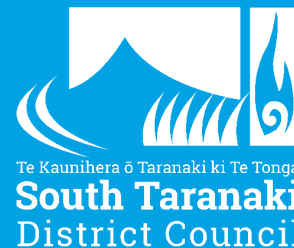


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Three weeks left to nominate...

SOUTH TARANAKI SPORTING HALL OF FAME

We're on the hunt for two new inductees to join South Taranaki's Sporting Hall of Fame.

"South Taranaki has produced some incredible sports people, and we want to acknowledge that," says Community Events Coordinator, Ella Tosland. "We have inducted seven people in the past and are now looking for the next two to join this elite group."

A nominee must meet at least one of the following criteria to be considered for the Sporting Hall of Fame:

- Achieved international success by winning Gold, Silver or Bronze at either the Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games, World Championship or an officially approved elite level event;
- Been a senior athlete or a significant contributor to a national representative team at an elite international level; or
- Made a significant contribution and distinguished service to elite sport which has brought credit to South Taranaki.

As well as these criteria inductees must have a strong association with South Taranaki and have spent a significant period of their life living in the District.

"Nominations don't roll over from year to year, so anyone who hasn't been chosen from an application in the past is eligible to be nominated for the 2024 round of inductions," says Ella.

The South Taranaki Sporting Hall of Fame includes Roger Cox (shearing), Adine Wilson (netball), James Hunter (rugby), Graham Mourie (rugby), Stan Lay (javelin), Graeme West (rugby league) and Michael Campbell (golf).

A nomination form can be picked up from TSB Hub, South Taranaki isite, any South Taranaki LibraryPlus or downloaded from Council's website www.southtaranaki.com/halloffame. Nominations close on Friday 1 November 2024. For more information contact Ella Tosland on 0800 111 323 or email events@stdc.govt.nz.

Upcoming Meetings

Policy and Strategy Committee
Monday 14 October, 1pm

Extraordinary Council - to hear submissions on the Cemeteries Bylaw
Monday 14 October, 3pm

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

Ordinary Council
Wednesday 30 October, 4pm

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

Line your food scraps bin with newspaper

We've received some feedback that the food scraps bins aren't always being emptied fully. We had a chat to our contractors and have together decided that newspaper (used for lining the bottom of the bin) will now be allowed.

This will help with fully emptying the bin when it is collected, as well as a less messy bin for residents.



Leak Detection Work in Pātea and Waverley



If you see some people in high-vis vests, walking the streets of Pātea and Waverley with what appears to be a listening device, don't panic - it's not the security services eavesdropping on your conversations! They are in fact Council contractors checking for possible water leaks in the water reticulation network. This leak detection work will take about one week and covers around 40 km of water pipe. It's all part of the Council's programme to improve our water infrastructure by identifying, then repairing leaks in the system. The contractors carry full ID and all the vehicles are sign written and fitted with flashing beacons. If you have any questions about this work just call the Council on 0800 111 323 and ask to speak to Lala.

Earning while Learning – Tika partners with MTFJ

As a young person who struggled at school herself, owner of South Taranaki Catering Enterprise Tika, Kiri Erb, is passionate about creating meaningful employment opportunities for rangatahi (youth) in her local community. Kiri worked in a range of hospitality roles and became known for catering marae gatherings before launching her business in 2020. With lots of hard work, Kiri and husband Hauraki's whanau-owned business has grown into a staff of thirty.

Kiri's passion for creating opportunities for rangatahi closely aligned with the aims of the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ) and Todd Energy, who were both looking at ways they could support training, qualifications and workforce development locally.

With strong local connections and funding support from MTFJ and Todd Energy, Tika have been able to take on nine young people across the business and provide hands on training and development including Level 2 and Level 3 catering and hospitality qualifications.

Kiri says the qualifications, delivered by Taranaki vocational and tertiary education provider Brittain's Lifelong Choices and completed through on the job



training and assessment, will help further develop her staff in best practice and professional procedures.

"Not only will this help Tika to build a qualified, confident workforce well placed to enter the wider food and hospitality industry in the future, but these valuable skills and formal qualifications will stay with these young people for life," she says.

For 16-year-old Elizabeth Merrey, the opportunity at Tika has provided the right environment and people around her to give her the opportunity to shine. "Having left

school last year, I was looking for a chance to build on my interest in cookery. I'm keen to learn and at Tika I feel valued and I'm excited to develop my skills and contribute to the team" she says.

MTFJ Community Employment Programme is an initiative funded by the Ministry of Social Development and partnered with Local Government NZ. The Programme places young people not in education, employment, or training, and people living with disabilities and other disadvantaged people into work.

South Taranaki MTFJ (through Whaimahi Employ) has helped place more than 150 young people into jobs since its inception in 2021. South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon puts that success down to the relationships Whaimahi established in our communities.

"This is just another fantastic example of the power of localism. Of local businesses, central and local government working together to find community-led solutions for youth employment, education and training," he says. For more information, search 'South Taranaki MTFJ' on Facebook, or visit the team at Te W'anake The Foundry, 130 High Street, Hāwera.