

# Southlink

News from the South Taranaki District Council

## Nominations needed for Notable Trees

The Council is seeking nominations from residents of trees you think might be worthy of protection in the South Taranaki district. The Council is in the process of updating the District Plan schedule of notable trees throughout the rural and urban areas. There are currently 71 Notable Trees across South Taranaki listed in the schedule (visit the Council website or contact the Council for a copy of the current schedule). The majority of these trees are in Hawera, Opunake, Patea and Waverley. **By keeping a schedule of notable trees within the District Plan, the Council is able to protect and recognise those of special value to the district.**

Where trees are included on the schedule the Council will attach a plaque or tag to the tree to indicate that the tree has "protected" status. Once a tree is listed on the Notable Tree Schedule, resource consent is required to either remove the tree or carry out major trimming. A notable tree is one that has either historical or cultural value, or is recognised as a landmark, visually pleasing, a rare species or of botanical significance. If you have a tree or know of one that you consider outstanding, you can nominate it for Council consideration. Please write to Council (Planning Department, South Taranaki District Council, Private Bag 902, Hawera 4640 or email: [districtplanreview@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:districtplanreview@stdc.govt.nz)) and include the following information:

- Your name and contact details
- Address and type of tree (include a rough map showing location of tree)
- Photo of tree
- Who owns the property the tree is located on (if known)
- Why you think this tree is notable/distinctive and worthy of protection (e.g. its size and significance). Please tell us any relevant information about the tree/s:
- History (age if known, historic value and past or present community association/commemoration)
- Condition (health)
- Amenities (community benefit, role and stature, visibility)

**Nominations close on 10 November 2014.**

The Council will then review the nominations received, and an evaluation will be undertaken (including a site visit) using the Standard Tree Evaluation Method (STEM) and a recommendation will be made on the tree's eligibility to be included in the Notable Tree Schedule. Consultation with landowners will also be undertaken if any of these trees are located on private property.



## Scale Ship Regatta sets sail this weekend



Model boats of all types and sizes will ply the King Edward Park waters at Labour Weekend in Hawera's annual Scale Ship Regatta. Warships, tugboats and racing yachts are among the scale ships operated from the lake edge with sophisticated remote control units. As always, the captains of these vessels will be keen to share the secrets of building and operating the model craft with spectators. The Scale Ship Regatta is a major fixture on the South Taranaki calendar every Labour Weekend.

**Don't miss it - Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 October at the King Edward Park Boating Lake.**

## Draft Significance and Engagement Policy

Have your say on the Council's draft Significance and Engagement Policy.

The draft Significance and Engagement Policy (which was adopted on 13 October) identifies how the Council intends to engage with the community on its key plans, policies and issues.

STDC group manager of Corporate Services, Phillippa Wilson, says the draft Policy is an important part of Council's decision making process and encourages residents to offer their feedback on it.

The policy is a result of the Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Act, which requires all Councils to adopt a significance and engagement policy by 1 December 2014. South Taranaki District Council's draft policy can be viewed on the Council website [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com) or at any LibraryPlus centre and feedback can be sent to [Phillippa.wilson@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:Phillippa.wilson@stdc.govt.nz) by Friday 7 November.

## WA5 Free workshop How to recruit and retain volunteers

If you are part of a community or voluntary group, come along to the second of a series of 'Volunteers After 5' free workshops on Wednesday 29 October. Learn how to get volunteers and, more importantly, how to keep them! Your volunteers are the back bone of your organisation. Find out what to do to make sure they stay with you and not chose to give their time elsewhere. Register by Friday 24 October by calling Marcia Haigh on 0800 111 323 or emailing [Marcia.haigh@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:Marcia.haigh@stdc.govt.nz)

### Upcoming Meetings

**Extraordinary Council Meeting**  
(Public Excluded)  
*Council appointment*  
Tuesday 4 November, 9am

**Policy Development Committee**  
Monday 10 November, 1.30 pm

**Ordinary Council Meeting**  
Monday 1 December, 7.30 pm

*Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held at Council Chambers, Albion St, Hawera*

### Ronald Hugh Morrieson Presentation Evening

**Hawera LibraryPlus, Saturday 1  
November, 6.30pm**

This year's judges, David Hill and Glenn Colquhoun, will be there.

Some of the winning stories, poems and judges' comments will be read during the presentation.

Drinks and nibbles will be served at the conclusion of the evening. **Public are welcome to attend**, please RSVP by Tuesday 28 October to Pamela Jones by calling 0800 111 323 or emailing [contact@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:contact@stdc.govt.nz)