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My Hastings

Keep up with what's happening in Hastings District
NZ's MOST Beautiful PLACE,



Lego; but not as you know it



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HEART OF HAWKE'S BAY



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FOAM FUN IN THE SQUARE



WINTER F.A.W.C!

I have been to two events in Hastings in the last few weeks which confirm that we live in one of the best places in New Zealand.



Most recently was a dawn blessing for work about to start on a cycle lane being added to the Chesterhope Bridge.

On its own this 440m clip on cycle lane is a small link in the cycleway chain. But all the small (and some not so small) links that have gone in over the last few years have come together to form a massive piece of cycling infrastructure that has benefited the region in more ways than I had ever thought possible.

Without the foresight of people who pushed for the cycling network, the very successful Air New Zealand Hawke's Bay Marathon held in the Bay a few weeks back would never have happened. Without those limestone trails winding their way through our beautiful rural areas, through the vineyards, that marathon simply would not have come here. It is a testament to the beauty of Hawke's Bay, it's climate

and the flatness of the Heretaunga Plains that it was the second place chosen to hold that marathon after the first was initiated in Queenstown a couple of years ago.

And the rest of the year they are well used too, particularly in summer as our residents and tourists bike between visitor attractions. I'll admit that when the vineyard cycleway was first mooted I was not convinced that it would be well used. But now, just driving around the Gimblett Gravels area at the weekends shows just how many cyclists are making the most of the trails.

The other event I attended was the unveiling of the Making Magic video, which highlighted the work being done by our residents to improve their communities.

In every neighbourhood we have people who are passionate and able, and they're getting on with it. Council

is helping but it's not telling – people who live in a neighbourhood know best what they need, and what skills their people have. Council can fill the gaps, guide communities through planning processes and introduce them to funding streams that can help them to get where they want to be.

Putting those two experiences next to the very positive economic statistics that are coming out of the district confirms that we live in one of the best spots you'll find. Let's enjoy!

Mayor Lawrence Yule



Hastings District Council's Prize Winning Infrastructure

Hastings District Council's infrastructure has once again been recognised as being amongst the best in New Zealand in two award ceremonies.

The Clifton Reserve toilets won the Small Project Category of the Gisborne-Hawke's Bay Regional Architecture Awards. The toilets have award ceremony pedigree, having previously won a 2015 Keep New Zealand Beautiful award for the 'Best Loo' in the country.

The toilets are designed so that they frame Cape Kidnappers in the background and work in with the surrounding environment. The vibrant red references the summer pohutukawa blooms.

All winners of the 2016 Gisborne-Hawkes Bay Architecture Awards are eligible for shortlisting in the New Zealand Architecture Awards, which will be announced in November.

Also showing that infrastructure dealing with waste products can still be creative and innovative, the Oamaru Landfill Methane to electricity plant received a 'commended' in the Trustpower Renewable Energy Category of the 2016 EECA Awards.

This renewable energy project has dual environmental benefits: removing a potent greenhouse gas from the atmosphere and using it to generate electricity. The plant is capable of providing electricity for the equivalent of about 1,000 homes. The project is a partnership between Pioneer Energy and Hastings District Council. The landfill, owned by Hastings District Council and Napier City Council, sells the methane produced by the buried rubbish to the partnership, which then on-sells the electricity it produces.

Mayor Lawrence Yule, who attended the EECA awards in Auckland, said "both these awards showcase Hastings District Council's commitment to sustainable development which enhances our environment whilst providing good quality infrastructure. Our staff can justifiably be proud of their work and this national recognition."

Foam Fun for the family!



The blue blocks are out in Albert Square every fine day now, after more than 200 children gave them their first try out a couple of weeks ago.

Portable, flexible and light enough for even small arms to lift, the set of large foam blocks, tubes and connectors are being used to build anything from forts and slides to cars and flowers.

Hastings City Business Association general manager Susan McDade, said the blocks had proved a big hit on the open day and on fine days since then.

"The Imagination Playground is a fantastic addition to the city centre and enhances the Hastings experience for families."

The Hastings District Council-funded collaborative central city vibrancy plan has been in effect since October last year and has supported a wide variety of new events and entertainment throughout the city from business networking events, concerts and art work to the Christmas Trees displayed by retailers in December, and now entertainment for little ones and their families.

The imagination playground equipment is in the Albert Square free for all kids to play with 11am to 2pm every day in fine weather.



It's Reggie time again!

Reggie, Council's doggie mascot, is being rolled out again as dog registration time looms. This year he is in blue - the 2016/17 tag colour.

Every dog aged three months and over must be registered before July 1 each year; and there are more than 12,500 of them in the Hastings district.

