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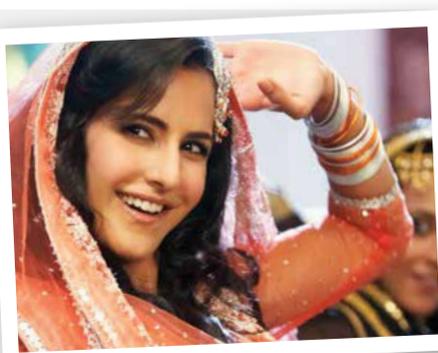
## Horse of the Year



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# Horses in Hawke's Bay



**The Hastings A&P Showgrounds is about to be transformed into a veritable city of trucks, trailers and campervans, housing riders and spectators for the 2017 Horse of the Year show.**

It's the kind of event that people just flock to – even if horses aren't your thing, it's hard not to appreciate the passion and skill that builds the atmosphere at the show. There's a sort of infectious excitement that fills the air and causes the crowds to swell to over 50,000 people as the show goes on. HOY, as the Horse of the Year show has come to be known, has been in Hawke's Bay for nearly two decades and pumps \$12 million back into the economy annually, with tens of thousands of visitors descending on the Bay each year.

The show caters to the equestrian enthusiast and the

public in a variety of ways: as well as the entertainment and excitement generated from the skill and strength of the competitors and their horses, there's plenty to do and see. The Hastings Heart of Hawke's Bay Friday Night Extravaganza is a definite must see and the shopping at HOY is phenomenal (and definitely not just horse-centric, with a wide variety of local businesses choosing the event to showcase, sell and promote their products.) So come along and experience New Zealand's premier equestrian event - you'll be surprised!



John Thompson and JHT Antonello, winners of the Dressage Horse of the Year title in 2016

Photo by Kampic.

## HOY Deconstructed:

### The Competition:

Around 3,000 riders and horses compete at Horse of the Year annually, taking part in a number of different disciplines. Equestrian as a sport is one of few where all ages, genders and levels compete on a fair playing field, producing an impressive diversity and range of competitors.

In show jumping, horses and riders compete to jump a course of big fences in the fastest time without knocking any poles down or refusing any jumps. An Olympic discipline, show jumping is one of the most technical and thrilling to watch, with the jumps getting up to 1.6m high in certain classes. The highlight of the show jumping is the Olympic Cup, with big jumps and big money up for grabs. The youngest competitor in the class will be 17 year old Emily Hayward-Morgan, and the oldest is Maurice Beatson at 63 years. Show jumping is also the core of the pony club section, where young teams from pony clubs around the country compete for the Pony Club Team of the Year prize.

Eventing is perhaps the most famous discipline in New Zealand thanks to the likes of Mark Todd, Blyth Tait and Vaughn Jefferis. More recently, Jock Paget and Clarke Johnstone have been following in the footsteps of these greats. The eventing classes take place over three days, with dressage on Thursday, show jumping on Friday, and the thrilling cross country phase on Saturday morning.

With record entries for 2017 show, dressage is proving to be a growing discipline. The precision and skill it takes to train and campaign at the high levels is incredibly impressive, with years and years of work coming to fruition. Many of the dressage events are classified as musical freestyles, where riders write their own tests and perform them to their chosen music compilations.

Mounted games is one of the most exciting sections with a diverse range of riders and ponies competing in all sorts of games, including bending races, sack races, and plenty more. Riders gallop and vault on and off of their ponies' backs while their teams cheer and holler. In 2017 the Under 17 Mounted Games Championship will take place on Friday night during the Hastings Heart of Hawke's Bay Friday Night Extravaganza, which definitely not to be missed.

Particularly prominent in North America, the show hunter class holds roots in field hunting and is all about elegance. Judged over fences, there is no speed involved and combinations must jump cleanly and in good style and rhythm. Judges look for horses that jump effortlessly and riders that are quiet and in good balance with their mounts, placing them in the correct position to jump perfectly. Pony and horse championships take place over the Friday and Saturday of the show.

Showing began as a way for riders to showcase young horses and their potential for success in other disciplines. A horse that moves well, presents a nice picture with immaculate turn out and manners, and has good overall conformation will do well in the show ring.

### The Shopping:

The shopping at HOY is not to be missed, with stores and suppliers from around the country, and as far afield as Australia, coming to showcase their products at the event. There is a thorough selection of equestrian, lifestyle, clothing and food sites present and many local companies choose the show to represent their shops and brand.

