

Patea & Waverley Press

Te Karere o Patea me Te Wairoaiti

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One council or two? South Taranaki residents invited to have their say on the future of local government

South Taranaki District Council is asking the community to share its views on the future of local government in Taranaki, with a public survey opening on 12 June 2026, running through to 12 July 2026.

The survey is part of Council's work on the Government's Head Start pathway for simplifying local government. The Government has said it wants to replace the current mix of district, city and regional councils with unitary authorities, and councils have until 9 August 2026 to develop outline proposals.

South Taranaki District Mayor Phil Nixon says the government has made it clear that the status quo is not an option and Council has agreed to take part in the Head Start process so the district can help shape its own future, rather than having decisions made later through a central government-led process.

"We want to hear from our residents about what matters most to them. We're asking our residents to consider two possible scenarios for Taranaki's future local government structure: One council for all of Taranaki, combining regional and district/city functions into a single unitary authority; or two councils for Taranaki, with one covering the New Plymouth district area and one covering the Stratford and South Taranaki district areas, with each taking on regional council functions."

The survey also asks people what matters most if local government is reorganised, including protecting local voice and decision-making, affordability, fair representation, accessible local services, and simplifying governance across the region.

Mayor Nixon says local government reorganisation is a significant issue with long-term implications for the district, and community feedback will help inform the proposal South Taranaki helps shape. "However, it's important to note that our survey is not a binding poll, and final decisions on any future reorganisation will sit with central government," he says.

People can complete the survey online at southtaranaki.com/headstart, or pick up a printed copy from the Council Administration Building in Hāwera or their nearest LibraryPlus. Printed feedback forms can also be returned to those locations.

Council is encouraging everyone to take a few minutes to have their say before feedback closes on 12 July 2026.

School Holiday Programme for July 2026 out now

Families across South Taranaki can look forward to another action-packed school break, with the latest edition of the Happening Holidays School Holiday Programme now available. With so many activities on offer, there's no chance for tamariki to claim they're bored.

Happening Holidays is the South Taranaki District Council's one stop guide to what's on during the school break. The programme features activities taking place at the seven South Taranaki District LibraryPlus centres, the Hāwera Aquatic Centre, and a wide range of community run events. From rugby skills sessions and cupcake decorating to roller skating, craft workshops, and the all-new Big Bounce event. There's something for every age and interest.

Council Events Coordinator Hannah Hancock says the programme continues to grow in variety and popularity.

"Happening Holidays makes it easy for whānau to find fun, affordable activities close to home. It's packed with exciting options for tamariki and rangatahi throughout South Taranaki," she says.

Parents and caregivers are reminded that registrations and permission slips are required for some activities, as outlined in the programme. Bookings can be made at the Hāwera isite, or at your local LibraryPlus. Some activities have limited spaces, so booking early is encouraged to avoid missing out.

Council is also inviting community groups, clubs, and organisations to be part of future events in the Happening Holidays programme. If you have an activity, workshop, or event idea you'd like to offer next school holidays, Council Events Coordinator Hannah Hancock would like to hear from you.

For more information or to discuss your interest in hosting an event, contact Hannah Hancock by emailing events@stdc.govt.nz

Visit www.southtaranaki.com/happeningholidays for more information.

Holiday Programme on pages 28 & 29

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5pm The Groove Hut - 6.30pm Ngā Waihotanga - 7pm The Groove Hut



Who makes a difference in your community?

Nominate them for a South Taranaki Community Award

These awards only come around once every two years. Take this opportunity to nominate an individual or group deserving recognition for going beyond the call of duty.

GET YOUR NOMINATIONS IN BY FRIDAY 31 JULY 2026

Nomination forms are available at your local South Taranaki LibraryPlus, the Council Administration Building, South Taranaki isite, TSB Hub, or online at www.southtaranaki.com/communityawards

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Sunday 5th July 9.30am
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Sunday 12th July 11.00am
Mass, St Francis de Sales, Waverley
Sunday 19th July 9.30am
Liturgy of the Word, St Francis de Sales, Waverley
Sunday 26th July 11.00am
Mass, St Patrick's, Patea

Weekday Mass Times: St Patrick's, Patea

Thursday 2nd July 9.30am
Thursday 16th July 9.30am

Let me tell you a story. It's a true story. It's about a highly respected community leader and teacher making a secret nighttime visit to a rabble-rousing 'hick from the sticks' prophet.

Just a few days before, this young upstart country bumkin had physically attacked the shopkeepers in the capital city's main place of worship. Of course the shopkeepers had permission to be there selling their wares, but this cheeky fellow had made a whip of small cords and chased them all out of the place, driving the lambs they were selling out too. He then tipped over the tables of the money changers, which led to some funny scenes as the usually unsmiling, dignified, and 'proper' bankers scrambled around competing with the street people, all on their hands and knees in the dust, trying to scoop up all the coins. That part of the affair was quite comical, and the crowd had a good laugh. But it was a mess in more ways than one.

What had really complicated the picture was that this same man had also worked many amazing miracles in the city. Sick people had been instantly healed, blind people were seeing, deaf people hearing and many deranged people set free and becoming normal again. He was becoming something of a celebrity. The crowds following him were growing daily as the level of excitement mounted. This situation had to be taken in hand, or there was a real risk of there being trouble with the authorities.

That is why this leading religious figure came to meet with this unusual man under cover of darkness. Nicodemus (the name of the religious leader and teacher), did not want his colleagues and the local people to know he was visiting. It might suggest he agreed with Him. Of course he didn't! But their religion required that matters had to be properly investigated before action could be taken. So he had taken it upon himself to make this secret visit.

He had carefully thought out how he might open the conversation. He did not want to frighten the fellow or put him too much on his guard. Paying the man a compliment would be the best way to break down his defenses and get to the bottom of the matter.

"Rabbi," he said, "we know you are a teacher sent from God because no one could perform the miraculous signs that you do unless God was with him."

Jesus of Nazareth was not taken in at all by the

A Christian Word....

flattery. Locking eyes with Nicodemus, he replied, "I tell you the solemn truth, unless a person is born again from above, he cannot see the kingdom of heaven."

Somewhat taken aback by this weird response, Nicodemus took a moment or two to compose himself before asking, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter his mother's womb and be born a second time, can he?"

Jesus answered, "I tell you the solemn truth, unless a person is born of water and spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God!"

Stroking his beard thoughtfully, Nicodemus replied, "How can these things be?"

So what happened next to this puzzled Nicodemus? Well, guess who came to help bury the body of Jesus after He had been crucified? Yes, it was Nicodemus. And perhaps it's not too much of a stretch to suggest that he was indeed born again from above after Jesus rose from the dead, possibly one of the 500 that saw Him alive after He rose again? Perhaps he was even one of the 120 in that upper room who received the baptism of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.

But the main question for you today is... Will you be joining Nicodemus in this Kingdom of Heaven? Have you been born again from above, and are you now following Jesus each day?

(If you would like to read this incident from the life of Jesus for yourself you will find it in the Bible, in the Gospel of John, chapter three.)

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Community prayer meeting:
At church every Monday at 1.30pm
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Carl Bates MP for Whanganui
Whanganui - South Taranaki - Stratford
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PaePae in the Park Community Update

Kia ora e te whānau!

We would like to share an important update with our community regarding Paepae in the Park. A new committee is now in place to carry the event forward, and with this transition, Matt Inns (Treasurer), Yasmine Inns (Secretary), Joanne Peacock (stall Coordinator) & myself have stepped down from our roles and will no longer be involved in the organisation moving ahead.

Paepae in the Park is more than a festival — it is a celebration of our community, bringing together whānau, friends, artists, kai vendors, stallholders, and volunteers. Its success has always come from the people who give their time, energy, and heart.

As the whakataukī says, “*Mā tini mā mano ka rapa te whai*” — many hands make light work. This reflects the spirit of Paepae in the Park and the importance of working together to keep it thriving.

The committee is now seeking expressions of interest from community-minded people who would like to help shape the future of the event and support it into 2027 and beyond. Whether you bring experience, fresh ideas, or simply a willingness to help, your contribution would be valued.

Current Vacancies
Chairperson

Provides leadership, chairs meetings, helps guide the event, and acts as a key contact.

Treasurer

Oversees budgeting, record-keeping, and financial reporting to help keep the event sustainable.

Stall Coordinator

Manages food vendors, craft stalls, and exhibitors, including bookings, site layouts, and communication.

Why Get Involved?

Joining the committee is



a chance to be part of something meaningful. You do not need extensive experience — just a willingness to contribute and work collaboratively. It is also a great way to meet people, build skills, and help deliver an event that brings joy and connection to our community.

If you are interested in joining the committee, nominating someone, or learning more about the roles, please get in touch.

Please send them a message through their Facebook page below or email them at paepaeinthepark@gmail.com.

Together, they can continue building an event that celebrates our people, our culture, and the community. Ngā mihi nui.
Neville Hinga
Paepae Chairman (officially RETIRED)

Paepae in the park.Pātea
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Paepae in the Park is a whānau-friendly free music festival to celebrate Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Held every year on the 6th February under the world famous Aotea Waka, Pātea

Rural matters By Carl Bates, MP for Whanganui (including South Taranaki and Stratford)

Once again, our farmers have delivered an outstanding result for the New Zealand economy.

At the recent Fieldays at Mystery Creek, Agriculture, Forestry and Trade Minister Todd McClay announced that New Zealand’s farmers and growers are powering the economy with exports set to reach a record \$64.3 billion for the 2025-26 year.

That’s an outstanding result for New Zealand, with export returns up 6% on the previous year. The National-led Government is committed to backing the food and fibre sector’s success.

Ministers made multiple rural policy announcements at Fieldays. One that stood out was an investment of \$98,000 to support the 100 Champions Rural Wellbeing Programme, delivered by New Zealand Young Farmers in partnership with Farmstrong.

Mental Health and Rural Communities Minister Matt Doocey believes our young people today are particularly impressive at leading the discussion on mental health. They have a vocabulary a lot of us never had when we were growing up. They can speak about their mental health and voice a lot more openly when they need support.

The 100 Champions Rural Wellbeing Programme will be delivered in conjunction with the FMG Young Farmer contest. It will support up to 150 participants throughout their journey focusing on providing young farmers with tools they can use in everyday life to check in on themselves, and their mates.

It’s always great getting together with farmers across the region. On Thursday 9th July Hon Mike Butterick and I will be holding a series of farmer meetings throughout the rural Whanganui Electorate. You can catch up with us as follows:

- 10am – Woolshed meeting at Longview Farm, 263 Waiinu Beach Road, Waiinu
- 12 midday – Cowshed meeting at Gibson Farm Hāwera, 67 Whareroa Road, Hāwera

Mike Butterick was born into a farming family and has farmed sheep and beef in Wairarapa since 1995. He is one of the driving forces behind the Rural Nats, a special interest group within the National Party that is focused on issues of concern to rural New Zealand.

I look forward to seeing many of you at these meetings. In the meantime, we will continue our work fixing the basics and building the future for our rural and provincial communities, along with all New Zealanders.