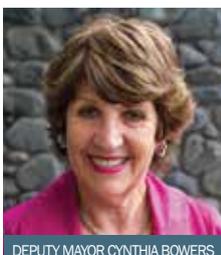
The annual registration fees, \$110 (urban), \$73.50 (selected owner policy) and \$48 (rural and working dogs), go towards carrying out Council's obligations under the Dog Control Act, Council's dog policy and bylaws, providing an after hours emergency service and maintaining the animal welfare shelter.

Not registering a dog can lead to a fine and/or the animal

being seized and impounded.

The information collected as part of the registration process has a very practical benefit, going onto a data base that makes it easy for owners to be reunited with their dogs should their animal be lost. It also keeps track of dangerous dogs.

The easiest way to register is on-line see: hastingsdc.govt.nz/dog-registrations, however you can also register over the counter at the Council offices in Lyndon Rd East, Hastings.



The Lego has landed

Fifty thousand blocks of white Lego have arrived at the Hastings City Art Gallery and by the end of the week will be laid out on an eight metre table for people to play with.

The cubic structural evolution project, an internationally acclaimed art installation, opens on Saturday, June 4. It relies on the viewing public to build an "outlandish and titanic" city.

The brainchild of Danish artist Olafur Eliasson, it has been installed across the world including in Tirana, Albania, Oslo, Norway, Copenhagen, Denmark, New York and Queensland, among other places. In New Zealand it has opened in Auckland and Wellington.

Now it is Hastings turn and that is a real coup, says gallery director Toni MacKinnon.

From Saturday, the Lego will be laid out on an 8.2 metre table in the main foyer of the gallery, with an open invitation to gallery visitors to join in on making the city.

MacKinnon is expecting more than 8000 people to take part over the 12 weeks it is in the gallery.

"The work needs an audience's touch to be brought to life – an unusual quality for a gallery work – and so it becomes about the people who make it. With this universal toy everyday people explore possibilities in building, engineering and design. The project becomes a shared celebration of creative play," says MacKinnon.

When the Lego arrived last week, two youngsters, Benjamin Biddles-Brown (4) and his sister Lucia (8), and Mayor Lawrence Yule, whose engineering background stood him in good stead, had a first play with it.

Mr Yule said the interactive nature of the exhibition will draw a very broad audience to the gallery, creating a great opportunity to show first timers around the rest of the facility. "This Lego exhibition is brilliant, but it is just one of all the fantastic exhibitions that come to the gallery from across New Zealand and from overseas."

A lot of work has gone into bringing the "fantastical" Lego installation to the gallery, says MacKinnon.

"This really is an amazing opportunity. We're sure the public will embrace it – it is a very rare chance to



be involved in what has proven to be a very popular installation across the world."

To help cover the costs of bringing in such a notable exhibition the gallery is being supported by local sponsors: Furnware New Zealand, Hastings Business Association, Band and learning partner, iQualify.

The cubic structural evolution project will open at the Hastings City Art Gallery on June 4, and stays in place, changing daily, until August 28.



Village Green closed for construction

By summer the Village Green in Havelock North will have its brand new face on.

The activity area of the park, including the playground, skate bowl, rear of the pools and the Cricket Pavilion have been fenced off, as the \$1.5m upgrade of the park gets underway.

An open day on Sunday gave the public an opportunity to have a look at the artist's impressions of the new playground which will include an all-year-round water play feature and new play equipment including swings, slides, climbing frame and merry-go-round. It will also be set up for table tennis and chess, meaning every age group will be catered for.

The open day also served as a farewell, albeit temporary, to Havelock North Plunket and the Toy Library. They have both, until now, been housed in the building on the village-side edge of the park. The Plunket staff are this week

moving into the Hastings office and the Toy Library is moving a few metres into a temporary shelter in the St Columbus car park. Both will move back into dedicated areas of the Cricket Pavilion once it is shifted onto its new central site, near the church car park.

The moving of the pavilion should not be far away, with tenders for the shifting job just closed. The original plan was to leave the historic pavilion where it was, however public submissions asked that it be moved to a more central position where it would be better used. Council agreed, provided the community helped fundraise the \$300,000 needed to pay for it. The Havelock North Business Association is taking the lead on the public fundraising front.

Water metering not in Hastings plan

Water is undoubtedly a hot topic in the region, focused on who the Hawke's Bay Regional Council issues water extraction consents to and whether New Zealand wants to move to being able to charge for water.

Those are big topics that will be dealt with at a national level.

As part of the debate though, it is sometimes suggested that Hastings District Council is planning on putting water meters in homes and will then charge for water use.

Hastings mayor Lawrence Yule wants to assure residents that Council is not moving that way and has no plans to do so.

Of the 20,000 residential premises that get water from the Council supply, just 500 have meters attached to them.

Those meters help Council understand how much water an average property uses, which helps it with planning water pipe networks.

The information gained is particularly useful when planning for new subdivisions, as putting in the correct size pipes in the first place means avoiding up-sizing later.

