

Tuia Taitonga Southlink



Te Kaunihera o Taranaki ki Te Tonga
South Taranaki
District Council

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

The South Taranaki District is now at COVID-19 Alert Level 1. Find out more at www.covid19.govt.nz

Elektra is coming back in 2020!

Elektra is lighting up the night (and King Edward Park) again for the second year. Elektra, a one-night-only festival based around lighting and fire, will see over 400 paper lanterns light up the trees in Hāwera's King Edward Park.

This year's theme is Peter Pan - inspired by the Park's famous Wendy statue. Come along and be enchanted by 'Tinker Bell's Garden' (where you may spot a fairy or two), the 'Lost Boys Glow Zone' featuring some fabulous glow in the dark art by the South Taranaki Creative Space, and 'Captain Hook's Pirate Ship' which will illuminate the night.

The evening will begin with a circus play zone, where children can learn skills including spinning plates, juggling, hoop and poi. Later there will be various performances including graphic poi and fire shows, from creative entertainment company Highly Flammable.



The children of Hāwera Primary, Turuturu, Tawhiti and Normanby Primary Schools have been busy decorating lanterns that will light up the trees of the park, alongside a few community groups who have put together displays for the night.

"We can't wait to host Elektra again. Last years event was over and above what we expected, the community really got behind it," says South Taranaki District Council Events Co-ordinator Hayley Old. "Get the whānau together and have a picnic

tea and see what Elektra has to offer - buy it in town or from one of the park vendors, or bring your own and make a night of it!"

This free family-friendly event runs from 6pm – 9pm.

ELEKTRA – KING EDWARD PARK, HAWERA, FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER, 6 - 9PM.

Feedback wanted on draft Innovating Streets plan for Eltham and Waverley

Draft plans for the Eltham and Waverley Innovative Streets Pilot Fund project have been developed and further public feedback is being sought. The project has received funding from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and the draft plans are aimed at testing safer crossing points, slowing down traffic and making the towns more welcoming and vibrant.

South Taranaki District Council (STDC) community development manager Claire Symes says initial ideas gathered earlier this month (September) from Waverley and Eltham residents were all considered and fed into the development of the draft plans by urban architects Bluemarble, who are working closely with

the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency safety engineers. "The draft plans will be displayed in the Town's LibraryPlus centres from 5 October to 16 October and residents can give their thoughts there, email them to cdunit@stdc.govt.nz or phone 0800 111 323. Feedback forms will also be available on the Council website www.southtaranaki.com

Both projects are being co-designed in partnership with local communities and businesses and will be finalised in November. The Innovating Streets projects are 90% funded by the Waka Kotahi Innovating Streets pilot fund with the South Taranaki District Council funding the remaining 10%.

Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards

The wait is over! Finalists for the Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards have been announced.

124 entries have kept this year's judges busy since the competition closed in August.

There are five categories in the Awards; the Secondary School Poetry and Short Story categories, the Open section Poetry, Short Story categories and the Secondary School Research Article category.

Research article judge Matt Rilkoff says this year's entries made their influencers real.

"It is no easy task to bring a person to life using words," he says. "They revealed their motivations, their character, their charming idiosyncrasies, their habits and their philosophies." Short Story judge Whiti Hereka says entries this year reflected the current state of the world.

"I'm a big believer that stories and art help us all to navigate this often strange world — particularly in a world tipped off kilter by a global pandemic," she says. "Some of the entries into the short story competition this year reflected what is happening in our world: dealing with the realities of lockdown and the strains of mental illness. But there were also humorous stories and stories of hope."

Everyone is invited to attend the Awards Ceremony at the Hāwera Community Centre Hall, Albion Street, 7pm on Wednesday 28 October, where the judges will comment on their respective categories and highlight the works that won them over. RSVP with numbers attending by Friday 23 October to librarycontact@stdc.govt.nz.

Finalists (all categories)

- Liam Finer - Hāwera High School
- Sasha Finer - Hāwera
- Bethan Hansen - Taranaki Diocesan School for Girls
- Emma Hislop - New Plymouth
- Alena Hojdelowicz - Taranaki Diocesan School for Girls
- Anne Larcom - Taranaki Diocesan School for Girls
- Koren Miller - Hāwera
- Lexi McQuaig - Ōpunakē High School
- Airana Ngarewa - Pātea
- James O'Sullivan - New Plymouth
- Hollie Radford - Taranaki Diocesan School for Girls
- Madaline Symes - Ōpunakē High School
- Maria Taylor - Stratford

Upcoming meetings

Eltham-Kaponga Community Board
Monday 5 October, 10.30am
Kaponga War Memorial Hall, Victoria Street, Kaponga

Te Hāwera Community Board
Monday 5 October, 1.30pm

Taranaki Coastal Community Board
Tuesday 6 October, 2.30pm
Otakeho Hall, 10 Auroa Road, Otakeho

Pātea Community Board
Wednesday 7 October, 4pm
Waverley Community Centre
Chester Street, Waverley

Audit and Risk Committee
Monday 12 October, 1pm

Iwi Liaison Committee
Wednesday 14 October, 10am

Environment and Hearings Committee
Wednesday 14 October, 4pm

Ōpunakē Community Meeting
to discuss Community Group Projects
Wednesday 14 October, 6pm
Sandfords Event Centre, Ōpunakē

Policy and Strategy Committee
Monday 19 October, 1pm

If not otherwise stated, meetings are held at Council Chamber, Albion Street, Hāwera



Pensioner Housing Unit Available - Eltham

One bedroom Council pensioner housing unit currently available. Applicants must be 65 years and over. Non smoking. Bond and references required. \$120 per week includes lawn mowing. Contact Katherine Pollard on (06) 278 0555.