

# Tuia Taitonga Southlink



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

## Get pen to paper - one month left to enter!



RONALD HUGH MORRIESON

Literary Awards 2024

LYSAGHT-WATT TRUST

RONALD HUGH MORRIESON  
LITERARY AWARDS

Do you have a talent for poetry? A thing for short stories? Is your passion to delve deep into research and truth?

Whatever your interest, get writing as entries for the 2024 Lysaght-Watt

Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards are due in a month.

This competition (comprising Short Story, Poetry and True Story sections) is open to residents and ratepayers of South Taranaki and the wider Taranaki community.

These annual Awards honour the work of local novelist and short story writer Ronald Hugh Morrieson (29 January 1922 – 26 December 1972).

This year the Awards is celebrating it's 37th year with Judges David Hill, Tracey Slaughter and Matt Rilko.

The competition for 2024 is open and entries need to be in before Tuesday 20 August. To find out more, or enter, go to [www.southtaranaki.com/rhm](http://www.southtaranaki.com/rhm)

## Upcoming Meetings

Policy and Strategy Committee  
Monday 22 July, 1pm

Extraordinary Audit and Risk Committee  
Monday 22 July, 3pm

District Licensing Committee  
Friday 26 July, 10am

Council Meeting  
Monday 5 August, 4pm

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

## Proposed review of Freedom Camping Bylaw

Take the time to have your say. Let the Council know your views about how we operate freedom camping in the District. Find out more by visiting your local LibraryPlus centres or head online to [www.southtaranaki.com/consultation](http://www.southtaranaki.com/consultation).

The proposed review of the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2016 is now open for public consultation until Sunday 11 August 2024. The key changes we are proposing:

**The introduction of town boundary maps. All freedom camping within the red town boundary is prohibited on council owned or managed land except where it is permitted.**

Section 10 of the Freedom Camping Act now says that people can freedom camp on all local authority land in a tent or self-contained motor vehicle unless the area is identified as a prohibited or restricted area. A benefit of using town boundary maps is a reduction in the number of freedom camping signs needing to be installed and maintained. The town boundary maps also make the Bylaw more concise and user friendly, and it encourages people to camp in areas that are suitable for freedom camping.

### The removal of some freedom camping sites

Some sites are not suitable for freedom camping due to access to the site, its location and the safety risk to campers.

### Allowing non-self-contained vehicles at some sites

Some sites support the use of tents and non-self-contained vehicles due to the facilities available on site. Wherever possible we want to support all types of freedom camping.

### The inclusion of a special events section

We want to continue to allow tents, non-self-contained vehicles, and self-contained vehicles to attend and support organised community events. We have identified areas in each town that can support a large number of campers.

## Business Park Road Renaming Proposal

The South Taranaki Business Park is currently in development, and Fitzgerald Lane and Kerry Lane will no longer meet the definition of a "lane" once work is completed. Little Waihi Road was named after the area which was known, as we already have a Waihi Road it is proposed we rename it Little Waihi Road.

Public consultation is happening now and closes on Sunday 4 August. Head to [www.southtaranaki.com/consultations](http://www.southtaranaki.com/consultations) to view our proposal and have your say on the new road names.

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Be the first to know.



## Does your community arts project need support?

The next application round for Creative Communities funding opens on Tuesday 30 July and closes on Friday 30 August at 5pm. The South Taranaki Creative Communities Scheme provides funding assistance for community-based arts activities in South Taranaki that take place between 1 September 2024 – 1 September 2025 and meet one or more of the following funding criteria:

- Broad community involvement** - A project that will create opportunities for local communities to engage with and participate in arts activities.
- Diversity** - A project that will support the diverse arts and cultural traditions of local communities, enriching and

promoting their uniqueness and cultural diversity.

- Young people** - A project that will enable and encourage young people (under 18 years) to engage with and actively participate in the arts.

Application forms are now available on the website at [www.southtaranaki.com/funding](http://www.southtaranaki.com/funding) or at your local LibraryPlus. For further information, email [funding@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:funding@stdc.govt.nz) or contact Arts Co-ordinator Michaela Stoneman, by emailing [michaela.stoneman@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:michaela.stoneman@stdc.govt.nz) or calling (06) 278 0555 or 0800 111 323.

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