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Three day racing bonanza

Family friendly games and activities, high fashion, a party atmosphere and highly tuned athletes competing at the highest level (albeit of the equestrian persuasion) area all part of a three day racing carnival.

The annual Bostock New Zealand Spring Racing Carnival kicks off with the family-orientated Makfi Challenge Stakes Daffodil Raceday on Saturday, 27th August. Daffodil raceday has become one of the biggest family events in Hawke's Bay, attracting 5,500 last year.

It will be the third time the first day of the carnival has been dedicated to raising funds for the Cancer Society, with entry by donation to the cause.

Last year it raised more than \$20,000 for the Cancer Society, a sum Hawke's Bay Racing aims to beat this year, says marketing and events manager Greg Howie.

Hawke's Bay Racing has a few more ideas to raise funds for the cause. The TAB will donate \$1000 for any horse wearing the Daffodil Day colours, as chosen by HB Racing boss Andrew 'Butch' Castles, which wins their race.

"The partnership with Hawke's Bay Cancer Society really means a lot to us. This year,

as part of our support, the staff at Hawke's Bay Racing are volunteering a half day at the Cancer Society to get a better handle on what their work involves," says Howie.

The Makfi Challenge Stakes Daffodil Raceday will be a great day out for the family. As well as the racing there will be Olympic-style games for the kids put on by radio station The Hits, bouncy castles and a special appearance by Olympian Black Sticks Player Anita Punt who, Howie says, "was inspired by her last name to come to take a punt at our race day this year."

The second day of the carnival is Saturday 17th September. This day is one for racing purists, featuring one of New Zealand's most highly rated races, the Group One Windsor Park Plate. This event is perfect for groups looking to book in fun with friends or corporate hospitality functions, says Howie.

The carnival culminates with the Livamol Classic on Saturday, 1st October, the 61st time the Classic has been run in Hastings.

It is the fashionistas race day, with punters donning hats, fascinators and fancy frocks and suits, says Howie.

"It's the big social event on the HB calendar when friends and family can dress up and enjoy a day together in a relaxed, party atmosphere. We have DJs and bands from all over New Zealand performing at mini-villages across the racing centre".

Early bird specials for general admission and the many hospitality areas close in late August, with the BBQ Gourmet Long Lunch area already sold out.




A new star is rising

An area "rich in both Maori and European history" is about to become home to New Zealand's first public celestial star compass.

It will open in Waitangi Regional Park early next year.

The star compass project, led by the Te Matau a Maori Voyaging Trust, is being supported by Hastings District Council.

It is part of a much broader Hawke's Bay Regional Council-led project to transform Waitangi Regional Park into one of the top reserves in the region.

Hastings District Council is contributing \$40,000 toward the compass. Construction will begin in October. Further projects include the building of a car park and the enhancement of the wetlands, including the planting of thousands of native plants.

The park lies between Awatoto and Clive, where the Tutaekuri, Ngaruroro and Tukituki Rivers, a large estuary and the wetlands all merge with the sea. The area is popular for recreational activities, but is often a site for rubbish dumping and has become quite run-down, says the regional council.

The compass will be used to teach traditional celestial navigation techniques to trainee navigators and waka crews, says Phillip Smith of the Te Matau a Maori Voyaging Trust.

It is expected to attract visits from schools, community groups and the general public. Signs at the site will explain the basics of traditional astronomy and navigation.

"The Waitangi Regional Park area is rich in both Maori and European history and the star compass will be a major landmark for Hawke's Bay," says Smith.

"Visitors will have the opportunity to learn about both traditional celestial navigation and also the estuary environment."

The project is supported by local iwi and hapu, with skilled local Ngati Kahungunu carvers to carve the pou that form the points of the compass.

Inspiring another generation

What do you get when you match Hastings District Council with students from Hastings Girls High School? A whole lot of work inspiration!

The council was one of the first to implement an innovative employer-led work exploration programme that has come out of the United Kingdom. Brought to New Zealand by Careers New Zealand, the Work Inspiration Programme is all about giving students a chance to investigate different employment options. For Council, it was an opportunity to engage with young people and show them what Council does.

A report published by the Education and Employers Taskforce showed that young people who have four or more contacts with employers while they are at school are five times less likely to be unemployed once they leave school.



Looking ahead: Students meet up with Council staff to talk about careers.

Sixteen young people from Hastings Girls High School undertook the programme part-time over a six week period. They were buddied up with Council staff who helped steer the students through the programme, and provided inspiration along the way. The programme was structured around three phases where they got to discover their career and interests, learn more about Council by undertaking the full day induction tour around its facilities, and explore career paths by having conversations with senior staff in areas the student were interested in.

