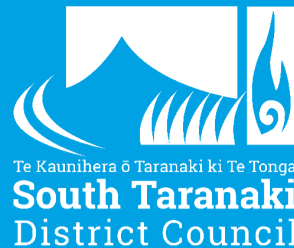


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Upcoming Meetings

Te Kāhui Matauraura
Wednesday 9 October, 10am

**District Plan Committee
(CHANGE OF MEETING TIME)**
Wednesday 9 October, 2pm

**Environment and Hearings
Committee**
Wednesday 9 October, 4pm

Extraordinary Council
*To hear submissions on the
Cemeteries Bylaw*
Monday 14 October, 11am

Policy and Strategy Committee
Monday 14 October, 1pm

Extraordinary Council
*To make a decision on the preferred
option for Water Services Delivery*
Monday 14 October, 3pm

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

More patrols with enhanced Animal Management Service

More patrols and better response times are just two areas the South Taranaki District Council (STDC) is looking to improve with its enhanced animal management service.

At the same time, with the addition of two extra staff, the Council is able to bring its after-hours animal management service in house.

STDC group manager of environmental services, Liam Dagg says the changes are designed to better respond to the needs of the district's dispersed communities and increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the animal management service.

"From today (1 October) we'll no longer use contractors after hours, over weekends or public holidays, but will deliver the

animal management service in-house 24/7, seven days a week."

"Because South Taranaki is so large geographically it can be a real challenge responding in a timely manner, especially if we get call outs at opposite ends of the district at the same time. However, the extra resource will enable us to do more things like patrolling problem areas, educating owners, responding to calls and taking enforcement action when needed," he says. Mr Dagg says the changes introduced were in response to resident surveys and other feedback where residents wanted to see more resources put into an improved animal management service.

Lysaght-Watt Trust Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards 2024

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

Over 180 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).

Short Story judge David Hill commented on the number of entries received this year in the Short Story competition. This year the Open category for short story almost doubled in entries.

"The number of short story entries this year shows that many local people appreciate and make use of the opportunity this competition affords," he says.

Research article judge Matt Rilkooff commented on this year's entries being relatable and unique compared to previous years.

"The entries in this year's True Story section were instantly relatable and yet absolutely intimate and unique."

Short Story judge Tracey Slaughter commented on the entries this year and the Taranaki connection with the theme.

"It was perhaps not surprising that a competition based in Taranaki was dominated by the maunga's presence in the landscape, and it appeared numerous times," she says.

Everyone is invited to attend the Awards Ceremony at the TSB Hub, Hāwera on Wednesday 23 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 Thursday 17 October with numbers attending to entries@stdc.govt.nz

LYSAGHT-WATT TRUST
**RONALD HUGH
MORRIESON**
Finalists
LITERARY AWARDS

Finalists (all categories)

Ami Kindler	Karen Nicholas
Bethany Gyde	Lauren Kalin
Brenda Nejme Fawkner	Michaela Stoneman
Celia Gribble	Molly Sears
Evita Morellon	Monique Hayes
Eryn Sorensen	Oliver Marsh
Garth Jones	Pip Harrison
Gerald Torres	Thomas Hooks
Jahnee Walker-Withers	Willow Noir
Kaia Silver	

The kids should have plenty to do these school holidays - especially if you've got the latest edition of the South Taranaki Happening Holidays programme. Find out more by heading online to www.southtaranaki.com/happeningholidays



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