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Aotea Utanganui Museum of South Taranaki

Our current temporary exhibitions are about Puanga, the Māori New year and a Reef Life exhibition with exhibits by Project Reef who document the sea life on the South Taranaki bight. The exhibition also features the new Shelf Life children's book written by Rebecca Pratt who dives regularly on this reef. After this exhibition, which will close mid-February, is an exhibition by Dr Mahuto'a 'Pasha' Clothier called Te Manu Ra'a o Rangiātea (The Heavenly Bird of Rangiātea). This will feature photographs taken at Rangiātea, French Polynesia and feature artworks inspired by their journey there.

Museum staff are continuing to catalogue the Howard Anderson photographic collection. Many photographs are from his time as editor of The Pātea Mail and are a valuable record of this period in our history. This cropped photo is of Pātea Primary, and their story book dress-up parade to mark the end of book week on 7 November 1986. Do you spot yourself or anyone you know? Feel free to email us at museum@stdc.govt.nz with any information or your memory of this event.



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Sunday 1st February
St George's Patea
10am

Sunday 8th Feb
Good Shepherd Waverley
10am

Sunday 22nd Feb
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10am

St Luke's Op Shop Patea
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Seniors Exercise and Social Groups
Every Tuesday from 9:30am
Good Shepherd, Waverley
Every Thursday from 10am
Hunter Shaw Building, Patea

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February 2026 Mass Times

Sunday 1st February 9.30am
Liturgy of the Word, St Patrick's, Patea
Sunday 8th February 11.00am
Mass, St Francis de Sales, Waverley
Sunday 15th February 9.30am
Liturgy of the Word, St Francis de Sales, Waverley
Sunday 22nd February 11.00am
Mass, St Patrick's Patea

Weekday Mass Times: St Patrick's, Patea
Ash Wednesday 18th February
Mass/Liturgy to be advised



**St Luke's Church
Patea**

We would like to extend an invitation
to everyone to join with us to
celebrate and bless the restoration
and painting of our
St Luke's Church and Op Shop

**Sunday 15th February 2026
at 10am**
St Luke's Church, 4 Oxford Street,
Patea
(behind Howard Anderson's Chemist)
The Service will be taken by the
Rev. Michael Lemanu
Followed by Morning Tea



Looking forward to seeing you there
John, Molly, Ruth, Wayne and Heather
For further information please ring John Huges
06 273 8353 or Heather 027 840 2918

A Christian Word

Genesis1:1
In order for a universe to exist, you need time,
space & matter simultaneously because none can
exist without each other.
If you had matter but no space, it would have no
where to exist. If you had space but no time, nothing
could ever move or change.
If you had time but no matter, nothing would
happen with it. Genesis1:1 says, "In the beginning
(time), God created the Heavens (space) & the Earth
(matter) In one verse, God spoke the entire Universe
into existence! Amazing!!
God is outside of time, matter & space, He
creates, He made this world function so incredibly
brilliant, that it does beg your time to look, think &
respond, the Earth rotates around the sun along
with all the other planets, if we were a tad closer,
we would burn, if we were a tad further away, we
would freeze, the sun sits un-supported in space,
it hangs, it never burns up what ever is making it
create warmth & light, which we could never do
without. God spoke this amazing hot ball of fire to
exist & continue to burn. There is so much detail,
exact, unchanging detail upon this planet to keep us
alive, oxygen, you would have thought with all the
breaths, we would be getting short of air by now, but
no, God made the trees, specifically their leaves,
to filter this air we breathe. Water to replenish us,
vegetables grow in a medium that would poison us
if we were to eat it, not so the worm! Yet the plants
supply minerals & vitamins that our bodies need,

everything is exactly a purpose defined, spoken
by God to function for our wellbeing. There is so
much more to comment about, but why spoil your
fun in discovering it for yourself? But God Almighty
had a specific purpose in mind when He created
all this, YOU! He had you in mind, He has wanted
your company since the moment when you were
knitted together in your Mothers womb, God saw
your unformed shape, your D.N.A. Gods blue print,
determined your height, colour of skin, your sex,
intellect, everything that you are now, no surprise to
God. Your just not an accident, you were precisely
thought about by Father God! That, I believe is our
purpose here on Earth, to come to our Heavenly
father, repent of our sins, & deliberately follow &
obey Him, through Jesus Christ. It is as simple &
easy as that, you know deep within you, right from
wrong, Gods laws are written on your heart, just
think of the consequences if this were not true.
There is within you a desire to want to be clean, free
from guilt etc. but you have to get active, just as God
did in creating this universe, you need to speak to
Him, trust me, He is so very eager to hear from you,
be bold, get alone with God & speak to Him, ask
Him, because you will meet Him one day & it would
be to your advantage to get to know Him today, not
when He comes looking for you! The first words in
the Bible are, "In the beginning "the last are, "Come
Lord Jesus "The first has obviously happened, the
second is about too.
Come Lord Jesus Edward Reeves Patea

Jesus Christ said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." There is Salvation in NO other name.

Waverley Baptist Church
63 Weraroa Road, Waverley. Service at 10am every Sunday.
Email: info@waverleybaptist.org.nz Phone (text or talk): 0273 870 670

Op Shop:
Contact 0273 870 670 for more information
Op Shop at back of the church
Op Shop is open Wednesday and Thursday,
10am until noon
Donations during open hours preferred.
Please ensure all clothing is washed and
donated items are in saleable condition



Community prayer meeting:
At church every Monday at 1.30pm
All very welcome.

Carl Bates MP for Whanganui
Whanganui - South Taranaki - Stratford
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St Luke's Church Restoration

In April last year we celebrated 150 years of the Methodist Māori Mission, Presbyterian and Methodist Ministry in the Pātea district, with the unveiling of a plaque set in a rock outside St Luke's Church, and a lovely, combined Church service with Pariroa Pā.

After many years of planning and fundraising we have finished the repairs and repainting of St Luke's Church and Op Shop Hall. This has been made possible by funding from Toi Foundation and The Pub Charity, without this generous assistance it would not have been possible to complete this restoration work. A special ngā mihi to Heather Morgan for her tireless work in obtaining the funding.

A heartfelt thank you to Bayden Muller of BM Building Ltd, for the repair work and preparation on the exterior weatherboards. And also to the men at GP Coating Ltd for the exceptional job they have done of painting the Church and Hall. This has been a huge job, and has been done with such care and expertise by these local tradesmen. We really appreciate the great work they have done. St Luke's Church building is now 146 years old and the Hall is 89 years old, both have received a well-earned make over.

As soon as the amazing Op-Shop Angels have everything in order, the well-loved and patronised St Luke's Op Shop will re-open in late February. They look forward to welcoming everyone back for a chat and lots of bargains.

We would like to extend an invitation to everyone to come and celebrate and bless the restoration and painting of our Church and Op Shop. A special service will be taken by the Rev. Michael Lemanu at St Luke's Church, 4 Oxford Street, Pātea at 10am on Sunday 15th February 2026, followed by Morning Tea. Everyone welcome.



Above: he wonderful GP Coating Painters
Left to right: Rex, Richard and Alan

Summer fun and serious business

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



With Mayor Phil Nixon at the Pātea Christmas parade with the winning float from Pātea Area School

After a great summer, spending quite a bit of time across the electorate, this week we are back at Parliament to continue the job of fixing the basics and building New Zealand's future.

The National-led Government has a lot of work to do between now and the election on the 7 November. Reforms that are significant for our region include both the replacement of the Resource Management Act (RMA), and changes to local government – including the introduction of the rates cap.

For too long, the RMA has acted as a handbrake on growth and opportunity, delayed energy and infrastructure projects, and created enormous complexity and uncertainty for developers, councils, farmers, and growers.

So, the RMA will be replaced by two pieces of legislation, the Planning Bill and the Natural Environment Bill. These will deliver a modern planning system that lifts growth, productivity, and living standards. A full select committee process is underway, and the Bills will be passed before the election.

In addition, we have further reforms of the Justice system coming, to help keep Kiwis safer. National will continue to reform Education, including as new qualifications framework to replace NCEA. This is key to giving young New Zealanders the start in life they deserve.

Another significant piece of work that will benefit our farmers, manufacturers and exporters across our region is the legislation to give effect to the Free Trade Agreement between India and New Zealand. This historic Agreement eliminates or reduces tariffs on 95 per cent of New Zealand's exports to India.

This once-in-a-generation Agreement creates opportunities New Zealand exporters have never had in India. India's economy is tipped to grow to NZ\$12 trillion by 2030, therefore this trade deal unleashes huge potential for our world-class exporters. Achievements like this drive New Zealand's economic growth. Higher economic growth means higher wages and better living standards for all New Zealanders.

Locally, the fun continues. Paepae in the Park takes place again on Waitangi Day in Pātea, under the Aotea waka. It will be fantastic to see the tamariki from Pātea Area School perform this year, with the enthusiasm and joy they bring.

A week later, on Saturday 14th February, it is Waverley's turn to party, with Waverley Summer Jam at Dallison Park. Both events are free for attendees, and in both cases, local organisers have done a massive amount of work to bring them to you.