Oak Meadow, Hawke's Bay's first natural burial site

Hastings has added a wild flower natural burial site to its Mangaroa Cemetery.

Natural burial sites are still relatively rare in New Zealand cemeteries, says Hastings District Council cemetery manager Garry Bowles.

"The process involves the burial of the deceased in the soil where their body is allowed to recycle naturally through the decomposition process. Something else that is different from traditional cemeteries is that there aren't any headstones or markers on the grave itself."

Natural burial sites are generally left to nature where flora and fauna flourish and over time become self-sufficient.

Oak Meadow is Hastings District Council's natural burial site which is covered with a mass of wildflowers that encourage insects and birds, plus a young oak tree which is centrally planted.

The meadow has been designed as a place of reflection in a natural, beautiful and peaceful setting, Bowles says.



Peaceful: Oak Meadow is a place of reflection.

"The seating area surrounding the oak is the perfect spot to take some time and remember your loved one or even hold a small service, and the woodland walk is a good way to take in the absolute beauty of Oak Meadow."

Bowles visits Oak Meadow regularly and enjoys watching it change with the seasons. "It really is a beautiful place and it's great that we can provide another choice for the family of the deceased at a really tough time in their lives."

Hastings has four cemeteries; at Orchard Road, Havelock North, Puketapu and Mangaroa.

Hastings; a home away from home

Art gallery audience engagement officer Elham Salari moved to Hawke's Bay four years ago and says that in Hastings she has found her New Zealand home.

But she is still very much an Iranian and is keen to share the story of her "real Iran", saying there are a lot of misconceptions.

An interview with Elham on Iranian culture played on National Radio in July: www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/voices/audio/201807086/the-real-iran-elham's-story

Being an interviewee for the Voices programme with Linda Chanwai-Earle appealed as a programme that helped listeners understand and engage with other cultures, Ms Salari said.

"Linda interviews people from Afghanistan, Brazil, Africa, Asia, - all around the world. [Talking to them] about their culture and their ways of living in their home country."

The programme talks to both migrants and New Zealand-born family of migrants; people from

minority communities with stories to share: "Individual and organisational achievements, issues, problems experienced, problems caused, culture, lifestyle, politics, religion, arts, music and more - a mix of light and shade", says the Voices web page.

Elham and husband Ben moved to New Zealand five years ago, firstly to Wellington. They did not feel particularly settled and decided to investigate further afield.

"Hawke's Bay was very attractive to me, the people are very friendly and welcoming, and the greenery [poplar trees] are very similar to the trees in my home area. There is also a lot of grapes here. In Iran every home has grape vines. I felt more connection to Hastings."

Now she works at the Council's Hastings City Art Gallery as an audience engagement officer, and credits being out in the community meeting lots of people for helping her settle in so well.

"Being at the gallery has been wonderful for meeting people; it's like my second home."

She believes living in a place with a smaller population also makes it



Home: Elham Salari, with RNZ reporter Linda Chanwai-Earle, is at home in Hastings.

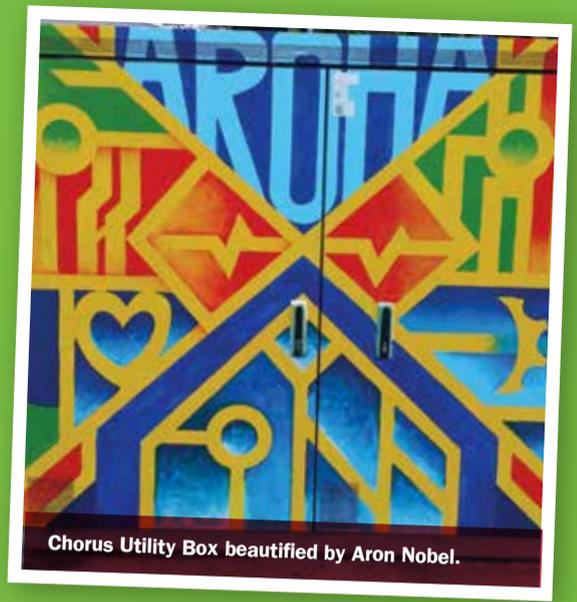
easier to link up with new people.

"I do think finding your place in a community is easier in a smaller place. We felt very welcome in Hastings and people were excited to meet someone from another country. Now it is nice to be on the street and see people I've come to know."

"Hastings is very different in a lot of ways from Iran. Teheran, where I come from, is a city of 12 million and it is very busy 24 hours a day; seven days a week. Compared to that Hastings is very small."