National MPs all smiles at Fieldays (l-r) Grant McCallum (Northland), Carl Bates, Hon Chris Bishop, Hon Louise Upston, Ryan Hamilton (Hamilton East), Hon Mike Butterick

RURAL NATS ON TOUR

Public Meeting

with Hon Mike Butterick MP & Carl Bates MP

Thursday 09 July

10.00am Woolshed Meeting Longview Farm, 263 Waiinu Beach Road, Waiinu

12.00pm Cowshed Meeting – Gibson Farm Hawera, 67 Whareroa Road, Hāwera

Carl Bates MP for Whanganui

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Since I first wrote the Waverley books the internet has exploded giving much more access to research material than could ever be imagined in 1983 when I wrote my first Waverley book. For this reason I intend to write a series of articles called "Waverley's Forgotten" which will update the information I previously gathered and inform newcomers to the district of aspects of Waverley's past. Laraine Sole

The Forgotten - MEMORIES OF OLD WAVERLEY 1906-1918

written by Janet Cavaney in 1994

My grandfather William Macfarlane was a builder in the early days of Waverley before the turn of the century. He built the Waverley Town Hall, the Clarendon Hotel, Dallisons and the Bremers' house *Lakeside*, plus many other buildings still standing in Waverley.

My mother Jessie Macfarlane was born in Hussey St. She married Thomas James Prouse who was born in Patea. Dad was employed by the Town Board as a road man in the building that is now Gresham, Walkinton and Co (now Moore Markhams Waverley). On one side of the building were the partners Palmer and Gray accountants, and on the other, solicitor Mr Graham had an office. Also in that building was the library which my mother ran. Attached to the Town Board was a residence where my mother and father lived. Behind that again was a shed containing a gas generator run with carbide gas for the street lights which was my father's job each night.

My brother Dave was born in Hussey St but I was born in the Town Board residence on 4th April 1912 with Mrs Bennett the midwife and Dr Harvey in attendance. Mrs Bennett used to ride all over the district on horseback delivering babies. Behind where the Taranaki Farmers and Four Square are now (*now the Farm Source building*) was a large red shed containing hay bales where the cattle drovers and their dogs used to sleep. My mother would frequently go outside looking at the shed saying, "One day that place will go up in smoke." I never did find out what she meant by it, but she always said that when drovers slept there.

The original fire bell was placed outside the fire station then shifted to the end of the Clarendon Hotel surrounded by a picket fence and garden. It was then shifted to an empty section over the road from the fire station (*where Lockers later built a bookshop and is now a private residence.*) There was also a flax mill down the Waverley beach road owned by Mr Rutherford where the Jacksons later lived. The dried flax used to come up by bullocks to be loaded on the train at the Waverley station. On the corner of the Main Rd and Station Rd was a boarding house called the Coffee Palace, run by Mr and Mrs Harlem.

Mr Harvey, proprietor of the Clarendon Hotel had the first ever Ford motor car in Waverley. One day when I was about four, my friend Tom and I were walking down the street and watched Mr Harvey drive this wondrous machine into his garage. He leaped out leaving the engine running, so Tom Thought it would be the smartest thing to sit in the driver's seat pretending he was driving. The next thing the car took off and went through the end of the garage. I ran home as fast as my legs would carry me. I have not to this day found out what happened to Tom or the garage.

When war broke out in 1914 there were lots of things going on in the town and over the next two years many of the local boys were called away to war. The Waverley Brass Band had a practice once a week in a room behind the fire station and my

brother Dave and I used to go in there and listen to them play. The Nicholls boys whose father was the factory manager at the time, used to play in the band. I remember when they went away to war. Dad, Mr Wallis and Mr Lupton were called with orders to report to camp in December 1918. Before then Dad built a cottage in Wilson St for mum and the children so that if anything happened to him she would have her own place. We had two milking cows and other animals. Of course the Armistice came on 11th November 1918 so Dad did not have to go away to war. Instead, as the captain of the Waverley Fire Brigade, he played a part in the Armistice celebrations.

Wilson St has always been a very special street to me as I have spent 76 years of my life living here.



Jessie and Thomas Prouse. Photo: Janet Cavaney

Waverley's Forgotten Series

May 2023
June 2023

July 2023
August 2023

September 2023
October 2023

November 2023

December 2023

Dickie's Flour Mill
Two Messages in a Bottle
Early Maori Carvings
Herewini Whakarua and Iwiora Tamaiparea
Waverley's Flax Millers
NZ Cup Winner Halberdier
The Wairoa Rifles and The Wairoa Redoubt
The Nukumarū Hotel (Handley's Hotel)

January 2024
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Rewi Alley
An Interesting Life - Ann Elmslie
Our Boer War Soldiers
Two Heroes: Frederick Keger and James McGregor Elmslie
The Genesis of Dallison's
The Waverley Tragedy
The Early Commercial Hotels
The Tragedy at Handley's Woolshed
The Naming of Waverley's Streets
The Moumahaki and Waverley Railway Stations
Three Majors
Syd Oakenfull
The Town of Richardson
Waverley's Forgotten School
Ngā Rauru Flour Mill
Waitotara
Old Town Hall
The Queen of Nukumarū
The Waverley Clock Tower Origins
The Tauranga Ika Fighting Pa
Waverley's Brass Band
The Railway Hotel
Waitotara
Brothers in Law. Part 1
Benjamin O'Brien
Brothers in Law. Part 2
Constable Michael O'Brien
Ernest Faber Fookes
Waverley's First School
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South Taranaki Neighbourhood Support attended a community meeting at Patea a couple of weeks ago and let us know about how they work and how we can help each other by keeping an eye on what's happening in our town.

Anyone who wants to join can collect the application form from Patea Libraryplus or contact Neighbourhood Support on 0274-262010. Its another way of keeping in contact with each other and keeping connected to what's going on.

Pātea Community Board Meeting

Notes from the meeting on Wednesday 10 June 2026 at 4pm, provided by the Board Members. The fourth meeting for 2026 was held at the Waverley Golf Course.

Present were: Pātea Community Board members: Jacq, Cheryl, Bronwyn & Charlotte, Brian Rook (Councillor), Phil Nixon (Mayor), Kaya Acero (Governance Officer), Rob Haveswood (Community Development Manager), and several members of the public.

Open Forum:

-STDC CEO Fiona Aiken spoke about the proposed Council Mergers, and answered questions from the members of the public at the meeting.

-Laurie said the Patea Community meeting with our local constables went well and the behaviour around town has improved, and that the Rugby Club Jubilee and Golf Club tournament went well on Kings Birthday weekend, the place was full of happy visitors. He also asked about what assistance people can get from STDC if they are renovating their buildings on main streets in towns – the answer is that they can get 10% funding for paint.

-Trish asked about the possibility of water meters being introduced. Mayor Phil said they are doing a trial in a few places at the moment for a few months, and fixing leaking pipes. And if water meters are introduced will the revenue collected stay in the community its collected from – answer – it will go back to water resources. Patea is currently getting a 5.9 million upgrade. And all the big uses of water – Fonterra etc, are already metred. STDC don't make any profit from water, it all goes back to water resources district wide.

Trish also asked for the access to the long north beach at Mana Bay to be restored. The rock retaining wall needs to be extended so it joins up to the end of the sea wall and stops the sea undermining the car park area near the toilet block. The sea has eaten away at the sand and its currently steep and dangerous to get through to the long north beach. It appears that this is unable to be done at the moment due to cost. We have asked for it to go on 'Items for Action' as it is an important part of the beach that needs to be safely accessible for all.

-Laraine asked about the fence at Dallison Park, Waverley Lions have offered to lower it, making it less desirable for people using the area behind it to do burn-outs in their cars. Rob H declined the offer and said STDC will do it next week.

Minutes from last meeting Wednesday 29 April 2026 at Aotea Utanganui Museum, Pātea. Opening forum discussion, Still to be followed up on:

-there have been two community meetings in Patea with our local constables – Harley and Glen. The second meeting on 9 June also had Wendy and Carol from South Taranaki Neighbourhood Support.

They spoke about the organisation and gave out forms for people to join and receive/send information via email about issues affecting the area they live in. Forms are available at Patea Libraryplus, and can be left there for collection.

-Update of issue of water storage for fire fighting in Waitotara? One 30,000 lt tank is on the Hill past the Hall, it has been filled and is now attached to the hydrant by the old Fire Station and has been tested by the Fire Brigade. Another tank is needed, Jacq has received offers for help from people in the community, still need a 30,000 lt tank to put beside the other one on the hill. The Waitotara Hall also want a second 30,000lt tank.

-Update for Septic tank rebuild at Mana Bay? - due to be rebuilt by July.

-Update on Waverley Beach Boat ramp/access to main beach – Community meeting to be held on 23 June, Charlotte will attend this.

Local Discretionary Funding Applications.

\$7,684.02 left in fund. 1 district wide application from Taranaki Garden Festival. Total project cost - \$518,202. They are wanting \$2100 from Patea ward - \$1800 granted. 1 local application – Waverley Lions - \$1800 for seats under the shelter shed at Aotea Park - \$1800 granted.

Community Services Report, Waverley Town Belt, part 2 is under way. Arangirangi Patea Salt Marsh viewing platform also underway.

A group has been formed to act as decision makers for 'Cultural Markers' for Patea. These are members of local hapu. It is intended they will lead the development of a cultural expression that reflects their whakapapa, identity and connection to Patea.

Upcoming meetings:

Wednesday 5 August, 4pm at Hunter Shaw, Pātea

Wednesday 16 September, 4pm at Waverley Community Centre

Wednesday 28 October, 4pm at Whenuakura Marae

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Where: Waverley Community Hall

When: Sunday ~ 19th July
~ 16th August
~ 20th September

Time: 9am to 1pm

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Waverley Craft and Farmers Market team would like to thank all those who supported our Starship fundraiser at our June market. We raised nearly \$300 and we have added to that from the market funds. We have sent \$500 to Starship for their bakeoff appeal. A great effort from all involved.

Our next market is on 19 July and this time we are supporting our amazing vendors and giving back to all our supporters. We have purchased goods from each stallholder and have had extra donated. These will go into 2 hampers to be given away on the day.

All you need to do to enter is come to the market, collect an entry ticket, write our name and phone number down, and post into the entry box. Every purchase gains another entry.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Water Tank needed for Waitotara

We are wanting to get a second Water Tank to be installed at Waitotara Village for fire fighting purposes, and are hoping some kind people from the community can help with this, by donating a tank, or money towards one.

There is one on the hill beyond the Hall that was funded by the community in the 1990's, it needs reconnecting to the pump that fills it, then it will be functioning again. We hope to put the second tank next to it.

The Waitotara Hall Committee also want to install a second tank at the Hall, so if we could get 2 tanks, the 2nd one will be put there and collect the roof water.



Contact me on 0272415595, or send me a message if you can help. We are wanting the water tanks to be around the size of 30,000 lt.

Jacq Dwyer
Patea Community Board



School Docs- this is where you can access our school's policies & procedures www.schooldocs.co.nz
Username- waitotara
Password- waitotara
Our Board would love any feedback you have about our policies.

