

Tuia Taitonga Southlink



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He karere tā te Kaunihera o Taranaki ki te Tonga News from the South Taranaki District Council

Business Waste Minimisation Programme Launched

Council is proud to launch the Resource Wise® Business Programme. The programme, originally created by Tauranga City Council, aims to support businesses with improving their waste management and reduction efforts and is available to all businesses within the South Taranaki District. It consists of five progressive stages, each designed with specific actions focusing on reducing waste to landfill, supporting ongoing waste management and reduction efforts within the business community. Massé Hāwera is the first South Taranaki business to sign up for the programme, having already achieved bronze status. "Being a small business here in Hāwera, it's a great incentive and opportunity to be part of the Resource Wise Business Programme," says Massé manager Myree Woodhead. "My staff and I are eager to implement different habits that help save the environment. Recycling as much as we can and opting for reusable products instead of one-use items, not only will it save us money as a business, but keep us bio friendly with our neighbours." "You may have to take five extra minutes to wash, rinse, dry or sort items at the end of the day, but your general waste will be so minimal, it'll be worth it. I'm hoping other businesses in Hāwera see this as an opportunity to put their best foot forward and take the plunge with us," she says.

This free, five-year initiative is designed to help businesses significantly reduce their waste and contribute to a more sustainable future.



STDC Environment and Sustainability Manager, Cindy Koen, presenting Myree Woodhead, Massé Hāwera, with the Bronze Certificate from the Resource Wise Business programme.

- Participants in the programme will benefit from:
- Waste audits that identify the types and amounts of waste produced by the business.
 - Reports and co-designed Action Plans that summarise the findings of the waste audit and outline strategies to reduce waste.
 - One-on-one support that provides guidance on implementing waste reduction strategies and achieving higher stages.
 - Practical resources: access to tools such as signs, posters, and advice to help reduce waste and educate employees.
 - Recognition: award businesses for their waste reduction efforts with certificates and branded Resource Wise® logos.



Together, let's send less to landfill



For more information or to sign up, please contact the Environment and Sustainability Team on 0800 111 323 or at envirosus@stdc.govt.nz.

Public Notice



Declaration of a portion of Napier Street, Ōpunakē to be a pedestrian mall

Under section 336(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 1974, the South Taranaki District Council declares a portion of Napier Street, Ōpunakē (from the kerb line on the south side of Tasman Street southwest for 31 metres more or less – see map below) to be a pedestrian mall.

Section 336(3) of the Local Government Act allows any person, within one month of making this declaration, or within such time as the Environment Court may allow, to appeal to the Environment Court against the declaration. Any person wishing to appeal to the Environment Court on the declaration of a portion of Napier Street, Ōpunakē to be a pedestrian mall should do so in writing to the Environment Court prior to 7 September 2024.

To make an appeal to the Environment Court, visit their website page www.environmentcourt.govt.nz or contact them on 04 918 8300.

Fiona Aitken
Fiona Aitken, Chief Executive
South Taranaki District Council

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LYSAGHT-WATT TRUST

RONALD HUGH MORRIESON

LITERARY AWARDS

Entries closing soon for Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards

Get pen to paper - entries for the annual Lysaght-Watt Trust Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards are closing soon. Poems, stories and research articles are already pouring in. "This is one of the biggest events in the region's literary calendar," says Council's Outreach Librarian Katherine Bosworth. "And we're so pleased to see an increase in the number of entries we've received so far, which is very exciting considering the calibre of this year's prestigious judges." This year's competition sees Taranaki-based writer Daivd Hill judging the short story category, nationally renowned poet Tracey Slaughter judging the poetry section and Daily News Editor Matt Rilkooff returning to judge the research section. Cash prizes are up for grabs, with the winner of each category winning \$500 and the opportunity to see their work published in the finalist book. The shortlist will be in Southlink and online on Thursday 3 October and winners will be announced at the Awards Ceremony at the TSB Hub on Wednesday 23 October. "A huge thank you needs to go to our sponsors, the Lysaght-Watt Trust and Normanby Lions Club – this wouldn't be such a fantastic competition without them," says Katherine. "Entrants need to get their writing in before 11.59pm on Tuesday 20 August– not only will you be in to win cash prizes, but will have the added bonus of being read by big names in the New Zealand literature scene." Visit www.southtaranaki.com/rhm to find out more about the competition, or to enter online.

Upcoming Meetings

- Te Hāwera Community Board**
Monday 19 August, 11am
- Pātea Community Board**
Monday 19 August, 4pm
Kakaramea Hall, 2192 Main South Road, Kakaramea
- Eltham-Kaponga Community Board**
Wednesday 21 August, 10.30am
Rāwhitiroa Hall, 4 Horoi Road, Rāwhitiroa
- Taranaki Coastal Community Board**
Wednesday 21 August, 2.30pm
Coastal Care, 26 Napier Street, Ōpunakē
- Risk and Assurance Committee**
Monday 26 August, 10am
- Te Kāhui Matauraura**
Wednesday 28 August, 10am
- Environment and Hearings Committee**
Wednesday 28 August, 4pm

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