Hawke's Bay climate also appealed.

"The climate, with really hot summers, is also much more similar to home than Wellington is."



Chorus Utility Box beautified by Aron Nobel.

Hastings getting prettier and prettier

Prettying up more Hastings utility boxes is underway, with the facelift of a Chorus box in Gascoigne St completed.

"Arohanui" is artist Aron Nobel's second work in the project. His original one is in Wilson Rd, Flaxmere.

Aron's work brings the total number of decorated telecommunication boxes across the district to 21, with that number expected to reach 30 by the end of the year.

That will see all of the Chorus boxes in Flaxmere beautified and almost all in Hastings and Havelock North.

The project is in its third year, after Hastings District Council staff decided to trial it in a bid to stop tagging attacks on the boxes.

Telecommunications company Chorus agreed to partner Council in the project, and it had proved a "win/win" for both, said council's environment enhancement officer Wendy Beeke.

It had been very successful at putting off taggers, she said.

"They look great and so people respect them. Research told us that public art reduced the amount of tagging on things like utility boxes; and it has proved true. We get beautiful art to look at, and Chorus doesn't have to spend time and money constantly removing tagging from their infrastructure."

The project sees council and Chorus staff choose the final artworks from artists' submissions. The works have to be relevant to the suburb in which they are sited.

This time around there are new artists about to put their work on the boxes as well as those who have completed previous works. As the art is completed, Council will announce the artist and location of the work.

The boxes being beautified this year are:

Flaxmere

- Near 19 Taret St
- Near Kirkwood and Omaha Rds intersection
- Havelock North
- Near 338 Te Mata Rd
- Near 38 Te Mata Peak Rd

Hastings

- Near 816 Nelson St
- Near 306 Willowpark Rd South
- Near 416 Gascoigne St (completed)
- Near 318 Orchard Rd
- Near 704 Pakowhai Rd
- Near Mahora School

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What's on in August

Hastings District Libraries

www.hastingslibraries.co.nz

Hastings Library - Cnr Eastbourne and Warren Sts

Flaxmere Library - Swansea Road

Havelock North - Te Mata Road

WEEKLY

MONDAY

3.30pm Minecraft Club at Havelock North.

WEDNESDAY

10.30am Preschool storytime, Havelock North & Hastings.

4pm - 5pm Clan of Coders, Flaxmere.

THURSDAY

10.30am Preschool storytime at Flaxmere.

SUNDAY

2pm Storytime at Hastings.

FORTNIGHTLY

TUESDAY 2 & 16, 30 AUGUST

10.30am Adult book chat at Flaxmere.

TUESDAY 2, 16 & 30 AUGUST

3.30pm Teen book club at Flaxmere & Hastings.

THURSDAY 4 & 18 AUGUST

3.30pm Minecraft Club at Hastings.

TUESDAY 9 & 23 AUGUST / FRIDAY 5 & 19 AUGUST

3.30 - 5.30pm Hastings Library Electronic Gaming sessions.

THURSDAY 11 & 25 AUGUST

3.30pm Junior Book club at Hastings & Young Readers at Flaxmere.

MONTHLY

TUESDAY 2 AUGUST

10.30am Bakers club at Hastings.

TUESDAY 2 AUGUST

3.30pm Teen book club at Havelock North.

TUESDAY 16 AUGUST

5.30pm Wine & More book club at Hastings.

WEDNESDAY 17 AUGUST

10.30am / Book chat at Hastings.

WEDNESDAY 17 AUGUST

1pm Creative writing group at Hastings.

THURSDAY 18 AUGUST

3.30pm Teen Maker Space at Hastings.

THURSDAY 25 AUGUST

3.30pm Junior bookworms at Havelock North.

Keirunga Quilters Exhibition

6-14 AUGUST



'Seeing Red' made by Lucy Stephenson and Joanne Farmery based on a design by Thomas Knauer

Come along and see the stunning quilts made by the Keirunga Quilters. Open daily from 10am to 4pm, you will have the chance to talk to their members and to win one of two quilts made especially for the exhibition. A wide variety of craft items, all created by the members, will also be available for sale.

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

UNTIL 28 AUGUST

The cubic structural evolution project: Olafur Eliasson

The cubic structural evolution project, 2004, is a hands-on installation by Danish-Icelandic artist, Olafur Eliasson. 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 28 AUGUST

Silent Treatment: Juliet Carpenter

Juliet Carpenter builds a narrative around the consumption and regurgitation of image technology in this video work.