Events like these are part of the fabric of a healthy and vibrant community, and I am planning on being at both to enjoy the summer fun.

Lastly, across our region you may be feeling the good news for farmers with global dairy prices rebounding, record prices for our red meat, and even strong wool back in demand. Our farmers have led the economic recovery.

National is on a mission to fix the basics and build the future, and we have made tremendous progress so far.

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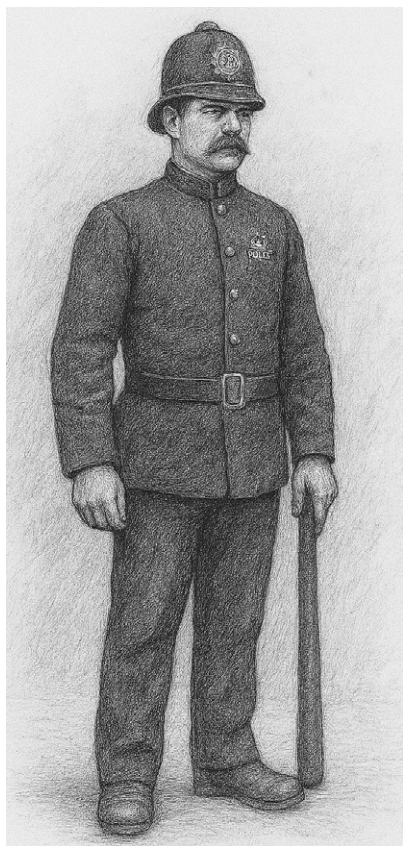
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Rural . Domestic . Commercial . Industrial

I believe Benjamin O'Brien holds the record as the longest serving constable in Waverley -an incredible 25 years- and his brother Michael spent several years at the turn of the century in Patea. Each has such an interesting story. First up, Benjamin.

Ben later served in Taupo for about a year and then was one of the one hundred members of the Armed Constabulary to be drafted into the Permanent Artillery and Police Force enrolling first in Taranaki in 1884 and moving to Wellington in 1885. The following year he enlisted in the newly formed New Zealand Police Force which was modelled on the British system.



In 1888 Ben married fellow Irish citizen Elizabeth “Bessie” McDonaugh in Wellington. She had been in the country just three years. Her marriage certificate lists her as working as a domestic servant residing in Wellington. Bessie’s father had died around 1870 and her mother, left with a young family to raise alone, died in 1881. Bessie was just sixteen when she arrived in this country. As single women did not travel alone in those days, it is likely she came as a domestic to a family. (There were many more unmarried females than males in Ireland at this time and many young women were prepared to risk the long sea voyage to better their chances.) Ben and Bessie were devout Catholics.

Bessie fitted into the small community well, being renowned for her hospitality. There was no doubt that Ben was a very busy man. He had a huge area to cover and much lawless behaviour to deal with. He soon became involved in the community being one of the best shots in the Waverley Rifle Club and a keen and an accomplished bowler. Ben served in many capacities while he was in Waverley. He was the dog tax collector for some years and appointed Clerk of the Court at Waverley's circuit court, as well as Clerk of the Licensing Committee. That Constable O'Brien dealt with all offenders with an even hand became apparent when concern was raised about the number of dead birds that had been shot lying around the Domain. He diligently interviewed most of the young people in Waverley, only to find out his own son was the culprit. Ben was known for his fairness, and needless to say, his son was dealt with as diligently as any other young offender would have been.

Like all police working in small rural towns, Ben would have relied on detectives from Wanganui to deal with serious cases and no doubt he and the Waitotara constable at worked together when necessary. That he was very busy is indicated by the number of people he took to court on a regular basis throughout his tenure. The support of his community – both in town and rurally was indispensable to him, allowing him to solve many crimes which otherwise may have gone without closure.

In 1900 the family's living conditions improved when the new police residence was built. This must have been a welcome change for the family. There was no police station as such – his office was in a front room. He had a cell block out the back and a horse paddock on the corner of Chester and Brassey Streets surrounded by a large boxthorn hedge on which a new police station was later built.

In March 1901 Ben advanced to the maximum pay – nine shillings a day for “meritorious conduct in pursuing and effecting the arrest of James B. for attempted murder.” This report was related to his apprehension of a man who had attempted to shoot bank teller Mr Hickson who was on his way to the railway station to catch the train back to Patea with the day’s takings in his briefcase. It was just good luck that the shots missed, and that at this

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particular time Ben was cycling down Oturi Rd and witnessed the affair. He bravely and single-handedly hunted the armed man down and apprehended him.

In 1910 a court house was built on between the police station and the main road next to the old Post Office for around £550. This later became the town library and reading room when all court matters were handled in Wanganui. In 1914 the Police were asked to install a telephone in the police house, which no doubt would have been very helpful to the busy constable.

Ben's family was growing up and his sons Benjamin, John and Herbert all trained in the Wairora Light Horse. Two of his sons fought overseas, Jack later becoming an All Black. Ben's namesake died of typhoid fever and pleurisy in Patea Hospital in February 1815 and this may have been the catalyst for his parents to think about leaving Waverley and relocating to Morrinsville. This he did in September 1915. Ben left Waverley with the gold cup he won that year in the men's championship in Waverley which is still in the family's possession.

People from both town and country gathered to farewell the family and Ben's impartiality, work ethic and contribution to the community were all acknowledged in the many speeches made by speakers from all sectors of the community. His wife and children were then presented with a substantial purse of sovereigns from the citizens and farmers of Waverley and district by businessman Reginald Palmer. (This was a nice way of getting around the Civil Service Regulations which said police could not accept presents.) Ben replied that he was not only overjoyed and taken by surprise at the large and representative attendance that evening but felt he could not find words to adequately express his feelings. He thanked the residents of Waverley and district for the "many kindnesses and consideration" they had shown him during his 25 years residence amongst them. His philosophy was that life was too short and his maxim had been never to do a man a bad turn and to always assist those in trouble. Because of this he believed that there was not a man, woman or child in Waverley who bore him any ill-will. He stated that it was with great sorrow and regret he was leaving but he hoped one day to be able to return and settle in their midst. This did not eventuate. Ben ended his days in Morrinsville, no doubt a much loved member of that community too. He retired to a farm there in 1921 after forty years in the Police, and died in 1939 aged 78.

Waverley Craft and Farmers Market

Thank you everyone who helped make our Christmas Market 2025 one to remember. We had so many people come through our doors, support our amazing vendors and just enjoy some time with friends and family.

The car club was a hit, Santa spoilt the children and so many vouchers were gratefully received. We had a blast.

The January market is always a bit slower but we had lots of out of towners come though and we love chatting with everyone of them. It

was great to see so many new faces as well as our loyal supporters.

There are some unsung heroes who help with setting up and packing down every month:

Duncan who is there come rain, hail or shine, changes the dates on our notice boards, takes the trailer to the road, puts up flags and helps with tables every market.

Lionel who helps with tables, puts up signs, fetches and carries to the show shed and is general dogs body for whatever we need, frequently having to run home to fetch something forgotten.

Dianne & Bruce, our honey vendors, who help pack up every single month. We so appreciate your help.

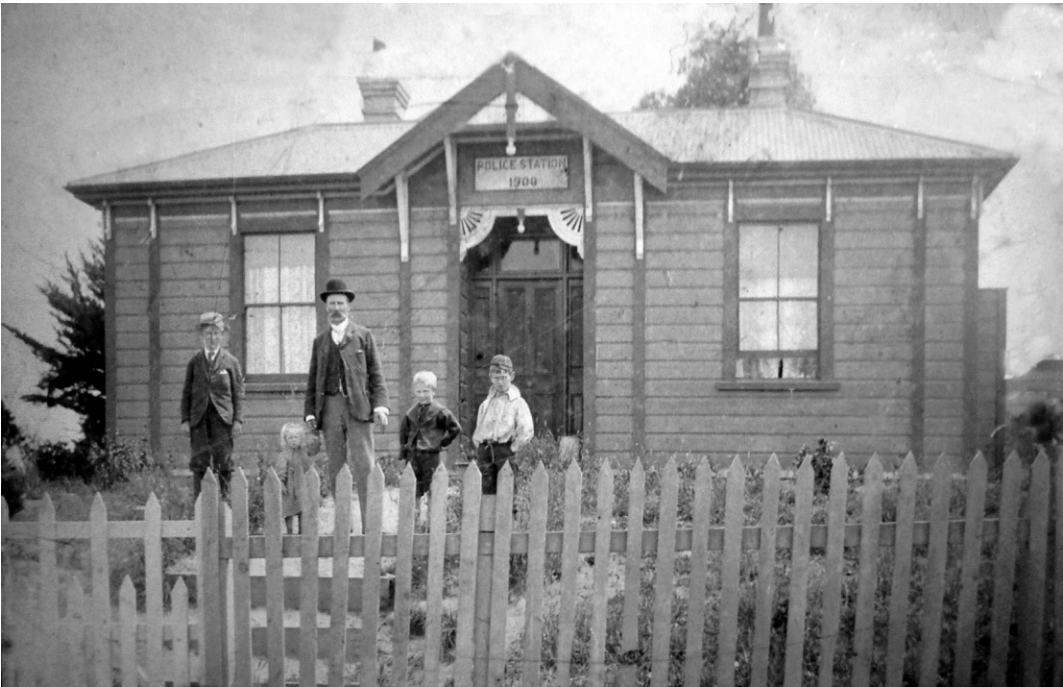
Jacqui, who brings the beautiful seedlings and helps run our Community Table, packs up tables and chairs and anything else that needs doing.

