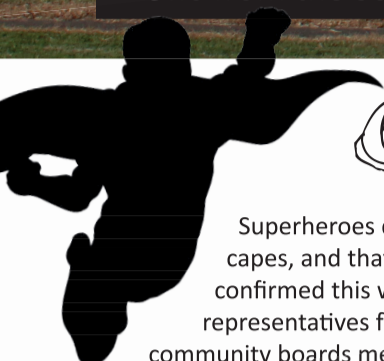


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He karere tā te Kaunihera o Taranaki ki te Tonga
News from the South Taranaki District Council



Community Superhero Volunteers

Superheroes don't always wear capes, and that certainly has been confirmed this week as a panel of representatives from the Council's community boards met with the Mayor to consider the nominations for the community Superhero Volunteers.

"The powerhouse of most communities is its volunteers, and South Taranaki is lucky to have so many people who are willing to work in the background giving their time and effort to ensure people, groups and organisations survive and thrive," says Mayor Phil Nixon.

"We have been spoilt for choice in our call for Superheroes and our panel of five has spent hours sifting through them since closing date on 2 June," he says. "We are delighted to announce the finalists."

Patea/Waverley: Owen Savage – involved in Mainly

Music Waverley, Waitōtara School, long time previous community involvement in athletics, Waverley Town Board, Rotary, budgeting advice and many more.

Hāwera: Jillian and Peter Williams – combined efforts for Hāwera RSA, Lysaght Watt Gallery, Hāwera Genealogy, Friends of the Hāwera Parks, Hāwera Aero and Gliding Clubs, Hāwera Observatory, St Johns Health Shuttle and many more.

Eltham/Kaponga: John Cooper - Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust, Taranaki Kiwi Trust, Taranaki Maunga Project, Taranaki Alpine Cliff Rescue, Land Search and Rescue, Department of Conservation and many more.

Coastal Taranaki: David Knapman - tirelessly maintains the gardens at southern entrance to Ōpunakē and general Coastal handyman.

"If you want to be reminded about all that is good in the world, look for the profiles about the four finalists in the

Taranaki Star and on our facebook page from 18 June," says Mayor Nixon. "Nominations repeatedly mentioned words like selflessness, love, inspiration, community focus and our panel were reminded constantly about how lucky we are to have these and every Superhero – whether nominated or not - in our midst."

For many years, the Mayor and Council have celebrated and thanked their volunteers by hosting a special event during the National Volunteers Week (22 - 26 June). Because it was uncertain how the restrictions for COVID-19 would affect the gathering this year, the call for Superheroes was one way to acknowledge the amazing work people do while keeping within COVID rules. Finalists will receive a \$300 buy local voucher, with the Superhero of Superheroes (who will be announced on Facebook on Wednesday 24 June) will also get \$500 to donate to a cause of their choice.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE EDUCATION PROVISION FOR HĀWERA AND SOUTH TARANAKI

The Ministry of Education's online survey runs until Sunday 21 June and includes six potential options for future schooling. More information and a link to the online survey can be found at www.dandgconsulting.co.nz/hawera-and-wider-south-taranaki Hard copies are available from Council's Administration Building and Hāwera 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

Puanga Shining

CELEBRATING THE MĀORI NEW YEAR IN SOUTH TARANAKI

Puanga is 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 the South Taranaki District Council Facebook page and on www.southtaranaki.com

- **'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 feature the best of our weekly challenges.



In recognition of the effects of COVID-19 on our community, Council has decided to extend a two-month grace period to dog owners before penalties are applied for late registration. What that means is that dog registrations are still due by 31 July 2020, but owners won't be penalised for late registration until 1 October 2020. The normal registration timeline will revert back to 1 August for the 2021/22 registration next year. If you have any concerns about paying your dog registration, please contact the Regulatory Services Team on 0800 111 323 to discuss options.

Upcoming Meetings

Policy and Strategy Committee
Monday 15 June, 1pm

Ordinary Council
Monday 29 June, 7pm

Audit and Risk Committee
Wednesday 1 July, 1pm

All above meetings are being held in the Council Chambers, Administration Building, Albion Street, Hāwera



i-SITE Stocktake sale

The annual South Taranaki i-SITE Visitor Information Centre Stocktake Sale is now on! Head in to check out the 50% off sales tables, or get 20% off storewide (including Taranaki Hardcore). Some exclusions do apply.