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# My Hastings

Keep up with what's happening in Hastings District  
NEW ZEALAND'S MOST BEAUTIFUL PLACE,

## Hawke's Bay's first arts festival..

the magic is on its way



HASTINGS  
HEART OF HAWKE'S BAY



ROLL UP, ROLL UP  
IT'S THE BEARDED GIRL



IT'S A TOP NOTCH  
ROYAL A&P SHOW



THE OPERA HOUSE'S  
100TH BIRTHDAY



OCTOBER IS  
TIME FOR TARGA

**Now the vote on the Local Government Commission's council reorganisation proposal is over, I want to thank all those who voted in the poll. The outcome was a resounding endorsement for the current structure, albeit with a strong call for our region's councils to work more closely together.**

The region's Mayors and Chairman have committed to advancing significant new and broader shared services to build on previous successful arrangements such as the Oamaru Landfill and HB Crematorium. This is a great development and will have significant benefits to ratepayers across the region.

In the meantime, Hastings is celebrating being named New Zealand's most beautiful place. The response to the award, judged by Keep New Zealand Beautiful, has been fantastic, with thousands sharing the news on Hastings District Council's social media pages.

It's sometimes easy to forget just what a beautiful area we live in – but when you pull some of our amazing places together and put them in one book it reminds us.

Hastings first civic green space, Cornwall Park, gifted to the district more than 100 years ago, is one of the heroes of the

book. It has that magic mix of keeping stunning early features while adding new ones over the decades to keep it relevant to today's users. It really is "the granddad of our recreation spaces".

In all, Hastings is home to more than 55 hectares of sports fields, 545 hectares of parks and reserves, 10 hectares of gardens and shrub beds, and some 8000 trees. That is pretty impressive for a district with a population of about 74,000.

There have been so many groups involved in helping make Hastings beautiful – council could not have done it all by itself. One of those is The Landmarks Trust, a body set up by council in the late 1990s. The aim was to build a better future for the district through its environment, particularly its landscape, architecture and public art, but with a keen eye on the importance of its history. Landmarks is involved in beautifying the district across a range of initiatives: the city

centre's façade enhancement scheme, the placement of art on our streets and supporting new initiatives that help make Hastings even more beautiful.

To help recognise the work the trust puts in, a pocket park in the central city on Warren St, is named for it – and it is pleasing that the park's inclusion in our Beautiful Hastings submission helped us win the award.

Congratulations to all.

**Mayor Lawrence Yule**

To view Beautiful Hastings see: [www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/files/all/documents/BeautifulHastingsAwardEntry.pdf](http://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/files/all/documents/BeautifulHastingsAwardEntry.pdf)



## Putting Hawke's Bay 'on Show'

**The Hawke's Bay A&P Show is about celebrating the beautiful region we all live in, and showcasing its people, animals, produce, wine and lifestyle in many ways.**

The show has added kudos this year, holding Royal Show status. Just one show a year in New Zealand is deemed to be the Royal A&P Show, and Hawke's Bay has that honour for the next three years.

The show's events manager Anna Hamilton says that has attracted a much greater number of competitors, with cattle expected from as far north as Kaitiaki, and sheep entries coming from the South Island.

Winners of the prestigious royal classes will take home the national level tricolour ribbons. "It is extra kudos to win at the royal show," said Ms Hamilton. "People will travel a long way to compete at that prestigious level."

For those with an interest in the very top level of competition, the second day of the show, Thursday October 22, is the day to be on the A&P Showgrounds, said Ms

Hamilton. "Friday also has a lot of animal classes, but Thursday has the cream of the competition."

Those with an interest in all things equestrian will be entertained over all three days; Wednesday October 21 through to Friday October 23, with all classes covered, from Connemara ponies in hand, to dressage and jumping. Woodchopping is always a favourite, which is held on the Thursday and Friday, and as always the grand parade will be held on the Friday, at 1.15pm

For the kids, Ronald McDonald will be putting on shows at 11am and 2pm on the Wednesday, there will be amusement rides over the three days, and they will get a kick out of the lawn mower racing, which is being run all day on the Friday. Animal World – one of the most loved areas of the Show- will once again include goats, lambs, pigs, chickens, pony rides and plenty more animals to get up close to. For those looking to shop, there will more than 240 trade displays.