Without these amazing people we would really battle to run the market on our own.

If you would like to be part of this awesome team and help out from time to time, please contact us on 0210524889

We have some exciting things coming up over the next few months so keep an eye on our Facebook page and in the newspaper. There will also be flyers around town.

Thanks for all the support from Jenni, Jo and Keely.



Ben O'Brien and some of his children outside the new Waverley police house/ police station. The words "Police Station and 1900" are written above the door. The house still remains at No 2 Bear St. Photo: Kath Woodley.



Ben (right) playing bowls at the Waverley Bowling Club's green, date unknown. The elegant combined bowling and tennis club rooms with its twin gables, were later lost to fire with the bowling club rebuilding on the opposite side of the green. Photo: Kath Woodley.

Waverley Craft & Farmers Market

Where: Waverley Community Hall

When: Sunday ~ 15th February
~ 15th March
~ 19th April
~ 17th May

Time: 9am to 1pm

Come along and join the fun at our new local market. Stock up on fresh produce, jams, and preserves or check out all the wonderful art and craft stalls, car boot sales and food trucks.

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We are deeply saddened by the passing of Waitotara School’s much-loved matriarch, Mrs S. Lorna worked at Waitotara School for 30 years, officially retiring in June 2018. Even after retiring, she continued to give her time so generously—helping in the library, judging every Pet Day, and always making time for a cup of tea and a chat.

I had the privilege of working alongside Lorna for two years. She was one of the kindest, most patient, and hardest-working people I have known, often staying well beyond her hours. Lorna knew where everything was, was meticulous with her labelling and filing, and truly kept the school running.

All the children Mrs S worked with adored her, and it was rare for her to ever raise her voice. She loved a good joke and had the most infectious laugh. Lorna knew everyone and always took the time to care.

Lorna was an absolute pleasure to work with and taught me so much. She will be deeply missed by our school community.

Rest easy, Mrs S. Lots of love to Graham, Layton and whanau. Thank you for sharing your Mum with us for all of the years.



2026 Dates

Monday 2nd February - office open from 10am to 2pm
Tuesday 3rd February - School starts
Friday 6th February - Waitangi Day (School closed)
Monday 11th March - Taranaki Anniversary (School Closed)
Thursday 2nd April - Last day of Term 1
3rd April - Good Friday
School 150th Jubilee Weekend
Have you registered yet?

2025 Prize Giving
Cups

Congratulations to all the children in both the Junior and Senior Classes who received an award for either Most Improved, Exceptional Effort or Academic Excellence and Consistently Demonstrating our DRIVE Values.

Congratulations also to the children who received one of our cups...

Sports Boy and Girl Cup, the Edith Collier Cup for the Arts, the Champion Lamb Cup, the Princess Wirihana Cup and our new cup given by the Parkes Family called the Jonathan Parkes Cup recognising someone who always tries their best but may not be noticed. Well done to all our children for an amazing year of learning.

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Girls Sport | Amber Ede |
| Boys Sport | Temanea Gifkins-Reweti |
| Princess Wirihana Cup | Lily Blair |
| Edith Collier Cup for Junior Arts | Braxtyn Ede |
| Champion Lamb | Alexis Lafrentz |
| Johnathan Parkes Cup | Amelia Boyd |

- Achievement Awards**
- | | |
|--------|---|
| Yr 1 | Meadow Symes |
| Yr 2 | Gus Belton |
| Yr 3 | Bodhi Karauria |
| Senior | Beaudene Parkes, Cole Laurence & Harlow Shine -Kiripa |

- Most Improved Awards**
- | | |
|--------|---|
| Yr 1 | Heidi Amon and Te Manawa Bullock |
| Yr 2 | Fergus Amon |
| Yr 3 | Carter Schrader |
| Senior | Lily Blair, Ellie- Mai Black & Tom Murphy |

- Effort**
- | | |
|----------|----------------|
| Yr 1 | Geordie Frewin |
| Yr 2 | N/A |
| Yr 3 | Spencer Symes |
| Yrs 4 -6 | Cole Laurence |
| Yrs 7 -8 | Aeneas Thomson |

- DRIVE Award**
- | | |
|--------|--|
| Junior | Braxtyn Ede, Meadow Symes & Dean James |
| Senior | Amber Ede & Cole Laurence |



Waitotara School 150th Jubilee

Easter 2026



On Easter weekend 3rd and 4th April 2026 Waitotara School are holding our 150 year Jubilee

We welcome all past and present students/ staff/ board members/ parents and their spouses to register for our Jubilee.

Registrations close on Saturday 28th February so don't miss out!
Simply email principal@waitotara.school.nz for an enrolment form.

Print out form, fill it out and either scan it back or post it to-

**Waitotara School,
Severn Street, Waitotara 4549.**

If you are local you can also call in and collect an enrolment form and return it to the school office.

Alternatively, you can collect a form from the Waverley LibraryPlus.

Any queries please phone the Waitotara School office on 06 346 5957

We would love to see as many as possible at our Jubilee
so spread the word to old classmates and family.

We would like to thank our sponsors for their generosity and donations -
Cogs Taranaki, Tait and Pearce Accountants, Belton and Smith Associates,
Chris Butler, Alex Falkner, Bruce Clifton Builders, Rivercity Tree Services,
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Waverley GAS, Clarendon Hotel, Waverley Salad Bros, Mitre 10, Pak'nSave,
Columbus Cafe, Kereone Farms (Gary & Marie Hawken),
Silver Fern Farms and Fonterra.

We would like to thank Max McGrail for letting us use his sketch for our promotional purposes, this is very much appreciated; Jacky Obrien for allowing us to reprint her centennial book as merchandise;
Ann Butler for donating her laptop to our Committee and
Rivercity Tree Services - Joe & Siobhan Marshal - for the trailerload of firewood for our raffle.

Scan the QR Code to go to the Waitotara School website

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



Friday 3rd April 2026

- Registration at Waitotara Hall from 4.30pm
- Wine & Cheese at Waitotara Community Hall 5pm to 9pm, includes 2 free drinks, a hangi meal and nibbles.
- Drinks are \$5 each thereafter

Saturday 4th April 2026

11-2pm

- Walk through Waitotara School at your leisure
- 12noon Tree & Time Capsule planting
- 12.30pm Cutting of the cake
- 1pm Photos
- Please bring a picnic or enjoy a sausage sizzle (fundraiser for Waitotara School) - cash only. Tea and coffee available
- 6pm Dinner and Dancing at the Eulogy Lounge, Whanganui Racecourse. Followed by entertainment 8pm to 12.30. Cash bar available.

Sunday 5th April 2026

- Church Service at St Mark's Church, Kaipo Street Waitotara 10.30am followed by a cup of tea at the Waitotara Hall



Waverley Primary School



Prizegiving

Our end of year Prizegiving was a wonderful celebration of so many amazing successes! We have such a large number of amazing students it can become very difficult to select only a few to receive prizes, and we are really proud of the efforts of all of our students.

Below are the results from the Prizegiving:

Cup/Shield	Event	Awarded to
Hammond Cup	Girls Swimming Y6	Molly Honeyfield
J.B. Walkinton Cup	Boys Swimming Y6	Latrey Haapu-Ratana
Anne & Snow Lupton Cup	Girls Senior Cross Country Y6	Ataahua Tamou
Anne & Snow Lupton Cup	Boys Senior Cross Country Y6	Archie Dobson
Avon Cup	Girls Junior Cross Country	Olivia Marriott
Steven Lister Memorial Cup	Boys Junior Cross Country	Reggie Thomas
Shield	Girls Athletics Y6	Ataahua Tamou
Shield	Boys Athletics Y6	Archie Dobson
Waverley Primary School Cup	Most Determined Sports Person Y6	Ljay Taiapa
Home & School Ass Cup	Most Improved Netball Player	Hannah Crawford
		Kylle Dato-On
Calder Trophy	Netball Player of the Year	Ruby Rainford
		Isla Comrie
Dr Ian Coulthart	Intermediate Boys Swimming	Angus Caskey
Dr Ian Coulthart	Intermediate Girls Swimming	Leah Honeyfield
Middleton Family Cup	Intermediate Boys Athletics	Cooper Thomas
Waverley Rural Women	Intermediate Girls Athletics	Skylahray Ratana
Cup- Waverley Police	Intermediate Boys C/Country	Blake Kiff
Shield - Waverley Rural Women	Intermediate Girls C/Country	Matilda Lupton
Sandy Coulthart Cup	Y7&8 Most Determined Sports Person	Nicholas Bridson
Kiff/Lewis Family Cup	Sportsperson of the Year Y7&8	Leah Honeyfield

