

Literary Awards Finalists Announced

The wait is over! Finalists for the Lysaght-Watt Trust Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards have been announced.

181 entries have kept this year's judges busy since the competition closed in August.

There are five categories in the Awards: Poetry (Open and Secondary School), Short Story (Open and Secondary School) and the True Story – Research Article (Secondary School only).

Poetry judge Mikaela Nyman commented on the number of the entries she received.

"With 119 of [the entries] being poems, and the poetry workshops fully subscribed, it is fair to say that poetry is alive and well in Taranaki," she says.

Research article judge Matt Rilkooff commented on this year's entries being technically well above any other year.

"Entries in the 2023 True Story section were uniformly assured, imaginative and expertly structured. Great entries this year."

Short Story judge Emma Hislop says entries in both categories this year were "highly entertaining and covered a range of



topics".

The Awards, sponsored by the Lysaght Watt Trust, honour the work of one of New Zealand's most preeminent authors, Ronald Hugh Morrieson (1922 – 1972). Morrieson wrote four novels: a 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 have been adapted for the cinema, the only New Zealand writer to have acquired this achievement. Two short stories were published posthumously, in 1974; *Cross My Heart* and *Cut My Throat* and *The Chimney*.

Everyone is invited to attend the Awards Ceremony at the TSB Hub, Hāwera on Thursday 26 October, where the judges will comment on their respective categories and highlight the works that won them over. The doors will open at 6.45pm and the awards will begin at 7pm. RSVP before Tuesday 17 October with numbers attending to entries@stdc.govt.nz.

Finalists (in all categories):

Aria Brophy
Bethany Gyde
Bruce Finer
Catherine Hurley
Christine Cameron
Dave Lee
Ella Butterworth
For my Wairua
Graeme Woller
James O'Sullivan
Lauren Kalin
Maakare Edwards
Maria Taylor
Oliver Marsh
Pip Harrison
Shaney Patel
Stacey Lodge
Willow Noir
Zoe Kruse



\$800k+ to be spent on Eltham road repairs

Between \$800 - \$900k is being spent on road repairs at two Eltham trouble spots in the coming months says South Taranaki District Council Infrastructure Services Group Manager Herbert Denton.

Two concrete pads will be built, one on Collingwood Street, outside Fonterra's northern entrance and the other on the Clifford Road/Collingwood Street intersection. A new culvert will also be installed at the Clifford Road/Collingwood Street intersection. Mr Denton says concrete pads need to be built to provide additional strength to cater for the heavy trucks which turn on these roads.

"Due to the frequency and increased weight of the trucks on these roads, doing the usual road repair just doesn't cut the mustard, which is why we have to use concrete," he says.

Work on the Collingwood Street pad has started and will take around a month to complete. Work will then begin around Christmas on the Clifford Road/Collingwood Street intersection.

**WASTE-ED
BUSINESS**
with Kate
SOUTH TARANAKI

Free Waste-Ed Business with Kate Workshop

Council is bringing the ever-popular Kate Fenwick (formerly Meads) to town for a free workshop to help our local businesses reduce their waste, care for our beautiful environment and save money along the way.

This workshop, held on Tuesday 31 October from 5.30pm at the Memorial Theatre Lounge in Hāwera, aims to address the challenges and barriers companies face when striving to implement sustainable behaviour, as well as strategies to deal with avoidable waste as a result of their business activities.

Spaces are limited, so email envirosus@stdc.govt.nz to register your interest for this free workshop by the end of day on Tuesday 24 October.



Set Sail Labour Weekend at Hāwera's King Edward Park

Model boats of all types and sizes will ply the King Edward Park waters at Labour weekend, 21 and 22 October, in Hāwera's annual Scale Ship Regatta.

The regatta has been running since 1996 and the event continues to grow, with 'captains' travelling from throughout the North Island to take part.

Warships, tugboats and racing yachts are among the scale ships operated from the lake edge with sophisticated remote control units. As always, they will be keen to share the secrets of building and operating the model craft with spectators.

Upcoming meetings

Policy and Strategy Committee
Monday 16 October, 1pm
Camberwell Lounge, TSB Hub,
Camberwell Road, Hāwera

Extraordinary Council - To deliberate and adopt Gambling, TAB Venues, Easter Trading Policies
Monday 16 October, 3pm
Camberwell Lounge, TSB Hub,
Camberwell Road, Hāwera

Extraordinary Council - Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Hearing
Wednesday 18 October, 9am

Ordinary Council
Monday 30 October, 4pm

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