

Tuia Taitonga Southlink



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LYSAGHT-WATT TRUST
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Literary Awards 2021

Literary Awards finalists announced

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

151 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 Rilkooff says this year's entries made their influencers real.

"The entries this year all had different interpretations of success and that was just as it should be." Short Story judge Eileen Merriman says entries this year were highly entertaining and reflected South Taranaki life very well.

"Topics ranged from comedy while sheep shearing to murder at an A&P show, domestic abuse, ghostly visitations while out bush walking and a grisly accident in the bush," she says.

Poetry judge Vaughan Rapatahana commented on the high quality of entries this year.

"I was very impressed by the quality of entries and found it quite difficult to separate the winners of each section," he says.

The Awards ceremony is being held on Thursday 21 October, when the winners will be announced. The event will be live streamed on the South Taranaki LibraryPlus Facebook page for members of the public to tune in to.

The event this year will be invite only due to COVID-19 Level 2 guidelines.

Finalists (all categories)

Anne Larcom	Lexi McQuaig
Aria Brophy	Maakere Edwards
Bethany Gyde	Michaela Stoneman
Bruce Finer	Mikaela Nyman
Dave Lee	Neo Hatcher
Germana Lewis	Rolland McKellar
Jacob Taylor	Rosemary Joyce
Jordan Dawson	Samuel Salisbury
Kate Byrne	Stuart Greenhill
Koren Miller	Thea Irys Lacanaria
Krishay Lal	Willow Noir

Upcoming meetings

Extraordinary Council Meeting
Representation Review Hearing, Deliberations and Decision
Monday 11 October, 1pm
Hāwera Community Centre Hall,
Albion Street, Hāwera

Iwi Liaison Committee
Wednesday 13 October, 10am
Hāwera Community Centre Hall,
Albion Street, Hāwera

Environment and Hearings Committee
Wednesday 13 October, 4pm
Hāwera Memorial Theatre,
Albion Street, Hāwera

Policy and Strategy Committee
Monday 18 October, 1pm
Hāwera Community Centre Hall,
Albion Street, Hāwera

Greenwaste stickers

Greenwaste stickers are now available from Council, i-SITE or any LibraryPlus (don't forget your Gold Card).

This service is a voluntary fortnightly collection using a 240L wheelie bin. The registration year began in October and ends next September.

If you don't want to subscribe to this service, you can always drop off greenwaste at your local transfer station for a fee.

Progress on Te Ramanui



Demolition work of the buildings on the site that will see the new Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga Library, Arts, Culture and Heritage building is about 75% completed. Contracting firm Jurgens Demolition has been working on the site since South Taranaki moved to Alert level 3, with just a short hold up for the Level 4 lockdown period. Over the next few weeks the remaining sections of building will be dismantled and removed, the site fully cleared before being checked over by an archaeologist and some soil testing for any possible contaminants.

In preparation for the construction of the new building, a Building Consent has now been issued and the process of inviting tenders for the main contractor is underway. It has been some time in the making and progress towards this wonderful new facility has now become obvious with all the activity happening on the site.

Rural Travel Fund



Applications for the Rural Travel Fund is open to rural sports clubs and rural school teams with young people aged between 5 - 19 years who require subsidies to assist with transport expenses to local sporting competitions. Applications must be for local competitions or events and be made by sports clubs and school-based teams. Individuals are not eligible to apply. Funding is not provided for the purpose of travel to regional or national events. Visit www.southtaranaki.com to find out more.



Elektra and Scale Ship events cancelled due to COVID-19

Due to current uncertainties around COVID-19 alert levels, the decision has been made to cancel the upcoming Elektra (due to take place on Friday 15 October) and Scale Schip Regatta (annually takes place during Labour weekend) events.

"It is extremely disappointing, as we had a great event lined up this year, however public safety is our first priority," says Event Co-ordinator Hayley Old. "We can currently have up to 100 people at outdoors events, however, last year Elektra attracted around 3,000. The events industry has taken another huge hit with this lockdown, but hopefully we will be back in the swing of things soon."

No postponement date has been made for either event at this stage.



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