Waverley Primary School	Excellence in Attitude (Junior School)	
		Natalie Bilyard
Currie Family Cup	Excellence in Literacy Y6	Edward Dickie
Smith Family Cup	Excellence in Mathematics Y6	Sam Amon
Gresham Family Cup	Excellence in Public Speaking Y6	
		Hunter Pennington
Boyne Memorial Cup	Personal & Academic Growth	Quentin Smith
Trevor Willing Cup	Best Academic Effort	Emily Howe
Duffy Mainfreight Award	Excellence in Attitude	Isla Comrie
Waverley Lions Club	Intermediate Public Speaking	Charlotte Comrie
Ainsley Aiken Cup	Popular student who has excelled in sport and academic subjects	Angus Caskey
Clifton Cup	Excellence in the Arts	Indie-Rae Mickleson
Ross Dallison Memorial Cup	Excellence in Mathematics	
		Kalyn Brewer
Sanson Family Cup	Excellence in Literacy	Ruby Rainford
W.P.S. Centennial	Dux	Ruby Rainford
Academic Excellence Awards		
Y1	Amara Ansin	
Y2	Shannon Marriott	
Y3	Jackson Mickleson	
Y4	Archer Munro	
Y5	Oliver Steenhuisen	
Y6	Sam Amon	
Y7	Georgia Steenhuisen	

Year 7 & 8 Camp

Our Year 7 & 8 students had an unforgettable time at Tui Ridge in Rotorua at the end of last term. The camp provided exciting outdoor challenges that encouraged teamwork, resilience and confidence. Students stepped outside their comfort zones, supported one another and created lasting memories through a range of fun and adventurous activities. It was a fantastic week that was thoroughly enjoyed by all!



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Leavers' Dinner

At the end of last term we celebrated and farewelled our wonderful Year 8 students as they begin their exciting next chapter. A big thank you to our wonderful PFA for all their hard work, and to Jenna Wakeling for making our hall look fantastic. We are so proud of our leavers and the bright futures ahead of them as they continue to grow, learn and shine.



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For Sale \$429,000

This home is full of character! There are three bedrooms though one has been utilized as a storage room currently. There is further potential to develop upstairs which has a large loft space with windows and enjoys views of the mountain and sea. The home is fully fenced and low maintenance gardens have been planted making attractive spaces to relax in.

Kelly Baldwin 022 186 4539 kelly@fntaranaki.co.nz

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VILLA MAGIC
207 Egmont Street, Patea

4 1 1
For Sale \$405,000

This four-bedroom villa has all the characteristics that we love in a home of this age, high ceilings, wide hallways and timber flooring. Sitting on a generous 2023m² lot of flat fully fenced land this home has more than enough space for the family and pets and has an option of subdividing the land and adding a second dwelling.

Kelly Baldwin 022 186 4539 kelly@fntaranaki.co.nz

FOR SALE

Price Change

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LOOKING FOR A NEW OPPORTUNITY ?
85 Egmont Street, Patea

1 1 0
For Sale \$230,000

This rare find in the middle of Patea has plenty of usable space, off road parking and foot traffic going past and is set on the main street with good sized north facing windows. The property has many options in the front with four spaces to use for retail and a large countertop with plenty of storage.

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FOR SALE

New Listing

Contact Kirsten + Kelly Today For Your Private Viewing

FEEL AT HOME HERE
35 Smith Street, Waverley

3 1 2
For Sale \$419,000

Set amidst beautifully established gardens on a 1566m² corner section, this very tidy 1960s-built home offers character, comfort, and practicality across its 105m² footprint. With timeless weatherboard cladding and an iron roof, this inviting residence seamlessly blends mid-century charm with modern enhancements, creating a functional family haven.

Kirsten Kiernan 027 296 8500 Kelly Baldwin 022 186 4539

FOR SALE

Price Change

Contact Kelly Today on 022 186 4539 For More Information

COTTAGE + LAND WITH RIVER VIEWS!
23 Cornwall Street, Patea

2 1 1
For Sale \$320,000

The home is a two-bedroom cottage built in 1910 and has character features that will appeal to those looking for some charm but also if you have a tool box bring it as it will need some care to bring it back to the beauty it once was. This rustic cottage sits on over 7330m² of land which is elevated above the Patea river.

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FOR SALE

New Listing

Contact Kelly Today To Arrange Your Private Viewing

TIME TO ENJOY THE GOOD LIFE
16 Egmont Street, Patea

3 3 2
For Sale \$629,000

This stunning home is custom designed and ready for you to move in and enjoy the low maintenance features. The back yard is low maintenance with nicely raised garden beds, a garden shed is plumbed with a sink for outdoor washing up and the 932m² section is flat, private and well fenced. Call Today

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Judging on Saturday 21st February 2026

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Tuia Taitonga ki Tai

Southlink



Te Kaunihera o Taranaki ki Te Tonga
South Taranaki
District Council

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

Kerbside collection will continue as normal over Waitangi Day, so please put your bins out on your usual day.

South Taranaki Communities Champion Circular Stationery Initiative

South Taranaki has once again shown its commitment to supporting the local community through reuse and sustainability with an overwhelming response to South Taranaki District Council’s Stationery Drive. Councils Environment and Sustainability Manager Cindy Koen says the generosity from the community has made a real impact this year, with a staggering total of 103.22kg of stationery donated — 101.94kg going directly back into the community, and 1.28kg diverted from landfill through TerraCycle. The donated supplies will be delivered to a local school in the community that contributed them, ensuring they reach the tamariki who need them the most for the start of their school year. Thanks to support from the Waste Minimisation Fund, Taranaki Timebank Upsewing also produced 50 book bags and pencil cases, all made from upcycled materials, as Council’s contribution to the donations. Cindy says the initiative highlights the power of collective action. “This initiative is a great example of how small actions by many

people create a meaningful impact,” she says. “By choosing to donate rather than discard, our communities are helping reduce waste, support reuse and ensure local tamariki start the school year with the tools they need.” “We’re grateful for the generosity shown across South Taranaki, and we look forward to continuing this momentum throughout the year. It really proves that one person’s old is another person’s gold.” The Circular Stationery Initiative will continue throughout the year in preparation for the start of the school year next year. Anyone having a clean-out is encouraged to drop off good, usable stationery items (pens, pencils, highlighters, markers, crayons, exercise books, notebooks, art books, erasers, rulers, sharpeners, glue sticks, protractors, scissors, calculators, headphones or book bags) to the Hāwera Administration Building or any LibraryPlus in Hāwera, Eltham, Kaponga, Manaia, Ōpunakē, Pātea or Waverley.



Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund open for applications

Applications for financial assistance under the Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund are now open. The fund is open to sports clubs and school teams in South Taranaki with young people aged between 5-19 years who require assistance with transport expenses to regular, local sporting competitions. Further information and application forms can be found online at www.southtaranaki.com/funding, at Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga (121 High Street, Hāwera), from your local LibraryPlus or by emailing funding@stdc.govt.nz. Applications close at 5pm on Wednesday 18 February.

Have Your Say: Consultations open for feedback

Council currently has two consultations open for community feedback:

Pātea South Development

closes at 5pm on 14 February.

Proposed Speed Management Plan

closes at 5pm on 27 February.

To have your say, head to www.southtaranaki.com/consultations or scan the QR code.



Paepae in the Park this Waitangi Day - 6 Feburary!

Paepae in the Park is being held in Pātea again this Waitangi Day! This smoke and alcohol-free, whānau-friendly event includes live performances, food and craft stalls, activities for all ages groups and health checks delivered by local health providers!

Head to the Aotea Waka at Memorial Park, Pātea, from 10am till 4.30pm on Friday 6 February. For more information, check out the Paepae in the Park Facebook page.



Upcoming meetings

- Workshop

Central Government Legislation Proposals

Monday 2 February, 12.30pm
- Workshop

Annual Plan

Monday 2 February, 2.30pm
- Extraordinary Council

To consider a Road Closure, Road Widening and Taranaki Triennial Agreement

Monday 2 February, 4.30pm
- Te Kāhui Matauraura

Wednesday 4 February, 10am
- Policy and Strategy Committee

Monday 9 February, 1pm
- Water Services Committee

Wednesday 11 February, 1pm
- District Plan Committee

Plan Change 4 Hearing

Monday 16 February, 10am
- District Plan Committee

Plan Change 4 Hearing

Tuesday 17 February, 9am
- Risk and Assurance Committee (Mercer)

Wednesday 18 February, 11am
- Extraordinary Council

Parking Bylaw Review Hearing

Monday 23 February, 3pm
- Eltham Drainage Committee

Wednesday 25 February, 10am
- Ordinary Council

Wednesday 4 March, 4pm
- Eltham-Kaponga Community Board

Tuesday 10 March, 10.30am

Rotokare Scenic Reserve, 365 Sangster Road, Eltham
- Te Hāwera Community Board

Tuesday 10 March, 4pm

Ōkaiawa Hall, Ahipaipa Road, Ōkaiawa
- Taranaki Coastal Community Board

Wednesday 11 March, 10.30am

Ōanui Hall, 5142 South Road, Ōanui

Pātea Community Board

Wednesday 11 March, 4pm

Waitōtara Community Hall

Kaipō Street, Waitōtara

Te Kahui Matauraura

Wednesday 18 March, 10am

Environment and Hearings Committee

Wednesday 18 March, 1pm

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



Tuia Taitonga ki Tai Southlink



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

Clip Your Lid

Wheelie bins **will not be collected** if the lid isn't closed or clipped, or if there is rubbish sitting on top of it.