Celebrating Puanga

Waitotara School attended a day out in Whanganui to celebrate Puanga. We watched schools Kapa Haka performances and then split into Junior and Senior groups to participate in different activities. Making mandalas with Piwaiwaka Farms, waiata, poi and rakau at the library which was surely a highlight along with reconstructing the double hulled waka that is currently on display at the Museum from the National Museum in Auckland. A great day of learning and immersion.



Well done to the Waitotara hockey team who were amazing at the contributing schools competition a couple of weeks ago. Thanks to coach Alison Gifkins and Tiffany Parkes for taking the children to the game.



Wear yellow for Harold day. Thanks for supporting Life Ed Whanganui. We look forward to Harold's visit in term 3



Follow Us on Facebook for news and photos all of the exciting things happening at Waitotara School.

150th Jubilee photos are available to see now

More to follow!

Don't forget... Download the Skool Loop app for notices and reminders.

So far we have around 20 families enrolled (Due to privacy on the app we can't see the names of who has signed up).

This is how we will send all communication to families so please get onboard



Term 2 Lunch Menu- YUM!

**Hamburgers
Taco wraps
Chicken pasta bake
Honey chicken & rice
Nachos
Butter chicken
Meatballs & spaghetti
Chicken sliders
Mac n cheese**

Grandparents day 2026.

Science, Whānau and Grandparents Day at Waitotara School

What a fantastic day we had on Friday!

The morning was filled with excitement as we opened our classrooms to parents and whānau for our Science Open Morning. Students proudly shared their learning and showcased a range of hands-on science activities, including creating and erupting volcanoes! It was wonderful to see our tamariki confidently explaining the science behind their experiments and sharing their discoveries with visitors.

In the afternoon, we welcomed grandparents and special family members for our Grandparents' Afternoon.

Classrooms were buzzing as students and their guests worked together on activities, played games, completed creative tasks, and enjoyed spending quality time together. There were plenty of smiles, conversations, and special memories made throughout the afternoon.

A huge thank you to all the parents, grandparents, whānau, and community members who took the time to join us. Your support and involvement make such a positive difference to our students and school community.

We loved opening our doors and sharing a glimpse of the wonderful learning that happens every day at Waitotara School.

Go to our Facebook page to see more photos, please let us know if you would like a print of any.



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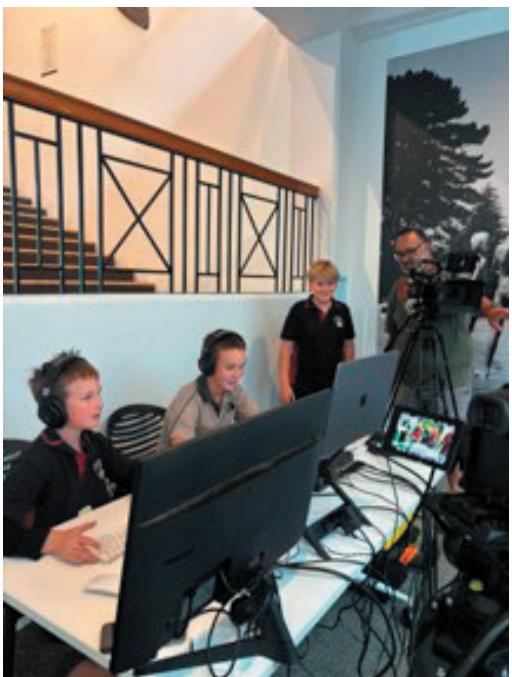
Book Character Day

As part of Book Week we had a dress-up day where students and teachers came to school dressed up as their favourite book character. A great amount of effort was put into the costumes and a fun day was had by all.



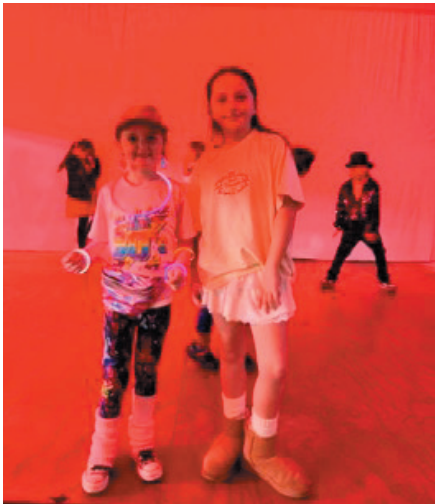
Year 8 Careers Expo

The Year 8 students had a fantastic day at the Rangatahi Tech Day in Whanganui! Students took part in a wide range of activities, created a podcast, and some lucky students even went live on Awa FM. They also had the opportunity to explore a variety of future career pathways.



Year 7&8 Rippa Tournament

Our Year 7&8 Rippa team competed in the South Taranaki competition on June 9th. The team played exceptionally well and came away with an impressive second-place finish, which means they now get to compete in the finals in New Plymouth. Events like this wouldn't be possible without the support of our school whanau, so we really appreciate all of the people who give up their time to provide these opportunities for our students.



Disco Through the Decades

Our latest school disco, hosted by our wonderful PFA, was a huge success. The theme was "Disco Through the Decades", and the students really embraced the theme with their fabulous costumes.



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Rookie Season Full of Growth and Achievement for Young Drag Racer Arlo Neil

The 2025/26 season was a memorable one for young drag racer Arlo as he completed his first full season in the Wild Bunch Junior Funny Car, gaining valuable experience, improving his performance and collecting several achievements along the way.

Arlo's season began at the Junior Training Day in October, where he completed nine consistent runs while learning the finer details of staging and race procedures. Those lessons continued into November's Test & Tune meetings, where a series of improvements to the dragster helped increase both comfort and visibility. Across nine passes, Arlo achieved a new personal best of 14.334 seconds at 43.86mph.

The Central Nationals in Masterton saw Arlo complete 10 passes and showcase impressive consistency. A standout reaction time of 0.022 seconds earned him the top qualifying position heading into eliminations. After defeating Cora in the opening round, his weekend ended in a close semi-final battle against sister Charli, who narrowly took the win by just 0.195 seconds.

At the Bob Wilton Memorial Drags in January, Arlo continued making progress, setting a new speed personal best of 44.52mph despite challenging weather conditions limiting track time. The following weekend at the Southern Nationals in Motueka provided another valuable learning experience as he raced on a new track and gained further confidence behind the wheel.

February was packed with racing action. At Wild Bunch vs The World, Arlo was selected as a co-captain in the popular Nitro Kids Challenge, helping lead the boys' team to victory. He then attended his first Junior Champs as a competitor, winning two of his three Chicago Shootout races and completing seven passes throughout the day.

One of the highlights of the season came at the 40th Wanganui Street Drags, where Arlo was one of only six juniors invited to perform demonstration runs. The meeting was especially meaningful as Arlo and sister Charli are the third generation of their family to race at the iconic street drags, continuing a family tradition spanning four decades.

The season continued with another successful appearance at Gunners Street Drags in New Plymouth, where Arlo joined a small group of juniors entertaining spectators with a series of exhibition runs down the city streets. The event provided another opportunity to showcase junior drag racing to a wider audience while gaining valuable experience behind the wheel.

The season concluded at the 58th Nationals, where Arlo was recognised during the MMP Junior Prizegiving for several achievements, including Completing His First Season, Most Improved Personal Best, and Rookie of the Year. His season-best figures improved from 14.893 seconds at 42.15mph to 14.334 seconds at 44.16mph, while his special street racing personal best stood at 14.15 seconds.

Throughout the season, Arlo completed dozens of passes, improved his confidence and racing, and embraced every opportunity to learn. Alongside the racing achievements came lifelong memories, new friendships and countless lessons both on and off the track.

A very special thank you goes to Ryan. Being part of something as cool as the Wild Bunch Juniors and getting the opportunity to drive the Camaro Funny Car is honestly one of the best things ever.

Thank you, Ryan—not just for the car, but for teaching me, helping me, and believing in me. It's a dream come true, and I know not every kid gets the chance to do something like this, so I feel incredibly lucky.

With his rookie season now complete and a few trophies on the shelf, Arlo is already looking forward to getting back behind the wheel for the 2026/27 season.

We wouldn't be out there doing what we love without the incredible support of our sponsors, whose backing helps make the season possible.



Ryan Staging Arlo at Central Nationals Dec 2025



Central Nationals Dec 2025



Carl Bates & Arlo at Wanganui Street Drags



Test & Tune - Nov 2025



Junior Training Day



Gunners Street Drags March 2026



Junior Champs 2026



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We're also incredibly grateful to the talented track photographers and videographers — without them, we wouldn't have the amazing photos and videos that help capture and share these special racing memories.



If you'd like to jump on board and support Charli and Arlo for the upcoming season, we'd love to hear from you.

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A Villa To Call Home

11 Suffolk Street, Patea

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For Sale \$260,000

This villa has some lovely character features inside and outside while having some much-needed upgrades over the years. Fully fenced on a quiet corner section the home has had the benefit of a new double garage with automatic garage door and new driveway. Located close to the schools this family sized home will be sure to delight.

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56 Victoria Street, Patea

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For Sale \$225,000

This two-bedroom art deco house was moved on site approximately twenty years ago and is tucked away in the corner of the 1012m² property leaving plenty of room for the garages. A fantastic project home for the motor enthusiast - viewings by appointment only.

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Matariki Holiday Kerbside Collection

Kerbside collection will continue as normal over the public holiday, so please put your bins out on your usual day.
Visit www.southtaranaki.com/matariki for more information on Council facility open hours.

One council or two? South Taranaki residents invited to have their say on the future of local government

South Taranaki District Council is asking the community to share their views on the future of local government in Taranaki, with a public survey which opened on 12 June 2026, running through to 12 July 2026.

The survey is part of Council's work on the Government's Head Start pathway for simplifying local government. The Government said it wants to replace the current mix of district, city and regional councils with unitary authorities, and councils have until 9 August 2026 to develop outline proposals.

South Taranaki District Mayor Phil Nixon says Council has agreed to take part in the Head Start process so the district can help shape its own future, rather than having decisions made later through a central government-led process.

"We want to hear from our residents about what matters most to them. We're asking our residents to consider two possible scenarios for Taranaki's future local government structure: One council for all of Taranaki, combining regional and district/city functions into a single unitary authority; or two councils for Taranaki, with one covering the New Plymouth district area and

one covering the Stratford and South Taranaki district areas, with each taking on regional council functions."

The survey also asks people what matters most if local government is reorganised, including protecting local voice and decision-making, affordability, fair representation, accessible local services, and simplifying governance across the region.

Mayor Nixon says local government reorganisation is a significant issue with long-term implications for the district, and community feedback will help inform the proposal South Taranaki helps shape. "However, it's important to note that our survey is not a binding poll, and final decisions on any future reorganisation will sit with central government," he says.

People can complete the survey online at southtaranaki.com/headstart, or pick up a printed copy from the Council Administration Building in Hāwera or their nearest LibraryPlus. Printed feedback forms can also be returned to those locations. Council is encouraging everyone to take a few minutes to have their say before feedback closes on 12 July 2026.

