



FRIDAY 26 APRIL, 6PM - 10PM
KING EDWARD PARK, HĀWERA

BRING THE FAMILY ALONG TO SEE THE PARK
DECORATED IN LIGHTS. FOOD TRUCKS | MITCH
AND HIS GUITAR | FACE PAINTING + MORE



www.southtaranaki.com/elektra

Don't be late for a very important date - walk through Elektra's Wonderland

Get the family together and finish off the school holidays on a bright note by taking a stroll through Alice's Wonderland. You'll think you've fallen down a rabbit hole as Hāwera's King Edward Park will be transformed for one night only on Friday 26 April for South Taranaki's annual community light festival, Elektra. South Taranaki District Council's event co-ordinator Ella Tosland says this family-friendly event has plenty to offer for all ages. "We cannot wait to host Elektra again," says Ella. "We encourage families to come down and have a picnic tea or buy something from one of our food trucks and see the Park looking it's finest, all lit up for Elektra this year." The crowds will be well fed with a range of food trucks camping out between the stage and the lantern-filled trees, and entertained by Mitch and His Guitar along with some wandering entertainment and face painting.

"Make sure that the kids discover the glow zone to find some 'curiouser and curiouser' surprises along the way." Elektra was created to replace the annual fireworks display, and has previously been held in October, which tended to be cooler and windy. "This is always such a popular event, so we shifted it to April and the end of the school holidays in the hope that the weather is still warm and more pleasant for people to attend." As part of our Happening Holidays Programme, children also have the opportunity to make crafts that will be showcased as part of the Festival. This session is being held on Thursday 18 April, at the Hāwera Community Centre from 1 - 3pm.

Elektra's 'Alice in Wonderland' - King Edward Park, Hāwera, Friday 26 April, 6-10pm



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Ōpunakē Town Centre Greenspace Proposal

As the key part of Ōpunakē's town centre revitalisation project, the Council would like to know what residents think about a proposal to close off a section of Napier Street to transform it into a pedestrian-only community greenspace that will be an attractive, central location for community events and gatherings. The idea for a public greenspace in the town heart first came from the Ōpunakē community in 2019 as part of feedback when developing the Ōpunakē town revitalisation plan (formerly known as the Ōpunakē town Masterplan). In 2023, a local co-design team was formed to help gather specific ideas from the community for Ōpunakē's town revitalisation plan. The co-design team, which includes representatives from local businesses, hapū, youth and community, helped develop the Napier Street greenspace proposal and now wants to get feedback from the community before the project progresses. South Taranaki District Council community advisor Fran Levings says concept images and artist impressions of what the space could look like are available to be viewed online at

www.southtaranaki.com/greenspace or at the Ōpunakē LibraryPlus, along with more details about the plan and the feedback form. "The concept reflects the connection we have between the mountain and the sea - Maunga ki te Moana. It presents an opportunity to link our culture with our landscape and provide a place in Ōpunakē that everyone can call 'ours'," says Fran. "\$2.2 million was previously budgeted for Ōpunakē town centre's revitalisation within Council's 2021-31 Long Term Plan, with the funds coming from the Long-Term Investment Fund, so has no direct impact on rates." The estimated budget for the proposal is somewhere between \$1.2 - \$1.5 million. This is about 55 - 68% of the total revitalisation budget. "We're not just wanting your feedback on the concept, we also want to know whether you're happy with the amount we're proposing to spend of the total town revitalisation plan budget." Consultation runs from Monday 15 April and closes on Wednesday 15 May. Feedback can be given online (at www.southtaranaki.com/greenspace) or you can pick up a hard copy feedback form from Ōpunakē LibraryPlus. A town meeting is being held on Wednesday 8 May from 7pm at the Sinclair Electrical and Refrigeration Event Centre if you are interested in finding out more about the project from the co-design team and Council staff.

Eltham features getting a fresh coat of paint

A project has started this week to rejuvenate some of Eltham's main street bollards, bins, seats, and decorative lamp posts by applying a fresh coat of paint. A budget of \$45,000 from the Town Revitalisation Masterplan has been allocated for this initiative. To minimise disruption, the repainting work will take place off-site. As part of this process, utilities will be temporarily removed, undergo sandblasting, repainting, and then be reinstalled. To ensure smooth operations, stop/go signs will be operating during the removal of these features during 8 - 12 April with reinstallation expected in May. Temporary replacement rubbish bins will be provided during this period. South Taranaki District Council community development advisor Fran Levings says following the installation of the pou sign and Bridger Park steps, the next phase of Eltham's Town Revitalisation will focus on finalising the wording for wayfinding signage in the town centre. Fran says the style, design and colours for these features and signs were selected by the Revitalisation co-design members who believe that this selection will enhance flow and connectivity throughout Eltham.