Hundreds of sites offer incredible variety, with stallholders often bringing out their very best deals to entice the customers in. A new al fresco living area will add to the lifestyle aspect of HOY for shoppers.



Juliet Wood riding Waitangi Pinterest in the 2\* eventing at HOY 2016

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## HOY Schedule

### Tuesday 7 March:

School's Open Day

5.30pm – Hawke's Bay Farmers' Market

### Wednesday 8 March:

8.30am – AHD Ltd 6yr Old Horse of the Year

2.00pm – GJ Gardner Homes Pro-Amateur Rider of the Year

4.45pm – Virbac Equine Norwood Gold Cup

### Thursday 9 March:

8.30am – Land Rover 3\* Eventing Dressage

3.00pm – Dunstan Horsefeeds 7yr Old Horse of the Year

5.30pm – Ultra Mox Lady Rider of the Year

5.30pm – Cape Kidnapper's Hall of Fame Cocktail Party

### Friday 10 March:

8.30am – Land Rover 3\* Eventing Show Jumping

12.30pm – Dunstan Horsefeeds Young Rider of the Year

4.00pm – Silver Fern Stakes

7.00pm – Hastings Heart of Hawke's Bay Friday Night Extravaganza

### Saturday 11 March:

9.30am – Land Rover 3\* Eventing Cross Country

9.30am – Woodford House Cross Country Champagne Brunch

3.00pm – Farmlands Pony of the Year

6.00pm – Premier Stakes

### Sunday 12 March:

8.30am – Saba Sam Shield

10.15am – Fiber Fresh Feeds Junior Rider of the Year

1.00pm – GJ Gardner Homes Grand Prix Freestyle Dressage Horse of the Year

2.00pm – Olympic Cup

**Please note that times are approximate.**

Food and drink are always a big part of any show and 2017 is no exception. A new wine bar at the Premier Dressage Arena will allow spectators a taste from local vineyards, while the popular Asahi Nations Bar will be back again and servicing the Land Rover Premier Jumping Arena, and there are over 35 food vendors to choose from if you are looking for something to eat.

### The VIP Experience:

VIP treatment is available in a variety of forms, from daily lunches to VIP events. You may want to rub shoulders with the big guns at the Cape Kidnappers Hall of Fame Cocktail Dinner on Thursday night, or treat yourself to watching the cross country in style on Saturday morning at the Woodford House Champagne Breakfast. There are also limited VIP weekend packages available which include two or three day passes, Woodford House Champagne Breakfast passes, a program and parking.

### Entertainment:

The popular Hastings Heart of Hawke's Bay Friday Night Extravaganza is set to be as thrilling as ever in 2017, with a real showcase of equestrian and local acts set to take the stage. The Equissage Slalom Sweepstake will run as a high speed jumping contest where the winner takes all, followed by the Under 17 Mounted Games Championship. A pony high jump competition will excite and entertain crowds as young riders take their pint-sized mounts over massive jumps. Several local and out of town acts will support the evening as will many equestrian superstars, so it's definitely a night not to miss.

The Hawke's Bay Farmers' Market will be a highlight of the week - taking place on Tuesday early evening, it's a perfect chance for the family to come and get a taste of the event.

Tuesday is also Horse of the Year School's Open Day, where schools from around the area have been invited to attend the show for the day. There they will be able to view their banners created for the Resene Schools Horses in Hawke's Bay Art Competition on display, as well get a taste of what the show is all about.

**This year a FREE Nimon's shuttle bus will be running from central Hastings, to Havelock North village and onto the showgrounds, making attendance a breeze.**

Visit Horse of the Year's website [www.hoy.kiwi](http://www.hoy.kiwi) for more show information and to purchase tickets.



# Celebrating Hastings' diversity on International Cultures Day

Join us to celebrate our multicultural Hawke's Bay in beautiful Cornwall Park this Saturday 4 March. Organised by the New Zealand China Friendship Society, International Cultures Day will have food and entertainment from all corners of the globe.

"We are very excited by the wide range of entertainment acts set to be part of the day, including dancing, drumming, singing and more," says New Zealand China Friendship Society President, Sally Russell.

