

Summer Blast - we're bringing back the books

Summer Reading Programme launches on 5 December with Blast Off Parties

Summer -blast-

Raumati Manawareka

Blast Off Launch Parties happening at each LibraryPlus from 3.30pm on Tuesday 5 December.

South Taranaki LibraryPlus Summer Reading Programme, Summer Blast, is back again for another year.

South Taranaki Libraries have listened to our communities feedback and are bringing books back once again! This six-week programme is designed for 5 – 12-year-olds where we encourage reading every day for at least 15 minutes and visiting the library three times to talk with Librarians about what they have read. All who complete the programme by the end of January will receive a free book! The programme is designed to combat the summer slide which typically happens over the summer break as many children tend to lose knowledge and skills they acquired during the school year. A range of exciting activities will be happening in each LibraryPlus during December and January, including special entertainment from WhizzBang Science with the Unbelieve-a-Bubble show. Kicking it all off will be the Blast Off Launch parties happening at each LibraryPlus on Tuesday 5 December from 3.30pm.

Registrations are open from Tuesday 5 December until Saturday 9 December - this year you need to register in person at your local LibraryPlus.

This programme is free thanks to the support from South Taranaki District Council, Lysaght-Watt Trust and Normanby and District Lions Club.



Welcome to new citizens!

Congratulations to our newest group of citizens who were sworn in at a ceremony last Thursday.



Annual Report online

The 2022/23 Annual Report and Annual Report Summary are now available at your local LibraryPlus or online to read at

www.southtaranaki.com/annualreport

Pātea Centennial Bursary applications now open

Applications for the Pātea Centennial Bursary are now open until 30 November 2023. The Centennial Bursary is available to eligible applicants for the first four years of their tertiary study. Further information and application forms can be found at www.southtaranaki.com/pcb

Upcoming meetings

Risk and Assurance Committee
Monday 20 November, 11am

Te Kāhui Matauraura
Wednesday 22 November, 10am

Environment and Hearings Committee
Wednesday 22 November, 4pm

Policy and Strategy Committee
Monday 27 November, 1pm
Camberwell Lounge, TSB Hub,
Camberwell Road, Hāwera

Extraordinary Council
To deliberate on the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan
Monday 27 November, 3pm
Camberwell Lounge, TSB Hub,
Camberwell Road, Hāwera

Unless stated, meetings are being held in the Council Chamber, Administration Building, Albion Street, Hāwera

YOUR RATES PAYMENT IS DUE...

The last day for payment of the second instalment of rates for 2023/24 without incurring a penalty is **Wednesday 29 November 2023**. Don't forget you can also pay online www.southtaranaki.com/pay

Safe to Swim?

People heading to our lakes, rivers and beaches this summer are encouraged to first check whether the water is safe to swim in. Until March 2024, Taranaki Regional Council will monitor water quality at 41 sites across the region's popular recreational hot spots. Weekly results and warnings will be available on www.trc.govt.nz/can-i-swim-here. **As a rule of thumb you should always avoid swimming for three days after heavy or prolonged rainfall.**

Arts on Tour NZ presents Aotearoa's undisputed Soul Diva

WHIRIMAKO BLACK

creative nz
ARTS COUNCIL OF NEW ZEALAND TUHIA AOTEAROA

Wednesday 29 November,
Everybody's Theatre, 72 Tasman
Street, Ōpunakē, 7pm.

Joined by special guests Kim
Halliday and Mahina Kai.
Tickets \$10 from Everybody's
Theatre, Ōpunakē & Manaia
LibraryPlus.

South Taranaki District Council and Arts on Tour NZ are bringing Whirimako Black, Aotearoa's undisputed soul diva, to town. With melodies caressed into shape by the language of her ancestors, Whirimako has carved out a musical pathway leading from the mists of the Urewera to the world.

Joined on stage by the multi-instrumentalist Kim Halliday who perfectly complements Whirimako with her virtuosity, and Mahina Kai's out of this world Taonga Puoro sounds and vocals it's a performance not to be missed.

One of New Zealand's most distinctive singers, Whirimako has featured on numerous collaborations with some of the world's most highly regarded musical artists. List of awards include Best Māori Album, Best Jazz Album and a Silver Scroll award for Best Māori Composition.

One of the key pioneers of the Māori music industry, Whirimako Black from the Tūhoe Nation paved the way for Māori and te reo recording artists. Her blending of folk, jazz and blues incorporates traditional Māori music forms, singing in English and te Reo Māori.