

One Day Left for Local Body Election Nominations

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to make your mark and give local politics a go. Standing for your local council, community boards or regional council is a great way to have real influence over the issues affecting our communities, but please don't leave getting your application in till the last minute," says Becky. "The rules around nominations are very clear and there is no room for discretion. If candidates don't have all the required documentation in hard copy, handed to an electoral officer by the deadline, they won't be accepted. So, to make sure you don't miss out, it's best to get your nomination in early in case more information is required."

If you are interested in finding out more about standing as a local body candidate you can visit www.southtaranaki.com/vote2022 or contact the Electoral Officers, Dale Ofsoske, on 0800 922 822, email dale.ofsoske@electionservices.co.nz or Becky Wolland, at the South Taranaki District Council on 0800 111 323, email becky.wolland@stdc.govt.nz.

Nomination forms are available at www.southtaranaki.com/vote2022. You can also come into the Council's Administration Building, Albion Street, Hāwera and pick up a Nomination Pack.

There's only one day left to get your nomination in if you want to stand as a candidate for the upcoming local body elections says South Taranaki Electoral Officer Becky Wolland.

Nominations for candidates for the South Taranaki District mayor, councillors, community boards and the Taranaki Regional Council close at 12 noon on Friday 12 August.

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Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards closing soon

Do you have a talent for poetry? A thing for short stories? Is your passion to delve deep into research and truth? Whatever your bent, get writing as entries for the 2022 Lysaght-Watt Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards are on Wednesday 17 August. This competition (comprising Short Story, Poetry and True Story sections) is open to residents and ratepayers of

South Taranaki and the wider Taranaki community. 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). This year the Lysaght-Watt Trust Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards is celebrating it's 35th year with Judges Airini Beautrais and Robert Sullivan. Go to www.southtaranaki.com/rhm to find out more, or enter online.



STDC Chief takes top job at PNCC

South Taranaki District Council (STDC) Chief Executive Waid Crockett has announced he is taking up a new role as chief executive of Palmerston North City Council (PNCC). Crockett is due to start his new role on 7 November. South Taranaki Mayor, Phil Nixon says it will be very sad to see Waid go, but it's a real credit to him and his achievements that he's been able to secure the chief executive position at PNCC. "I can't speak highly enough of Waid and the contribution he's made during his (almost) five years at STDC.

He's a highly effective and respected local government chief executive and he leaves the Council in excellent heart," says Mayor Nixon. "There's a lot going on in South Taranaki at the moment and many exciting initiatives underway, so the Council will take its time to conduct a rigorous recruitment process to ensure we get just the right person for our district."



Upcoming meetings

Eltham-Kaponga Community Board

Monday 15 August, 10.30am
Taumata Recreation Centre,
Preston Street, Eltham

Te Hāwera Community Board

Monday 15 August, 4.30pm

Taranaki Coastal Community Board

Tuesday 16 August, 2.30pm
Te Niho, Parihaka Road,
Pungarehu

Pātea Community Board

Wednesday 17 August, 4pm
Waitōtara Community Hall, 12
Kaipo Street, Waitōtara

Audit and Risk Committee

Monday 22 August, 11am

Te Kāhui Matauraura

Wednesday 24 August, 10am

Environment and Hearings Committee

Wednesday 24 August, 4pm

Unless otherwise specified, meetings are held in the Council Chamber, Administration Building, Albion Street, Hāwera

Rates notice

Ratepayers are reminded that the last day for payment of the first instalment of rates for 2022/23 without incurring a penalty will be Wednesday 31 August 2022.

Funding Rounds Open at the moment

Community Initiatives Fund
Closes 24 August 2022

Natural Environments Fund
Closes 11 September 2022

Creative Communities
Closes 2 September 2022

Find out more about these funds, who can apply and how to apply at www.southtaranaki.com/funding