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It is no accident that Hastings has very good infrastructure – things like water and sewer pipes, playgrounds, swimming pools and libraries. This is a result of previous and current Council decisions over more than 100 years, made in consultation with the public.

Some of the major items in this year’s budget – inner city parking, Council’s contribution to the planned sports hub (mooted by Graeme Avery), and putting in toilets at Maraetotara, one of our busiest visitor sports in the summer - are covered in articles on this page, so I’ll concentrate on a couple of the smaller but no less important items.

One of these is the putting aside of \$10,000 towards a neighbourhood park in Flaxmere.

This one shows that putting your ideas forward to Council does pay off. Reva Ngapoe wrote to Council through

the annual plan process asking that play equipment be put on Council-owned green space in Kilkee Terrace in Flaxmere. Ms Ngapoe put up a good case. While there are playgrounds in the vicinity, they are too far away for the many youngsters in Kilkee St and the surrounding roads to safely get to. She also argued that having a gathering space in the street would “enhance the sense of community by becoming a focal point in the street”.

Council has not been able to supply the full cost of putting in a neighbourhood playground on the section in this funding round, but has kick-started the project and will supply staff expertise to help the community fundraise towards the goal.

Without Ms Ngapoe’s input it is highly unlikely that this project would have made it onto Council’s radar, never mind attracted funds. She is proof that getting involved does achieve goals.

Another smaller project to get help is the Waitangi Day celebrations at Clive which has been held every year since 2000 except for this year when illness and a shortage of volunteers lead to a glitch. The event is back on track however after the Hastings, Napier and regional council all responded positively to annual plan requests, putting \$12,000 into the pot. Hastings gave organisers Marie and Jim Edwards \$4000. I think this type of event, celebrating our heritage on the beautiful Clive River, is crucial to our culture and it is wonderful that we have been able to ensure it is held again in 2017.

Mayor Lawrence Yule

30 June 2016

Loos and bins all part of the plan for the year

Being able to keep the rate increase very low and assist with a wide range of projects across the district though this year’s annual plan is a great outcome.



Hastings District Council has gone through the plan for the coming 12 months and set the budget. The result was very pleasing, Hastings mayor Lawrence Yule said.

“As well as budgeting for all the things we normally do – roads, water and sewage systems, footpaths and things, we have been able to put money towards projects that will make very real differences to our people. They are projects that are important to our residents; their enjoyment of their district and their future.”

Subject to confirmation at the full council meeting on June 30, the rate increase this year was set at an average 2.8 per cent.

One of the biggest announcements is that Council is officially putting its backing behind the \$10 million sports hub proposed by Sir Graeme Avery. The vision is for a world class facility which includes indoor sprint track and pole vault dome, high-performance gym, sports hall, sports medicine centre and café – all on the Hawke’s Bay Regional Sports Park.

A \$1.75m allowance already in the long term budget for a main facility on the sports park has been brought forward to put into the project, and \$250,000 added to it to bring the investment up to \$2m.

Next year Council will consult with the public on whether to put another \$2m into the project.

Keeping Hastings most popular spots in top condition is always a Council priority and this year toilets and rubbish bins will go in at Maraetotara Falls. The summer crowds at the awesome visitor

attraction can exceed thousands over a summer weekend and it has become increasingly obvious that public toilets are necessary. Rubbish has also been a problem. It is not easy to install and maintain toilets in remote locations, however improving technology has made the option manageable.

Much smaller requests were fully considered and in the main approved. Amongst them was a request for a contribution towards Waitangi Day celebrations at Clive (\$5000), fitness equipment in Anderson Park (\$5000); shade cloth at William Nelson Park (\$15,000) and a verandah over the stage in Flaxmere Park (\$25,000).

Funds have been earmarked for the Horse of the Year(HOY) show but will not be confirmed until a review of the event underway now is completed. An allowance to help fund improvements at the A&P Showgrounds has also been provided for, however discussions with Hawke’s Bay A&P Society will be held to agree priorities before the money is confirmed.

“Both these amounts are provisional. In the case of Horse of the Year, a final decision will not be made until after we have the results of an independent review of the event, which is being undertaken now,” said Mr Yule.