Tell us what you think.

Visit www.southtaranaki.com/headstart, scan the QR code to have your say. You can also pick up hardcopy survey forms from your local LibraryPlus.
We need to receive your feedback by 5pm Sunday 12 July 2026.



South Taranaki School Holiday Programme for July 2026 out now

Families across South Taranaki can look forward to another action-packed school break, with the latest edition of the Happening Holidays School Holiday Programme now available. With so many activities on offer, there's no chance for tamariki to claim they're bored.

Happening Holidays is the South Taranaki District Council's one stop guide to what's on during the school break. The programme features activities taking place at the seven South Taranaki District LibraryPlus centres, the Hāwera Aquatic Centre, and a wide range of community run events. From rugby skills sessions and cupcake decorating to roller skating, craft workshops, and the all-new Big Bounce event. There's something for every age and interest.

Council Events Coordinator Hannah Hancock says the programme continues to grow in variety and popularity.

"Happening Holidays makes it easy for whānau to find fun, affordable activities close to home. It's packed with exciting options for tamariki and rangatahi throughout South Taranaki,"

she says.

Parents and caregivers are reminded that registrations and permission slips are required for some activities, as outlined in the programme. Bookings can be made at the Hāwera isite, or at your local LibraryPlus. Some activities have limited spaces, so booking early is encouraged to avoid missing out.

Council is also inviting community groups, clubs, and organisations to be part of future events in the Happening Holidays programme. If you have an activity, workshop, or event idea you'd like to offer next school holidays, Council Events Coordinator Hannah Hancock would like to hear from you. For more information or to discuss your interest in hosting an event, contact Hannah Hancock by emailing events@stdc.govt.nz. Visit www.southtaranaki.com/happeningholidays to download a copy of the programme or for more information.

Upcoming meetings

Risk and Assurance Committee
Wednesday 1 July, 1pm

Workshop
Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives and Strategic Asset Allocation
Wednesday 1 July, 3pm

Workshop - Head Start Pathway
Monday 6 July, 1pm

Workshop
LTP Groups of Activities: financing and measures (Day 3)
Wednesday 8 July, 8.30am

Extraordinary Council
To hear public views on Head Start Pathway
Monday 13 July, 9am

Ordinary Council
Wednesday 15 July, 4pm

Workshop - Head Start Pathway
Monday 20 July, 1pm

Extraordinary Council
To confirm Head Start Proposal
Wednesday 29 July, 1pm

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



Nominate someone for a South Taranaki Community Award

These awards only come around once every two years. Take this opportunity to nominate an individual or group deserving recognition for going beyond the call of duty.

GET YOUR NOMINATIONS IN BY FRIDAY 31 JULY 2026

Nomination forms are available at your local South Taranaki LibraryPlus, the Council Administration Building, South Taranaki isite, TSB Hub, or online at www.southtaranaki.com/communityawards

Make yourself a cuppa, sit down and enjoy the latest puzzle page



Quick crossword

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- Across**
1. Embarrassed (7)
5. Hurl (5)
8. Indicator (7)
9. Banal (5)
10. Thrust (5)
11. Component (7)
12. Ebb (6)
14. Come to rest (6)
17. Fussy (7)
19. Outdated, no longer stylish (5)
22. Beer mug (5)
23. Stretch out (7)
24. Gangling (5)
25. Devalue (7)
- Down**
1. Horrify (5)
2. Foreign (5)
3. Reckless, impetuous person (7)
4. Overshadow (6)
5. Designation (5)
6. Garb (7)
7. Grapple (7)
12. Rejection (7)
13. Worry (7)
15. Detonate (7)
16. Short-sighted (6)
18. Shrewd (5)
20. Pry (5)
21. Incite (3,2)

Crossword solution

Across: 1. Abashed, 5. Throw, 8. Pointer, 9. Trite, 10. Lunge, 11. Element, 12. Recede, 14. Settle, 17. Finicky, 19. Passé, 22. Stein, 23. Prolong, 24. Lanky, 25. Cheapen.
Down: 1. Appal, 2. Alien, 3. Hothead, 4. Darken, 5. Title, 6. Raiment, 7. Wrestle, 12. Refusal, 13. Concern, 15. Explode, 16. Myopic, 18. Canny, 20. Snoop, 21. Egg on.

Code-Cracker

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SIMON SHUKER'S CODE-CRACKER Extra

Each number in our Code-Cracker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. For example, today 2 represents O so fill in O every time the figure 2 appears. You have one letter in the control grid to start you off. Enter it in the appropriate squares in the main grid and solve the starter word. Fill in other squares in the main and control grids with the found letters and look for the next word. Follow the word trail through the puzzle to its completion.

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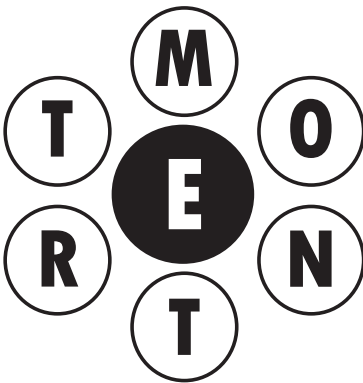
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Circle of Words

How many words of four letters or more can you make? There is at least one seven-letter word. Each letter may be used only once and all words must contain the centre letter. No words starting with a capital, no plurals ending in s unless the word is also a verb.

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The Patea Rugby Club Jubilee

The Patea Rugby Club Jubilee at Kings Birthday weekend was an impeccably organised, memorable event, to mark 150 years since the Club began. The celebrations began at 9am on Saturday 30 May with the junior rugby games. People arrived in a constant flow to pick up their registration packs and settle in for the weekend's activities. At 11am the Chairman of the Jubilee Committee; Peter Crawford opened the event and introduced distinguished guests and speakers. Marise James from the NZ Rugby Board, Thomas Werder – ex Patea Rugby Team Captain and current deputy Chairperson, Bryan Hamerton – ex Patea Rugby Player and Harvey Gibbs – ex Patea Rugby player, all gave lively speeches about the prominence of Rugby in our province and memorable times the game has created over the years.

The major event just before midday was the unveiling of the two All Blacks blazers donated to the Club by our very own ex-All Blacks: Murray Wills and Alistair Scown. It was an emotional moment as our young Patea Rugby Club members stepped forward and performed a powerful haka for our two All Blacks. Three of the six Scown brothers attended the Jubilee - Ross Scown was the oldest player and cut the Jubilee cake with the youngest Club member Charlie Leatherby. Garth Scown and his son Sam also enjoyed the days celebrations. A Life Membership was presented to Alistair Scown for his contribution to the Club in the 1960s and 70's. Jim & Bronwyn Murdoch also received Life Membership, recognition for their part in getting the Patea Club reformed in 2012, after 16 years with Waverley, when it was known as 'Border', and their constant work with Club administration in the years since.

The afternoons rugby kicked off with the Kak Contracting Patea Premier Women's team taking on Tukapa at 12.00 pm. The final score of 29-19 to Patea, marked the first win to the team since forming in 2025. This great result for the women's side, was especially special being achieved in front of the huge jubilee crowd.

Sandford Rural Carriers Patea Senior Men played Clifton at 1pm, the score was 89-0 to Patea. A special Thank you to Clifton Rugby Club, we appreciate their incredible acknowledgement of Patea's Jubilee, by presenting a signed Clifton Rugby Jersey after the game, which will be proudly hung in our clubrooms. A great result for both teams. After match speeches and presentations were made in the Clubrooms.

Patea Area School kindly allowed their newly refurbished Assembly Hall be used for the Jubilee dinner on Saturday night. The Hall was decorated with custom-made flags, bunting, fairy lights and flower arrangements, all in Patea 'blue and white'. Louise Hamerton was the one behind the Jubilee advertising, comms and the finer details of the Jubilee. The final effect was stunning.

The evening was run with an engaging style by Master of Ceremonies; David Hurley (ex Patea rugby man). David invited four Patea Rugby Club members to the stage – Ray Metcalfe, Murray Wills, Alistair Scown & Dean Hurley, for an entertaining and informative 'armchair interview' about their rugby memories and advice - good, bad and hilarious. The guest speaker was our very own International Referee: Paul Williams. The audience of 270 dinner guests were captivated to his every word and rewarded with an insightful and entertaining address. Paul travels all over the world with his rugby career, but he holds his early days of rugby here close to his heart and will always be a Patea boy.

The start of a major 'Vintage Patea Rugby Jersey' auction began on Saturday night and continued back at the Clubrooms, after the old timers game on Sunday. It gathered momentum and proved to be a big funding bonus for the Club. Bryan Hamerton showed us he still has the golden touch with his auctioneering skills on the stage on Saturday night. Kate Murdoch designed and ordered the replica jerseys in time for the weekend and the current Patea team wore them in the old timers game on

Sunday. A total of \$44,500 was raised from the sale of the 29 jerseys. Special mention must be made to Rochelle Fowlie of 'Raw Moments' for her digital content and interviews with players and supporters that keep us entertained on the Patea Rugby Club facebook page.

The Saturday night meal was cooked and served by Darren Pullen and his team of caterers. Three different types of meal cooked in a large collection of Kai Cookers, and veges and salads on the side. Lunch and morning tea catering was Andersons Catering, and the Ladies in the kitchen - Maree Hurley and Alva Honeyfield kept the food flowing all weekend. Patsy Hooper & Sue Hackett were the welcoming faces at the registration table. Thank you to the very loyal Garry Hooper for the construction and fitting a new security gate to the storage area under the grandstand. And to Gary Prentice for providing the sound system in various places all weekend. Wherever a microphone was needed, there was Gary holding it at the ready. Nev Hinga managed the security for the weekend with his calm and efficient ease, and there were no issues that his team couldn't sort out.

A heartfelt thank you must be made to the dedicated current Patea Rugby Club committee: Dave Collins - Chairman, Thomas Werder – Deputy Chairperson, Kate Murdoch – Treasurer, Ryan Tate – Secretary and committee – Al Honeyfield, Aaron Murdoch, Nadia Broughton, Jamie Napflin, Darren Pullen, Nick Williams, Jim Murdoch and Dean Hurley. These people do the hard yards, year in, year out, running the bar, organising the games, fundraising for uniforms, balancing the books, and keeping everything in order. The Clubrooms are looking top notch after a couple of working bees. Nick Williams in particular, has put in a lot of work with the grounds and building maintenance. Ian Glenny and Richard Te Ngahue prepared and painted the grandstand in Patea colours – Blue and White. Sue Williams finished off the detail work, disguising rusty pipe work, and it really does look amazing.



Peter Crawford, Chairman of the Patea Jubilee Committee

The pride and grit that has got the Club to where it is today, is all due to the people involved in the Club over the last 150 years – the Committee Members, the Sponsors, the Players and the Supporters. The

number of people, young and old, wearing blue supporters hoodies, jubilee caps and t shirts turned the Patea Domain into a sea of blue. Patea Rugby Club is in good stead after 150 years. Those men who decided to start the Club in 1876 would be very proud.

