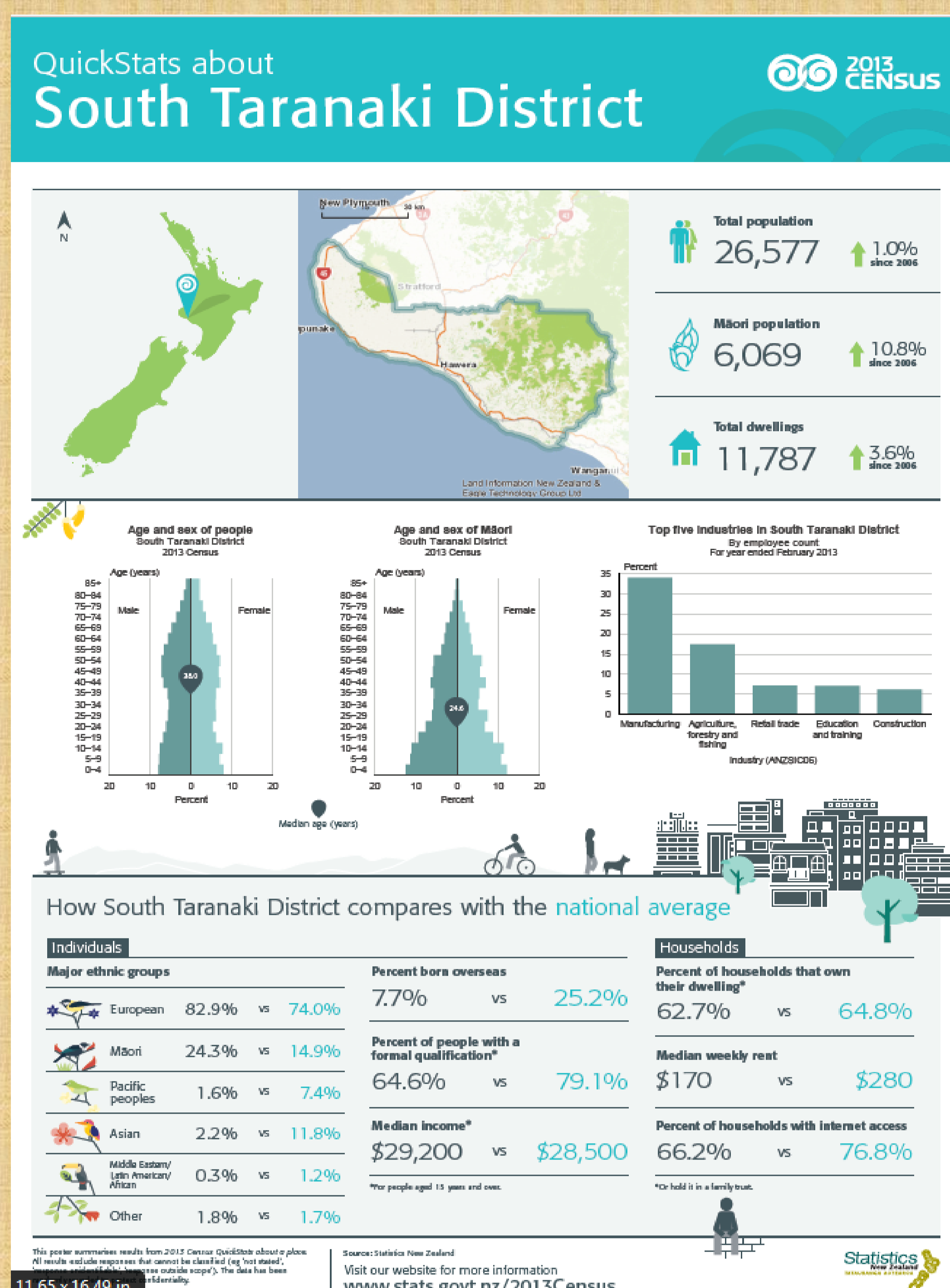


Daring Greatly—how a little library cohort achieves above its station

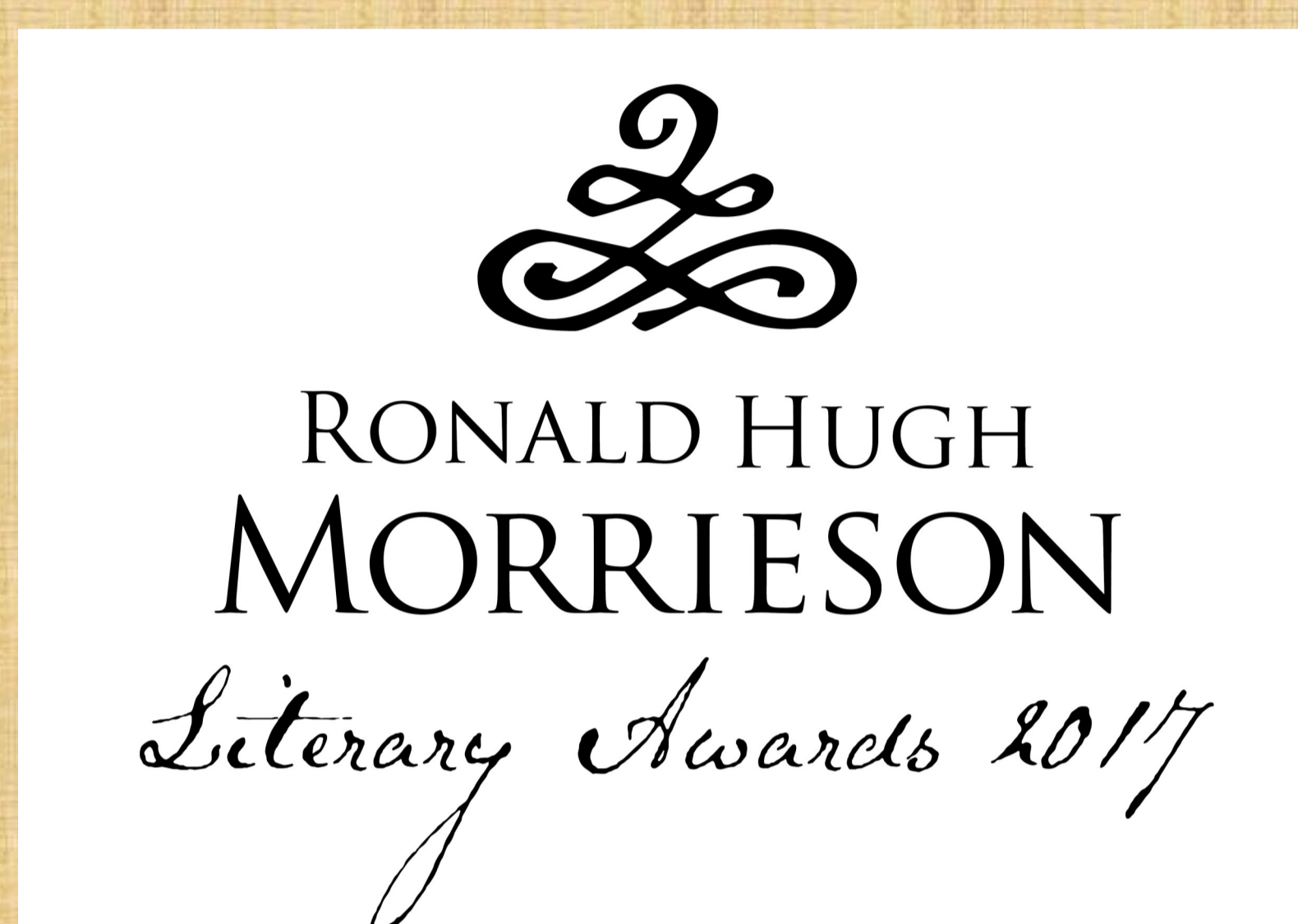
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Free Comic Book Day—since 2016. Over 400 people from as far away as Whanganui, Te Awamutu and New Plymouth. With activities for the whole family and prizes for the best dressed. Only such day between Wellington and Hamilton.



Summer Reading—150 registrations 2002/03—2017/2018—460 registrations
45% boys. 82% completed(2018) 60% new participants (2018)



- Ronald Hugh Morrieson was a local author of acclaim. This event is held as a commemoration and a celebration of South Taranaki.
- Run as a District event – various staff both library & council collaborate to pull the event together
- Began as a youth programme but adults continually asked for an adult section so developed it to include
- We are capturing local stories
- Work with HOD's of English in our local secondary schools to set the rules so it fits with curriculum
- Offer free workshops to the community / schools before the competition opens



In 2016/2017 there were 977 events held in the 7 LibraryPlus. 10,251 adults and children attended. Author visits, Conversations with Community Board Members, Discussions on Death, Crafty Mornings, Tai Chi for toddlers, Crossword Teas and even Morris Dancing were just some of the events held across the District.

58.4% of population are library members

Current members 15,508
7 Libraries— Hawera, Eltham, Kaponga, Patea, Waverley, Manaia, Opunake

July 2016 – June 2017

Electronic Media accessed 111,363 times

E-issues 5,733

Issues 18,6062

