

## SUNDAY PAPER FIGURES NOT CORRECT! Rates *not* increasing by 13.9%

In last week's Sunday Star Times the paper reported that South Taranaki District rates were increasing by 13.9%. This is not correct. In the 2010 -2011 year the average urban ratepayer is looking at a total rates increase of \$115.78 (\$2.22 a week) before the GST increase. This

is approximately a 6% increase. The average rural ratepayer is looking at an increase around 4%. Council CEO, Craig Stevenson is not sure where the paper got it's figures from and it had not responded to his enquiries. "It is disappointing that the Sunday Star Times

published incorrect information in a national paper," says Mr Stevenson. "In fact the Council only just adopted the Annual Plan yesterday!" Next week's Southlink will be dedicated to the 2010-2011 Annual Plan and what it will mean for rates.

## DAVIS CUP TENNIS - TICKETS ON SALE NOW!



Don't miss out on your chance to see three days of international first class tennis. The Davis Cup Tie between New Zealand and Pakistan will be held at the TSB Hub over the weekend of 9-11 July. Tickets are cheap – so don't miss out!

On Friday 9th July there'll be two singles games, on Saturday there'll a doubles match and two reverse singles on Sunday. Tickets range from \$25-\$35 for a day or \$80 for a three-day pass.

Public are also invited to come along to the Pro Am which will be held on Tuesday night, 6th July, at 5.30pm starring our own mayor Ross Dunlop. Don't miss the Helicopter tennis ball drop at the TSB Hub's Cricket grounds (behind the PowerCo Aquatic Centre) on Wednesday 7th July at 11am. There you will also have the opportunity to meet the New Zealand tennis team!

## TENDERLINK TARANAKI VS WAIKATO

TenderLinkTaranaki is facing off against Waikato in a pre-season first class rugby match in Hawera on Friday 16 July.

The TenderLink Taranaki team arrives on Tuesday and will be involved in a number of community events over three days, including an open training session on Wednesday 14 July. The Southern Rugby Club is also hosting a dinner and fundraising auction on Wednesday evening where the team will be presented and TenderLink Taranaki coach (and ex Hurricanes coach), Colin Cooper, will be guest speaker.



Items up for grabs in the auction include a Taranaki playing jersey, All Blacks and Irish training jerseys and a 42" TV. Please contact Tina Coombe on (06) 278 7476 for tickets of more information.

The game starts at 1.30pm on Friday, everyone is welcome to come and watch with entry being a gold coin donation with proceeds going to Taranaki Rugby's official charities, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and The Hospice. The match will be preceded by a junior Under 8's tournament and a curtain raiser between Hawera High School 1st XV and Coastal 1st XV. The after match function will be held in the TSB Hub's new Southern Lounge.

## NOMINATIONS OPENING SOON!

Know of a quiet achiever? Impressed by the community initiative shown by a neighbour? Does the dedication of a volunteer amaze you? Stunned by a successful student?

Get your thinking caps on because nominations are opening soon for the 2010 South Taranaki Community Awards and we want to hear from you! If you know of someone - an individual or group, deserving recognition for going beyond the call of duty from within the South Taranaki community - nominations open on Wednesday 7th July.

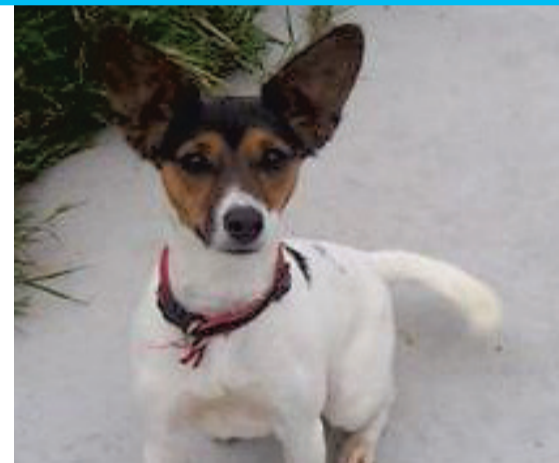
These awards are for individuals or organisations within South Taranaki who have, by personal leadership, inspiration, sacrifice or devotion, made a significant contribution to the wellbeing of their communities.

"You could nominate someone who dedicates their time assisting others; a sports coach or community volunteer or beautifying a public place are just some examples," awards co-ordinator Sally Flintoff says.

The six categories are Volunteer - individual; Volunteer - organisation; Achiever - primary/intermediate student; Achiever - open individual; Community Initiative - community and environment; Community Initiative - arts and culture.

Nominations open on Wednesday 7th July and close on Wednesday 18th August. Nomination forms are available from any LibraryPlus centre, the council administration building in Hawera, South Taranaki i-SITE Visitor Information Centre or on the council's webpage [www.stdc.co.nz](http://www.stdc.co.nz). If you'd like to know more, please phone Sally on 0800 111 323

## HOME NEEDED



Currently looking for a kind new home, is this very cute Fox Terrier. She is only about 9mths old and would love to live with a family instead of being bored in the pound. If someone thinks they might suit a little Foxy - call Animal Services on 0800 111 323 for more information

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Eltham Community Board**  
Monday 12 July, 10.30am  
Eltham Community Centre  
Stanners St, Eltham

**Hawera Community Board**  
Monday 12 July, 4pm  
Council Chambers, Administration Building  
Albion St, Hawera

**Egmont Plains Community Board**  
Wednesday 14 July, 9.30am  
Kapuni Memorial Hall, Kapuni

**Patea Community Board**  
Wednesday 14 July, 3.30pm  
Dalison Park, Waverley

**Iwi Liaison Committee**  
Wednesday 21st July, 10am  
Council Chambers, Administration Building  
Albion St, Hawera

**Environment and Hearings Committee**  
Wednesday 21st July, 3pm  
Council Chambers, Administration Building  
Albion St, Hawera