

## Have your say on Speed Limits



South Taranaki residents are being urged to have their say on road speeds across the District as part of the Council's 2024 – 2034 Speed Management Plan.

South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon says Waka Kotahi/NZ Transport Agency requires councils, as road controlling authorities, to develop 10-year speed management plans every three years and that it's important people have their say.

"Over the last 12 months we reduced speed limits outside our schools. Over the next three years we'd like to focus on delivering safe speed limits around marae, the Hāwera CBD, beach communities and on some of our 70km per hour roads," he says.

Mayor Nixon says speed management is about achieving safe and appropriate speeds on roads that reflect the road's function, design, safety and use.

"While our Speed Management Plan will be reviewed before 2027, we are still required to consider reducing speeds limits on our rural roads and townships over the 10-year period. So, to start the conversation we are also asking people what they think of speeds on some of our rural roads and in our townships too," says Nixon. "The proposals to lower some speed limits across the District will have an impact on everybody, from our residents to our organisations and businesses. So, it's vital that we get the balance right between safety and road user convenience."

The easiest way to have your say is to complete the online form at [www.southtaranaki.com/consultation](http://www.southtaranaki.com/consultation) or drop into your local LibraryPlus or the Hāwera administration building to pick up a hard copy form. Consultation runs until 29 October 2023.

### Key proposals 2024 - 2027

- 60km/h outside all marae
- 30km/h in Hāwera CBD
- 30km/h in beach communities like Ōhawe/Wainu
- Reducing 70km/h roads to 60km/h



## Disco Christmas Cabaret

Oh what fun - it's time to eat, drink and be merry!

South Taranaki District Council is once again hosting the popular end of year Christmas Cabaret, so get a group together and come and celebrate the festive season with us at the TSB Hub on Friday 8 December. South Taranaki District Council TSB Hub Team Leader Tash Willison says this is the perfect end of year social event for local businesses, friends' groups or just someone who wants a good night out.

Live entertainment will treat you throughout the evening. The night will start off with an incredible interactive performance from Flash Mob Entertainment's very own Drag Queens as they put on a Disco/ABBA

themed cabaret. To finish off the evening, DJ Coco will no doubt keep the dance floor alive well into the night.

"We will provide a delicious Christmas buffet with all the trimmings, so get your workmates, social club or group of friends together and come dance the night away with us," says Tash.

Doors open at 6pm for a 6.30pm show start. Email [events@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:events@stdc.govt.nz) for more information.

**Tickets are now available from the South Taranaki isite Visitor Centre and TSB Hub for \$70 each, or \$65 each for groups of 10 or more.**

## Upcoming meetings

**Environment and Hearings Committee**  
Wednesday 25 October, 4pm

**Ordinary Council**  
Monday 30 October, 4pm

**Extraordinary Council**  
*Full Speed Management Plan Hearings*  
Monday 6 November, 9am

Each of the above meetings are being held in the Council Chamber, Administration Building, Albion Street, Hāwera



## Free Waste-Ed Business Workshop

Council is bringing the ever-popular Kate Fenwick (formerly Meads) to town for a free workshop to help our local businesses reduce their waste, care for our beautiful environment and save money along the way. This workshop, held on Tuesday 31 October from 5.30pm at the Memorial Theatre Lounge in Hāwera, aims to address the challenges and barriers companies face when striving to implement sustainable behaviour, as well as strategies to deal with avoidable waste as a result of their business activities. Spaces are limited, so email [envirosus@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:envirosus@stdc.govt.nz) to register your interest for this free workshop by the end of day on Tuesday 24 October.



## Set Sail Labour Weekend at Hāwera's King Edward Park

Model boats of all types and sizes will ply the King Edward Park waters at Labour weekend, 21 and 22 October, in Hāwera's annual Scale Ship Regatta. The regatta has been running since 1996 and the event continues to grow, with 'captains' travelling from throughout the North Island to take part. Warships, tugboats and racing yachts are among the scale ships operated from the lake edge with sophisticated remote control units. As always, they will be keen to share the secrets of building and operating the model craft with spectators.



## Register a stall at Arts in the Park

This year's premier arts and crafts event, Arts in the Park, is being held in King Edward Park in Hāwera on Saturday 2 December. If you are interested in becoming a stallholder, register for free at [www.southtaranaki.com/artsinthepark](http://www.southtaranaki.com/artsinthepark)