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News from the South Taranaki District Council



Puanga Shining

CELEBRATING THE MĀORI NEW YEAR IN SOUTH TARANAKI

Tērā Puanga, ka rewa i te pae, nau mai, haramai, te hua o te tau hou

Yonder is Puanga, suspended over the horizon, welcome and come forth the fruits of the New Year

The rising of the star 'Puanga' (Rigel) signifies the beginning of the Māori New Year. It usually rises and is visible during the month of June. The star cluster 'Matariki' (Pleiades) also marks the start of the Māori New Year however this cluster is not easily seen from South Taranaki. Our iwi therefore along with others on the west coast recognise 'Puanga' as the star that heralds the New Year.

Puanga is a special time for iwi and whānau, it is a time to reflect on the past, to plan and prepare for the future. It is a time for whanaungatanga, to reconnect, to

be with others, to share and to celebrate who we are. Traditionally when Puanga appeared the root foods had been gathered and the pātaka kai (raised store houses) would be full. Fruit trees would be planted and land for planting crops, prepared. Puanga is also a time for new beginnings, a chance to develop new skills and to set new goals, something to look forward to especially considering recent trying times.

Puanga Shining brings to you an opportunity to get creative and give something different a go! Details can be found on our Facebook page.

- 'Weekly Whānau Challenges' - a chance to share your talents and ideas with others, to celebrate what Puanga means to you.
- 'My Puanga' - a series of short videos that will introduce you to new skills and insights into Puanga.
- 'Super Stars' - our Puanga video finale will entertain you and feature the best of our weekly challenges.

Community engagement on future education provision for Hawera and the wider South Taranaki area

The Ministry of Education is currently working on plans for future schooling in Hawera and the wider South Taranaki area.

The Ministry is committed to investing in the property at Hawera Intermediate and Hawera High School. A number of workshops relating to this were held in Term 1 with students, staff, parents and the wider community. The ideas and themes generated through this first phase of engagement have been used to develop an

online survey that will make it possible to identify which options and ideas have a wider base of support. The online survey is open until Sunday 21 June and includes six potential options for future schooling in the area. Information on the options and a link to the online survey can be accessed at www.dandgconsulting.co.nz/hawera-and-wider-south-taranaki

If you would like to complete the survey online but do not have access to a device or the internet, the

computer labs at Hawera High School are available for you to complete the survey in the following timeslots:

- Tuesday 9 June, 5.30pm – 7pm
- Thursday 11 June, 5.30pm – 7pm

These are drop-in sessions, so you can turn up at any time during these sessions.

If you'd prefer to complete a hard copy of the survey, you can pick one up from local schools, the Council's Administration Building and the Hawera LibraryPlus.



LEARN HOW TO LIVE MORE SUSTAINABLY WITH KATE MEADS AND HER ONLINE WORKSHOPS

The South Taranaki District Council is excited to host Kate Meads, New Zealand's own waste free warrior, through online virtual workshops. This is the first time these workshops have been provided online and you have until Friday 19 June to sign up for her **Waste Free Living** or **Food Lovers Masterclass** at \$22 each, and you get a goodie bag worth \$100. Register now at www.eventfinda.co.nz

Upcoming Meetings

Iwi Liaison Committee

Wednesday 10 June, 10am
TSB Hub, Camberwell Lounge
Camberwell Road, Hawera

Policy and Strategy Committee

Monday 15 June, 1pm
TSB Hub, Camberwell Lounge
Camberwell Road, Hawera

Ordinary Council

Monday 29 June 2020 at 7.00 pm
TSB Hub, Camberwell Lounge
Camberwell Road, Hawera

Audit and Risk Committee

Wednesday 1 July 2020 at 1.00 pm
TSB Hub, Camberwell Lounge
Camberwell Road, Hawera

Ronald Hugh Morrieson free online workshops

Changes are afoot this year for the Ronald Hugh Morrieson Judge's workshops and South Taranaki Libraries are encouraging this year's writers to participate.

As part of the annual competition, free workshops are offered each year with the judges, who outline what they are looking for in their respective categories and any hints and tips they can give authors from their expertise.

Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19 and regulations around participation due to Level restrictions, rather than cancelling, it was decided to hold the workshops online this year via the Zoom platform. Using Zoom has become common place for some library users over the past few months, with library book chats, book clubs and coffee morning catch-ups becoming the new 'library routine'.

The Judges have been most accommodating, revamping the workshop structure to fit the online environment.

Anyone who would like to participate in either the Open Short Story or Open Poetry workshop on Saturday 13 June needs to register online at www.rhморriesonawards.com.



RONALD HUGH MORRIESON LITERARY AWARDS

FREE ONLINE WRITING + POETRY WORKSHOPS

SATURDAY 13 JUNE

POETRY WITH GLENN COLQUHOUN
SHORT STORY WITH WHITI HEREKA

COMPETITION OPENS TUES 9 JUNE 2020

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT RHМORRIESONAWARDS.COM