To follow is the speech Peter Crawford gave at the Saturday night dinner:

'Ladies and Gentlemen tonight we stand on the shoulders of giants, for in 1876 some very astute gentlemen sat down in the Albion Hotel in Patea and formed the Patea Rugby Club.

What foresight and vision those gentlemen had. They wanted to give Patea an opportunity to create its own slice of Taranaki and New Zealand Rugby history. Did we take that opportunity YOU BET WE DID. We won numerous age grade championships, too many for me to mention tonight. Two senior titles in 1934 1951 and most recently a Division 2 CHAMPIONSHIP in 2024.

We had: Raymond Dobson - NZ SCHOOLS, Norm Broughton - NZ MĀORI, Codie Rei - NZ UNDER 20'S, NZ MĀORI, Jason Hooper - our only SUPER RUBGY player so far, Paul Williams - INTERNATIONAL REFEREE, Urq Walker - PRESIDENT OF NZ RUGBY, Gary McKenna, Bryan Hamerton, Murray Wills – all 3 were PRESIDENTS OF TARANAKI RUGBY UNION: Peter Crawford - CHAIRMAN OF TARANAKI RUGBY UNION, & HURRICANES DIRECTOR, and the ultimate: 2 ALL BLACKS: Murray Wills and Alistair Scown.

We have had 70 TARANAKI RUGBY REPRESENTATIVES, too many to list here. And going back in history these men played for: NZ MĀORI - AJ West, NZ JUNIORS - A Scown, NORTH ISLAND - LH Edwards, AJ West, A Scown. NZ TRIALS: WH Baldwin, LH Edwards, C Gudgeon, W Orr, H Scown, M Wills, A Scown. 1960 Patea WOMENS RUGBY TEAM lasted one season as rumour had it the following year they were all pregnant. In the early 90s the PATEA RUGBY CLUB also had WOMENS NETBALL TEAM. And many many other club members who had worked incredibly hard to give this club its place in Taranaki Rugby History. We are indebted to all these member's'.



Greg Broughton & Alistair Scown, Patea Rugby Club team mates

The Patea Rugby Club Jubilee



International Rugby Referee Paul Williams, with his parents Nick and Sue Williams and wife Vicki Williams



ABOVE:
Josh Rei,
Kyrán Ngatai,
Logan Rei,
Codey Rei,
Kane Brisco



The Thomas brothers: Ben, Ollie, Kevin and Dinny



RIGHT:
Three ex-All Blacks:
Alistair Scown,
Glen Osborne,
Murray Wills.



LEFT:
Youngest Patea
Rugby Club member
Charlie Leatherby
& oldest ex Patea
Rugby player Ross
Scown cutting the
Jubilee cake



RIGHT:
Fin Ochedusko-
Brown from
the Whanganui
Chronicle
interviewing
Murray & Alistair

The Patea Rugby Club Jubilee



Bryan Hamerton and Donald Cameron – wearing his Patea Rugby Club Blazer from the 1960's.



Patea Rugby man - Andrew Breen, wearing the Patea Rugby Club replica vintage jersey.



Murray Wills and Alistair Scown presenting their All Blacks Blazers



Kevin Perrett, Alistair Scown, Gareth Scown, Sam Scown, Ross Scown, Murray Wills, Kevin Thomas



Patea Rugby Club junior members performing a Haka for Alistair and Murray, our ex All Blacks.



The line up for the Jubilee Old-Timers game on Sunday

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Nominations opening soon for 2026 South Taranaki Community Awards

Know of a quiet achiever? Impressed by the community initiative shown by a neighbour? Does the dedication of a volunteer impress you? Get your thinking caps on because nominations for the 2026 South Taranaki Community Awards open on Monday 15 June.

These awards are for individuals, groups and organisations within South Taranaki who have, by personal leadership, inspiration, sacrifice or devotion, made a significant contribution to the wellbeing of their communities.

"You could nominate individuals or groups who have shown initiative to make a difference in the community or have dedicated their time assisting others such as a sports coach or community volunteer or beautifying a public place for example," says Communications and Customer Services Manager Gerard Langford.

Like in 2023, there will be the South Taranaki Youth Citizen Award. This award is for individuals within the South Taranaki District, who have achieved outstanding academic successes, sporting achievements, community involvement and arts or cultural achievements in their respective communities and are aged 11-24 years old.

These awards usually happen once every two years, so take this opportunity to nominate an individual or a group you think deserves recognition for the work they do within the district.

The categories are:

- Volunteer - Individual
- Volunteer – Organisation
- Youth Citizen Award

Nominations will be open from Monday 15 June until Friday 31 July. Nomination forms are available from any South Taranaki LibraryPlus, the Council Administration Building in Hāwera, South Taranaki isite, TSB Hub and online at www.southtaranaki.com/communityawards

Completed nomination forms can be posted to Gaye Caddick at South Taranaki District Council, Private Bag 902 Hāwera, hand delivered to the Hāwera Administration Building at 105 Albion Street or emailed to communityawards@stdc.govt.nz

TRC Chair says community must get involved in council reform

The future structure of local government in Taranaki will impact everyone in the region, according to Taranaki Regional Council chair Craig Williamson.

Mr Williamson urges people across Taranaki to have their say on what reorganisation might look like by completing one of the district council surveys now open.

"The changes will 100% affect you, whether you are a farmer in Ōpunake, a retiree in Stratford or a student in New Plymouth. The more 'real people' that councils hear from and the more informed you are, the better the outcome will be for all of us."

The Government's Simplifying Local Government reforms aim to reduce the number of councils across New Zealand through the creation of unitary authorities. Changes are expected to take effect from the 2028 local body elections.

New Plymouth District Council, Stratford District Council and South Taranaki District Council are all taking part in the Government's Head Start pathway,

which allows councils to come up with their own proposal for a local government structure for the region.

As part of this, all councils are conducting individual surveys seeking the views of their local community.

"Please fill your local council's survey out and keep an eye on their website for further information and opportunities to give feedback down the line," Mr Williamson says.

"As this work progresses, TRC is committing to doing all we can to ensure any proposal fully understands the regional council's functions such as catchment management, environmental monitoring, biosecurity, public transport and more.

"The effective management and protection of the natural environment must not be compromised in this process."

To complete your applicable survey go to your district council's website or see information and links to all surveys at <https://haveyoursay.trc.govt.nz/>.



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The successful applications to receive funding for 2026 are listed below:

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Aotea Utanganui Museum of South Taranaki	Towards providing safe, community access to their service	\$5,000.00
The Border Rugby & Sports Club	Towards medical equipment for junior and senior rugby teams	\$3,500.00
Patea Area School	Towards sporting gear	\$2,000.00
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Taranaki Environmental Education Trust	Towards plants and seedlings for community garden	\$500.00
Waverley Bowling Club	Towards providing safe access to their service and seating for aged bowlers	\$3,000.00
Waverley Festival Society Inc.	Towards stage, sound and lighting for Waverley SummerJam concert	\$5,000.00
Waverley Primary School	Towards safe playground facilities for the children and wider community	\$8,000.00
Waverley Seniors Exercise & Social Group	Towards exercise equipment programme delivered weekly to support the elderly	\$5,000.00
Waverley Standby	Towards service provision	\$5,000.00
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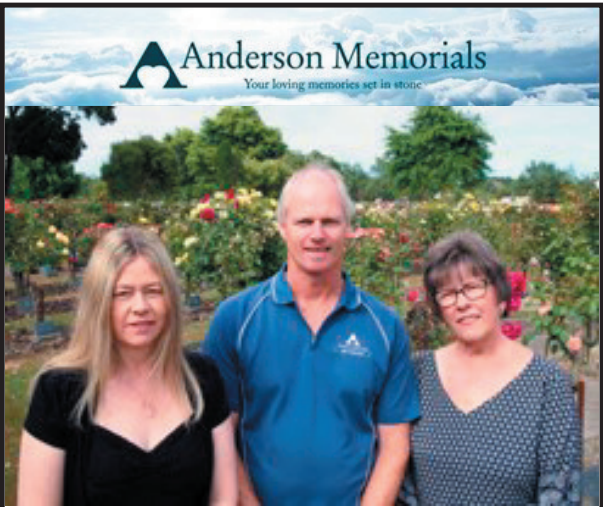
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SUN	05 JUL	00:56	2.8m	13:22	2.6m
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TUE	07 JUL	02:22	2.7m	14:52	2.5m
WED	08 JUL	03:13	2.7m	15:47	2.5m
THU	09 JUL	04:10	2.6m	16:49	2.5m
FRI	10 JUL	05:12	2.6m	17:58	2.6m
SAT	11 JUL	06:18	2.6m	19:08	2.7m
SUN	12 JUL	07:26	2.7m	20:12	2.9m
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Rainfall for 2025 - 68mm
Average for May - 111mm over 56 years
TOTAL for 2026 - 446mm

WAITOTARA

Rainfall recorded by Marie Hawken, Waitotara
Rainfall 2026 -
Rainfall 2025 -
TOTAL for 2026 - 387.25mm (April)

WAVERLEY

Rainfall recorded by Stu Buckman, Waverley
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As we settle into the crisp winter months, we are incredibly proud of the warmth, energy, and dedication filling our classrooms here at Whenuakura School. Reaching the end of Term 2 is always a milestone, and it is a wonderful time to reflect on just how much our tamariki have grown, learned, and stretched their boundaries since the start of the year.

Winter terms always demand a little extra resilience from our learners, and our students have truly been rising to the challenge. Whether it is showing outstanding sportsmanship on the sports field, diving into creative problem-solving in the classroom, or stepping up as leaders, they continue to live out our vision of ‘Growing Personal Excellence’ every single day.

National Young Leaders Day

Early in June, our Year 6 leadership team travelled to the Regent on Broadway in Palmerston North to attend the National Young Leaders Day. It was an incredible, high-energy day focused on inspiring the next generation of Kiwi trailblazers.

Our students had the privilege of hearing from some truly phenomenal, world-class New Zealanders who shared their personal journeys of resilience, curiosity, and passion.

Our Year 6s represented the school beautifully, returning with notebooks full of ideas, a fresh burst of motivation, and a clearer understanding of what it means to lead others with empathy and purpose.

Life Education with Harold and Tom

Having Harold and Life Education kaiako Tom visit was a fantastic learning experience for our tamariki and rangatahi. Through engaging and interactive sessions, students explored how their “monkey brain” and “wise owl brain” work, learning strategies to help them make positive choices, manage their emotions, support their friends, and stay safe online. The focus was on using wisdom and self-control to make good decisions, even when faced with challenges or when others around us make mistakes.

Here’s what some of our students and staff had to say:

“I learned about being silly and having full control.” – Yozaeyah

“I learned about how to make the right decision even when no one is watching.” – Honor

“I got reminded about the importance of taking quiet time outside.” – Whaea Kate

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Tuakana Hive Project

Our Tuakana students have been hard at work on their extension maths project this term, bringing their learning in measurement and geometry to life through a creative, hands-on challenge.