**A full programme of events is available on the show website: [showgroundshb.co.nz/hawkes-bay-on-show.php](http://showgroundshb.co.nz/hawkes-bay-on-show.php)**



## Opera House

**A public celebration of the Hawke's Bay Opera House's 100th Birthday is on Sunday, October 18, with festivities going on within the opera house plaza and on the street.**

The festivities will start at 11am with lots of action, including an official welcoming of 11 artworks being installed on the opera house fence, children's games from yesteryear, vintage cars and a special opera house birthday cake.

"Despite the current uncertainty around the Opera House's future direction, 100 years of great performances and memories can't be allowed to slip by without marking our Grand Old Lady's 100th birthday," says deputy mayor Cynthia Bowers.

The artworks have been commissioned from 11 noted artists with strong local connections.

"They are fantastic artworks that bring alive some of the special performances and activities that have taken place at the Opera House between 1915 and 2015," said Mrs Bowers.

The eleven artists involved are Martin Poppelwell, Freeman White, John Eaden, Kate Mackenzie, Mauricio Benega, Cinzah Merkens, Fane Flaws, Jo Blogg, Timo Rannali, Desna Whaanga-Schollum and Adrian Thornton.

The artworks will be installed the week leading up to the celebration.

On the day of the celebrations, a section of Hastings St and Heretaunga St East outside the opera house will be closed from 11 am and 2pm.

This will provide an opportunity for people to get up close and personal with the artworks, as well as speak with some of the artists.

**For more information see: [hastingsdc.govt.nz](http://hastingsdc.govt.nz) over the next week.**

## Come and support our Great Local Band!



Taking the headline spot on the Hastings-Heart of Hawke's Bay community stage on Friday 23 October will be the winner of the Great Local Band competition – as voted by the people of Hawke's Bay.

This brand new idea from the Hastings District Council (HDC) will give bands a chance to swap the garage for the big stage. The hunt for the next great local band has been kicked off by bands uploading a video of their best performance to the HDC Facebook

page. The most liked video wins a prize pack which includes being paid to play on the Hastings-Heart of Hawke's Bay community stage, a professionally designed band logo, a professional photo shoot and tickets to attend the Hawke's Bay A&P show for their friends and family.

**Come along and support your Great Local Band on Friday 23 October at 12 noon. Find them on the Hastings-Heart of Hawke's Bay community stage.**



MAYOR LAWRENCE YULE



DEPUTY MAYOR CYNTHIA BOWERS



COUNCILLOR ADRIENNE PIERCE



COUNCILLOR GEORGE LYONS



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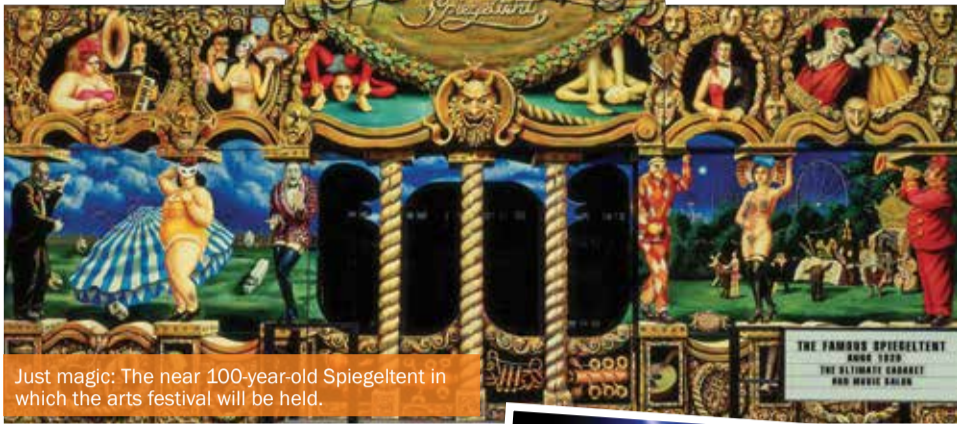


COUNCILLOR JOHN ROIL



COUNCILLOR KEVIN WATKINS

# A tent of mirrors for the Bay's first arts festival



Just magic: The near 100-year-old Spiegeltent in which the arts festival will be held.

