 April, 11am

Pātea Community Board

Monday 17 April, 4pm
Waverley Community Centre, Chester Street, Waverley

Eltham-Kaponga Community Board

Wednesday 19 April, 10.30am
Mangamingi Hall, Rāwhitiroa Road, Eltham

Taranaki Coastal Community Board

Wednesday 19 April, 2.30pm
Ōpunakē Town Hall, Domett Street, Ōpunakē

Te Kāhui Matauraura

Wednesday 26 April, 10am

Environment and Hearings Committee

Wednesday 26 April, 4pm

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

Easter Hours

Just a reminder that the Hāwera Administration Building and District's LibraryPlus centres will close on Thursday 6 and reopen on Tuesday 11 April. Urban rubbish and recycling kerside collection will continue as normal. We hope you have a happy and safe Easter weekend.

Plenty to do these school holidays

There's plenty of things to do around the District these school holidays - especially if you've got the latest edition of the South Taranaki Happening Holidays programme. Happening Holidays is the Council's holiday programme booklet - a convenient one stop shop, packed with information about the various holiday activities happening across the District.

Happening Holidays covers all activities happening at the seven LibraryPlus centres, Hāwera Aquatic Centre and community facilities. The range of activities is huge, from Taranaki Rugby Ferdie Skills Sessions, creating candles and soap, roller skating, clay making, trap building, bowling, movies and so much more.



Council's Events Co-ordinator Emma Vennell says there is something for everyone these school holidays with over 40 different activities on offer. "Happening Holidays is a quick and convenient guide to a whole range of activities for the kids - and once again packed full of exciting activities for children throughout South Taranaki," she says.

Registrations and/or permission slips are required for most activities. Bookings will be taken at the Taranaki ki te Tonga South Taranaki isite and at your local LibraryPlus.

Pick up the programme from your local LibraryPlus, or visit www.southtaranaki.com/happeningholidays

Kate Meads \$20 Online Parenting Workshop Sign up and get a free Cloth Nappy Starter Pack (worth \$80)

Council is bringing Kate Meads famous 'Cloth Nappies, Parenting and more' online workshops to South Taranaki residents.

For only \$20, you get an online workshop that you can take at any time and also receive a cloth starter kit (worth \$80).

Council's Environment and Sustainability Officer Tarin Hunt says it's exciting to bring access to Kate Meads and her

sustainably-themed and practical courses back to our District. To register, head to the Taranaki section of the events page on www.katemeads.co.nz - numbers are limited, so get in quick!

If you live in the District, your gift pack will be sent out to you.



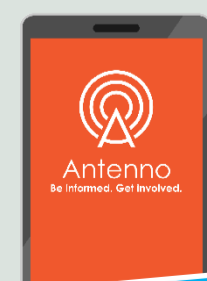
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