



He karere tā te Kaunihera ō 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



Comedy Night heads to Eltham

The popular Great Comedy Night is back again this year on June 12, but this time it's heading to the prestigious Eltham Town Hall. The show is hosted by local lad Ben Hurley, who says he always looks forward to coming back and hosting a comedy event at home in South Taranaki year after year. Ben is well known for his TV appearances on shows such as 7 Days and The Project. This time round he is bringing Justine Smith who will headline the event. Justine is one of New Zealand's very best, award winning female comedians, known for her appearances on 7 Days, Have You Been Paying Attention and the Comedy Gala.

Justine is extremely popular in the New Zealand Comedy scene, and always keeps her audiences on their toes. Supporting Justine will be Paul Douglas.

Paul has performed alongside many of the industry's top performers and is a regular on the Auckland Comedy circuit. South Taranaki District Council Events Co-ordinator Hayley Old says she chose the Eltham Town hall for the event this year because it's a stunning hall that is ideal for stand-up comedy. "It's a perfect venue for this type of event," she says. "Winter can be a slow time for events and getting out and about, so it's nice to be able to offer the community something like this"

Tickets are \$40 each or table of 10 for \$350 and will go on sale at the South Taranaki i-SITE Visitor Centre and Eltham LibraryPlus on Friday 14 May. The show is R16.

Judges announced for 2021 Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards

The wait is over! The Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards 2021 Judges have been announced.

This year's Short Story Judge is **Eileen Merriman**. Eileen is an award-winning novelist, short story and flash fiction writer with numerous published novels. Merriman's young adult novels, *Pieces of You, Catch Me When You Fall* and *Invisibly Breathing*, were finalists in the NZ Children's and Young Adult Book Awards and are Storylines Notable Books. Her first adult novel *Moonlight Sonata* was released in 2019 and was longlisted for the Jann Medlicott Acorn Prize for Fiction. **Vaughan Rapatahana** is the Poetry Judge



for this year's competition. Vaughan is a prolific New Zealand Poet who also writes a variety of other material. Born in Pātea, Rapatahana is of Māori heritage; he has been published in both English and Te Reo and has been described as a global poet.

Rapatahana received poetry grants in both 2013 and 2015 from the Hong Kong Arts Development Council, the former for a collection of Hong Kong poets which he initiated and co-edited, titled *Outloud Too*. In 2013 Rapatahana was placed highly in the Erbacce prize for poetry.

The judges will be joined by Taranaki Daily News editor Matt Rilkoff, who will be judging the research section.

Entries for the competition open on Tuesday 8 June and workshops will be held for both Poetry and Short story held on Saturday 12 June.

The award winners will be announced on Thursday 21 October.

Visit www.southtaranaki.com/ronaldhughmorrieson

Upcoming meetings

Extraordinary Council – Long Term Plan Hearing

Monday 17 May, 1pm

Ordinary Council Monday 17 May, 7pm

Extraordinary Council – Long Term Plan Hearing CONTINUED Tuesday 18 May, 9.30am

Audit and Risk Committee Wednesday 19 May, 11am

Extraordinary Council – Long Term Plan Hearing CONTINUED Wednesday 26 May, 8.30am

Extraordinary Council – Long Term Plan Deliberations Wednesday 26 May, 9am

Eltham-Kaponga Community Board Monday 31 May, 10.30am Taumata Recreation Centre, Preston Street, Eltham

Te Hāwera Community Board Monday 31 May, 1.30pm

Taranaki Coastal Community Board Tuesday 1 June, 2.30pm Sandfords Event Centre, 156 Tasman Street Ōpunakē

Pātea Community Board Wednesday 2 June, 4pm Kākaramea Hall, 2192 Main South Road, Kākaramea

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

Impounded Stock Notice

Section 46(2), Impounding Act 1955

1 x Female white goat about two
years plus, wearing a collar found
roaming Tawhiti Road, Nolantown
on Monday 3 May 2021 has been
impounded. Unless claimed by the
owners, the above stock will be
sold by public auction or otherwise
disposed of in accordance with the
Impounding Act 1955 at the South
Taranaki District Council Pound,
Beach Road, Hāwera on Thursday
20 May 2021 at 1pm.

Rates Instalment Due

Ratepayers are reminded that the last day for payment of the fourth instalment of rates for 2020/2021 without incurring a penalty is Wednesday 26 May 2021.