Using recycled boxes, the tamariki have been constructing a large honeycomb display, carefully measuring, designing, and assembling each section. To add visual impact, the honeycomb has been painted in a beautiful rainbow gradient, flowing from cool colours through to warm.

The project is now entering its final stages, and we are excited to see the finished result. It has been wonderful to watch the students apply their mathematical thinking, problem-solving skills, creativity, and teamwork throughout the process. Check out our progress in the photos below!

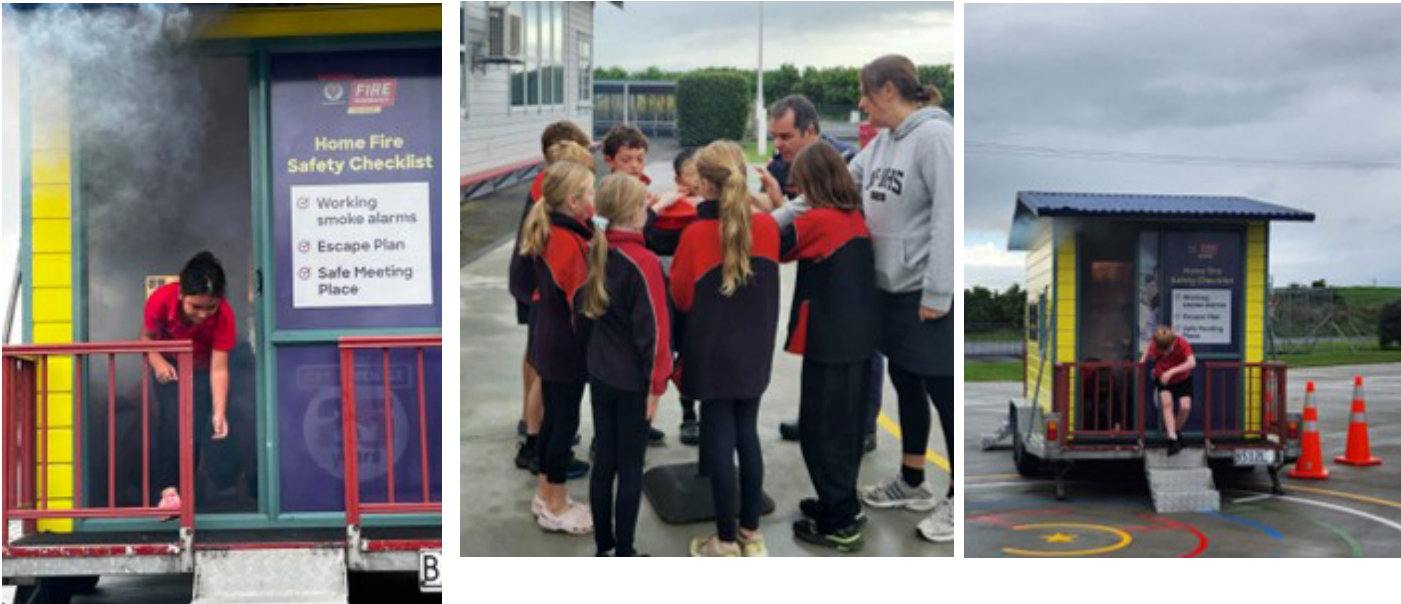
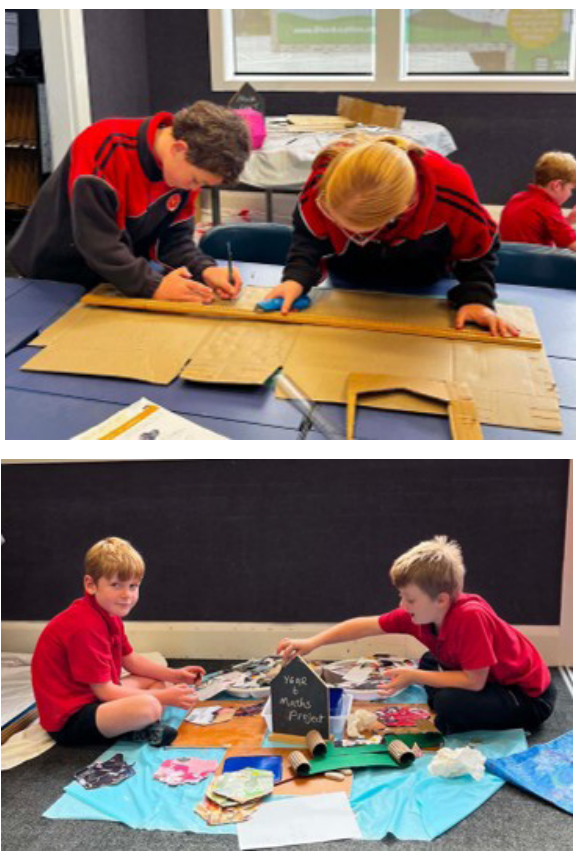


Learning Fire Safety Through Real-Life Experience

Last month our tamariki had the exciting opportunity to take part in a hands-on fire safety learning experience with Chris and Julie from the Fire Brigade. This visit was a fantastic way to reinforce the knowledge and skills we have been developing through our Firewise Unit this term.

Throughout the unit, students have been learning about the causes of fires, how to stay safe in an emergency, and the importance of having a fire escape plan. Chris and Julie helped bring this learning to life by sharing their expertise and guiding students through practical fire safety activities. The experience allowed tamariki to apply their learning in a real-world context, helping them better understand what to do in an emergency and why fire safety is so important.

The students were highly engaged and asked thoughtful questions, showing just how much they have learned during the unit. Experiences like these help build confidence and equip our young people with valuable life skills that they can take home and share with their whānau.



Printmaking Workshop

Last week our Year 3-6 students participated in a printmaking workshop delivered by local artist extraordinaire MB Stoneman. They have been enjoying her book 'The Menagerie' in class.

The students have written poetry about the things from Te Taiao (The Natural World) that they are most passionate about, and printmaking seemed like a great way to illustrate their work. They used upcycled tetra paks to carve their drawings into, inked them up and ran them through Micky's press. The delighted whoops and outstanding engagement was a testament to Micky's talent.



Powered by the Future: Enviroschools Roadshow Visit!

Our tamariki had an incredible, hands-on learning experience when the Taranaki Regional Council Enviroschools Alternate Energy Roadshow rolled into school! The hall was buzzing with energy as students explored the power of nature through interactive displays. From testing currents and winding hand-crank generators to seeing how wind and hydro power work, our ākonga were thoroughly engaged. A crowd favourite was definitely the bicycle blender—putting some serious pedal power into mixing up a smoothie! Beyond clean energy, our students took time to think about conservation, proudly sharing their own climate action pledges to protect our local environment. A Huge Thank You to Richard & Claire for bringing this awesome, inspiring experience to our school. Our future sustainability champions are well on their way!



Forest School

Our students have been so grateful to be back in their outdoor classroom lately - with no stump left unturned! They've been learning about fungus, making 'Giant Soup', crafting nature tokens to show they can use the hand tools safely, and building huts and hammocks. There's something special about learning through exploration, creativity, and hands-on experiences in nature!



The Natural World

As part of our theme this term of 'Te Taiāo' (The Natural World) we have been learning more about endangered species. The children in Waenganui and Tuakana (Year 3-6) who opted into our Homework Club have been working on a special at home project. The creations starting to roll in (slide shows, origami creatures, brochures and posters) are incredible! Here's a picture of Lincoln with his amazing diorama all about the Black Robin.



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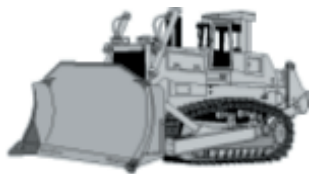
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JUNE ROUND UP



A Special Visit from Rangi Abraham

What a privilege to welcome Rangi Abraham to our school to share stories and experiences from his time serving in the New Zealand Army. His stories gave us a fascinating insight into the challenges, responsibilities, and camaraderie that come with serving our country. Students were captivated by the many stories he shared. They listened respectfully and asked thoughtful questions, gaining a deeper understanding of service, courage, resilience, and friendship. A heartfelt thank you to Rangi Abraham for taking the time to visit our school and share your knowledge, stories, and experiences. Most importantly, thank you for your dedicated service to New Zealand.

South Zone Rippa Rugby Tournament

What a fantastic day we had at the South Zone Rippa Rugby Tournament! We were incredibly proud of the way our players represented our school, showing excellent sportsmanship, teamwork, and perseverance in every game. A huge thank you to our neighbours from Whenuakura School for joining our social team. We always enjoy playing alongside you. A special thank you also goes to our wonderful coaches, Donovan Croot and Thomas Werder, for generously giving your time, knowledge, and expertise to coach our teams so successfully.



Together we trained, played, and gave it our all.



Captivated by every word! Learning from a real-life hero

Your encouragement and dedication are greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank the Taranaki Rugby Football Union for organising such a well-run tournament and providing our students with the opportunity to participate in this fantastic event. Finally, a big thank you to our amazing whānau and supporters who came along to cheer from the sidelines.

Year 6 Wellington Camp

Our Year 6 students recently travelled to Wellington for an incredible few days of growth, leadership, learning, and adventure. The entire trip was packed with unforgettable experiences and opportunities. Every student embraced the challenge of trying new things and stepping outside their comfort zones. We were so proud to see them demonstrate courage, resilience, teamwork, and leadership throughout the camp. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the parents and whānau who supported the camp. A very special thank you goes to Mrs. Tai and Ms OB. Mrs. Tai worked tirelessly coordinating the camp and accompanying the students throughout the trip, ensuring everything ran smoothly from start to finish. Your calm leadership, dedication, and care helped make this experience such a success. And a huge thank you also to Ms OB for her outstanding organisation, planning, and commitment in bringing this incredible camp together. The experiences, friendships, and memories created during this trip will stay with our students for years to come.