## While holding a major event in a Spiegeltent is brand new for Hawke's Bay, the concept comes with a very long history.

The Famous Spiegeltent, in which the inaugural Harcourts Hawke's Bay Arts Festival will be held, will be erected on Havelock North Domain by October 22.

Then, from October 27, the 13 day festival will begin, showcasing a vast range of acts from physical theatre and music, to comedy and cabaret. There will be 41 shows put on by 29 acts, both national and international, and festival director Pitsch Leiser says there will be "something for everyone".

"The line-up includes international festival favourites along with classic crowd-pleasers, family-friendly theatre and dance, and the type of edgy alternatives that you only get at an arts festival. There are real gems you might otherwise not see in Hawke's Bay and I encourage everyone to step out of their comfort zone and experience some unique and innovative performances."

All but one of the festival acts will play in the Spiegeltent – and that one takes place in a bus. The Java Dance Company will pick up its audience twice daily (6pm and 8pm) from November 3 to November 6 from the Havelock North Domain bus stop. The company's show was a sell-out success at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, and the best reviewed dance show at the Adelaide Fringe Festival.

Back of the Bus is billed as a "once in a lifetime experience" which sees the dance troupe propelling themselves through the bus. "Physical comedy, pure kinetic energy and outrageous scenarios combine to create a magical mystery tour of the unexpected."

Back in the Spiegeltent the range of shows is mind-boggling; from Brazilian songstress



It's a circus: Knee Deep Casus Circus, billed as Australia's hottest new circus company.

Alda Rezende, a band made up of Danes and Irish, an Australian flamenco dancer and the Modern Maori Quartet, to the Knee Deep Circus from Australia, and theatre groups putting on shows with names like Beards, Beards, Beards and Banging Cymbal, Clanging Gong. For a change of pace, the tent is also hosting an eight-strong line-up of Readers and Writers events.

And then there is the Famous Spiegeltent, an act in itself, says Leiser. The word spiegel is Dutch for mirror, with the whole word translating as mirror tent. The near 100-year-old Famous Spiegeltent that is on its way to Hawke's Bay was made in Belgium, and has been shipped around the world to host festivals. It is lined with mirrors, hence the name.

The tents were first built in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, as gathering places for dances, fairs and circuses in villages that were without a community hall to hold such events.

Without its opera house, Hawke's Bay finds itself in a similar position, and as the Famous Spiegeltent was already in New Zealand for similar events, Leiser put together a plan to bring it to Havelock North.

**See: [www.hbaf.co.nz](http://www.hbaf.co.nz). Tickets can be purchased from both the Hastings and Havelock North i-SITES**

## The Famous Spiegeltent

**The Famous Spiegeltent was hand-made in the 1920s by two master craftsmen: Oscar Mois Dom and Louis Goor.**

Made of 3000 separate pieces – using wood, steel, mirrors, canvas, stained glass, velvet and brocade - it is touted as having the grandest decorations of all the spiegel tents.

It has been shipped across the world and set up for events across Europe, Canada, Australia

and New Zealand. It has hosted some very famous acts, including Marlene Dietrich and Edith Piaf in the mid 1900s.

It is transported in shipping containers and put together on site over 36 hours. A tent master from Australia travels with the tent to ensure it is put together correctly. It has the capacity to host about 300 people. To see a time lapse video of a spiegel tent being erected see:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=eMqluMgSMMA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eMqluMgSMMA)

## Pitsch's Picks:

The Harcourts Hawke's Bay Arts Festival director Pitsch Leiser says the festival line-up caters for everyone, from children and music lovers, to lovers of classic theatre to those wanting more bite with their performance art. He has picked out some "must sees" for a range of audiences.