The mouth-watering food on offer, representing a variety of cuisines from the diverse cultures who now live in Hawke's Bay, is always a highlight. There will be something to suit all tastes, with the energetic chopping of preparation at the Sri Lankan stall drawing the crowd waiting for their delicious Kottus roti, as

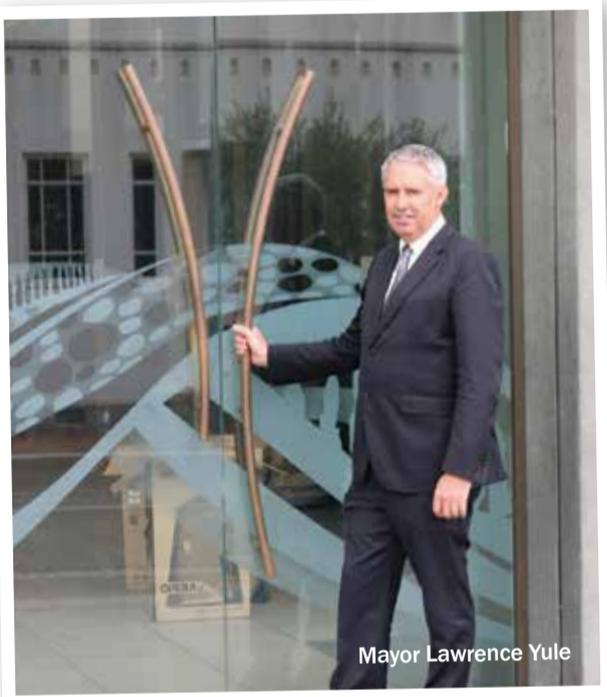
well as Indian, Cantonese and Brazilian cuisines this year.

To celebrate the upcoming Horse of the Year show, Ros Rowe from the Leg-up Trust is bringing horses to International Cultures Day, including one of the famous Kaimanawa horses, to show how Leg-Up uses horses to relate to young people.

International Cultures Day begins at 11am with a flag ceremony and kapa haka and continues until 3.30 pm with a full programme of local performers.



International Cultures Day



Mayor Lawrence Yule

## Start on Opera House build in August

Work on strengthening the Hawke's Bay Opera House will start in August and take about 18 months.

"We're very pleased to be able to announce a start on the work. It has been a very detailed process getting to this point and we are aware that our residents have shown a lot of patience while they wait for the project to get started," says Hastings Mayor Lawrence Yule.

Project manager Herman Wismeyer of Focus Project Management was appointed by Hastings District Council in November 2016 to oversee the earthquake strengthening project.

An extensive public consultation was carried out last year asking residents if they were in favour of strengthening and re-opening the Opera House; 80 per cent of respondents were in favour of bringing the building up to 70 to 75 per cent of the current New Building Standard.

"It is a very big project, but with the backing of our people we believe that this level of intervention will ensure our Opera House's security into the future. It is a vital piece

of our heritage, at more than 100 years old. We will all be extremely pleased to see it open and filled with our people again," says Mr Yule.

The Hawke's Bay Opera House was closed in 2014 after engineers found the 12-metre side walls of the theatre could collapse on an audience during an earthquake. Parts of the Opera House fell well short of national requirements to reach at least 34 per cent of the current building code.

The indicative cost of strengthening the building is \$11 million, however that could change through the finalising of the tender. Mr Yule says external fundraising opportunities were continuing to be investigated.

The membership of the Council subcommittee overseeing the project is made up of councillors George Lyons, Malcolm Dixon and Sandra Hazlehurst, chaired by Councillor Adrienne Pierce.

## WHAT'S ON IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

### Find out what's happening these school holidays!

Sign up to our e-newsletter to find out what Hastings District Council's facilities (including our libraries, art gallery, pools, community centres, sports centre and more) have planned for the April school holidays.

Visit [www.hastingsdc.govt.nz](http://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz) and click on 'email newsletters' at the bottom right side of the homepage.

## Join the Hastings District Council Citizens' Panel



### We want to hear from you!

As a Council we want to be responsive to our community on local issues. The key to this is your feedback which is why we launched our Citizens' Panel.

Panel members are periodically asked to complete short surveys; with the findings presented to Council decision makers to ensure that the public is heard on critical issues.

The panel is administered by an independent organisation, meaning your details are kept completely confidential.

We now have an online form where you can sign up to the Citizens' Panel. It's quick and easy to use - you just need an email address to sign up.