Overfull Bins won't be collected from 1 February

From 1 February, overfull bins out for kerbside collection will no longer be collected. Since the changes to kerbside collection, the contractor has given residents a grace period to settle into the new system by collecting overfull bins. However, as of February, South Taranaki District Council Solid Waste Bylaw standards will be followed, and overfull bins will not be collected. Overfull bins pose a risk of litter in our roads, safety risks to staff and public, and challenges with effective service delivery. To ensure a clean and safe collection process, bins must have the lid fully closed.

- To ensure your bin is collected:**
- The lid must be able to close completely.
 - Make sure extra items are not placed on top or beside the bin.

- What happens if my bin isn't collected?**
- In the first instance, your uncollected bin will have a red tag on it explaining that it was not collected due to it being overfull.
 - In the second and third instance, your bin will have a red tag, which will also be

followed up by the Council.

- If you have excess waste, please consider:**
- Fill up your bin and then take the excess to your local transfer station (free of charge for recyclable materials, or for a fee for general waste).
 - If you find that you need a lot more capacity than the current Council service offers, residents are able to buy an additional bin for general waste collection. If you are interested in this option, please touch base with Council by calling 0800 111 323.

Thank you for helping us keep our community clean and our solid waste services effective!

For more information on how to sort your waste, visit www.southtaranaki.com/solidwaste or scan the QR code:



Keeping up with the Community Summer Pools

Council is proud to provide towns around the district with community pools, free of charge, that open during the summer months. As the school holidays draw to a close, Council will be updating the community pool open hours as below:

Rāwhitiroa

Open hours starting from 2 February

Monday.....	4pm - 7pm
Tuesday.....	4pm - 7pm
Wednesday.....	4pm - 7pm
Thursday.....	CLOSED
Friday.....	4pm - 7pm
Saturday.....	12noon- 7pm
Sunday.....	12noon- 7pm

Eltham

Open hours starting from 2 February

Monday.....	3.30pm - 7pm
Tuesday.....	CLOSED
Wednesday.....	3.30pm - 7pm
Thursday.....	3.30pm - 7pm
Friday.....	4pm - 7pm
Saturday.....	12noon- 7pm
Sunday.....	12noon- 7pm

Kaponga*

Open hours starting from 2 February

Monday.....	3.30pm - 7pm
Tuesday.....	3.30pm - 7pm
Wednesday.....	3.30pm - 7pm
Thursday.....	3.30pm - 7pm
Friday.....	3.30pm - 7pm
Saturday.....	12noon- 7pm
Sunday.....	12noon- 7pm

Manaia

Open hours starting from 2 February

Monday.....	3.30pm - 7pm
Tuesday.....	3.30pm - 7pm
Wednesday.....	3.30pm - 7pm
Thursday.....	3.30pm - 7pm
Friday.....	3.30pm - 7pm
Saturday.....	12noon- 7pm
Sunday.....	12noon- 7pm

Pātea

Open hours starting from 2 February

Monday.....	3.30pm - 7pm
Tuesday.....	3.30pm - 7pm
Wednesday.....	3.30pm - 7pm
Thursday.....	3.30pm - 7pm
Friday.....	3.30pm - 7pm
Saturday.....	12noon- 7pm
Sunday.....	12noon- 7pm

Waverley

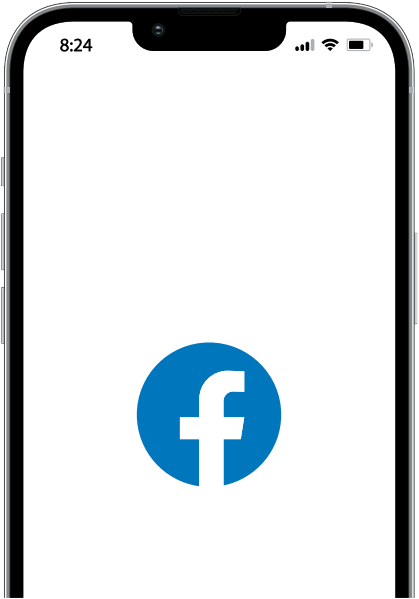
Open hours as of 19 January

Monday.....	CLOSED
Tuesday.....	CLOSED
Wednesday.....	3.30pm - 7pm
Thursday.....	3.30pm - 7pm
Friday.....	3.30pm - 7pm
Saturday.....	12noon- 7pm
Sunday.....	12noon- 7pm

*Please note the Kaponga Pool hours will change again on 9 February. Check Council's website for the new times.

Stay up to date with the summer pool opening hours!

If you want to stay up to date on the community summer pool open hours, visit www.southtaranaki.com/summerpools or follow the Hāwera Aquatic Centre Facebook page.

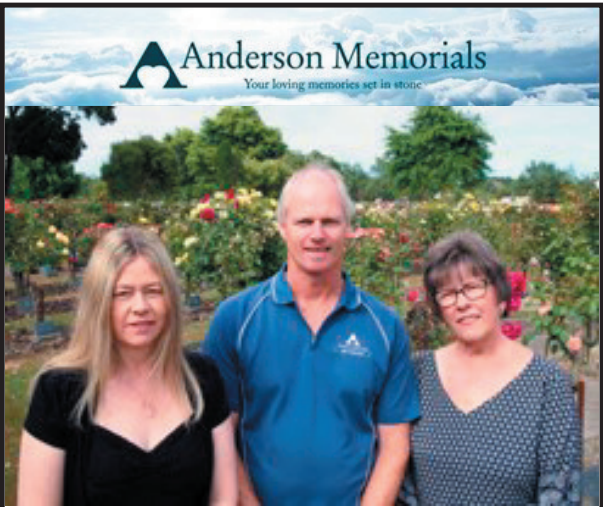


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MON 02 FEB	11:18 3.2m	23:41 3.0m
TUE 03 FEB	12:01 3.2m	
WED 04 FEB	00:23 3.1m	12:41 3.2m
THU 05 FEB	01:02 3.0m	13:19 3.1m
FRI 06 FEB	01:39 2.9m	13:56 3.0m
SAT 07 FEB	02:15 2.8m	14:33 2.8m
SUN 08 FEB	02:52 2.6m	15:12 2.6m
MON 09 FEB	03:33 2.5m	15:57 2.4m
TUE 10 FEB	04:23 2.3m	16:52 2.2m
WED 11 FEB	05:30 2.2m	18:01 2.1m
THU 12 FEB	06:53 2.2m	19:19 2.1m
FRI 13 FEB	08:12 2.3m	20:31 2.2m
SAT 14 FEB	09:09 2.5m	21:27 2.4m
SUN 15 FEB	09:52 2.6m	22:11 2.6m
MON 16 FEB	10:29 2.8m	22:49 2.8m
TUE 17 FEB	11:03 3.0m	23:24 2.9m
WED 18 FEB	11:37 3.1m	23:59 3.0m
THU 19 FEB	12:11 3.2m	
FRI 20 FEB	00:34 3.1m	12:47 3.2m
SAT 21 FEB	01:10 3.1m	13:25 3.1m
SUN 22 FEB	01:49 3.0m	14:07 3.0m
MON 23 FEB	02:32 2.9m	14:54 2.8m
TUE 24 FEB	03:23 2.7m	15:49 2.6m
WED 25 FEB	04:26 2.5m	16:57 2.4m
THU 26 FEB	05:47 2.4m	18:18 2.4m
FRI 27 FEB	07:18 2.5m	19:45 2.4m
SAT 28 FEB	08:34 2.6m	20:58 2.6m
SUN 01 MAR	09:31 2.8m	21:55 2.8m
MON 02 MAR	10:19 3.0m	22:41 2.9m
TUE 03 MAR	11:00 3.1m	23:21 3.0m
WED 04 MAR	11:38 3.2m	23:58 3.1m

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Meets 4th Saturday of each month
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Hours: Monday to Friday, 8.30am-4.30pm
An answerphone outside these hours will give you the Doctor on call and emergency service directions.

Plunket
The Plunket nurse attends a Waverley clinic every 2nd Wednesday of month & Patea clinic every Friday. Also available for home visits; for appointments phone Waverley 06 346 5095 & leave a message for Plunket Nurse Alice and Plunket Kaiawhina Shellay or Patea 06 273 8329. The Patea Clinic is in the Health Centre.

