

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

King Edward Park retains Green Flag honour



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Operators announced for new Café/Restaurant

Helen and Phil D'Ath, and Beth McKenzie, have been awarded the concession to operate a 7-day-a-week café in Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga, the district's new library, arts and isite centre in Hāwera. South Taranaki District Council group manager community services, Rob Haveswood, says, "We're excited to be working with Helen, Phil and Beth, who are experienced operators through their current venture, Ōhangai. Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga is a key project in the Hāwera Town Centre revitalisation and having an exciting new café - *The Gathering* - will make the area even more attractive to residents and visitors." Business co-owner Helen D'Ath says the team are thrilled to base their latest enterprise in the heart of Hāwera.

"This exciting venture marks a significant expansion for our team, bringing our innovative approach to dining to this iconic location." "We're delighted to be working alongside Council as Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga provides an ideal canvas for us to showcase the incredible talent present in our region. We see the new space as more than just a café/restaurant; rather it will be a culinary haven where locals and visitors can savour the richness of Taranaki's food culture. Our menu is a celebration of local producers, and the addition of our kitchen garden produce will add a distinctive touch to every dish, as well as a demonstration of our commitment to sustainability," she says. Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga is due to open later in 2024.

Upcoming meetings

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

Ordinary Council
Monday 11 December, 4pm

Unless stated, meetings will be held in the Council Chamber, Administration Building, Albion Street, Hāwera

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Arts on Tour NZ presents Aotearoa's undisputed Soul Diva

WHIRIMAKO BLACK



Wednesday 29 November, Everybodys Theatre, 72 Tasman Street, Ōpunakē, 7pm.
Joined by special guests Kim Halliday and Mahina Kauī.
Tickets \$10 from Everybodys 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.



Commended at Awards

Last week, Council was commended at the 2023 Taranaki Regional Council Environmental Awards for our work to decarbonise the Hāwera Aquatic Centre, which had one of the biggest carbon footprints of the many services that the Council provides. Judges commended the Council for leading by example and taking action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Find out more about our Environmental and Sustainability Strategy online at www.southtaranaki.com



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