### Join today!

Visit [www.hastingsdc.govt.nz](http://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz) and click on the 'Citizens' Panel' banner on the homepage.

Your local councillors



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COUNCILLOR DAMON HARVEY



COUNCILLOR ANN REDSTONE



COUNCILLOR GERALDINE TRAVERS



COUNCILLOR BAYDEN BARBER

# What's on in March

## Hastings District Libraries

[www.hastingslibraries.co.nz](http://www.hastingslibraries.co.nz)

**Hastings Library - Cnr Eastbourne and Warren Sts**

**Flaxmere Library - Swansea Road**

**Havelock North - Te Mata Road**

### 3 MARCH & 4 MARCH

#### Friends of the Libraries Book Sale

Hastings War Memorial Library

Friday 9am – 6pm

Saturday 10am – 4pm

### 15 MARCH

#### Friends of the Hastings District Libraries Speaker Series

A talk by Geoffrey Palmer - Former Prime Minister of New Zealand

7pm, tickets \$10 each

Hastings War Memorial Library

### WED 29 MARCH

#### Bully beef, biscuits and scurvy: the rations at Gallipoli: a presentation by Glyn Harper

Hastings War Memorial Library

7pm, tickets \$10 each

[hastingslibraries.co.nz](http://hastingslibraries.co.nz)

### 5 APRIL

#### WW1 Voices: a talk by Anna Mackenzie

Hastings War Memorial Library

7pm, tickets \$10 each

[hastingslibraries.co.nz](http://hastingslibraries.co.nz)

## Hastings City Art Gallery

Open every day from 10am to 4.30pm FREE ENTRY

Phone (06) 871 5095 or email: [hastingsartgallery@hdc.govt.nz](mailto:hastingsartgallery@hdc.govt.nz)

[www.hastingscityartgallery.co.nz](http://www.hastingscityartgallery.co.nz)

### EXHIBITIONS

#### UNTIL 14 MAY

##### Iwi toi Kahungunu:

Artists from Iwi toi in conjunction with Te Matatini.

*Iwi toi Kahungunu* has an ongoing public programme which will continue throughout the exhibition. See our website for details or follow our Facebook page.

#### UNTIL 19 MARCH

##### Crossing the Bridge:

Christine Pattullo uses threads of fibre to create a visual history spanning seven generations of Maori and Pakeha parenting, from whaling days to more modern day parents.

#### 10 MARCH – 28 MAY

##### The Collector's Room

From private collections of Hawke's Bay.

### EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### Interactive Wall: Paper Canoe - He Waka Pepa

Make a paper waka/canoe. Use your pepeha to inspire the patterns and designs on your waka. This interactive activity is open every day of the exhibition. FREE

#### 2 MARCH

##### Lunchtime Tour

12.30pm, first Thursday of every month

Join us for a lunch time tour of our current exhibitions. No bookings required. FREE

#### 11 MARCH

##### The Collectors' Room Floor Talk, 11am

Join us to hear the talk by curators Roy Dunningham and Bronwyn Thorp along with some of the exhibiting collectors. No bookings required. FREE

#### 13 MARCH

##### Art For Tots,

10.30-11.30am

A fun and playful art experience for pre-schoolers and their adults, based on Christine Pattullo's Crossing the Bridge exhibition. Koha and bookings required.

#### SPLASH PLANET

##### 1001 Grove Road

Open until Sunday 26th March 2017

Weekends only 10am – 5.30pm

0508 SPLASH or 06 873 8033

[www.splashplanet.co.nz](http://www.splashplanet.co.nz)

#### EVERY SUNDAY

##### Hawke's Bay Farmers Market

Hawke's Bay A&P Showgrounds, Kenilworth Road

8.30am – 12.30pm

[Hawkesbayfarmersmarket.co.nz](http://Hawkesbayfarmersmarket.co.nz)

#### EVERY THURSDAY

##### Harcourts Hastings City Night Market

Albert Square (corner of Karamu Rd and Heretaunga St), 5pm – 8pm

Come down and enjoy some live entertainment and delicious food in the wonderful Albert Square.

#### 4 MARCH

##### Relay For Life – Hawke's Bay 2017

Sports Park Hawke's Bay

11am – 11pm

An inspiring community event that gives everyone a chance to celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost to cancer and raise awareness and funds to support the work of Cancer Society. For more information and to get involved, go to [www.relayforlife.org.nz/](http://www.relayforlife.org.nz/)

#### 4 MARCH

##### International Cultures Day 2017

Cornwall Park

11am – 3.30pm

Free event

The International Culture's Day showcases dancing, drumming, singing and yummy food from the diverse cultures who now live in Hawke's Bay.