UNTIL 24 OCTOBER

Index: Martin Poppelwell

This idiosyncratic look at the alphabet uses images and icons that Hawke's Bay artist Martin Poppelwell has built up over the years.

13 AUGUST - 13 NOVEMBER

Woolleston: The Wallace Arts Trust Collection, 1931 - 1996

Curated by John Eaden, this exhibition of large and small oil paintings includes Toss Woolleston's landscape and portrait genre, as well as sketches from the Erua series. 'Erua' was a Greymouth school boy whom Woolleston employed as a model in the early 1960's. Developed and toured by the James Wallace Arts Trust.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

12.30PM, THURSDAY 4 AUGUST

Lunch Time Tour

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

10.30AM - 11.30AM, MONDAY 8 AUGUST

Art for Babes

Pop your baby in the buggy and join us for a tour of our current exhibitions. These tours are for parents and carers of young babies followed by morning tea - no knowledge of art necessary! Free, booking required.

11AM, SATURDAY 13 AUGUST

Curator's Floor Talk - Woolleston

Curator John Eaden talks about how he selected the works, and gives a curator's insight into the exhibition Woolleston. Free.

EVERY SUNDAY

Hawke's Bay Farmers Market

Hawke's Bay A&P Showgrounds, Kenilworth Road

8.30am - 12.30pm

Hawkesbayfarmersmarket.co.nz

6 AUGUST

Game of Thrones

Cheval Room, Hawkes' Bay Racing Centre, 300 Prospect Road

Get dressed up as your favourite Game of Thrones character at this Cheval Theme Night and also enjoy a medieval feast and live entertainment. More information and tickets from eventfinda.co.nz

7 AUGUST

Hawke's Bay Trail Run Series

Sacred Hill, Dartmoor Road, Napier

Enjoy trail running (or walking) and choose between three distances in this event held on private land. Find out more information and buy tickets at hbtrailrun.co.nz

8 AUGUST

Asians in the Bay Awards

Havelock North Function Centre, Te Mata Road

The Asians in the Bay awards recognise the contribution of the Asian community to the economic development of Hawke's Bay. For more information, search for Asians In The Bay Awards on Facebook.

9 AUGUST

Landmarks History Lecture

Hastings War Memorial Library

Cherry Dingemans talks about her English grandmother, Grace Oakeshott, who in 1907 faked her death by drowning in France to run away with her lover to New Zealand! Event starts at 5.30pm and entry is by gold coin donation.

14 AUGUST

Cyclocross Hawke's Bay 2016 Series

Paritua Vineyards, 2112 Maraekakaho Road

Cyclocross (CX) takes elements from both road and mountain bike racing and presents as a spectator friendly, short, fast race that all ages and skill levels can enjoy. More information at cxhawkesbay.com.

14 AUGUST

Michael Houstoun Recital

The Blyth Performing Arts Centre, Iona College

Join New Zealand's finest concert pianist in the award-winning setting of The Blyth Performing Arts Centre as he performs a program of music by JS Bach, Brahms, Poulenc and Fauré.

18 AUGUST

Billy Graham - Make it Happen

Hereworth School, Te Mata Road

Billy is New Zealand's best loved motivator and is famous for setting up of the Naenae Boxing Academy. Hear Billy talk with energy and enthusiasm about unlocking the potential in young men. Tickets are \$20 and are available from hereworth.school.nz.

20 AUGUST

Hawke's Bay Magpies vs. Wellington - Mitre 10 NPC Rugby

McLean Park, Napier

The Magpies kick off their 2016 campaign with a replay of the 2015 Championship final. The Magpies prevailed in that fixture; will they take the points again?

20 AUGUST

Redefine - Love your Op Shop

Havelock North Function Centre, 30 Te Mata Road

This will be a fantastic day out for the whole family. Items for each category will be on display along with a range of activities for everyone, including pop-up charity shops, workshops demos, raffles and more. Tickets are \$10 from eventfinda.co.nz.

26 AUGUST

KHNife with Chelsea Winter

Havelock North Intermediate, Nimon St

An evening with Chelsea including wine and food, beer and barbeque, entertainment, information and fun! Contact khnife@hni.school.nz for tickets and more details

27 AUGUST

Makfi Challenge Stakes Daffodil Raceday

Hawke's Bay Racing Centre, 300 Prospect Road

This annual event is one not to miss! Once again HB Racing is teaming up with the Hawke's Bay Cancer Society to support Daffodil Day and 100% of the gate donation fees will go direct to this great charity. This is a great family day out with lots of on and off track action! **More information at hawkesbayracing.co.nz.**