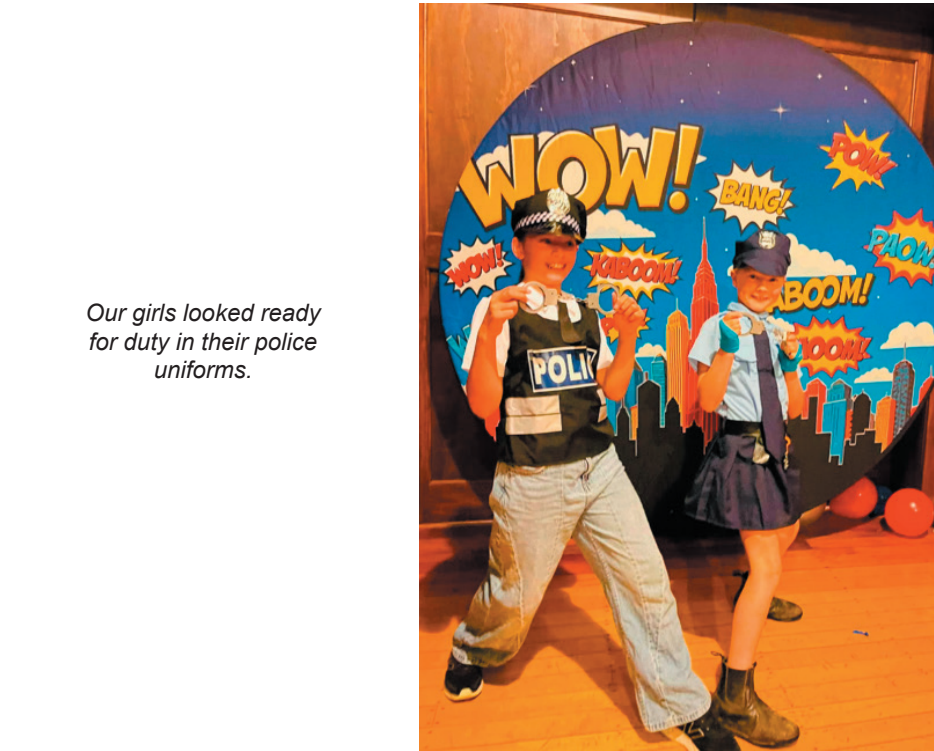
From the classroom to Parliament: our students gained a valuable insight into how New Zealand is governed

Wacky Hair Day Fun

What a fantastic and colourful day we had at Kakaramaea School for our Wacky Hair Day fundraiser!
Our Student Council was proud to raise \$30 for KidsCan New Zealand, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who made a donation. Your generosity will help support children and families in need across New Zealand.
The creativity on display was absolutely amazing! Students arrived with all sorts of wacky and wonderful hairstyles. Using everyday items from around the home, children transformed their hair into incredible creations.



Crazy, colourful, and completely creative! Hair today, helping tomorrow!



Our girls looked ready for duty in their police uniforms.



These three superheroes were ready to save the night with their awesome poses.

SuperHero Dance Disco 2026!

The dance floor was buzzing with energy at our School Disco on Friday night! From the moment the music started, children filled the hall with smiles, laughter, and some fantastic dance moves. It was wonderful to see our school community come together for an evening of fun and friendship.
A huge thank you to our staff for their support, our incredible Events Committee for their hard work and organisation, and all the additional helpers who gave their time to make the night such a success. We had an absolute blast!

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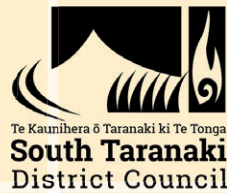
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Tuesday 14 July, 10.30am

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Wednesday 15 July, 2pm

Celebrating 100 years of Naumai Park.

Pinwheel Masterchef

Friday 17 July, 2pm

Challenge yourself to be a chef for the afternoon and create a Pinwheel masterpiece.

PĀTEA AND WAVERLEY LIBRARYPLUS

Hama Beads - Duck and Cat Keychains

Book: Duck goes Meow by Juliette MacIver & Carla Martell.

- Wednesday 8 July, 1.30pm, Waverley LibraryPlus
- Thursday 9 July, 1.30pm, Pātea LibraryPlus

Tin foil Duck Art and treasure hunt

Book: Duck goes Meow by Juliette MacIver & Carla Martell.

- Tuesday 14 July, 1.30pm, Pātea LibraryPlus
- Wednesday 15 July, 1.30pm, Waverley LibraryPlus

Peek a Book with storyteller Aviv Liron

Thursday 16 July

- Pātea LibraryPlus, 10.30am
- Waverley LibraryPlus, 1.30pm

MANAIA LIBRARYPLUS

Peek a Book with storyteller Aviv Liron

Tuesday 7 July, 1.30pm

Come experience the magic of storytelling!

Make a strange bird puppet

Book: Alice and the Strange Bird

Wednesday 8 July, 2pm

Little Kiwi's Matariki Dioramas

Book: The Little Kiwi's Matariki

Tuesday 14 July, 2pm

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Jar Lanterns

Book: Hare & Ruru

Wednesday 8 July

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- Kaponga LibraryPlus, 2pm

Peek a Book with storyteller Aviv Liron

Thursday 9 July

- Eltham LibraryPlus, 1.30pm
- Kaponga LibraryPlus, 10.30am

Make pompom animals

Book: Duck goes Meow

Thursday 16 July

- Eltham LibraryPlus, 10.30am
- Kaponga LibraryPlus, 2pm

ŌPUNAKĒ LIBRARYPLUS

Peek a Book with storyteller Aviv Liron

Tuesday 7 July, 10.30am

Come experience the magic of storytelling!

Create a lion cake (group activity)

Book: Lion Guards the Cake

Wednesday 8 July, 10am

3D Paper lion craft

Book: Lion Guards the Cake

Friday 17 July, 10am

WINTER FESTIVAL

Thursday 9 July, Hāwera Town Centre, 5pm - 8pm

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***ANGIE'S CREATIONS - CREATE PENS OR KEYRINGS**

TSB HUB, HĀWERA ALL AGES

2 FOR \$10 | 5 FOR \$20 (PENS OR KEYRINGS)

- Monday 6 July, 10am - 11am
- Monday 13 July, 10am - 11am
- Pens and keyring creations.
- Maximum 12 children per group.
- Register and prepay at the Hāwera isite or TSB Hub.

***MAU RĀKAU**

HĀWERA COMMUNITY HALL, THEATRE LOUNGE

8-15 YEARS FREE

- Monday 6 July, 1pm - 2pm
- Join us for a fun intro to Mau Rākau, no experience needed.
- Register at the Hāwera isite or TSB Hub.

ROLLER SKATING

TSB HUB, HĀWERA ALL AGES

\$5 ENTRY AND \$5 SKATE HIRE

- Tuesday 7 July, 10am - 12noon
- Tuesday 14 July, 10am - 12 noon
- Thursday 16 July, 10am - 12noon
- Cash only, pay on entry (no eftpos).

***PLAY SESSION**

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- 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15 and 16 July, 10am - 12noon
- A range of indoor/outdoor (weather permitting) activities to suit the age groups attending on the day - details will be available on Facebook Pages: Sinclair Electrical & Refrigeration Events Centre and Ōpunakē Sports Trusts. Examples: T-Ball / Softball, Soccer, Outdoor/Indoor Obstacle Course or mini Hyrox, Board Games, Action Games and more.
- Parent supervision required for children under 7 years.

TRFU: FERDIE FUN SCHOOL HOLIDAY SESSION

TSB HUB, HĀWERA 13 YEARS AND UNDER FREE

- Monday 6 July, 10.30am - 12noon
- No booking required.

***30 STAR LANTERNS**

HAPORI HUB, 202 HIGH STREET, HĀWERA

ALL AGES FREE

- Tuesday 7 July, 1pm - 2pm
- Maximum 20 children per group.
- Register at the Hāwera isite or TSB Hub.

***GOLF**

TE NGUTU GOLF CLUB, NORMANBY 5-13 YEARS \$5

- Session One: Wednesday 8, 15 July, 10am - 11am (ages 5-8)
- Session Two: Wednesday 8, 15 July, 1pm - 2pm (ages 9-13)
- Maximum 8 children per group
- A great way to give golf a try, spend 60 minutes in a small group setting with an up-and-coming PGA Trainee Pro.
- Register and prepay at the Hāwera isite or TSB Hub.
- Bring your own clubs if possible; otherwise equipment will be provided.
- Please wear appropriate clothing and bring a drink bottle.

REGISTRATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL PURPLE ACTIVITIES MARKED WITH A *STAR. PLEASE REGISTER AT THE SOUTH TARANAKI ISITE VISITORS CENTRE, LOCATED AT TE RAMANUI Ō RUAPŪTAHANGA (HIGH STREET, HAWERA) OR TSB HUB.

MARIO KART MAYHEM

HĀWERA A/G CHURCH FREE

- Wednesday 8 July, 10am- 12noon
- Wednesday 15 July, 10am- 12noon
- Mario Kart, games and crafts

HOLIDAY MOVIE CLUB

HĀWERA A/G CHURCH FREE

- Wednesday 8 July, 1pm - Super Mario Bros movie (PG)
- Wednesday 15 July, 1pm - The Super Mario Galaxy movie (PG)
- BYO snacks

***LIGHT-UP POI MAKING**

202 HIGH STREET, HĀWERA ALL AGES FREE

- Thursday 9 July, 10am- 11am
- Maximum 20 children per group.
- Register at the Hāwera isite or TSB Hub.

PUANGA AND MATARIKI VIEWING

HĀWERA OBSERVATORY ALL AGES FREE

- Friday 10 July, 6am
- Gather on the cricket field between Hāwera Observatory and the TSB Hub from 6am to view Puanga (Rigel) and Matariki (Pleiades) subject to clear skies, then presentation inside observatory regardless of weather.
- Dress warmly and bring binoculars if you have some. Any updates on this event will be posted on the Hawera Observatory Facebook page.

***SCARF MAKING**

HAPORI HUB, 202 HIGH STREET, HĀWERA ALL AGES FREE

- Monday 13 July, 1pm - 2pm
- Maximum 20 children per group
- Register at the Hāwera isite or TSB Hub.

***WINTER FAIRY CRAFT**

HAPORI HUB, 202 HIGH STREET, HĀWERA ALL AGES FREE

- Tuesday 14 July, 1pm-2pm
- Maximum 20 children per group
- Register at the Hāwera isite or TSB Hub.

***CUPCAKE DECORATING**

TSB HUB, HĀWERA \$10 ON ENTRY

- Tuesday 14 July:
- 9am - 10am
 - 11am - 12pm
 - 1pm - 2pm
 - Max 10 children per group
 - Register at the Hāwera isite or TSB Hub.

TRFU: FERDIE FUN SCHOOL HOLIDAY SESSION

TSB HUB, HĀWERA YEAR 7 & 8 FREE

- Thursday 16 July, 10:30am - 12noon
- For kids interested in playing in Ross Brown, Conrad Smith or Michaela Blyde Junior Festival Teams.
- Mouthguards and rugby boots required

***BIG BOUNCE BASH** ALL AGES

ELTHAM TOWN HALL FREE ENTRY

- Friday 17 July
- 10am - 11.30am
- 12.00pm - 1.30pm
- Maximum 30 children per group.
- Bounce, play, and burn off some energy. Every child gets one free slushie or candyfloss to enjoy at the end.
- Register at your local LibraryPlus.
- Children aged 8 years and over may attend independently, but must provide a signed permission slip from their parent or caregiver.
- Children under 7 years accompanied and supervised by a parent or caregiver over the age of 14.

MOVIE MAGIC!

***MINIONS AND MONSTERS**

HĀWERA CINEMAS \$6 PER PERSON, PER SESSION

- Thursday 9 July, 1.50pm
- Book and prepay at Hāwera isite.
- Permission slips required - available at Hāwera isite.
- Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

TOY STORY 5 \$6 PER PERSON, PER SESSION

EVERYBODY'S THEATRE, ŌPUNAKĒ ALL AGES

- Friday 10 July, 2pm
- Normal movie rules apply. Pay at venue.

