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

The Great Comedy Night

TICKETS ON SALE FROM FRIDAY 7 JULY

The Great Comedy night is back again - this time with four comedians heading to two South Taranaki towns in August. The show, annually hosted by local lad and nationally renowned comedian Ben Hurley, is heading to Eltham Town Hall on Friday 18th and Hāwera's Memorial Theatre on Saturday 19th August. Hurley, best known for his TV appearances on shows such as 7 Days and The Project, says he looks forward to hosting a comedy event at home in South Taranaki year after year.

Justine Smith is a regular face on our screens, in 7 Days, The Project, TVNZ's Have You Been Paying Attention and Taskmaster NZ, along with many stand-up shows.

Hayley Sproull is a star of TV and radio but live performing is her first love. Fresh from her sell out show "Ailments", Hayley brings her infectious, hilarious energy to the stage in every gig.

South Taranaki raised Vaughan King, has one of the busiest standups on the circuit for over two decades. Seen on the Comedy Gala, 7 Days and Best MC at the NZ Comedy Guild awards.

South Taranaki District Council Events Co-ordinator Emma Vennell chose Eltham Town Hall again for this year's event, saying it is a stunning hall that is ideal for stand-up comedy.

"The Eltham community always gets involved and welcomes Ben and his friends back every year," says Emma. "It's a perfect venue for this type of event. Winter can be a slow time for events, so it is nice to offer this to the community."



Emma has also decided to bring a second show to the Hāwera Memorial Theatre due to the demand for in person events during the colder months.

"We would love to provide the opportunity for as many people as we can to sit down and enjoy a much-needed laugh," says Emma. Tickets for the R16 shows are \$30 per person per show for theatre-style seating, or a table of 10 for \$400 is available only at the Eltham show which includes nibbles and being seated on the ground floor closer to the stage.

Tickets go on sale at the South Taranaki isite Visitor Information Centre and Eltham LibraryPlus on Friday 7 July.

Community Initiatives Fund now open



The Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) is now taking applications.

Organisations can apply in July each year and will be allocated grants from a set pool of money. The Fund is designed to support community initiatives and activities that will make positive contributions to the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of the community. Applicants should also see this as a complementary funding source, not a primary one, and priority may be given to applicants who can demonstrate they are

seeking other sources of funding. The pool of money available in the Community Initiative Fund is established every three years through the Council's Long-Term Plan budget-setting process. This year the Fund has \$62,600 available to distribute (from an original pool of approximately \$240,000) due to previous grants being allocated over a two or three year period.

Application forms can be found online at www.southtaranaki.com/funding. Applications close at 5pm, Monday 31 July.

Upcoming meetings

Te Hāwera Community Board Monday 10 July, 11am Hāwera Senior Citizens Association, 81 Victoria Street, Hāwera

Pātea Community Board Monday 10 July, 4pm Hunter Shaw Building, Egmont Street, Pātea

Eltham-Kaponga Community Board Wednesday 12 July, 10.30am War Memorial Hall, Victoria Street, Kaponga

Taranaki Coastal Community Board Wednesday 12 July, 2.30pm Te Kiri Hall, Eltham Road, Te Kiri

Te Kāhui Matauraura Wednesday 19 July, 10am

Environment and Hearings CommitteeWednesday 19 July, 4pm

Policy and Strategy Committee Monday 24 July, 1pm Camberwell Lounge, TSB Hub, Camberwell Road, Hāwera

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

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School Holiday Programme

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Don't miss the best view in town

Hawera Water
Tower Night
Climb

Wed 12 July
5.30pm - 7.30pm

Adult \$2.50, Child \$1, Family \$6

Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult Bring along a torch

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