

Nominations now open for this year's Youth to Work Awards



Nominations are now being sought for the 2023 **South Taranaki Youth to Work Awards**, a project of the South Taranaki Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs.

Event organiser, STDC Community Development Advisor Hayley Old says nominations are encouraged from across the employment, education and training provider sectors.

"It's great we are finally hosting this event after a few years off with disruptions. Nominating (or

being nominated) is easy, and is a chance for our communities, businesses, and families to celebrate the positive things our young people are achieving and doing."

"We want to hear about people aged 14-24 who are achieving their potential and beyond, in the workplace, education or training environment," says Mayor Phil Nixon. "We also want to

celebrate businesses, education and training providers who are providing a supportive environment and opportunities for our young people to thrive here in South Taranaki".

There are five categories this year:

- Employer Award
- Education, Training and Work Experience Providers Award
- Learning to Employment Award
- Te Pae Tawhiti Award (for people aged between 14-24)
- Young Achiever's Award - aged 16-19 years and aged 20-24 years.

The celebration evening will be held at TSB Hub on Wednesday 1 November 2023 from 6 pm.

Nominate someone online at www.southtaranaki.com/youthtowork or pick up a hard copy form from your local LibraryPlus centre, or from the Council office on Albion Street.

Nominations close on Monday 18 September.

Contact Hayley Old on 0800 111 323 or email

CDUnit@stdc.govt.nz if you have any further enquiries.

Vote for our Ally - finalist in New Zealand's Top Dog

Ally, a finalist in New Zealand's Top Dog with a Job, has come leaps and bounds from being an abused and mistreated one-year-old – and she needs your votes now!

Ally was picked up by Lio, a South Taranaki District Council Compliance Officer at the beginning of the year. Lio contacted Summer Heather-Stewart, a former vet nurse and qualified animal welfare inspector, to assess Ally's condition. Summer was met by an 18-month-old rottweiler, who had just had her fourth litter of pups, was lacking muscle condition, was exceptionally timid, and who didn't play or feel safe.

"As part of the 'We Love Dogs Charitable Trust' we were asked if we could help rehabilitate Ally so she could be rehomed," said Summer. "We transferred her ownership to the Trust and, working with a Wellington Trust Practitioner, we began to address Ally's past trauma and fears."

Work continued over several months and the rottweiler responded to the training – changing from a shy and hesitant dog to a balanced, trusting dog, who accepts cuddles and loves people. Ally now has a regular job. She visits the Disability Hub



in Hāwera, Idea residential homes and will start a new venture working with students from the special needs unit at Te Pae Pae o Aotea next week. It's a pretty exciting journey for a dog who had a sad and traumatic start to life and a heartwarming story about the rewards for good training and a whole lot of love.

Summer entered Ally into the "Top Dog with a Job" category of NZ Top Dog, a nationwide competition run by Frog Recruitment, an HR company based in Auckland. The criteria requires the top dog to make a positive difference in our society for the work they do

to improve human lives on a day-to-day basis.

There have been over 350 entries and Ally has just been selected as one of the 20 finalists – the judging session is later this month, and the winners will be announced on 25 August.

If you'd like to vote for our Hāwera girl, please visit [## Nominate someone deserving of a South Taranaki Community Award](http://NZTOPDOG.People's Choice - Vote now (frogrecruitment.co.nz) and type Ally into the search bar on the #NZTOPDOG page.</p></div><div data-bbox=)

2023 South Taranaki
Community Awards

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! Take this opportunity to nominate an individual or a group you think deserves recognition for the work they do within the District.

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

Nominations close on Monday 11 September 2023.

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.



Upcoming meetings

Te Kāhui Matauraura

Wednesday 30 August, 10am

Environment and Hearings Committee

Wednesday 30 August, 4pm

Extraordinary Council

To make decisions on applications to the Community Initiatives Fund
Monday 4 September, 10.30am

Policy and Strategy Committee

Monday 4 September, 1pm
Camberwell Lounge, TSB Hub,
Camberwell Road, Hāwera

Extraordinary Council

To hear submissions on the Easter Sunday Trading Policy, Class 4 Gambling Venues Policy and Board Venues Policy
Monday 18 September, 10am

Ordinary Council

Monday 18 September 2023, 4pm

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

Notice of Impounded Stock

Section 49, Part 8 of the Impounding Act 1955

The following stock has been impounded:

- 1 x Female Goat, brown and white, horns no ear markings, found roaming on Victoria Street Kaponga, 24 July 2023.

Unless claimed by the owners, the above stock will be sold by public auction at the South Taranaki District Council Pound, Beach Road, Hāwera on Thursday 31 August 2023 at 1.00pm or otherwise disposed of in accordance with the Impounding Act 1955.

Apply for it!

Creative Communities Scheme

Applications close 5pm, Friday 1 September 2023.

Natural Environments Fund

Applications close 5pm, Sunday 17 September 2023.

Find out more at www.southtaranaki.com/funding

First Rates Instalment for 2023/24

Ratepayers are reminded that the last day for payment of the first instalment of rates for 2023/24 without incurring a penalty will be **Wednesday 30 August 2023.**