As well as the information coming from the 500 meters attached to homes, Council also takes data from parks and schools, to give as broad a picture as possible of water use.

The information also helps Council fulfil its obligations under the resource consent it is issued by the regional council to show that it is an "efficient water user".

Mr Yule says some confusion does arise from the back-flow manifolds that are on every house's water intake, and are "unhelpfully called water meters".

"Because we do not use chlorine to treat Hastings water, we do have to ensure that water cannot flow backwards from a home into the supply. A lot of people do think those manifolds are meters, but they are not."

Mr Yule said that even if a future council wanted to install meters it could not without a significant community consultation process.

"There is no financial benefit to ratepayers, and therefore to Council, from putting in meters. We do not have to store, transfer from a distant source or treat our water so it makes no sense to use meters to reduce consumption. Here, unlike some regions, the cost of putting in meters would far outweigh any benefit that would be received."

The only other way meters could be introduced would be if central Government put a law in place demanding that councils metered water.

Industrial, commercial and rural connections are different, with all of those able to be metered. About 90 per cent of industrial and 70 per cent of commercial properties in Hastings already have water meters attached to them and Council plans to have that figure up to 100 per cent by 2025.



COUNCILLOR MALCOLM DIXON



COUNCILLOR MICK LESTER



COUNCILLOR ROD HEAPS



COUNCILLOR SANDRA HAZLEHURST



COUNCILLOR SIMON NIXON



COUNCILLOR TANIA KERR



COUNCILLOR WAYNE BRADSHAW

What's on in June

Hastings City Art Gallery

Open every day from 10am to 4.30pm FREE ENTRY
Phone (06) 871 5095 or email: hastingsartgallery@hdc.govt.nz
www.hastingscityartgallery.co.nz

EXHIBITIONS

4 JUNE - 28 AUGUST

The cubic structural evolution project: Olafur Eliasson

Foyer Gallery

Comprising thousands of pieces of white Lego bricks scattered on a large table, the work invites Gallery visitors to become 'architects' by using the Lego to create endlessly re-forming structures limited only by imagination.

UNTIL 17 JULY

Visiting Asia

Through a wide variety of media including photography, painting, performance, video and sculpture, the selected artists have explored new places, collaborated with communities and created fresh cross-cultural synergies.

UNTIL 31 JULY

Restless Idiom: James Cousins

Restless Idiom is a mini-survey of Cousins recent work.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

2 JUNE

Lunch Time Tour, 12.30pm

Join gallery Director Toni Mackinnon for a lunch time tour of our current exhibitions Free, no booking required.

13 JUNE

Art for Tots, 10:30 - 12pm

A fun and playful art experience for pre-schoolers based on our exhibitions. Koha, booking required.

 **F.A.W.C! Events.** For more info & tickets visit fawc.co.nz

 **Matariki Events - A celebration of Māori New Year**

EVERY SUNDAY

Hawke's Bay Farmers Market

Hawke's Bay A&P Showgrounds, Kenilworth Road
8.30am - 12.30pm
Hawkesbayfarmersmarket.co.nz

UNTIL 8 JUNE

Matariki Super Star Maker Space

Hastings Library, Warren St Sth

Create wearable accessories, transform yourself into your favourite character and discover how modern super-heroes relate to traditional characters in Maori myths and legends.

3 JUNE

The Last Crush

Black Barn Vineyards, Black Barn Road, Havelock Nth

A celebration and chatter about the 2016 Vintage whilst soaking up some fine food and wine. The braziers will be lit, the BBQ blazing and the DJ's turntables will be spinning.

4 JUNE

That was then, this is now

Te Awa Winery, 2375 State Highway 50, Hastings

The night includes a "show and tell" tasting some of Te Awa's prize wines including some from the coveted library collection before sitting down to dinner with live music.

4 JUNE

Let's Dance

Hawke's Bay Opera House Plaza, 101 Hastings St Sth

A fundraiser for Cranford Hospice expect soul, funk, boogie, pop, disco and all those songs you (used to) dance to. Tickets from eventfinda.co.nz.

5 JUNE

Mud and Guts Obstacle Challenge

Mountain Valley Adventure Lodge, 108 McVicar Road

Extreme 9km Fun Run, muddier than ever with 50+ obstacles including two electrified and one fire pit. Register at mountainvalley.co.nz/Mud-and-Guts.

5 JUNE

Hawke's Bay Trail Run Series

Eskdale Forest, Tait Road

Three distances to suit all abilities. For more information and to register, visit hbtrailrun.co.nz.

7 JUNE

Pecha Kucha Night #17

Havelock North Function Centre, 30 Te Mata Road

An event for people to share their obsessions, collections, passions and afflictions in front of a live audience! Door sales only, more information at facebook.com/pechakuchahb/

9 JUNE

How to make a Pōtaka

Hastings Library, Warren St Sth, 3pm - 5pm

Using pinecones, harakeke and sticks, decorate your traditional Maori spinner and get ready for the spin-off on Friday!