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Saturday 9.30am-noon

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

It is the responsibility of the organisations below to advise any deletions, additions or alterations to this service.

WEDNESDAY Walking Group
St Stephen's Hall 9am

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Contact 0273 870 670
for more information

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Donations during open hours preferred.

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Rainfall - December

KAKARAMEA

Rainfall recorded by Kevin Ford, Spence Rd.
Rainfall for 2025 - 128mm in 9 days
Rainfall for 2024 - 42mm
Average for December - 112mm over 55 years
TOTAL for 2025 - 1123mm

WAITOTARA

Rainfall recorded by Marie Hawken, Waitotara
Rainfall 2025 - 109.75mm in 10 days
Rainfall 2024 - 58.25mm in 11 days
TOTAL for 2025 - 1068.5mm

WAVERLEY

Rainfall recorded by Stu Buckman, Waverley
Rainfall 2025 - 152mm in 11 days
Rainfall 2024 - 59mm in 11 days
Rainfall 2023 - 88.5mm in 10 days
TOTAL for 2025 - 1248mm

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Quick crossword

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- Across**
1. Thrifty (6)
4. Lowest rank of aristocrat (6)
9. Deadlock (7)
10. Precise (5)
11. Fit of extravagance (5)
12. Temporary relief (7)
13. Alert, energetic type (colloq) (5,6)
18. Turn aside (7)
20. Tip over (5)
22. Bring to mind (5)
23. On the exterior (7)
24. Being (6)
25. Entry (6)
- Down**
1. Insubstantial (6)
2. Topmost (5)
3. Plain in appearance (7)
5. Requirements (5)
6. Type of hard stone (7)
7. Tie up (a horse) (6)
8. Disapproval (11)
14. Deliberate insult (7)
15. Relating to water (7)
16. Stick (6)
17. Accentuate (6)
19. Make a physical or mental effort (5)
21. Grin (5)

Crossword solution

Across: 1. Frugal, 4. Knight, 9. Impasse, 10. Exact, 11. Spree, 12. Respite, 13. Eager beaver, 18. Deflect, 20. Upset, 22. Evoke, 23. Outside, 24. Entry, 25. Access.
Down: 1. Filmy, 2. Upper, 3. Austere, 5. Needs, 6. Granite, 7. Tether, 8. Reprobation, 14. Affront, 15. Aquatic, 16. Adhere, 17. Stress, 19. Exert, 21. Smile.

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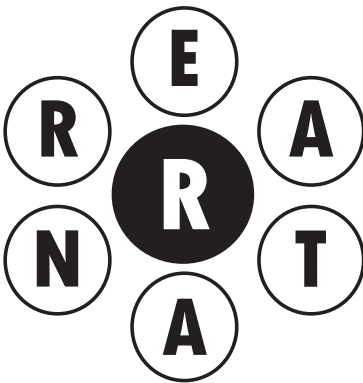
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Circle of Words

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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Aotea Utanganui – Museum of South Taranaki

The South Taranaki Museum Trust recently held their AGM. The trust is responsible for the maintenance of the buildings and protecting the taonga within the buildings. The past year has brought both challenges and achievements for the museum. Rising costs and tight funding requirements have tested the trust financially, however the team’s resilience and dedication have kept the museum moving forward. The challenge into the new year is on “sustainability — financially, protecting our collections, and securing our future.” The museum relies on very limited funding and koha/donation by visitors to the museum. It is especially rewarding when we get an unexpected donation.

Museum Team Leader Luana Paamu and the team delivered inspiring 2025 exhibitions, including Puanga – Puanga Kai Rau / Puanga Hao Tangata and Silliness & Mayhem, along with the popular Into the Archives sessions.

A big thank you to current Trustees Dean Sorensen, Dave Compton, Jim Baker, Graeme Kempton and David Inns for their continued support and time to ensure the Trust continued to operate.

I would also like to acknowledge the outgoing trustees Mark Nicholas, Don Stockwell, and Sam Stephens for their service and welcome Kere Taputoro and Andrew Hurley as new Trustees.

A big shout out to Rob H, Cath, Luana, Rob G, Bronwyn, and the library team from the South Taranaki District Council, Patea Historical Society, iwi partners, museum volunteers and the community for their ongoing support.

The Trust welcomes new trustees from around South Taranaki and volunteers who wish to assist the trust in any way. If you are interested contact Gary on 021852445.

“Ka mua, ka muri – we walk backwards into the future.”

This whakataukī reminds us that understanding and preserving our past is essential to shaping a strong future. By caring for the stories, taonga, and histories held within our communities and museums, we ensure that future generations can learn where they come from and carry that knowledge forward with pride and confidence.

Ngā mihi
Gary Sue (Chair)

Recently, Aotea Ūtanganui Museum welcomed a fascinating new addition to the collection: a millstone with a strong local whakapapa and a story that reaches back to the earliest days of flour milling in South Taranaki.

The millstone was generously donated by Ken and Jennifer Horner, from their home near Puketarata Pā. The stone originally belonged to Jennifer’s mother, Edna Williams, and once sat on the family property at Taranga, Ōhāngai, near the Kiwitāhe Stream. When Edna’s parents left Ōhāngai, the millstone was taken to Puketarata—where it remained until the Horner family offered it to the museum, ensuring it can now be cared for and shared with the wider community.

What makes this millstone especially intriguing is that it appears to be an “unfinished” stone linked to the Whareroa flour mill project, begun in the 1850s just south of Hāwera. According to local accounts, two Pākehā workers departed the site after being paid, leaving the millstone incomplete. That unfinished work can still be seen today: the stone lacks the centre hole and the carved grooves that would normally be essential for grinding grain into flour.

The Whareroa mill was the fourth flour mill initiative associated with the Pakakohe / Ngāti Ruanui iwi, following earlier mills at Waitōtara



(1846), Ōrokowhai (1849), and Manawapōu (1851). During this period, Taranaki Māori played a significant role in early wheat growing and milling, including establishing Māori-owned mills across several locations. A visitor in 1852 recorded extensive wheat cultivation by Māori, with large, planted areas—an important reminder of the scale, capability, and enterprise present in South Taranaki at the time.

Made from Taranaki andesite, the Whareroa millstone was later recovered from the banks of the Kiwitāhe Stream in the 1860s. A second millstone from this story is on display at Puke Ariki Museum in New Plymouth—making this donation an especially valuable local connection for our district.

Aotea Ūtanganui Museum extends sincere thanks to Ken and Jennifer Horner for their generosity. This millstone is more than a heavy piece of stone: it is a tangible link to the ingenuity, industry, and shared histories of our region.

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South Taranaki Communities Champion Circular Stationery Initiative

South Taranaki has once again shown its commitment supporting the local community through reuse and sustainability with an overwhelming response to South Taranaki District Council's Stationery Drive.

Councils Environment and Sustainability Manager Cindy Koen says the generosity from the community has made a real impact this year, with a staggering total of 103.22kg of stationery donated — 101.94kg going directly back into the community, and 1.28kg diverted from landfill through TerraCycle.

The donated supplies will be delivered to a local school in the community that contributed them, ensuring they reach the tamariki who need them most for the start of their school year.

Thanks to support from the Waste Minimisation Fund, Taranaki Timebank Upsewing also produced 50 book bags and pencil cases, all made from upcycled materials, as Council's contribution to the donations.

Cindy says the initiative highlights the power of collective action.

"This initiative is a great example of how small actions by many people create a meaningful impact," she says. "By choosing to donate rather than discard, our communities are helping reduce waste, support reuse and ensure local tamariki start the school year with the tools they need."

"We're grateful for the generosity shown across South Taranaki, and we look forward to continuing this momentum throughout the year. It really proves that one person's old is another person's gold."

The Circular Stationery Initiative will continue throughout the year in preparation for the start of the school year next year.

Anyone having a clean-out is encouraged to drop off good, usable stationery items (pens, pencils, highlighters, markers, crayons, exercise books, notebooks, art books, erasers, rulers, sharpeners, glue sticks, protractors, scissors, calculators, headphones or book bags) at the Hāwera Administration Building or at any LibraryPlus in Hāwera, Eltham, Kaponga, Manaia, Ōpunakē, Pātea or Waverley.



STDC moves to Objective Build for Building Consents

South Taranaki District Council (STDC) customers will soon have a new, easier way to apply for building consents with Objective Build — a modern online platform designed to improve consistency, transparency and the overall quality of building consent applications.

From Monday 2 February, customers will be able to submit building consent applications through Objective Build via Council's website. If you already use Objective Build with other councils, you will be able to log in as usual and view your full application history within the system.

"Applications already underway before 2 February will continue to be processed in the current system (Simpli)," says environmental services group

manager, Liam Dagg.

"Once those consents are issued, they will appear in Objective Build for future reference," he says.

Objective Build streamlines the consent process by making information easily accessible, tracking progress clearly, and guiding users through required actions. The platform also connects directly with council systems nationwide, reducing multiple logins and enabling the sector to work more efficiently through one unified system.

