# Tuia **T**aitonga



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

## Friday Night Fever hits Elektra

Friday Night Fever will take over Hāwera's King Edward Park for South Taranaki's annual fire and light festival, Elektra. Get the family together to stroll through the park strewn with lights, groovy disco balls and flower power – for one night only. We'll make sure the crowds are well fed with a range of food trucks camping out between the stage and the lantern filled trees, entertained by the famous graphic poi and fire shows, and treated to the musical stylings of Shaun Campbell and Karla Kimi

This family-friendly event has plenty to offer, especially for the kids. Don't miss the 'Glow Zone', featuring fabulous glow in the dark art by South Taranaki Creative Space and Art with Kerryn Kids. These artworks were created by our very own tamariki here in South Taranaki. The evening will begin with roving circus performers where children can learn skills including spinning plates, juggling, hoop, and poi.

"We cannot wait to host Elektra again; unfortunately, last year's event was cancelled due to weather and the previous year due to COVID-19. The silver lining is we have had more time to plan an even better event this year!" says Events Co-ordinator Emma Vennell. "We encourage families to come down and have a



picnic tea (or buy something from one of our food trucks) and see what Elektra has to offer."



Elektra - King Edward Park, Hāwera Friday 22 September, 6pm - 9pm

#### **Upcoming meetings**

#### **Extraordinary Council**

To hear submissions on the Easter Sunday Trading Policy, Class 4 Gambling Venues Policy and Board Venues Policy

Monday 18 September, 1.30pm

#### **Ordinary Council**

Monday 18 September, 4pm

**Risk and Assurance Committee** Wednesday 20 September, 1pm

**District Licensing Committee** Monday 25 September, 9am

#### **Eltham Drainage Committee** Monday 25 September, 10am Taumata Recreation Centre, Preston Street, Eltham

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



Tell us what you think about our **Waste Management and Minimisation** Plan and proposed changes to our urban waste collection service before Wednesday 11 October.

Find out everything you need to know online or by picking up a book at your local LibraryPlus or Council's **Administration Building in** Hāwera.

www.southtaranaki.com/trashtalk

## **Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund**



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

The fund is open to sports clubs and school teams with young people aged between 5-18 years who require assistance with transport expenses to get to regular, local sporting competitions.

Application forms are available from all LibraryPlus centres, the Council Contact Centre in Albion Street. Hāwera, or the Council website www.southtaranaki.com/funding.

For further information please email funding@stdc.govt.nz or call 0800 111

**Applications close on Tuesday 3** October at 5pm.

## Last week to nominate someone for a Community Award



Know of a quiet achiever? Impressed by the community initiative shown by a neighbour? Does the dedication of a volunteer impress you?

Nominations close this Monday (11 September) so we want to hear who you think deserves a 2023 South Taranaki Community Award. Take this opportunity to nominate an individual or a group you think deserves recognition for the work they do within

For more information, visit www.southtaranaki.com/ communityawards

## Celebrate International Day of the Older Person

Council is hosting a free Movie Morning to celebrate International Day of the Older Person. "This will be an opportunity to connect with and show appreciation of elderly people within our communities," says Council's Community Development Manager Ella Borrows. On Thursday 28 September at Everybody's Theatre in Ōpunakē from 9.30am, The

Best Exotic Marigold Hotel, starring Judi Dench, Bill Nighy and Maggie Smith, will be screened followed by a hot cuppa, ice cream and lollies. Tickets are limited so register before 21 September by calling 0800 111 323 or emailing CDUnit@stdc.govt.nz.



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