Physical visits to our Libraries 280,494

APNK— use of Public Computers—66,233

Use of the Free WiFi - 94,857

10,310 resources purchased for our Libraries

Our members need us: Physical visits are above National Average (10.55 vs 7.30 per pop.) Internet Access (57.43% vs 23.44% per pop.) WiFi access (physical) 33.82% vs 27.43% per pop.)

These statistics reflect the need for computer access by our communities and the need for our Plus services as well as our Library service.

2018 STDC Resident Survey revealed:

98% satisfied with the facilities and customer service at public libraries.

96% satisfied with the materials etc. provided at the public libraries.

Some of the kind organisations who have supported LibraryPlus programmes:

- Lysaght-Watt Trust
- TSB Community Trust
- Normanby and District Lions Club
- Hawera Rotary Club
- Hawera Altrusa Club
- Hawera Lions Club
- Independent Local Businesses



Technology—3D printers, Bee Bots, Makey Makey, Little Bits, Ipads, Paper Circuitry, Edison, Raspberry Pi. All the libraries have an Ultimaker 2+ 3D printer and a Raspberry Pi computer for Minecraft and coding. There is also a PlayStation in each children's room. Libraries are great places for testing future technology and digital story.

LibraryPlus means: Library services plus Council services.

At our Libraries residents may:

- Pay the rates
- Register a dog
- Apply for a licence or a building permit
- Search for a property file
- Issue, return and reserve Library books
- And in Eltham use the NZPost service



Ka pū te ruha, ka hao te rangatahi.

The old net is cast aside while the new net goes fishing

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