

Nominations open for 2023 South Taranaki Community Awards

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Know of a quiet achiever? Impressed by the community initiative shown by a neighbour? Does the dedication of a volunteer impress you?

Get your thinking caps on because nominations are now open for the 2023 South Taranaki Community Awards - and we want to hear from you!

These awards only happen once every two years, so take this opportunity to nominate an individual or a group you think deserves recognition for the work they do within the District.

These awards are for individuals, groups and organisations within South Taranaki who have, by personal leadership, inspiration, sacrifice or devotion, made a significant contribution to the wellbeing of their communities.

"You could nominate individuals or groups who have shown

initiative to make a difference in the community, or have dedicated their time assisting others such as a sports coach or community volunteer or beautifying a public place for example," says Event Co-ordinator Emma Vennell.

This year there is the addition of the South Taranaki Youth Citizen Award. This award is for individuals within the South Taranaki District, who have achieved outstanding academic successes, sporting achievements, community involvement and arts or cultural achievements in their respective communities and are aged 11 - 24 years old.

The categories are:

- Volunteer - Individual
- Volunteer – Organisation
- Youth Citizen Award

Nominations open on Thursday 7 August and close on Monday 11 September.

Nomination forms are available from any LibraryPlus centre, the Council Administration Building in Hāwera, South Taranaki isite **Visitor Centre and www.southtaranaki.com/communityawards**.

Upcoming meetings

Extraordinary Council - To hear funding applications to the Community Initiatives Fund
Monday 7 August, 12.30 pm

Ordinary Council
Monday 7 August, 4.00 pm

Risk and Assurance Committee
Wednesday 16 August, 11 am

Te Hāwera Community Board
Monday 21 August, 11 am
Kanihi Mawhitiwhiti Pā, 240 Hastings Road, Ōkaiawa

Pātea Community Board
Monday 21 August, 4 pm
Waitōtara Community Hall, 12 Kaipō Street, Waitōtara

Eltham-Kaponga Community Board
Wednesday 23 August, 10.30 am
Rāwhitiroa Hall, 4 Horoi Road, Rāwhitiroa

Taranaki Coastal Community Board
Wednesday 23 August, 2.30 pm
Warea Hall, Main Road Warea

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

Request For Proposal - Café Concession - Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga

Council is seeking proposals for café services to be established within its exciting new multi-use facility, Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga. Located in the centre of the Hāwera CBD with a library, isite, art gallery, and café, the building is planned for completion in mid-2024.

Proposals are sought from experienced, well qualified operators of good reputation who have the capacity to run a 7-day a week café operation, potentially cater for functions and events within the facility and who are seeking a modern commercial kitchen



as a centre for their business. There is potential to operate the café outside of the main facility opening hours.

Some capital investment will be required from the successful concessionaire.

A copy of the RFP is available by

contacting Cath Sheard, Libraries & Cultural Services Manager, telephone 0800 111 323 or cath.sheard@stdc.govt.nz

Deadline for receipt of proposals is Monday 28 August at 9am.

Natural Environments Fund Open

Council's Natural Environments Fund is open for applications from 4 August 2023.

Group Manager of Environmental Services, Liam Dagg, says the Fund's purpose is to promote the protection, restoration, or enhancement of areas of significant indigenous biodiversity or significant habitats of indigenous fauna on private land throughout the District.

"Many of the remaining indigenous species and ecosystems of our District are threatened. The Natural Environments Fund encourages private landowners to work alongside the Council and other agencies," says Dagg.

Individuals, trusts, incorporated societies, and other groups are eligible to apply, however funded project sites must either already have permanent legal protection status or be prepared to seek legal protection status within twelve months of receiving funding. Natural Environments Fund applications are expected to include



non-Council co-funding contributions to the project. Dagg says

that depending on the project type, applicants and/or co-funders must contribute between 50-66% to the total project cost, with the Council

funding the balance.

If you have any questions about the Natural Environments Fund email envirosus@stdc.govt.nz or call 0800 111 323 and ask for the Environment and Sustainability Team.

Application forms can be found at www.southtaranaki.com and close at 5pm on Sunday 17 September.

What do you think about Gambling and Easter Sunday Shop Trading?



Consultation is now open reviewing Council's Class 4 Gambling Venues (gaming or 'pokie' machines), TAB Venues and Easter Sunday Trading policies. You can find out more and submit online at www.southtaranaki.com,

or by visiting the Hāwera Administration Building or your local LibraryPlus. Consultation closes at 5pm on Friday 1 September.