“With the A&P Showgrounds, it will depend on agreeing a list of capital improvements which include items that will reduce costs for HOY.”

Some projects will be loan funded, some are able to be funded from existing budgets and some will be funded from rates.

30 June 2016



No coin parking for another six months

Free parking in Hastings will continue for another six months and the cost will not be charged to ratepayers’ accounts.

Hastings District Council decided during the annual plan process to continue the trial to December 30.

“There is no doubt the vibe in the city is improved and the retail figures are excellent, and I think the majority of people like not having to use meters,” said mayor Lawrence Yule.

“However it is a fact that running parking is not free because we need to police the time people stay in parks among other things, and the real issue is how to pay for it,” said Mr Yule.

Based on feedback from the public, it is clear residents want to continue not having to find coins to put into meters but are not happy with the plan to target rates to properties to cover the cost, he said.

The continued trial will give Council more time to explore other options for paying for central city parking should they decide to continue it into next year.

It would also allow time for more data to be gathered on whether not having to pay for parking through meters has led to improved economic outcomes.

The \$270,000 cost of the extended trial will come out of the Hastings car parking reserve fund which has been built up from parking meter funds and infringement payments over time.

Mr Yule said “everyone I have talked to wants to keep the free parking; the sticking point has been how we should pay for it”.

Council heard that the retail economy in Hastings is “going through a really good time”. But how much of that was due to ‘free’ parking could not be definitively measured, said Mr Yule.

“There is no doubt that our central city is a brighter, busier, more vibrant place, and at least some of that has to be down to free parking,” said deputy mayor Cynthia Bowers.

“This is one of the building blocks in growing vibrancy in our central city which is a good thing for our whole district. I haven’t met one person who wants to go back to putting a coin back into a meter. The sticking point is paying for that, and extending the trial gives us time to put our minds to solving that issue,” she said.

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MAYOR LAWRENCE YULE



DEPUTY MAYOR CYNTHIA BOWERS



COUNCILLOR ADRIENNE PIERCE



COUNCILLOR GEORGE LYONS



COUNCILLOR HENARE O'KEEFE JP



COUNCILLOR JACOBY POULAIN



COUNCILLOR JOHN ROIL



COUNCILLOR KEVIN WATKINS

Plenty to do these school holidays

Great activities are on offer at the Hastings District Council-run facilities in the school holidays - and many of them are free.

Swim Heretaunga and Clive Pool are open every day, and for those who want something extra, there's aqua play on the giant inflatables from 12.30 to 3pm.

Entry to the Hastings City Art Gallery is free and is the perfect place to spend some time. Create and build with the 50,000 pieces of white lego, or discover the Visiting Asia mixed media exhibit.

The gallery is also running school holidays workshops inspired by the current exhibitions, at \$10 a child.

If the kids need to burn off some energy, the Flaxmere Community Centre is running a free badminton/table tennis/tug-of-war competition in the first week of the holidays for kids aged 11 and up. In the second week, there's a dodge ball team competition for teams of eight, at a cost of \$20 a team. Registrations are being taken at the community centre.

The libraries are the perfect place to hang out in the holidays and there are free activities most days. Highlights include making a Lego costume, creating and publishing a magazine, Playstation 3 games night, and Kanikani (dance and movement) sessions.

For the schedule, see: hastingslibrary.co.nz.



Unison CEO Ken Sutherland and Hastings mayor Lawrence Yule launch the Power Park.

Hastings District - going electric!



Unison's 'Power Park' in Queen Street West has been a hit with electric vehicle owners in the district.

There have been 33 charging sessions since it went 'live', with Unison also says that the 185kWh supplied is enough energy for an electric vehicle to drive over 1,200 kilometres.

The rapid 'Power Park' charger, which was installed in partnership with the Hastings District Council, is the first of four planned across Napier, Taupo and Rotorua. This is in line with the Government's stated aim of increasing the use of electric vehicles in New Zealand.

Council believes electric vehicles will play a part in the region's transport future and is happy to partner with Unison to provide a public charging station.

