



Lysaght-Watt Trust Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards open



This competition (comprising Short Story, Poetry and True Story sections) is open to residents and ratepayers of South Taranaki and the wider Taranaki community, and we are now taking entries!

These annual Awards honour the work of local novelist and short story writer Ronald Hugh Morrieson (29 January 1922 – 26 December 1972).

Morrieson wrote four novels: coming of age tale *The Scarecrow* (1963), *Came a Hot Friday* (1964), *Predicament* (published in 1975) and his only contemporary novel *Pallet on the Floor* (1976).

All adapted for the cinema, Morrieson is the only New Zealand writer to have achieved this. Two short stories were published posthumously in 1974, *Cross My Heart And Cut My Throat* and *The Chimney*.

This year the Lysaght-Watt Trust Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards is celebrating its 35th year with Judges Airini Beautrais and Robert Sullivan.

The competition for 2022 is open and entries need to be in before Wednesday 17 August.

Find out more, or enter, go to www.southtaranaki.com/rhm.



Upcoming meetings

Personnel Committee
Monday 20 June, 12.30pm
Council Chamber, Administration Building, Albion St, Hāwera

Ordinary Council
Monday 27 June, 7pm
Council Chamber, Administration Building, Albion St, Hāwera

Eltham-Kaponga Community Board
Monday 4 July, 10.30am
War Memorial Hall, Victoria Street, Kaponga

Te Hāwera Community Board
Monday 4 July, 4.30pm
Taiporohēnui Marae, Ōhangai Road, Ōhangai

Taranaki Coastal Community Board
Tuesday 5 July, 2.30pm
Cape Egmont Boat Club, 332 Bayly Road, Warea

Pātea Community Board
Wednesday 6 July, 4pm
Hunter Shaw Building, Egmont Street, Pātea

Volunteers Week (19 - 25 June)

This year's Volunteers Week starts on Sunday. Mayor Phil Nixon and the Council would like to thank our volunteers for all that you have done throughout the year for our communities. We appreciate you all! We are doing a prize draw for all volunteer groups listed on our database and www.groups.org – so make sure your details are up to date. Visit Council's Facebook page on 22 June to see the winners of the morning tea shouts (we're picking five from each ward). But don't worry if you can't access Facebook, we'll be in touch with the lucky winners!

Review into the Future for Local Government

Help shape recommendations to the Minister of Local Government by watching some webinars, or filling out a survey before 30 June.

The Review into the Future for Local Government is an independent Ministerial review established in April 2021 to consider how New Zealand's system of local democracy and governance will need to evolve over the next 30 years, in order to improve the wellbeing of New Zealanders and actively embody the Treaty partnership.

A shift in thinking

Back in October 2021, an interim report *Ārewa ake te Kaupapa* was released. This report outlined the priority questions the review team would be looking to answer through the engagement phase. Since the release of the report, these questions have been researched and discussed and the Government has identified five key

shifts to local government that will be required if the system is to meet the needs of Aotearoa New Zealand in 30 years' time.

These key shifts are:

- Strengthened local democracy
- Stronger focus on wellbeing
- Authentic relationship with hapū/iwi/Māori
- Genuine partnership between central government and local government
- More equitable funding

A full overview of these key shifts can be found at www.futureforlocalgovernment.govt.nz.

Anyone who is unable to attend the webinars but would like to provide feedback on the key shifts, can complete a survey at www.futureforlocalgovernment/get-involved.



Water Tower Night Climb

Monday 20 June, 5.30pm - 7pm
Adult \$2.50, Child \$1, Family \$6
Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult
Bring a torch!

Puanga Events

Be sure to see what's happening around the District for Puanga. Head to www.southtaranaki.com/puanga

FEATURING
DAI HENWOOD
LIV MCKENZIE
DAVID CORREOS

THE GREAT COMEDY NIGHT

FRI 15 JULY - ELTHAM
SAT 16 JULY - HĀWERA

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM I-SITE
+ ELTHAM LIBRARYPLUS

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TICKETS \$40 EACH OR
\$350 FOR A TABLE OF 10