



AmeriCARna coming to Hāwera tomorrow

AmeriCARna is coming to town!

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

"There are about 700 cars registered this year – we are sure to fill the 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 Hāwera communities and businesses really get behind it every year, it creates a buzz through the town," 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 Friday 23 February, cars will be parked on High Street (from Argyle Street to Caledonia Street), Regent Street (from High Street to Little Regent Street), Union Street (for 80m from High Street) and in the Community Centre carpark. Albion Street (from High Street to Rowe Street) will also be closed for the Acceleration event.

Upcoming Meetings

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
Hunter Shaw Building,
Egmont Street, Pātea

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

Te Kāhui Matauraura
Wednesday 13 March, 10am

Extraordinary Council
*Purpose to consider a proposed
District Plan change for consultation*
Wednesday 13 March, 1pm

**Environment and Hearings
Committee**
Wednesday 13 March, 4pm

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

Open Funding Rounds

Creative Communities Scheme
Closes Thursday 7 March, 5pm

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

Tangata Whenua Liaison Fund
Closes Wednesday 31 March, 5pm

Visit www.southtaranaki.com/our-community/funding-and-grants
or email funding@stdc.govt.nz
for more information.

Rates Due

Ratepayers are reminded that the last day for payment of the third instalment of rates for 2023/24 without incurring a penalty will be Wednesday 28 February 2024.

Trade Waste Bylaw out for consultation

Council needs to renew its Trade Waste Bylaw so it can continue to manage trade waste in the District. We are consulting the community and existing trade waste customers and industries on the proposed Bylaw and we'd like to hear from you if you have any comments. If you are interested in this and would like more information, please visit www.southtaranaki.com/consultation or you can find hard copies of the documents at your local LibraryPlus. You have until Monday 22 April 2024 to let us know what you think.



Making rural water management easier

Council is excited to announce an innovative partnership with Levno which will improve water management of this vital resource, benefiting both the users and the environment.

The collaboration involves installing cutting-edge monitoring technology across South Taranaki's rural water schemes, covering approximately 1,300 farms, businesses and schools.

Levno Chief Executive Mark Simon says, "We're thrilled to be partnering with South Taranaki District Council and the positive impact this will have on our rural community. Our technology not only supports the Council with valuable data but also equips farmers, schools and rural businesses with the information to manage their water resources effectively."

A key feature of the partnership is the Levno app that provides real-time information on water use to users. It will improve leak detection and water conservation within the District, helping rate payers avoid unexpected water bills and prevent damage to infrastructure.

Council group manager of infrastructure services, Herbert Denton says the technology represents a significant leap forward in water management.

"The partnership signifies a milestone in Council's objectives to improve water conservation within the District and aligns with our commitment to smart, sustainable solutions. By embracing technology, we can enhance our water management practices, benefiting both water users and the environment."

And if the experience of South Taranaki farmer Scott Dymond is anything to go by, the Levno app will be a big hit.



"Just one minute after installing Levno's water monitoring app, it alerted me to a leak that would've gone unnoticed. A hose blew off at the farm owner's home who were away for the week, risking a loss of over 12,000 litres daily. Thanks to the app, I caught it in time - what a save in the first minute! The app's a breeze to use; setting up alerts and tracking usage is simple. I was so impressed." Levno have begun installing monitoring in the region and will continue to communicate with customers when in their area to complete installs as the rollout progresses. Levno and Council are committed to sustainable development and community wellbeing, setting a standard for innovative, environmentally responsible water management solutions.