No kidding!

The renovation of the Goat Track path leading to Ōpunakē Beach from Bowen Crescent has been successfully completed. Newly installed steps, a culvert, rails, and fencing have been added, and the pathway is now reopened to the public.



Pumping ahead - work starting

A groundbreaking blessing ceremony was conducted by John Hooker at the construction site of the upcoming pump track near the Sinclair Electrical and Refrigeration Event Centre at the Ōpunakē Recreational Grounds. Construction for the pump track started last week and will take four weeks (weather dependant) to complete. The fence will be kept in place until a karakia ceremony blesses the site, after which it will be removed, allowing the public to freely use the facility.



Happening Holidays School Holidays Programme out now

There's no reason for the kids to tell you they are bored these school holidays, especially if you've got the latest edition of the South Taranaki Happening Holidays programme. Happening Holidays is the Council's holiday programme booklet - a convenient one stop shop, packed with information about the various holiday activities happening across the District. Happening Holidays covers all activities happening at the seven LibraryPlus centres, Hāwera Aquatic Centre and community facilities. The range of activities is huge, from Water Play at the Hāwera Aquatic Centre, Taranaki Rugby Skills Sessions, Pottery Classes, Tennis Sessions, Roller Skating, Wood Art and a Big Day Out. Council's Events Co-ordinator Ella Tosland says there is something for everyone. "The Happening Holidays Programme is a quick and convenient guide to a whole range of activities for the kids - and once again packed full of exciting activities for children throughout South Taranaki," she says. Parents are reminded that registrations and/or permission slips are required for most activities, this is outlined in the programme. Bookings will be taken at the Taranaki ki te Tonga/South Taranaki isite and TSB Hub. Some activities have limited spaces so get in quick and don't miss out. You can just turn up to all LibraryPlus activities on the day.

South Taranaki

LONG TERM PLAN 2024-2034

Come to a Community Meeting or Kuppa Kōrero

KUPPA KŌRERO CASUAL COFFEE MORNING

Come along to a casual coffee morning with the Mayor or Deputy Mayor to have a chat about the Long Term Plan and any questions you might have. Held at your local LibraryPlus.

Hāwera - Monday 15 April, 9.30am

COMMUNITY MEETINGS WITH LTP PRESENTATION

Come along to see a presentation about the Long Term Plan, as well as having your questions answered by Elected Members and Council staff.

Pātea - Wednesday 17 April, 6pm, Hunter Shaw Building
Ōpunakē - Thursday 18 April, 6.30pm, Sinclair Electrical and Refrigeration Event Centre
Eltham - Tuesday 23 April, 7pm, Eltham Fire Station
Manaia - Thursday 2 May, 7pm, Gibson Memorial Hall



Have your say!

- www.southtaranaki.com/longtermplan
- Email longtermplan@stdc.govt.nz
- Phone 06 278 0555 or toll free 0800 111 323
- Hard copy feedback form



Open for consultation until Monday 6 May. Find out more at www.southtaranaki.com/longtermplan

Upcoming Meetings

Te Hāwera Community Board
Monday 15 April, 11am

Pātea Community Board
Monday 15 April, 4pm
Kaipō Marae, Waitōtara Valley Road, Waitōtara

Eltham-Kaponga Community Board
Wednesday 17 April, 10.30am
Mangamingi Hall, Rāwhitiroa Road, Eltham

Taranaki Coastal Community Board
Wednesday 17 April, 2.30pm
Pihama Hall, 3271 Surf Highway, Pihama

Te Kāhui Matauraura
Wednesday 24 April, 10am

Environment and Hearings Committee
Wednesday 24 April, 4pm

Policy and Strategy Committee
Monday 29 April, 1pm

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

Tangata Whenua Liaison Fund Extension

The Tangata Whenua Liaison Funding round has been extended for applications from groups, marae, hapū or iwi committees in the District who are seeking assistance for projects or initiatives that develop positive relationships between Tangata Whenua, Council and the people of South Taranaki. The new closing date for the Fund will be Sunday 12 May at 5pm. For more information contact the Community Funding Advisor on 0800 111 323 or email Funding@stdc.govt.nz

Protecting yourself from Fraud and Scams

Come along to Hāwera LibraryPlus on Wednesday 1 May or 22 May at 2pm to learn about common types of frauds or scams, how you can protect yourself and where you can go for help.