### Circus:

#### Knee Deep – Casus Circus

This hot new circus company from Australia is an absolute must-see! Amazing physical feats with breath-taking beauty and raw emotion, this show has been thrilling audiences at festivals throughout Australasia and Europe, winning Best Circus Act at the prestigious Avignon Festival in France.

### Children:

#### Beards! Beards! Beards! – Trick of the Light Theatre

A madcap musical romp of physical comedy and clowning, which will delight both the young, and the young at heart, produced by award winning Trick of the Light Theatre Company.

### Music:

#### The Tom Jobim Songbook – Alda Rezende Sextet

Smooth, sultry and soulful, this is Brazilian jazz at its best. Enjoy a glass of Hawke's Bay's finest while Alda Rezende and her talented sextet transport you to the beaches and clubs of Brazil.

### Family:

#### Double Derelicts - White Face Crew

The perfect show for the whole family performed by this supremely talented trio. Slapstick, spontaneity, improvisation, clowning, hip-hop and good old-fashioned fun combine to make this show a true delight brought to you by the talented White Face Crew.

### Dance:

#### Arte Kanela Flamenco

Australia's finest flamenco troupe breathes new life into this traditional art form. Delighting audiences at festivals in New Zealand and Australia, this troupe will be lifting the roof.



Beard-riden: Trick of the Light Theatre presents Beards, Beards, Beards.



Good old fashioned fun: Betsy and Mana Productions presents Double Derelicts – White Face Crew

## Carla's picks

**If forced, and it takes some forcing, Hastings District Council's libraries programme manager Carla Crosbie can pick two of the eight Readers and Writers events that are part of the upcoming Harcourts Hawke's Bay Arts Festival that she really does not want to miss – but it is not easy.**

She will be ring-side at every Readers and Writers event, and says there is something in every one of the eight for everybody.

"I think they're all unmissable – but if I really have to pick two, then I would probably go firstly for Words, Wine and Food. I saw Allyson Gofton speak a few years ago before her French adventure, and I'm really looking forward to hearing about her experience of living there for a year and how that has developed into her French cookbook. And I'm looking forward to seeing her interacting with Pipi café owner Alexandra Tylee. I'm a huge Pipi fan. It's one of the places I take visiting authors – I love the eclectic homey style of Pipi and with the exquisite high quality food, it's somewhere the authors always enjoy.

"My second must-see would be Undercurrents: Can A Good Poem Beat Good Music? I'm a huge Selina Tusitala Marsh fan; she is a brilliant performance poet. She won an award for her book Fast Talking PI and is a professor at Auckland University. Marty Smith, who will be on with her, is also amazing. She's also won an award, for her book Horse with Hat. Their discussion will be led by internationally acclaimed flautist Jose Aparicio, looking at the link between poetry and music.

"And then there is Changing Lives; Janice Marriott and Virginia Pawsey – that's going to have such wide appeal; especially to women who have good friends, it's all about friendship, connection and gardens and change – all those things women can relate to.

"They are all very special; I think it's best if we all see as many as we can."



Different worlds: A look at the different worlds that poetry and music can open up.



COUNCILLOR MALCOLM DIXON



COUNCILLOR MICK LESTER



COUNCILLOR ROD HEAPS



COUNCILLOR SANDRA HAZLEHURST



COUNCILLOR SIMON NIXON



COUNCILLOR TANIA KERR



COUNCILLOR WAYNE BRADSHAW

## Hastings Art Gallery Events

### UNTIL 26 OCTOBER

**Five by Five: New Conversations with Clay**  
Five works by five artists who experiment on the fringes of ceramic practice.

### ALL MONTH

**Te Kāhui Maunga Kura Toi - 30 Years of Contemporary Māori Art from Te Wānanga o Aotearoa**

Te Kāhui Maunga Kura Toi brings together the work of 50 artists, carvers, weavers and multi-media artists from Te Wānanga o Aotearoa.

### ALL MONTH

**NZ Māori Artists and Writers 1973 to 1993**

The exhibition by John Miller, one of New Zealand's finest documentary photographers, captures and documents the many hui and wānanga of the New Zealand Māori Artists and Writers organisation

### 5 OCTOBER

**Children's art workshop**

Interactive colouring and design art workshop for 6-12 year olds 10.30am to 12.30pm. Contact the Hastings City Art Gallery to register, \$10 per child.