***MOANA LIVE ACTION** ALL AGES

HĀWERA CINEMAS \$6 PER PERSON, PER SESSION

- Thursday 16 July, 2.40pm
- Book and prepay at Hāwera isite.
- Permission slips required - available at Hāwera isite.
- Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

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- Wednesday 15 July 4pm - 5.30pm
- Thursday 16 July 4pm - 5.30pm
- Friday 7 July 10.00am - 11.30am

Carlyle Women’s Institute

Greetings to all, well it has been a while, I finally get to sit down and write our report. Business discussed as usual, and we decided to have an informal lunch at Renates on 17th March (this is our actual date of the first meeting 17/03/1939) to celebrate Carlyle Wi’s 87th birthday. Lovely meals and beverages were had with laughter and chit chat.

Competitions for March 2026:
Handcraft: (Buttonhole Spray) – 1st M Meyer, 2nd B Dwyer, 3rd L Hill
Bloom: - 1st M Meyer, 2nd L Hill, 3rd K McColl
Cooking: (Butterfly Cakes) - 1st A Cowley
Shrub: - 1st M Meyer, 2nd L Hill, 3rdK McColl
Cluster: - 1st K McColl, 2nd L Hill, 3rd M Meyer

Our April meeting, we gave a brief report to members who didn’t attend the Federation AGM 16th March at Kapuni Hall. Apryl Cowley, Rose Cowley and Bridget Dwyer are new members on the Federation Executive Committee.
We are looking for guest speakers if you would like to come and tell us about something you are doing i.e. hobby or a project maybe even something that is happening around our community we would like to hear from you. Contact either myself or Bridget via messenger or facebook.

Competitions for April:
Handcraft: (Bottle top Magnet) – 1st B Dwyer
Bloom: - 1st K McColl, 2nd M Meyer, 3rd B Dwyer
Cooking: (Pikelets) – 1st L Hill, 2nd M Meyer
Shrub: - 1st K McColl, 2nd M Meyer, 3rd L Hill
Cluster: 1st M Meyer, 2nd L Hill, 3rd K McColl

Our May meeting was brief we talked about the upcoming National Conference, Bridget and Rose will be attending. The conference is held each year in either North or South Island, this year it is held in Christchurch. Ladies from all over Aotearoa will gather to discuss the future of our organisation and address any issues or subjects for discussion. This was followed by afternoon tea,

Competitions for May:
Handcraft: No entries
Shrub: 1st L Hill, 2nd M Meyer
Bloom: 1st M Meyer
Cluster: 1st M Meyer, 2nd L Hill
Cooking: No entries

If you are interested in joining us just socially or want to enter our competitions (they are not compulsory to enter) just a chat and refreshments, come and see what we are all about, first Thursday of each month, 1.30pm at Patea Old Folks Hall.
Rose Cowley

Patea Old Folks Hall

Patea Old Folks association has made some changes to the interior of our hall over the past few years. We have laid new carpet and replaced the old curtains with new curtains for the front entrance and new blinds for the side windows, the interior has had a coat of paint and the gardens and lawns are well maintained. Our committee of 8 dedicated local people run this important facility. They are Robin Ansley (President), Robert Northcott (Vice President), Rose Cowley (Secretary), Jacq Dwyer (Treasurer), Laurie Mildenhall, Karen Philips, Anne Ansley, Trish Adams.

The Old Folks Hall is the available for all our community.
We encourage new membership/subscription from you in our community. This membership doesn’t tie you to any commitment, instead it is like a donation and will allow us to do general maintenance and upkeep of the hall and keep it in good condition, the annual membership is \$20 per year. Our Treasurer: Jacq Dwyer can be contacted for bank details for this payment or speak to one of the committee members. This well laid out facility, is available to the Patea and surroundings districts for hire. We would appreciate support of the community to continue moving forward. For an event or function you can hire our Hall, all enquires and bookings to Rose Cowley
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Sports News & Results



Patea Golf Club News May/June 2026

The 4 way interclub started with a get together of the visiting teams and locals on the Friday evening at the golf club for a hangi tea and a few refreshments to wash down the delicious hangi tea. Thanks to all the members who prepared the hangi and to the cooks for doing a great job. Thanks to the bar staff. Well done to everyone.

Patea Golf Club hosted the 4 way interclub on the well-presented Patea links on Saturday 30th May and Sunday 31st May 2026. The weather was perfect on Saturday and we had a teams and individual stableford competition

The team's competition was won by Tawny Ports who scored 136 and 2nd was the Muppet team with 121 points.

The best individual players for Patea on Saturday were Dillon Pullen and Joe Mildenhall 39 points Gareth Hughes and Lani Tipu 38 points Cheryl Simpson 37 points Bill Tahiwi 36 points Clayton Hori Ross Whanau Phil Cassidy Jeff Bright 35 points Joby Stella and Ev Gibbs 34 points

The visitors won the other prizes
Amanda McCullum won the chip off from Lani Tipu

Laurie McGlone Amanda McCullum Paula Bavin and Peter Greatbach won the accuracy prizes.

Saturday evening the Patea Area School Kapa Haka Group performed some items and

the golfing group really appreciated the items performed and made donations towards their upcoming travels to Fiji.

Sunday the weather was not so kind with a strong North westerly blowing making scoring condition's difficult. The best individual performers for Patea were Kathy Faiers 38 Ryan Finey Kath Honeyfield 36 Trevor Simpson 35 Clayton Hori 34 Cheryl Simpson Dillion Pullen 33 Gareth Hughes Jeff Bright Cyril Faiers Kevin Cameron and Ev Gibbs all 31 points.

The accuracies were won by Joe Rainbird Trevor Simpson and Ryan Finey.

The major trophies were the next presented. First placing in the teams event went to hosts Patea with an 29.36 aggregate followed in 2nd placing by Rarangi with an 28.86 aggregate and third placing went to Dannevirke with a 28.20 aggregate and the dreaded Pissed On trophy for last placing went to next years hosts Weedons with a 27.77 aggregate.

The evening meal followed. A big thank you to Barb and her team for the delicious food they provided over the weekend. Well done

The evening concluded with karaoke entertainment provided by Tairoa Neho and he had the crowd dancing the night away. A big thank you to Tairoa.

A big thank you to all the Patea members who helped the golf club to run a well organised

and enjoyable weekend for our members and all of our visitors. We look forward to travelling to Weedon's for next years event. Set up an automatic payment so you can come along.

The Patea Panthers darts team have won enough games to make the top eight round. Good luck for your next round of games. Keep hitting those doubles

- Upcoming events.**
The Moody Mugs is the main winter competition and 4 rounds will be played during June weather permitting.
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| 4th July | Shootout Day 1 |
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Pātea Women’s Rugby Team Claims First-Ever Win During 150th Jubilee Celebrations

The Pātea Women’s Rugby Team has etched its name into the club’s history books, securing its first-ever victory during the Patea Rugby & Sports Club’s 150th Jubilee celebrations in May 2026.

Just weeks earlier, the Wāhine suffered a tough defeat against Tukapa at Sanders Park in New Plymouth. While the result did not go their way, the players showed tremendous resilience, refusing to let disappointment define their season.

Now in only their second season since the team was established in 2025, the Pātea Women have continued to grow in confidence, skill and belief with every match this season. Behind that development has been the dedication of their coaching staff, who have committed countless hours to helping the players become not only stronger rugby players but respectful ambassadors for the game.

The team’s progress has been supported by the guidance of coach Daz P, who has regularly offered encouragement, advice and valuable rugby knowledge to assist the team.

That hard work paid off in front of a large Jubilee weekend crowd, with generations of Pātea rugby supporters lining the sidelines to celebrate the club’s history. Inspired by the occasion, the Wahine produced a memorable performance, reversing their earlier result against Tukapa to claim a 29-19 victory.

The win was about much more than the scoreboard. It represented the teams commitment, training sessions, setbacks and determination. It was proof that progress takes time and that perseverance can eventually deliver results.

The celebrations following the final whistle reflected just how significant the moment was for the players, coach, team management and the wider club community.

As Patea Rugby & Sports Club celebrated 150 years of rugby history, the women’s team added a new chapter of its own — securing its first victory and laying the foundation for an exciting future.

For a team still in its infancy, this historic achievement is likely just the beginning, with plenty more to come from the Patea Women’s Rugby Team.



Turi Indoor Bowls

Our bowling season has started, its great to see loyal members coming back to keep our club going, we welcomed 3 new members.

Since my last report we had a couple of roll up nights, fun games were had 10th March pairs, won by Ray Finlay and newbie Kaleb Perret.

17th March another roll up night triples, won by John Smailes, Rose Cowley, and Gillian Bird a new member from Waverley, a close 2nd Ray Finlay, Cathy Roydhouse. Laurie Mildenhall (another New Member).

Opening Night 24th March more battle of triples won by Win Finlay, Gillian Bird, Jaime Millar and 2nd John Smailes, Rose Cowley, Bridget Dwyer.

31st March was our 20/20 (closest bowl to kitty 8pts, next 6pts, 4pts and 2pts) we really have to use our maths skills, the winners of the night were Win Finlay, Rose Cowley, Cathy Roydhouse another close 2nd Ray Finlay, Gillian Bird, Cathy Roydhouse.

7th April saw a change in the program from Ladies V Men as we don’t have many male players, to have some fun the teams were named ANGELS – Win Finlay, Bridget Dwyer, Lyn Smailes were the winners of the night, TERRIORS – Yvonne Balwin, Apryl Cowley, Jaime Millar, FLINSTONES – John Smailes, Gillian Bird, Cathy Roydhouse and WARRIORS - Ray Finlay. Laurie Mildenhall.

14th April we played the Championship Fours, 3 great battles were played with some close scoring games. The wining team of Ray Finlay, RoseCowley,

Apryl Cowley, Kaleb Perret couldnot represent Turi at the champion of champions, May 2nd due to committments. Runner up Win Finlay, Yvonne Badwin, Cathy Roydhouse. Jaime Millar, we cant forget our third place getters John Smailes, Gillian Bird, Bridget Dwyer Laurie Mildenhall. Well done everyone

No bowls played on the 21st April.

April 28th another change in our program, we had a novelty night, what a lot of fun and laughter, the winning team of Win Finlay, John Smailes, Jaime Millar narrowly beat Ray Finlay, Rose Cowley Cathy Roydhouse, and we cant forget 3rd place- Yvonne Baldwin, Apryl Cowley, Bridget Dwyer

5th May – Championship Triples was won by Win Finlay, Gillian Bird, Jaime Millar they represented Turi at the champion of Champions 9th May at Kapuni Hall. 2nd Ray Finlay, Rose Cowley, Kaleb Perret

12th May we had a mini tornament in club and again great bowls. 1st Win Finlay, Bridget Dwyer, Lyn Smailes another close 2nd Ray Finlay, Jaime Millar, Laurie Mildenhall

18th May we travelled to play Normanby for the Turi Cup, unfortunately Turi didn’t take home the trophy , well done to Normanby, We will see you in 2027 for another great nightand hope we will be able to bring the cup home.

Rose Cowley
Turi Indoor Bowls



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