"Hastings District Council purchased an electric vehicle this year, which the parking team use daily and are finding it to be a cost-effective, environmentally-friendly alternative to a petrol vehicle, as well as a great car to drive," said mayor Lawrence Yule.

Electric vehicles produce no emissions which will help

the Government's target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 30 percent below 2005 levels by 2030.

And the electricity used to charge a vehicle is good for the environment too, as most of New Zealand's electricity is produced from renewable energy sources (hydro, wind and geothermal, says Unison).

While it is early days for electric vehicle adoption in Hawke's Bay, Unison says electric cars are becoming more affordable as evidenced by the increased uptake New Zealand-wide. The Ministry of Transport says that 1220 light vehicles are currently registered, growing steadily from just a handful of registrations in 2013.

HDC's electric car is used every day and covers around 120km on one charge, so it is ideal for its role within the parking team. Unison's "Power Park" charging station, Queen St West carpark, is free to use until September.

It will be 40c a minute after that, so a typical charge of 20 minutes will cost \$8.

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The Leg-Up trust was one of the recipients of this year's Civic Honours Awards.

2016 Civic Honours bestowed to worthy recipients

Six individuals and one group were recognised at the 2016 Civic Honours Awards last month.

The awards are presented annually by the Council to recognise an individual, group or voluntary organisation that has volunteered time and energy to help improve the life of the Hastings community.

Hastings Mayor Lawrence Yule presented the awards in the Council Chamber in front of a capacity crowd of family and friends. He praised the volunteers for generously giving their time to make contact, provide support and encouragement and often providing humour to make someone's life a bit more bearable.

The first to receive an award this year was Jim Edwards for his work with the Ngā Tukemata-O-Kahungunu Trust. The trust was formed following the closure of the Tomoana Freezing works in the

1990's and focuses on supporting people from all walks of life with disabilities.

Pauline Pohatu, Tapatu Kautai and Fern Hawkins were rewarded for their dedication to the Flaxmere College Parent Teacher Association. For the past 23 years these ladies have been a vital part of college life in Flaxmere.

Phil Harman received an award for his voluntary work with the Waimarama Surf Lifesaving Club. He joined the Club back in 1981 and is still an active lifeguard and patrol captain at Waimarama Beach.

Sharee Jones is the chairperson of the Hastings Athletics club and HBG children's athletic committee, secretary of Athletics Hawke's Bay Gisborne and is on the

administration committee of the New Zealand Children's Athletic Association. She received a sport and recreation award for her efforts in inspiring young athletes to reach their potential and perform at the highest level.

The final award for 2016 went to the Leg-Up Trust. The trust was set up in 2002 when founder Ros Rowe realised that horses could reach youth in a way no human could. Trust members work with disadvantaged youth to give them greater confidence, teach them life skills and give them something to get up for in the morning.

The evening also included a special 'Long Service Award' presentation to David Sykes of Clive who has given over 30 years service to Hastings Civil Defence.

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Magic at Frimley Park

Children have been climbing all over the new play equipment at the Frimley Park playground since its opening a fortnight ago.



Families flocked to the new Frimley Park playground for its official opening.

The playground with a difference was designed with sensory play and universal access top of the innovation list.

All the usual park elements are there, swings, slides and rope climbs, but there are also bright colours defining different areas - designed to help those with poor vision or with learning disabilities, things like congo drums and talk tubes, a wheelchair-friendly roundabout, artificial turf across the play area suitable for all mobilities, and a circular path for scootering.

Adding to the stimulating environment are 283 plants across eight species, chosen for their texture, scent and bright colours. The garden within the

playground had been designed to appeal to children and adults with low vision or who focus on the texture of things

There are a bunch of other interesting statistics that have stood out in the construction of the playground: there is 51m³ of sand in the sandpit; 15 tonnes of sand spread over the Astroturf (for drainage and cushioning); the track circling the playground is exactly 118m (which means 17 laps will get you to two kilometres); under the roundabout there is a 1.5m deep hole filled with 1.37m³ of concrete; 300 tonnes of shingle and stone made up the base course; 32m³ of coloured concrete was incorporated into the design.