#### 8 MARCH

##### Strong Invincible

Common Room, Hastings, 7pm

A fundraising concert for Hastings Women's Refuge, Strong Invincible features an all-star lineup of Hawke's Bay's best female musicians with the support of poets and storytellers. A great cause and a great way to celebrate International Women's Day. Tickets \$40 through Eventfinder. One drink and food included in the ticket price.

#### 9 MARCH

##### Hastings City HOY themed Market

Albert Square, Heretaunga St, 5pm – 8pm.

Horse lovers, come along to Horse of the Year themed markets. Blue Saloon will be playing on the night. More info at [www.hastingscitymarkets.co.nz](http://www.hastingscitymarkets.co.nz)

#### 11 MARCH

##### Triple Peaks Challenge

From 6.45am

Competitors run, walk or bike the 47km across Mt Erin, Mt Kahuranaki and Te Mata Peaks. For details go to [www.triplepeakschallenge.co.nz](http://www.triplepeakschallenge.co.nz)

#### 13 MARCH

##### Hawke's Bay Live Poets

Community Arts Centre, Russell Street

7.30pm – 9.30pm

25th birthday celebration & local guest poet

Valentina Teclici and her book launch.

#### 16 FEBRUARY – 11 MARCH

##### Kahungunu Taikura Kurupounamu Exhibition

Hastings Community Arts Centre Gallery

Classical and contemporary portraits celebrating Kahungunu Tipuna, catalysts, innovators, leaders, composers and songwriters. Free event [www.kahungunu.iwi.nz/waitangi-day](http://www.kahungunu.iwi.nz/waitangi-day)

#### 18 MARCH

##### Beer Appreciation Day

Duart House, 51 Duart Road, Havelock North

12:30 – 7pm

Beer Appreciation Day is about celebrating award winning and hard to find craft beers & ciders with the accompaniment of live music, DJ tunes and hearty kai. For more information and tickets, visit [beerappreciationday.co.nz](http://beerappreciationday.co.nz)

#### 18 MARCH

##### Maraekakaho Country Market Day

Cnr SH50 and Kereru Road, 10am -3pm

Come along to the 5th annual country market day for homemade goodies, crafts, produce, community stalls and more!

#### 18 MARCH

##### Hawke's Bay Knowledge Bank Open Day

901 Omahu Rd, Frimley

10am – 2pm, Free event

Come along and meet the volunteers, have a tour of the house and gardens. See all of the exciting things that have been going on at Hawke's Bay Knowledge Bank, which is a living record of Hawke's Bay and its people.

#### 19 MARCH

##### Lindisfarne College Gala

Pakowhai Road 9am -12.30, Free Event

Annual Gala, fun day for all the family and lots of bargains.

#### 23 MARCH

##### Edible Garden themed Market

Albert Square, Heretaunga St, 5pm – 8pm

A market themed on the holistic health benefits of having an edible garden at home.

For more info see [www.hastingscitymarkets.co.nz](http://www.hastingscitymarkets.co.nz)

#### 25, 26 MARCH

##### Bostock New Zealand Edible Garden Show

10am – 4pm, Free event

This show celebrates all aspects of edible gardens from garden to table. It will appeal to everyone from seasoned gardeners to complete novices, enthusiastic cooks, lifestylers, families, youth and anyone who wants to embrace a healthier way of living.

#### 31 MARCH

##### Sweet As Banana Pudding, Women's Art Exhibition and Sale

Women's Rest Building

Grand Opening, 5:30pm Tickets \$15 from the Women's Centre. Both men and women invited to attend.

Exhibition runs on 1 and 2 April. Annual fundraiser for the Heretaunga Women's Centre, featuring professional and emerging artists and designers. A range of art for all budgets.

## Horse of the Year

Hawke's Bay A&P Showgrounds



7-12 MARCH

New Zealand's premier equestrian competition, featuring a range of horse and rider combinations from multiple disciplines, returns in 2017. With over 1400 riders and 1800 horses, this event is a must-do! See [www.hoy.kiwi](http://www.hoy.kiwi) for tickets and full schedule of events.