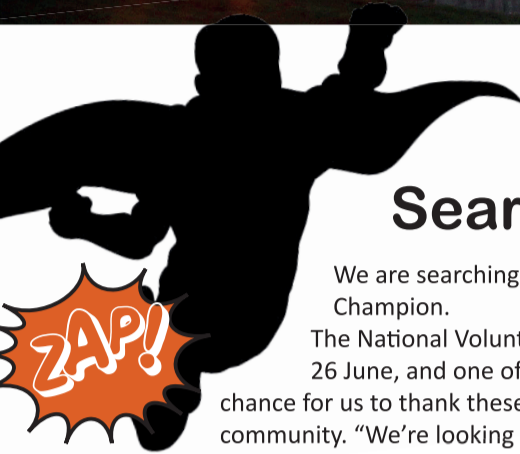


# Southlink

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



## Nominate a Superhero

### Searching for South Taranaki's Volunteer Champion!

We are searching for South Taranaki's Volunteer Champion.

The National Volunteers Week is coming up between 22-26 June, and one of the highlights of that week is the chance for us to thank these amazing, often unsung heroes of our community. "We're looking for the superhero of superheroes," says Mayor Phil Nixon.

"Because of Covid-19, the Council has had to think a little differently this year. A get together with food and a nice cup of tea isn't realistic for us in this environment, so the community is being asked to nominate their South Taranaki superheroes. We want to hear about the people who make this District hum – they may be part of a charity, a social organisation, or just work quietly in the neighbourhood, helping out at a church or school, marae etc," Mayor Phil says. "Wherever they work, we want to acknowledge their commitment and say thank you."

The nominations received from you will be forwarded to a panel of five – comprised of one elected member from each community board, as well as the Mayor – and four superheroes will be selected. From these four finalists, the 2020 Volunteer Superhero will be chosen.

All details and the nomination form are available on [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com) or your local LibraryPlus.

"Nominations are open now so start thinking about who your local stars are and please send the forms in before 9am on Tuesday 2 June," says Mayor Phil. "I know there are hundreds of great people out there who are the lifeblood of our community and we want to hear about them."

All finalists will receive a cash prize of \$300 each, with the Superhero of Superheroes receiving a further \$500 to donate to a South Taranaki community organisation of their choice.

## Winners of Council's Lockdown Recycling Competition



'Johnnie and the Dragon'  
Johnnie Kira



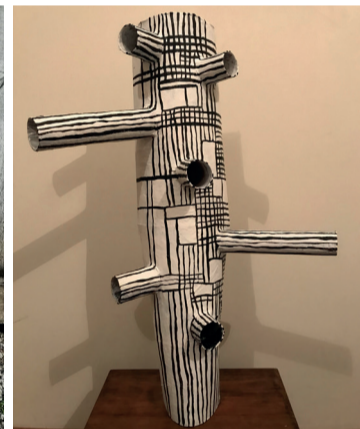
'Jetty the Recycle Bunny'  
Ted Jeffries



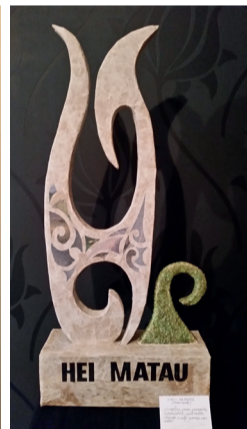
'ANZAC wreath'  
Lucy Fearnley



'Queen Corona'  
Zoe Carter



'Laver Tree'  
Liberty van Voorthuysen



'Hei Matau'  
Jalane Rogers

Congratulations to the winners of our Lockdown Recycling Competition! We picked three winners from the two categories - adults and children under 14, each receiving a prize of \$100 worth of vouchers to local businesses. Thank you to South Taranaki residents who stockpiled their recycling over lockdown, your efforts are much appreciated!

### Upcoming Meetings

#### Eltham-Kaponga Community Board

Tuesday 2 June, 10.30am  
Taumata Recreation Centre,  
Preston Street, Eltham

#### Pātea

#### Community Board

Wednesday 3 June, 4pm  
Waitōtara and District Hall,  
12 Kaipo Street, Waitōtara

#### Te Hāwera Community Board

Tuesday 2 June, 1.30pm  
TSB Hub, Camberwell  
Lounge, Camberwell Road,  
Hāwera

#### Taranaki Coastal Community Board

Thursday 4 June, 2.30pm  
Sandfords Event Centre, 156  
Tasman Street, Ōpunakē

### Rates due

Ratepayers are reminded that the last day for payment of the fourth instalment of rates for 2019/2020 will be Wednesday 27 May 2020.

If possible, please pay your rates by a contactless method (go to [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com) to find out all of the options, or give us a call on 0800 111 323).

If you are experiencing financial hardship, please contact us on 0800 111 323 or email [rates@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:rates@stdc.govt.nz) so we can discuss your individual situation and arrange a manageable payment plan.

## Lighting up the night sky with a rainbow

Well done South Taranaki, we have made it to level 2 and in celebration, the new LED lights on top of the historic Hāwera Water Tower have been changed to display a rainbow pattern to help celebrate.

Upgraded just before the country went into lockdown, the new LEDs have a longer lifespan than the former red neons which were installed in 1932. There is the added advantage that the lights can be changed to different colours and patterns.

"The community now have a visible beacon to help aid in their causes," says Council's Tourism and Events Team Leader Tarin Hunt.

Community groups, organisations or businesses can apply to have the lights changed for a set time to a colour that may represent an acknowledgement or significant event for them.

An application form can be downloaded from Council's website [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com) or collected from the South Taranaki i-SITE Visitor Information Centre.