More information, quick start guides and tutorials are available at www.southtaranaki.com/building. Customers wanting additional support can contact Objective Build directly on 0800 024 508.

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Taranaki's top temp and lowest rainfall for 2025 revealed by TRC

Hot on the heels of New Plymouth being named the sunniest town in New Zealand, Taranaki Regional Council has revealed that the city recorded the highest air temperature across the region last year at nearly 30°C.

Data for 2025 shows the Council's monitoring station at Brooklands Zoo recorded a temperature of 29.89°C on 22 January taking the crown from the gauge at Hawken Road in South Taranaki which spiked at 31.14°C in January 2024.

The Waitōtara site did retain its number one spot for the lowest rainfall across Taranaki though in 2025 – a position it has held for many years – with 948.6mm. The North Taranaki at Camphouse gauge recorded the highest amount of rainfall (8443.9mm) with Dawson Falls second (7598.5mm).

While Taranaki has a reputation for enjoying a healthy dose of rain, New Plymouth was named the sunniest town by Earth Sciences NZ after it enjoyed 2743 hours of sunshine in 2025.

Craig Pickford, the Council's Team Leader – Environmental Data, says last year was also marked by several severe weather events including very heavy downpours in early July which saw many rivers respond with record high flows as the region was inundated with rain.

"Our staff are out in all weather conditions checking the 115 monitoring stations we have in Taranaki and that includes during severe rainfall and high river flow like we had last July," says Mr Pickford.

"We know the importance of keeping the public updated, especially when we're in the middle of a severe weather event which can include everything from a huge deluge to a prolonged period without rain like the drought conditions in South Taranaki last summer.

"It's key information for many people across the region. This could be hikers heading up Taranaki Maunga, farmers wanting to know about soil conditions and, of course, our partners such as Taranaki Civil Defence and Emergency Management."

The July weather event set two records for the year with the largest river flow on 3 July at the Bertrand Road gauge on the Waitara River while the most rain over a 24-hour period outside Te Maunga was also recorded on the same day with 173mm in Egmont Village.

"We know people love to chat about the weather and if they want to know exactly what's happening,

our environmental data webpage is the best place to go as it's updated every 15 minutes," adds Mr Pickford.

"The rising number of severe weather events we're seeing each year strongly indicates that our climate is changing and reinforces the need to keep monitoring our weather."

To check out the TRC's environmental data page, head to <https://www.trc.govt.nz/environment/maps-and-data/regional-overview>

Fast facts: Last year's climate figures

- On average across all rain gauges, there was 1% more rain than normal
- Waitōtara at Hawken Rd had 17% less than normal rainfall
- There was 18% more than usual rainfall at North Taranaki at Camphouse
- The highest wind gust was 126.7km/hr at Uriti at Kaka Rd
- The lowest air temperature was -2.58°C at Tawhiti at Duffy's in South Taranaki
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Vandalism of monitoring stations putting lives at risk, says TRC



Repeat vandalism and theft from weather and flood monitoring stations could be putting the public's lives at risk, Taranaki Regional Council has warned.

The warning has been made after the monitoring site on the Waiwhakaiho River near Mitre 10 Mega at The Valley in New Plymouth was vandalised, the second time the site has been hit over the last three months and the third time since its installation in 2020.

The lower Waiwhakaiho River gauge has now been repaired and police are investigating the incident which occurred on 11 January at 1.20am.

Craig Pickford, the Council's Environmental Data Team Leader, says the theft and destruction of monitoring equipment could seriously impact the timeliness of alerts to the public about rising river levels when the region experiences significant weather events.

"The Waiwhakaiho River is a particularly dynamic waterway and can change very quickly after heavy rainfall so we need to be able to rely on real-time data if the river is rising and could pose a threat to those living and working nearby," says Mr Pickford.

"We saw last July just how fast it can change. We had to undertake repairs after a berm near Mitre 10 was washed away as the nearby gauge recorded 535m³/sec river flow.

"That monitoring station is now being repeatedly targeted by thieves, with the most recent incident involving the door being ripped off and loss of equipment.

"Our message to those committing these senseless acts is to stop and think about their actions, as these stations provide the crucial information we need to keep the public informed about when to get to safety in the event of a flood."

TRC works with Civil Defence Emergency Management Taranaki to alert the public about potential flooding when the region experiences heavy rainfall which our rivers to rapidly rise.

While these events are rare, TRC maintains a number of flood defence schemes and critical monitoring stations – including on the Waiwhakaiho and Waitara rivers – to protect homes and businesses in at-risk locations which have historically been prone to flooding.

"While we accept some monitoring stations are damaged by severe weather events, it's hard to understand why anyone would intentionally put people's lives at risk," Mr Pickford added.

Other monitoring stations have also been the target for vandalism and theft including the Waiwhakaiho at Rimu Street and the Mangati at SH3 stations.

These sites are part of a region-wide monitoring network managed by the TRC which provides real-time environmental data including rainfall, river levels, wind speed, air temperature, water quality and river flow. For more information, see <https://www.trc.govt.nz/environment/maps-and-data/regional-overview>

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Pātea Community Board Meeting

Notes from the meeting on Wednesday 28 January 2026 at 4pm, provided by the Board Members. The first meeting for 2026 was held at the Kakaramea Hall. Present were: Pātea Community Board members: Jacq, Cheryl, Bronwyn & Charlotte, Brian Rook (Councillor), Phil Nixon (Mayor), Sara Dymond (Governance Officer), Kaya Acero (Governance Officer), Rob Haveswood (Community Development Manager), and several members of the public. The meeting opened with a karakia.

Open Forum: Frankie Stevens and Chris How spoke about the Waverley Summer Jam which is on Saturday 14 February at the Waverley Domain 3-8pm. Their committee has been busy organising this popular musical event for the 5th year. They need a bit more money to ensure the event runs smoothly. An extra attraction this year is allowing a limited number of camper vans to stay at the Domain overnight.

-Wendy Derrett asked if the Council could do something about the woolly nightshade that is spreading rapidly at the old Patea Hospital grounds. It is appearing in neighbouring properties, including her own garden. Rob will investigate if there is something the Council can do, it may be that TRC can offer assistance as it is a noxious weed.

-Marie Dwyer gave an update on the Kakaramea Hall. The new storage room is now complete, the floor has just been sanded and sealed, and the room can soon be used. Talented musician Graeme James is performing at the Hall on Saturday 21 February, at 7.30pm. The Kakaramea School 150th Jubilee is on at Easter this year, the jubilee committee have been hard at work organising it for the last 2 years. Wifi has been installed at the Hall by Michael Clarkson. The community is very grateful that Michael has done this free of charge. Roadsafe Taranaki had a coffee cart at the Hall on Wellington Anniversary weekend, to give people the opportunity to stop for a coffee and a toilet stop.

-Hima Patel from Patea Kindy spoke to us about what's going on at Kindy at the moment. They have 40 kids on the roll and 3 qualified teachers as well as teachers aids. They have recently had a new storage shed built by local man Clint, the sandpit has a new cover, new bark under the playground and a new large front window with sliding windows on their building. The interior has been completely renovated in recent years and new lino has just been laid over the holidays. Our Kindy is now 58 years old and is a happy, busy place for our young people to play and learn.

-It was asked if STDC has checked campgrounds near hills etc since the tragedy in Mt Maunganui? And the answer was yes, especially Opunake and Koupokanui, and none show damage or risk from the rain.

-Laurie Mildenhall sent a message to thank the Council for the new concrete footpath on Albany Street. Patea.

-Ngapari Nui has applied for funding on behalf of Ngati Ruanui for fitness equipment at the Patea Domain for young teens and older. There are rugby, league, netball players that will benefit from this equipment. The playground in the Domain has good equipment for young children, but not for those wanting to improve their fitness.

Matters arising from Minutes of last meeting Monday 17 November 2025 at The Hunter Shaw:

-Mayor Phil visited Waitotara with some STDC staff and member of FENZ to investigate water storage options for fire fighting. They discovered the 22,000 lt water tank on the hill above the Waster Transfer Station is still there and can be repaired and used to store water. It was fed from a spring behind it, the connection to this is broken, but can be repaired. The tank was funded and installed by the community in 1992. FENZ advised a second 22,000 lt tank would ensure that enough water can be sourced for a major fire, so this is something we need to work on. Waverley Fire Brigade have put

a request out to the community to see if someone can donate a tank. Mayor Phil advised that a bright orange Ball Float be installed on each tank so the level of water can be easily checked each day by the staff member at the Transfer Station. Excess water from the tanks will over flow into the spring flow below.

-Charlotte asked about drains overflowing on the main road in Waverley, the main highway is an NZTA road, STDC only look after the side roads. Mayor Phil pointed out that the amount of rain, 30mm in an hour, was unusual and it did drain away eventually.

-Charlotte asked about the Waverley Boat ramp/ Beach access rebuilding progress. Rob said they have discovered some issues which are currently being discussed with locals connected to the project.

