

Start your engines!



Next week, AmeriCARna is roaring back into Ōpunakē and Hāwera. Heading to Ōpunakē Beach on Wednesday 21 February from 11.30am, there will be live music by local entertainers, food from local vendors and community fundraisers, and the beach shop will also be open. The cars depart at 2.30pm.

On Friday 23 February, the cars will head to Hāwera from Stratford (via Kaponga and Manaia along State Highway 45) and line the CBD between 1pm and 5.15pm. The town square will be filled with live music from 'Mitch and His Guitar' and the annual market day.

The Acceleration event will once again be held on Albion Street from 2.30pm, with cars being timed over the 80 metres to the finish line.

Bizlink Hāwera has organised an AmeriCARna fashion parade starting at 3.30pm in the town square.

"There are about 700 cars registered this year – we are sure to fill the beach and streets of South Taranaki!" says South Taranaki District Council's Community Events Co-ordinator Ella Tosland.

"We are really excited to have AmeriCARna return to South

Taranaki once again. The Ōpunakē and Hāwera communities and businesses really get behind it every year, it creates a buzz through the towns," says Ella. "It is important to make sure motorists take extra care on the roads at all times and be patient. Plan ahead as it may take you a little longer to get where you are heading due to road closures."

Road closures during the AmeriCARna events:

On Wednesday 21 February, Beach Road in Ōpunakē will be closed all to vehicles (except AmeriCARna cars), we recommend that spectators park on a side street and walk down to the beach.

On Friday 23 February, cars will be parked on High St, Hāwera (from Argyle St to Caledonia St), Regent St (from High St to Little Regent St), Union St (for 80m from High St) and the Community Centre carpark. Albion St (from High St to Rowe St) will also be closed for the Acceleration event.

AmeriCARna

- Ōpunakē Beach, Wednesday 21 February 11.30am–2.30pm.
- Hāwera CBD, Friday 24 February, 1pm–5.15pm.

Upcoming Meetings

District Plan Committee
Monday 19 February, 1pm

Ordinary Council
Monday 19 February, 4pm

Eltham Drainage Committee
Wednesday 28 February, 10am
Taumata Recreation Centre,
Preston Street, Eltham

Te Hāwera Community Board
Monday 4 March, 11am
Normanby Hall, Ketemarae Road,
Normanby

Pātea Community Board
Monday 4 March, 4pm
Taumata Recreation Centre,
Preston Street, Eltham

Eltham-Kaponga Community Board
Wednesday 6 March, 10.30am
Kaponga War Memorial Hall,
Victoria Street, Kaponga

Taranaki Coastal Community Board
Wednesday 6 March, 2.30pm
Te Potaka Marae, 5340 South Road,
Ōaonui

Unless specified, meetings are held in the Council Chambers at the Administration Building on Albion Street, Hāwera.

Get Waste-Ed with Kate next month

Council is excited to host Kate Fenwick (formerly Meads), New Zealand's waste reduction expert, in Hāwera next month.

South Taranaki District Council Business Waste Minimisation Officer Sharon Wilson says this workshop is the perfect opportunity for residents to learn a little more about tips, tricks and life hacks that will help you manage your waste better.

"You may recognise Kate from some of her viral TikTok's and Reels that get upwards of 100's of thousands of views," says Sharon. "This workshop is suitable for all households. In fact, everybody should attend."

"Don't miss out on this opportunity full of witty humour, reality checks and encouragement that may also challenge your thinking around trash which is particularly important with the new kerbside collection system being introduced in October."

Kate says when it comes to waste, we are facing some big challenges that we need to start facing head on.

"You can do nothing, and nothing will

change, or you can start by doing one thing that works towards a healthier planet. If you want a place to start your waste minimisation journey or even want to reinforce what you already know, then this workshop is for you," says Kate.

Come along to the workshop and learn about what happens to waste once it leaves the kerbside, how to better manage your waste, how to reduce your waste and understand how to make the most out of the new waste system.

The workshop is being held on **Wednesday 6 March from 6pm – 8pm at TSB Hub, Hāwera**. Tickets are \$10 (for either an individual or couple) and can be purchased online from www.wastedkate.co.nz. Each ticket sold comes with a goodie bag valued at over \$40 packed with items to help you start your journey in sustainable living.



Speed Humps for Egmont Street, Pātea

Due to ongoing issues with speeding, members of the Pātea community have asked the Council to put in place speed reduction measures down Egmont Street, Pātea, to improve safety and reduce disturbance to residents living in the area.

The Council is proposing to put three speed humps and a raised platform along Egmont Street as a way to stop motorists from driving at excessive speeds and reduce the safety risk and disturbance.

For more information and to give feedback on this proposal, visit www.southtaranaki.com/consultation or scan the QR Code.



Funding Rounds Currently Open

Creative Communities Scheme
Closes Thursday 7 March, 5pm
For community-based arts activities that take place between 4 April 2024 - 4 April 2025

Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund
Closes Tuesday 12 March, 5pm

Tangata Whenua Liaison Fund
Closes Wednesday 31 March, 5pm

Visit www.southtaranaki.com/funding or email funding@stdc.govt.nz for more information.