### 10 OCTOBER

**Traditional Pounamu Carving**

At this any age workshop, participants will make a pounamu drop or adze. 10.30am to 4pm. Contact the Hastings City Art Gallery to register, \$75 per person.

### 31 OCTOBER

**Te Ngeri o Ngāti Kahungunu**

Come along to this free event and see a presentation by Dr Timoti Karetu. Booking required at the Hastings City Art Gallery. 11am.

### 1 NOVEMBER

**Maori Wood Carving Workshop**

For 16 years and older, learn from Charles Paringatai. 10.30am-12.30pm. Contact the Hastings City Art Gallery to register, \$10 per person.

## Hawke's Bay Art Festival 'Taster'

*The Famous Spiegeltent, Havelock North Domain*

### 27 OCTOBER

Rosey + the Seisiun - 7.30pm

### 28/29 OCTOBER

Knee Deep - Casus Circus - 8pm/8.15pm

### 29 OCTOBER

Undercurrents: can a good poem beat good music? 5.30pm

### 30 OCTOBER

Banging Cymbal, Clanging Gong - 10pm

### 30 OCTOBER

Pass the Gat - 7pm

### 31 OCTOBER

Slipping the Moorings - 12noon

### 31 OCTOBER

On the Conditions and Possibilities of Hilary Clinton Taking Me as Her Young Lover - 10pm

### 31 OCTOBER / 1 NOVEMBER

An evening with the Modern Maori Quartet 7pm/8.15pm

### 31 OCTOBER

Beards! Beards! Beards! - 4pm

For more detailed information on these and other shows go to [www.hbaf.co.nz](http://www.hbaf.co.nz)

### 2 OCTOBER

**Volunteer Fire Brigade Fundraiser**

Village Square, Middle Road, Havelock North  
Come and see Chef Martin Bosley cooking bacon butties for a good cause - \$10.00 for a Bacon Buttie and coffee. 7am to 11am.

### 1 OCTOBER AND 8 OCTOBER

**Animal Care**

Animates, 516 Heretaunga St, Hastings  
Learn about cats and dogs of all shapes and sizes at this free event. 11am.

### 1 OCTOBER

**Hastings City Night Market**

Central City, Hastings  
First Night Market of the year from 5pm-9pm and then every Thursday.

### 7 OCTOBER

**Disney Movie Madness**

Hastings War Memorial Library, Warren St, Hastings  
Disney classics 10am, noon and 2pm. Free but children must be accompanied by a caregiver.

### 7-9 OCTOBER

**Introduction to Road Riding**

Hawke's Bay Regional Sports Park, Percival Road, Hastings  
Three day cycling course for 8 to 12-year-olds, \$110 per person. For more information and to book visit [www.sportspark.co.nz](http://www.sportspark.co.nz)

### 8 OCTOBER

**Recycled Teenagers Club**

Hawke's Bay Regional Sports Park, Percival Rd, Hastings  
For 55-year-olds and over - have a go at orienteering, Cross Fit, Cycling, Croquet, Tai Chi, and Karate. 9am to 11am on the first Tuesday of every month. \$5 per person. Book at [www.sportspark.co.nz](http://www.sportspark.co.nz)

### 9 OCTOBER

**Digital Storytime**

Hastings War Memorial Library, Warren St, Hastings  
Combining books and technology, 10am. Free but children must be accompanied by a caregiver.

### 9 OCTOBER

**ITM Cup Rugby**

McLean Park, Latham St, Napier  
Magpies v Waikato, 7.35pm from \$20 a ticket.

### 10 OCTOBER

**Mitre 10 Mega Ride in a Truck Day**

Turners and Growers, Groome Place, Whakatu, Hastings  
Family fun fundraiser for Little Elms, 9am to 2pm. For information and tickets see [www.mitre10.co.nz/local/MegaHB/Ride\\_in\\_a\\_Truck\\_Day/](http://www.mitre10.co.nz/local/MegaHB/Ride_in_a_Truck_Day/)

### 16 OCTOBER

**Hawke's Bay Breast Cancer Fun Walk**

Civic Square, Hastings  
Fundraiser supporting Hawke's Bay women living with breast cancer, 6pm, register at ANZ, \$5.

