



Temporary Liquor Bans over Christmas and New Year

In accordance with the South Taranaki District Council's Alcohol Control Bylaw 2018, a temporary liquor ban will be in place in:

Ōpunakē Beach and Surrounding Area

The public areas of the Ōpunakē beach area (excluding the Ōpunakē Beach Camp) and the surrounding cliff tops and the public areas of the Ōpunakē Lake Reserve and all public places within these areas.

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Manaia

- South Road (SH45) Manaia, between Hassard and Kaiپی Streets.
- All public places adjacent to these streets and within the area including the Band Rotunda.

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Waiinu Beach, Waitōtara

- Waiinu Beach Road, from 373 Waiinu Beach Road (Old Quarry Road) to the shoreline.
- Nukumarū Parade; Pingao Place; Okiwa Terrace
- Waiinu Beach (1km in both directions from the road entrance to the beach area);
- All public places adjacent to and within this area.

The temporary liquor ban will start 12noon on Sunday 31 December 2023 and ends 12noon on Monday 1 January 2024.

Existing permanent liquor bans in Eltham, Hāwera, Normanby, Ōpunakē and Pātea will remain in place throughout the Christmas and New Year period. For more information, head to www.southtaranaki.com/liquorbans



Noise Control

It's now the season for hot sunny days, parties and BBQs. When enjoying your summer, consider your neighbours by keeping the noise of your stereo at a reasonable level. Officers follow up on noise complaints and assess whether it's too loud based on the time of day or night, type of noise, location of neighbours and duration. There is no set level or decibel reading, it's up to the judgement of the Noise Control Officer. Remember that the bass of your music travels much further from your stereo, so turn the bass level down to keep your neighbours happy! Your stereo can legally be seized should your noise be assessed as excessive.

Be Food Smart

In summer, you need to take special care when preparing and cooking food. Summer brings warm moist conditions - the ideal situation for pathogens to multiply fast and cause foodborne illness. Every year, around 200,000 New Zealanders get food poisoning, around half of these cases occur in homes just like yours. Food poisoning is caused by harmful germs in or on the food we eat. You can help stop your family from getting sick by following the 3 Cs - Clean, Cook, Chill and following the 20/20 hand washing rules before and after handling food.

Clean - Handwashing, clean kitchen and utensils between cooking and raw foods.

Cook - Meat should be cooked until the juices run clear and not pink in the middle, above 75°C if you have a thermometer.

Chill - Keep food in fridge, refrigerate uneaten cooked food in the fridge within two hours of cooking. Keep food covered and raw meat and poultry below cooked meats.



Clean



Cook



Chill

Water Safety

Always supervise children near water. The only safe pool environment is one where young children cannot gain access to a pool without adult supervision. Supervise children who are swimming in your private pool. Make sure your pool is fenced according to the Building (Pools) Amendment Act 2016. Do not leave gates open, ensure that trees and branches hanging over the pool fence are trimmed and move items away from the fence that could be used to gain access to the pool. Contact the Council on 0800 111 323 for more information.

Be a good host

The best bit about this time of year is catching up with people and having fun. Remember to serve alcohol responsibly.

- Plan to do things other than eat and drink
- Don't serve your friends if they are drunk
- Provide substantial food - not just chippies
- Look after young people around alcohol
- Provide appealing low or non-alcoholic drinks
- Serve alcohol responsibly or not at all

Dog Control

As a responsible dog owner, you must ensure that your dog does not annoy the neighbourhood. If you are going away on holiday, make sure that your dog is well looked after. Ask a neighbour or friend to come and feed your dog and take it for a walk, as dogs can become bored when owners are away and will sometimes bark or howl.

Free Community Summer Pools Open

Council's free community summer pool season opened on Monday. The free community pools based in Waverley, Pātea, Manaia, Kaponga, Rāwhitiroa and Eltham are open from 3pm – 7pm during the school term and then open from 12noon – 7pm from 18 December when the school holiday hours begin. Pools are open from 12noon - 7pm over weekends, and public holidays 12noon – 6pm. All pools are patrolled by lifeguards; however all children under the age of 8 must be actively supervised by a caregiver 16 years or older.

The community pools are a free service brought to the community by the South Taranaki District Council.

