

Tuia Taitonga Southlink

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



Have a happy & safe festive season

As we hurtle rapidly towards the end of the year it's timely to reflect on the past 12 months. 2023 has certainly had its challenges right from the start with cyclones hitting the country in January and February. Here in Taranaki we were pretty lucky compared to the devastation on the East Coast when Cyclone Gabrielle struck. My heart went out to those communities who suffered such devastation and I feel for those still suffering the ongoing effects. In South Taranaki we made good progress on many projects during the year. It has been great to see Te Ramanui Ruapūtahanga (the District's new Library, Culture and Arts Centre) progress in central Hāwera (we hope to open around Spring next year) and we will finally be able to open Te Ranganuku Road (the new part of Nukumaru Station Road) early in 2024. The new business enterprise hub/co-working space Te W'anake/The Foundry was opened and the South Taranaki Business Park progressed into stage two of its development. In addition, co-design teams had been established, and draft plans developed for the Waverley, Ōpunakē, and Eltham town centre upgrades, and the new architecturally designed building at Aotea Utanganui – Museum of South Taranaki in Pātea was completed.

There is a lot of continued interest in green energy with several players interested in establishing both offshore and onshore wind farms as well as the establishment of more solar farms. There really is a lot going on in South Taranaki and the future is looking very promising. We are now looking at what changes are going to eventuate with the new government now in place. This is posing us a little uncertainty as we develop our 2024 - 2034 Long Term Plan as we know there will be change but we don't quite know exactly what the changes will look like. Thank you to the many clubs, organisations, schools and individuals across the District, for the great work you have done for our community over the last year and those of you who have welcomed me to your meetings, events and special occasions. The opportunity to get out and meet you all is one of the great privileges I get in my role. Christmas is a great time for catching up with family and friends. However, please continue to do all those things you've been doing to keep yourself and your family safe and well up to this point. If you're driving over the holiday season, take care on the roads, stay calm, take plenty of breaks and please don't allow any distractions while driving. Have a great Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Phil Nixon, Mayor of South Taranaki

Council's Christmas Hours

If your rubbish has been missed, a street light is not working, or a pot hole needs filling... **we need to know!** Contact us directly if you have a request, complaint or even a compliment. Please call Council on (06) 278 0555, or toll free on 0800 111 323 any time - or you can fill out an online form at www.southtaranaki.com or download our **Antenna App**.

Kerbside rubbish and recycling will be collected as normal - even on Public Holidays. Please ensure bins are on the kerbside by 7am.

Hāwera Administration Building

Closed from 3pm Friday 22 December and re-opens 8am Wednesday 27 December. Closed from 3pm Friday 29 December and normal hours resume 8am, Wednesday 3 January 2024.

South Taranaki isite and AA services

Note the AA services are not available on weekends or public holidays.

Friday 22 December.....8.30am - 3pm
Saturday 23 - Monday 25 December.....Closed
Tuesday 26 December.....10am - 3pm
Wednesday 27, Thursday 28 December.....8.30am - 5pm
Friday 29 December.....8.30am - 3pm
Saturday 30 December - Tuesday 2 January.....10am - 3pm

Hāwera Aquatic Centre

Sunday 24 December.....9am - 5pm
Monday 25 December.....Closed
Tuesday 26 - Saturday 30 December.....9am - 6pm
Sunday 31 December.....9am - 5pm
Monday 1 January 2024.....9am - 6pm

Summer Community Pools

Pools are open from 12noon - 7pm during school holidays and weekends and from 12noon - 6pm on public holidays. Please note that the pools close at 5pm on Christmas and New Year's Eve and they are closed on Christmas Day.

LibraryPlus Centres

Hāwera LibraryPlus

Friday 22 December.....9am - 3pm
Saturday 23 - Tuesday 26 December.....Closed
Wednesday 27, Thursday 28 December.....9am - 5.30pm
Friday 29 December.....9am - 3pm
Saturday 30 December - Tuesday 2 January 2024.....Closed
Wednesday 3 January.....9am - 5.30pm

Eltham, Ōpunakē, Pātea LibraryPlus

Friday 22 December.....9am - 3pm
Saturday 23 - Tuesday 26 December.....Closed
Wednesday 27, Thursday 28 December.....9am - 5pm
Friday 29 December.....9am - 3pm
Saturday 30 December - Tuesday 2 January 2024.....Closed
Wednesday 3 January.....9am - 5pm

Manaia, Waverley LibraryPlus

Friday 22 December.....9am - 3pm
Saturday 23 - Tuesday 26 December.....Closed
Wednesday 27 December.....9am - 5pm
Thursday 28 December.....9am - 12.30pm, 1pm - 5pm
Friday 29 December.....9am - 12.30pm, 1pm - 3pm
Saturday 30 December - Tuesday 2 January 2024.....Closed
Wednesday 3 January.....9am - 5pm

Kaponga LibraryPlus

Friday 22 December - Tuesday 2 January 2024.....Closed
Wednesday 3 January.....1pm - 5pm

Transfer Station Hours

Eltham Transfer Station

Tuesday 26 December and 2 January.....Closed
Thursday 28 December.....1pm - 4pm
Saturdays and Sundays.....1pm - 4pm

Hāwera Transfer Station

Saturday 23 December.....9.30am - 5pm
Sunday 24 December.....12.30pm - 5pm
Monday 25 December.....Closed
Tuesday 26 December.....12.30pm - 5pm
Wednesday 27 - Friday 29 December.....8.30am - 5pm
Saturday 30 December.....9.30am - 5pm
Sunday 31 December.....12.30pm - 5pm
Monday 1 January.....Closed
Tuesday 2 January.....12.30pm - 5pm
Wednesday 3 January.....8.30am - 5pm

Manaia/Ōpunakē/Pātea Transfer Station

Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays.....1pm - 4pm

Waitōtara Transfer Station

Wednesdays and Sundays.....3pm - 5pm

Waverley Transfer Station

Wednesdays.....4pm - 6pm
Sundays.....12.30pm - 4.30pm

Happy New Year!