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

## Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards Winners

The Lysaght-Watt Trust Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards were held last Wednesday night in Hāwera. This year's judges, Tracey Slaughter, David Hill and Matt Rilko, shared their thoughts on the overall calibre of entries, along with comments about each winning piece of work. The judges noted the works were very grounded in the South Taranaki landscape and encouraged people of Taranaki to keep writing.

The winners for this year are:

### Short Story Secondary School Section

First Place: "Goodbye" Celia Gribble – Stratford High School  
Second Place: "Wearing Gates and Gravel Tracks" Eryn Sorenson – Pātea Area School  
Third Place: "The Sea's Lament" Kaia Silva – Te Paepae o Aotea

### Short Story Open Section

First Place: "Hugo Garrets Exemplary Mowing Technique" Garth Jones – New Plymouth  
Second Place: "Homecoming" Karen Nicholas – Hāwera  
Third Place: "Three Weeks in August" Pip Harrison - Hāwera

### Poetry Secondary School Section

First Place: "Mount Taranaki's Broken Places" Molly Sears – Ōpunakē High School  
Second Place: "Substances are the Counterfeits of the Real thing" Molly Sears – Ōpunakē High School  
Third Place: "P" Evita Morellon – Te Paepae o Aotea

### Poetry Open Section

First Place: "Holding" Willow Noir - Hāwera  
Second Place: "What this Mountain wants" Ami Kindler – New



Plymouth

Third Place: "Treatment Plan" Willow Noir – Hāwera

### Research Article

First Place: "See you next time" Jahnee Walker-Withers – New Plymouth Boys' High School  
Second Place: "Flickering" Thomas Hooks - New Plymouth Boys' High School  
Third Place: "Autumn Family Trees" Oliver Marsh - New Plymouth Boys' High School

**A copy of the 2024 Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards Finalist Book can be ordered from any LibraryPlus for \$5.**

For a full list of the winners (included the highly commended), please visit [www.southtaranaki.com/rhm](http://www.southtaranaki.com/rhm)



### Upcoming Meetings

**Te Hāwera Community Board**  
Monday 4 November, 11am

**Pātea Community Board**  
Monday 4 November, 4pm  
Waitōtara and District Hall, Kaipō Street, Waitōtara

**Eltham-Kaponga Community Board**  
Wednesday 6 November, 10.30am  
Taumata Recreation Centre, Preston Street, Eltham

**Taranaki Coastal Community Board**  
Wednesday 6 November, 2.30pm  
Tumahu Hall, 2417 Wiremu Road, Newall

**Risk and Assurance Committee**  
Monday 11 November, 11am

**Te Kāhui Matauraura**  
Wednesday 13 November, 10am

**Environment and Hearings Committee**  
Wednesday 13 November, 4pm

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

## Pātea Centennial Bursary open in November

Applications for the Pātea Centennial Bursary are now being called for. This bursary is available to eligible applicants for their first four years of tertiary study.

Applicants must:

- Have a permanent address within the Pātea Ward for the past two years;
- Be over the age of 15 years;
- Be enrolling for full or part-time study; and
- Present themselves for an interview when required.

Applications open 1 November 2024 and close Saturday 30 November 2024 at 4.30pm.

Interviews are scheduled to take place on Thursday 12 December 2024.

Application forms are available from the Waverley or Pātea LibraryPlus, on the Council's website, [www.southtaranaki.com/pcb](http://www.southtaranaki.com/pcb), or phone 0800 111 323 and request an application form. For further information please contact us by email [funding@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:funding@stdc.govt.nz) or call us 0800 111 323.



## Join us at the opening of the King Edward Park Observatory-turned-Museum

The Friends of Hāwera Parks, supported by South Taranaki District Council, have refurbished the Observatory in King Edward Park into a museum. The interior and exterior ground floor has been repainted, the original timber floors refinished, original tables from its time as a tearoom have been restored, smaller items are on display and a series of information panels depict the history of the Park, its changes over the years and also material on the Southern Sky. Council's Places and Spaces Events Co-ordinator Alice Arnold can't wait for people to join them at the open day on Sunday 3 November. "We are excited to open the doors again and invite the public

in to discover what is inside, learn the history of King Edward Park as well as experiencing the steep staircase that climbs to the dome where the 1905 Cooke refractor telescope still used for viewing is on display."

### Join us for the opening...

Celebrate the history of King Edward Park and its newly refurbished Observatory. Come along to an opening day performance by the Hāwera Brass Band from 1-3pm on **Sunday 3 November**, an exhibition by the Hāwera Floral Art group and the chance to learn about Taranaki's southern sky. There will also be free lunchtime concerts from 12.30-1.30pm, Monday 4 - Friday 8 November. Visit the Friends of Hāwera Parks' Facebook page for programme details.