10 JUNE

Red, Ribs and Rocks

Pask Winery, 1133 Omahu Road, Hastings

In true southern style, indulge in a dinner of delicious authentic Texan BBQ matched with rocking red wines and live boot-stomping blues.

10 JUNE

Whanau Day

Hastings Library & Civic Square, Warren St Sth, 3pm - 5pm

Join us for fun activities like Hanimation and face-painting, Potaka spin offs; Te Mahere Kimi Taonga, Treasure Hunt, Nga Pou o Heretaunga, and Kei Aku Kamo (Eye Spy activities).

11 JUNE

The Gimblett Gravels Rock Star Reveal

Te Awa Winery, 2375 State Highway 50, Hastings

The announcement of the 'Rock Stars' of the 2014 Gimblett Gravels vintage as well as red wine tasting, and a shared dinner menu.

11 JUNE

Hastings Pak'n'Save Edible Fashion Awards

Hawke's Bay A&P Showground, Kenilworth Road

Fabulous creations will be matched by jaw-dropping entertainment from Auckland based circus theatre company The Dust Palace. More information at ediblefashionawards.co.nz

11 JUNE

Men's Day out Golf Tournament

Hastings Golf Course, 1523 Maraekakaho Road

Ambrose Golf Tournament with over \$8,000 worth of prizes up for grabs! Whiskey, craft beer and cider tastings and roast dinner as well as All Blacks v Wales live in the Club House.

12 JUNE

Pork it Up

Holly Bacon, 310 Warren St South

Bring out your inner butcher with a hands on demonstration on how to break down, cut and cure a whole swine.

12 JUNE

Matariki at Mangarau Community Garden

Mangarau Cres, Havelock Nth

Join the Anderson Park Community Group for a free Matariki celebration from 11.30am.

12 JUNE

For the love of Opera

Sileni Estates Winery, 2016 Maraekakaho Road

A late lunch from Orton Tailored Cuisine set in the picturesque surrounds of Sileni Estates Winery set to the sounds of operatic melodies.

14 JUNE

Civic Honours Awards

Council Chambers, Hastings District Council, Lyndon Rd

The awards recognise an individual, group or organisation that has contributed significantly to Hastings District.

16 JUNE

F.A.W.C Food Alley - Eat on the Street

Napier Road, Havelock North

For one night Napier Rd in the Heart of the Village is closed off so you can eat on the street. It's street food, Village style - a celebration of artisan takeaways and food truck classics.

16 JUNE

Teen Matariki Maker Space

Hastings Library, Warren St South, 3.30pm

17 JUNE

Californian Cruising

Opera Kitchen, 312 Eastbourne St

Enjoy a five-course feast that shows off the very best of West Coast eating. Taste the wine, savour the food, transport yourself with a night of California Dreaming at Opera Kitchen.

17 JUNE

Flaxmere Matariki Festival

Flaxmere Park, Wilson Road

Dress up warm and come along to this popular free Māori new year family celebration from 5.30pm-8.30pm. The show ends with a spectacular fireworks extravaganza.

18 JUNE

One Love

Little Black Bird Eatery, 108 Market St South

Eight local producers are matched with eight local chefs who together will craft the ultimate pairing of daring flavours, and your job is to find the one you love the most.

19 JUNE

The Feast of Saturnalia

83 Millar Road, Hastings

Millar Road will host a hedonistic salute to the astronomical phenomenon of an ancient Roman Winter Solstice carnival feast where frivolity will rule and fires will roar.

23 JUNE

A French Christmas Table with Allyson Gofton

Hastings Library, Warren St Sth, 6.30pm

Enjoy a glass of mulled wine and hear Allyson talk about her experiences celebrating Christmas in a French village. Tickets are \$20 and include a taste of France with Ya Bon French Baker.

24 JUNE

Super Secret Chardonnay Symposium

Advantage Wines, 4 Donnelly St, Havelock North

Ten super Chardonnays priced from \$15 to \$300+ per bottle will be poured, but you won't be told which one is which. Your job? To rank them in price order!

25 JUNE

Pork to Fork

Holly Bacon, 310 Warren St, Hastings

Spend the day learning everything about breaking down a whole pig, creating cuts and the best ways to use them plus good old tried and true sausage, bacon and ham making techniques.

26 JUNE

F.A.W.C mid-winter Christmas market

Hawke's Bay A&P Showgrounds, Kenilworth Road

Wrap up for some mid-winter cheer as the Hawke's Bay Farmers' Market celebrates the end of a busy growing season and bountiful harvest with a twist of Christmas magic. There will be plenty to amuse the kids, making a family festive day out.