-Charlotte asked if there was a template of guidelines to help new businesses when setting up. We have had several new businesses lately that have struggled with communication between Council. The Rabbit Hutch Store, south of Waverley is doing very well but have encountered issues along the way that have been difficult to navigate.

-Jacq asked about the septic tank rebuild for the toilets at Mana Bay, Rob said it will be happening within the next few months.

-7 Pohutakawa to be replanted closer to the river at York St by Waka Ama area, Rob said this will be happening soon. They will provide shade for Waka Ama kids using the river in the years to come.

Discretionary Funding Applications. \$12,793.92 left in fund. 1 application this month from the Waverley Summer Jam requested \$2,525.00, the whole event budget is \$34,934.00. We funded them the full amount requested.

Items for Action: *Civil Defence Community Response Plans, we asked if the Patea Old Folks Hall can be reinstated as the official Civil Defence point for Patea as the rules have now changed for quality of building compliance required, Rob pointed out this has not passed as law yet. Also, the emergency response container the Council has secured is to be placed at the Whenuakura Marae sometime this year.

District LibraryPlus Report, Pātea Library hosts various activity groups, including Te Mahana residents each week. Waverley Library Staff had a stall at the Waverley A&P show back in November. Patea Library staff visit the Patea Kindergarten fortnightly and Kakaramea school coding club visit the Patea Library fortnightly, with the Library staff visiting the school every other week. Summer Blast reading program has been well supported at Pātea and Waverley Library by young readers, and both Libraries have been well decorated, as usual, by the Librarians.

Environmental Services Report, Roaming and barking dog incidents remain high.

-Waste minimisation workshop held at St Georges Patea Community Garden on 15 November was well supported.

-STDC Environmental team has produced and printed a book called 'Urban Food Growing Resource', this is available at STDC reception and Libraries.

- The reforestation team joined the Waverley Town Revitalisation team with planting native trees along the Waverley town belt. The trees planted in the paddocks on the left on the way to the Patea Beach are doing well.

Quarterly Economic Development Report, South Taranaki Business Park by the Hawera Racecourse has been completed, the 3 roads surround this are: Kerry, Fitzgerald and Houston. Speed limit out past this area will be lowered to 60km.

-In October Venture Taranaki hosted a defence capability event that brought together over 60 local manufacturer, engineers and technology providers to explore opportunities arising from NZs \$12 billion Defence Capabilities plan. The session featured expert speakers, who shared guidance on aligning regional expertise with national defence

procurement. The event highlighted how Taranaki's strengths in manufacturing, precision engineering, marine services and logistics positioned it as a potential sovereign defence hub.

-The first Taranaki Tourism Summit took place on 2 December in partnership with the Taranaki Māori Business Network. The event attracted 150 attendees including operators, iwi and regional leaders to explore the potential of tourism.

Facility Usage Reports, Patea Pools are the most well used in the district. There has been a good number of people applying for Life Saving jobs at the pools this year. Cemeteries were well presented this Christmas, lawns well mowed. The Patea River Walkway hasn't been mowed for months though. Antenno report submitted about this.

Full minutes of this and all Council meetings can be found on the South Taranaki District Council Website, under the heading 'Our Council' then go to 'Mayor & Elected members' then 'Community Board - Pātea'. Or view them at Pātea or Waverley Library Plus.

Your Community Board Members are: Jacq Dwyer (Chair) Cheryl Rook (Deputy Chair), Bronwyn Wattrus, Charlotte Lawrence, Brian Rook (Pātea Councillor).

Meeting Dates for 2026:
Wednesday 11 March, 4pm at Waitōtara Hall, Kaipo Street, Waitōtara
Wednesday 29 April, 4pm at Aotea Utanganui Museum, Pātea
Wednesday 10 June, 4pm at Waverley Golf Club
Wednesday 5 August, 4pm at Whenuakura Marae
Wednesday 16 September, 4pm at Hunter Shaw, Pātea
Wednesday 28 October, 4pm at Waverley Community Centre

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Kakaramea School 150th year Jubilee

The Jubilee committee has been busy organising a weekend of activities to celebrate the significant milestone of 150 years of schooling at Kakaramea School over Easter weekend 2026. Registrations are being processed now, and will be closing off 10 days before Easter. A link to the Registration form can be found on the 'Kakaramea School and District: 150 Year Jubilee' facebook page, or email jacq@dwyer.co.nz or phone 0272415595 for a copy to be posted or emailed to you, or paper copies can be collected from and returned to Patea Library.

Our current school Principal Shannon O'Brien is looking forward to including the school children in the celebrations, creating memories for them and giving them the chance to experience how life was in Kakaramea all those years ago. The lives of children as well as teachers is very different today, from what it was then. From blackboards to smartboards, horses to cars, and buttoned-up black boots to colourful crocs.

Expectations of teachers in the early days of schools in New Zealand was so different from what is expected now. There was much less paperwork and compliance, and much more structured lessons and strapping. Women teachers were more often than not, teaching the infant classes, and if they married, they automatically left teaching. The following rules were set for female teachers in the early 1900's, it is focused more on teachers in cities, with mention of ice cream stores, but still show the restrictions placed upon them all.

Rules of Conduct for Women Teachers 1915:

- 1. You will not marry during the terms of your contract.
- 2. You are not to keep company with men.
- 3. You must be home between the hours of 8pm and 6am unless attending a school function.
- 4. You may not leave the city limits without the permission of the Chairman of the Board.
- 5. You may not loiter downtown in ice-cream stores.
- 6. You may not ride in a carriage or automobile with any man unless he is your father or brother.
- 7. You may not smoke cigarettes.
- 8. You may not dress in bright colours.
- 9. You may not under any circumstances dye your hair.
- 10. You must wear at least two petticoats
- 11. Your dresses must not be any shorter than two

inches above the ankle.
12. To keep the schoolroom neat and clean, you must: sweep the floor at least once daily; scrub the floor at least once a week with hot, soapy water; clean the blackboards at least once a day; and start the fire at 7am so the room will be warm at 8am

The first woman teacher 'in-charge' of Kakaramea School was Miss Elizabeth D Killner. She was 48 years old when she took up the position of Head Mistress of the school in December 1923. The following year the new School house was built on the hill, although the new school was still five years away, the old school was situated down near the road. There were about 70 pupils on the roll in this small two roomed building. Her assistant teacher was Miss Marion Beamish. Marion started teaching at the infant room at Kakaramea in 1914 and was to stay until 1930, when she left to start teaching at Patea Public School.

The three following extracts are from the Kakaramea School Teachers Log Book, at the time Miss Killner was about to leave the school for a new job. There was an outbreak of Infantile Paralysis/ Polio in New Zealand, and the school was kept closed/and people isolated for an extra month after the Christmas holidays finished. So she never really got to say goodbye to the families she got to know so well.

18 Dec 1924: School broke up today for the summer vacation. An exhibition of work and the distribution of prizes took place in the afternoon.

Quarterly returns were posted to the Secretary this afternoon.

3 Feb 1925: It was intended to resume school today, but owing to the prevalence of Infantile paralysis, opening is postponed till February 16th or further notice. This district is fortunately, so far, quite free if the epidemic.

16 Feb 1925: As school does not reopen before



The Jubilee committee hard at work planning the celebrations. Kakaramea School Principal Shannon O'Brien on far right.

March 2nd at the earliest, I shall not be taking up work here again but leave the district with feelings of sincere regret. Though the past years work was a very arduous one, the good conduct and willingness of the pupils and the harmonious and cordial relations existing between the teachers and the School Committee and parents in this district made the year a pleasant one. It was also gratifying to find that according to Inspectors report of December 1924, the three most important subjects: English, Arithmetic and Spelling, in which the greatest weakness had been shown the previous year, were all marked 'Excellent'.

Kakaramea School continues to strive for excellence and the roll number is similar to what it was in the 1920's. We are all looking forward to welcoming past pupils, teaching staff and former residents back, to mark the significant occasion of 150 years of schooling at Kakaramea.



Kakaramea School & District 150 year Jubilee

It will be 150 years since Kakaramea School first opened its doors at Easter weekend 2026. We will be celebrating this amazing milestone on 3,4,5 April at the School and over the road at the Kakaramea Hall, welcoming all past and present students, staff, and people who have lived in Kakaramea over the years to attend our Jubilee.

Express your interest by emailing michelle@dwyer.co.nz or click on the QR Code below so we can collect contact details of anyone who is planning or considering coming to the event. This is so we can communicate updates on the Jubilee directly to you.



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Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund Applications Open

The Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund is designed to help subsidise travel for rural junior teams aged between 5-18 years, removing the barrier of travel cost so they can compete in regular sporting competition.

Applications for financial assistance under the Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund are now open.

The fund is open to sports clubs and school teams in South Taranaki with young people aged between 5-19 years who require assistance with transport expenses to regular, local sporting competitions.

Further information and application forms can be found online at www.southtaranaki.com/funding, at Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga (121 High Street Hāwera), from your local LibraryPlus or by emailing funding@stdc.govt.nz.

Applications close Wednesday 18 February at 5pm.
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