### 17 - 18 OCTOBER

**The Original Gypsy Fair, Havelock North Domain, Napier Road, Havelock North.**

### 17 OCTOBER

**Food Waste Workshops, Environment Centre Hawke's Bay, 809 Karamu Road, Hastings. 10am to noon. Free to attend but register at [www.eventfinda.co.nz](http://www.eventfinda.co.nz).**

### 18 OCT

**Hawke's Bay Opera House 100th Birthday party**

HBOH Plaza, Hastings St, Hastings  
Come and celebrate our Grand Old Lady's 100th Birthday. There will be some formal proceedings followed by an opportunity to view the fantastic centenary artworks and speak with some of the artists that created them. This family fun event also includes children's games from yesteryear, veteran cars, sausages, ice cream and a special Opera House birthday cake! Check out [www.hastingsdc.govt.nz](http://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz) over the coming week for more details. 11am-2pm

### 18 OCTOBER

**Strata Group Tour of the Bay**

Guthrie Park, Brookvale Road, Havelock North  
Taking in the scenic Hawke's Bay Countryside and open to everyone with a bike. The day will also be filled with fun, entertainment, spot prizes and giveaways. Enter at [www.tourofthebay.co.nz](http://www.tourofthebay.co.nz).

### 21-23 OCT

**Hawke's Bay A&P Show**

Hawke's Bay Showgrounds, Kenilworth Road, Hastings  
Animals of all shapes and sizes, strong livestock competition, wood choppers, fencing, world class shearing - Hawke's Bay on Show is a true celebration of Hawke's Bay rural life coming to town!

### 23-26 OCTOBER

**Keirunga Park Railway**

Keirunga Park, Pufflet Road, Havelock North  
Keirunga Park Railway is open all Labour Weekend with visiting locos from all around the North Island. For more information visit [www.keirungaparkrailway.org.nz](http://www.keirungaparkrailway.org.nz)

### 28 OCTOBER

**Waste Free Parenting Workshop**

Environment Centre Hawke's Bay, 809 Karamu Road, Hastings  
Learn how to minimize waste at home and learn lots about modern cloth nappy options. \$25 to attend and registration essential at [www.eventfinda.co.nz](http://www.eventfinda.co.nz).

### 30 OCTOBER

**Hawke's Bay Districts Junior Chess Tournament**

Play against other Year 1-6 novice chess players to be crowned the Hastings District Junior Chess Champion! Register online <http://bit.ly/1Hw5yWm> cost is \$3 per person

### 30 OCTOBER - 1 NOVEMBER

**Hawke's Bay Home & Garden Show**

McLean Park, Latham St, Napier  
Home improvements made easy at this show filled with all the ideas and information that you need to make transforming your house or garden a breeze.

### 31 OCTOBER

**ANZ futureFERNs Netball Festival Day**

Hawke's Bay Regional Sports Park, Percival Rd, Hastings  
Come along and celebrate junior Netball with activities, games and autographs. Registrations essential at [www.eventfinda.co.nz](http://www.eventfinda.co.nz). 11am -1pm.

### 31 OCT

**Blast in the Park Fireworks**

Anderson Park, Te Aute Road, Havelock North  
This is Hastings' only public Guy Fawkes celebration and there will be gourmet burgers, hot dogs, chips, lollies, coffee and drinks for sale. There's also a Classic Hits family disco before the fireworks. Tickets on sale at Havelock North Primary School. 6pm - 9pm



Treachers Lane, Havelock North

### 30 OCTOBER

Targa New Zealand celebrates 21 years with 1000s of Special Stage around the Central North Island. Targa will be based in Havelock North on Friday the 30th of October with a Motorshow from 3:30pm - 6:30pm at Treachers Lane and Kids in Cars free, family, fun zone at Martin Place from 6pm until 8pm. Come down and see the cars, meet the drivers and enjoy the bouncy castles, car club displays and motorsport festival.