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Family Fun Day in  
Eltham - Saturday 18  
January, 10am - 3pm

Are the kids needing some fun activities to keep them busy these school holidays? How about joining us at Soldiers Park in Eltham on Saturday 18 January for a Community Family Fun Day. Bring a picnic and find a pozzi in the park or have a look at what some of our delicious food vendors have on offer, sit back and enjoy the sun with whanau and friends. This event is kicking off at 10am and running until 3pm. Pop in to see some local talent, find a bargain with some of our stall holders, enjoy an ice-cream to cool down and catch our local fire fighters in full demonstration and much more - there is something for all!

South Taranaki District Council Event Co-ordinator Alysha Judson says that the Eltham-Kaponga Community Board were keen to try something different in Eltham this year, instead of the annual Movies in the Park.

"This is a fantastic opportunity to have a relaxing family day out, enjoy the facilities that Eltham has to offer, while enjoying some great local community spirit that South Taranaki is famous for!" says Alysha.

This free community event is proudly brought to you by South Taranaki District Council, with support from the Eltham-Kaponga Community Board.

**Community Family Fun Day in Eltham – Saturday 18 January, 10am - 3pm, Soldiers Park, Eltham**

EVENT  
SCHEDULE:

TUES 21 JAN

10am – Hāwera  
LibraryPlus\*  
2pm - Manaia  
LibraryPlus

WED 22 JAN

10am - Pātea  
LibraryPlus  
2pm - Waverley  
LibraryPlus

THURS 23 JAN

10am - Eltham Town  
Hall  
2pm - Ōpunakē  
LibraryPlus

\*in Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga

## Celebrate Summer with Suzy Cato at LibraryPlus

South Taranaki LibraryPlus is excited to welcome Suzy Cato, one of New Zealand's most cherished children's entertainers and authors to inspire South Taranaki residents this summer. Known for her iconic TV shows Suzy's World and You and Me, Suzy has been a source of fun and learning for generations of young kiwis. Suzy has also written a collection of children's books and is the host of the 'Amazing Me' video series, which teaches life skills to children in schools and preschools. South Taranaki LibraryPlus District Services Librarian Katherine Bosworth said that this was such a highlight for our communities. "Suzy is a kiwi icon and we're delighted that she's going

to be joining us for a few days in January. Anyone is welcome to attend these free sessions – it doesn't matter how old you are!" This January, Suzy will be visiting South Taranaki LibraryPlus centres as part of the Summer Blast programme, and sharing her latest book, I Can Do It!, an inspiring story filled with fun and positivity. This is a free event for children of all ages and their whanau. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to meet Suzy Cato and enjoy a magical story telling experience. For more information, visit [www.southtaranaki.com/summerblast](http://www.southtaranaki.com/summerblast). The Summer Blast programme is proudly brought to you by the Council and the Lysaght-Watt Trust.

## Accolades galore for our District's Premier Park



Hāwera's King Edward Park maintained its 5-star status from New Zealand Gardens Trust (NZGT) as a Garden of National Significance, and has again been awarded the prestigious Green Flag Award. South Taranaki District Council Places and Spaces Volunteer Co-ordinator Alice Arnold says it has been a combined effort to have the Park presented to such a high standard as it continues to evolve. "Retaining these awards reaffirms that the Park truly is a treasure to our community as well as for visitors to our district," says Alice. "Having a dedicated Horticulture team, as well as acknowledging the role the community has made both contributed to maintaining the Park to a high standard." Community involvement has been through groups such as The Friends of Hāwera Parks Inc, Te Paepae o Aotea students and Waimahi youth employment skills programme. It is not the first time the South Taranaki District Council's Premier Park has received such an award. In 2017 the Park received the first of a series of accolades

that recognised the quality of the Park and its standard of presentation. Reviewed for the first time by NZGT, an organisation established to promote the best in New Zealand gardens and horticulture, the Park was awarded a four-star rating to be registered as a Garden of Regional Significance. In late 2018 a further assessment by the NZGT acknowledged the ongoing development of the Park with the award of a fifth star. Receiving the award for 2024 endorses King Edward Park as a Garden of National Significance through until 2028. The Green Flag Award is internationally recognised as an award that acknowledges well managed parks, green spaces and recreational outdoor facilities. King Edward Park won its first Green Flag Award in 2018. Assessed across 27 criteria including horticultural standards, cleanliness, sustainability, community involvement, safety and a sense of welcome, the Park was then one of only 22 facilities across Aotearoa to achieve this result. The Park has continued to receive its Green Flag status since 2018.