

## Residents Recognised at Awards

### 2023 South Taranaki Community Awards

A special ceremony, the 2023 South Taranaki Community Awards, was held at Hāwera's Memorial Theatre last night to commemorate those individuals and groups who have made meaningful positive impacts on their communities.

These Awards are held every two years (with the exception of COVID) by the Mayor to recognise those who have by personal leadership, inspiration, sacrifice or devotion to a cause, made a significant contribution to the wellbeing of the District's communities. South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon presented Awards to individuals, organisations and three newly introduced Youth Citizens Awards.

"Three very deserving young people were given an inaugural Youth Citizen Award for their academic successes, sporting achievements, community involvement and arts or cultural achievements in their respective communities," says Mayor Nixon. "I was very proud to recognise these outstanding young people who are working hard to make a difference." Mayor Nixon says the Community Awards are a small but significant way the community can honour those who continually give their time and commitment to improve the lives of others and the communities they live in.

"As Mayor it's a privilege to present these awards to our quiet achievers who, without a fuss, just get on and make things happen. They thoroughly deserve this recognition for the contributions they have made to the lives of so many people," says Mayor Nixon.

Find out more about this year's recipients, or past recipients, head to [www.southtaranaki.com/communityawards](http://www.southtaranaki.com/communityawards)

#### Individual Awards

Harry James – Taranaki/Coastal  
Gail Thorley – Taranaki/Coastal  
Zoe Kensington – Taranaki/Coastal  
Becky Dodunski – Eltham-Kaponga  
Megan Peters – Te Hāwera  
Andrea Shepherd – Te Hāwera  
Paul Mackle – Te Hāwera  
Patina Edwards – Te Hāwera  
Jillian Williams – Te Hāwera  
Don and Trish Adams – Pātea  
Denis and Colleen Smith - Pātea

#### Group Awards

Ōpunakē Athletics Club – Taranaki/Coastal  
Kiddylandz Toy Library – Volunteers – Te Hāwera  
Friends of Hāwera Parks – Te Hāwera  
Taranaki Health Shuttle / Hāwera St John – Te Hāwera

#### Youth Citizen

Ebony Kalin – Te Hāwera  
Arna Bright – Taranaki/Coastal  
Harry Gibson – Eltham/Kaponga

## Upcoming meetings

#### Te Hāwera Community Board

Monday 13 November, 11am  
Normanby School, 3 Hunter Street, Normanby

#### Pātea Community Board

Monday 13 November, 4pm  
Hunter Shaw Building, Egmont Street, Pātea

#### Eltham-Kaponga Community Board

Wednesday 15 November, 10.30am  
Taumata Recreation Centre, Preston Street, Eltham

#### Taranaki Coastal Community Board

Wednesday 15 November, 2.30pm  
Otakeho Hall, 10 Auroa Road, Otakeho

#### Risk and Assurance Committee

Monday 20 November, 11am

#### Te Kāhui Matauraura

Wednesday 22 November, 10am

#### Environment and Hearings Committee

Wednesday 22 November, 4pm

#### Policy and Strategy Committee

Monday 27 November, 1pm  
Camberwell Lounge, TSB Hub, Camberwell Road, Hāwera

#### Extraordinary Council

To deliberate on the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan

Monday 27 November, 3pm  
Camberwell Lounge, TSB Hub, Camberwell Road, Hāwera

Unless stated, meetings are being held in the Council Chamber, Administration Building, Albion Street, Hāwera

## CONNECT 23

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO JOBS AND CAREERS

A wide range of career opportunities will soon be on offer in Hāwera and everyone is welcome to apply.

On Saturday 11 November the **Connect23 job fair** will take place at Hāwera's A&P Showgrounds, 10am - 3pm. The event aims to bring together job seekers and over 30 local employers.

"Employers are hiring and this is the place to meet them. It doesn't matter whether you've got no experience or twenty years' experience. Do you want a job? Do you need training? Come along and let's make it happen," says Gloria Campbell, Taranaki Regional Commissioner for the Ministry of Social Development (MSD).

Council is backing the event with Mayor Phil Nixon encouraging people of all ages to turn up and get a taste of the different options out there.

Yarrows Taranaki Bulls Centre Meihana Grindlay will also be bringing the NPC Cup to the event between 11am - 12noon.



## Pātea Centennial Bursary applications now open

Pātea Centennial Bursary is now open until 30 November 2023.

The Centennial Bursary is available to eligible applicants for the first four years of their tertiary study. In applying, applicants must:

- Have been a resident of the Pātea Ward of the South Taranaki District for the previous two years;
- Be over the age of 15 years;
- Be available for full or part-time study;
- Present themselves for interview unless prevented by serious injury or illness;

Interviews are scheduled to take place on 14 December at the Hunter Shaw Building, Pātea. Further information and application forms can be found at [www.southtaranaki.com/pcb](http://www.southtaranaki.com/pcb)

## YOUR RATES PAYMENT IS DUE...

Ratepayers are reminded that the last day for payment of the second instalment of rates for 2023/24 without incurring a penalty will be **Wednesday 29 November 2023**. Don't forget you can also pay online by visiting [www.southtaranaki.com/pay](http://www.southtaranaki.com/pay)

## Disco Christmas Cabaret

Oh what fun - it's time to eat, drink and be merry!

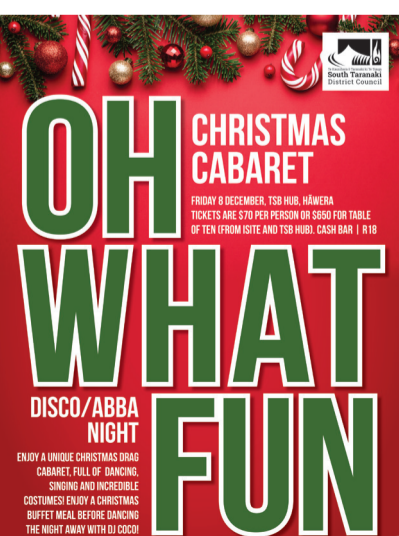
Council is once again hosting the popular end of year Christmas Cabaret, so get a group together and come and celebrate with us at TSB Hub on Friday 8 December.

Council's TSB Hub Team Leader Tash Willison says this is the perfect end of year social event for local businesses, friends' groups or just someone who wants a good night out.

Live entertainment will treat you throughout the evening. The night will start off with an incredible interactive performance from Flash Mob Entertainment's very own Drag

Queens as they put on a Disco/ABBA themed cabaret. To finish off the evening, DJ Coco will keep the dance floor alive well into the night. "Enjoy a delicious Christmas buffet with all the trimmings - get your workmates, social club or friends together and come dance the night away with us," says Tash.

**Tickets are now available from the South Taranaki isite Visitor Centre and TSB Hub for \$70 each, or \$65 each for groups of 10 or more.**



**OH WHAT FUN**  
CHRISTMAS CABARET  
FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER, TSB HUB, HĀWERA  
TICKETS ARE \$70 PER PERSON OR \$65 FOR TABLE OF TEN FROM ISITE AND TSB HUB, CASH BAR | R18  
DISCO/ABBA NIGHT  
ENJOY A UNIQUE CHRISTMAS DRAG CABARET FULL OF DANCING, SINGING AND INCREDIBLE COSTUMES! ENJOY A CHRISTMAS BUFFET MEAL BEFORE DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY WITH DJ COCO!