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 July

Hastings District Libraries

www.hastingslibraries.co.nz

Hastings Library - Cnr Eastbourne and Warren Sts

12 JULY 10am - 12noon, create your own lego costume.

13 JULY 10:30am - 11am, preschool story time.

13 JULY 9am-6pm, pop in anytime throughout the day and have a play with the imagination playground.

15 JULY 1pm-3pm, bring your pillow and some snacks and watch your favourite toys come to life on screen.

18 JULY 10am-11am and **11.15am-12noon**, have fun watching lego mini movies.

20 JULY 10:30am-11am, preschool storytime.

20 JULY 1pm-2pm, come along and create and publish your own magazine.

21 JULY 11am-12pm, join a fun easy Kanikani session of dance and movement with Moana.

21 JULY 3:30pm-4:30pm, BYO device and join our regular Mine craft club session.

Flaxmere Library, Swansea Road

12 JULY 10am-12noon, get creative and design your own superhero as well as other super crafts.

13 JULY 10:30-11am, join our free introduction to coding class and learn basic programming skills by just playing a game! Suitable for 8+ and bookings are essential.

14 JULY 10:30 - 11am, join us for Super stories, songs, and crafts.

14 JULY 3:15pm - 4pm, monthly young readers book club for games, crafts, and discussion of all things books.

15 JULY 10am-12noon, write and draw your own comics.

15 JULY 3:30pm-5pm, come in and take turns playing on our new Playstation3.

18 JULY 10am-12noon, be inspired to create with recycled 'junk' and create your own 'funky' items.

20 JULY 3pm-4pm, come along and create and publish your own magazine.

21 JULY 10:30am-11am, join us for stories, songs, and crafts.

22 JULY 10am-12noon, test your D.I.Y and craft skills but making your own costumes completely out of newspaper!

22 JULY 3:30pm-5pm, gamer night with our new Playstation3.

Havelock North, Te Mata Road

11 JULY 3.30pm, BYO device and join our regular Mine craft club session.

12 JULY 10.30am, draw a story and enjoy Doodle day by creating your own book of illustrations of 'Harold and the purple Crayon.'

15 JULY 10.30am, join a fun easy Kanikani session of dance and movement with Moana.

18 JULY 3.30pm, BYO device and join our regular Mine craft club session.

20 JULY 10am, Murtle Chickpea hosts a Zine workshop where you create and publish your own magazine.

22 JULY 10.30am, create some wool art or learn how to make a pompom and other creative stuff.

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

This hands-on installation by Danish-Icelandic artist, Olafur Eliasson, comprises 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

This vibrant exhibition shares the perspectives of New Zealand artists who have undertaken residencies in Asia. Through a wide variety of media, 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.

23 JULY - 28 AUGUST

Silent Treatment: Juliet Carpenter

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

OPENS 30 JULY

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.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

7 JULY

Lunch Time Tour, 12.30pm

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

13 JULY & 18 JULY

School Holiday Workshops

10.30am - 12.30pm,

Kids will have great fun in this art workshop inspired by our current exhibitions. For 6 - 12 year olds, \$10 per person, booking required.

EVERY SUNDAY

Hawke's Bay Farmers Market

Hawke's Bay A&P Showgrounds, Kenilworth Road

8.30am - 12.30pm

Hawkesbayfarmersmarket.co.nz

8 JULY

National Horticultural Field Day

Hawke's Bay A&P Showgrounds, Kenilworth Road

This is New Zealand's leading horticultural event, and is a must attend for anyone in the industry. For more information on this celebration of horticulture, see showgroundshb.co.nz

9 JULY

Fawltly Towers Show & Dinner

Hawke's Bay Racing Centre, 300 Prospect Road

Be prepared for side spitting humour as characters from Fawltly Towers come to life! Three course set menu and live entertainment for \$60, doors open at 6.30pm. Book at eventfinda.co.nz.

10 & 31 JULY

Cyclocross Hawke's Bay 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.

12 JULY

Landmarks History Talk: Family Histories of Kohupatiki Marae

Hasting War Memorial Library

Margie McGuire unfolds the history of the Kohupatiki Marae and it's centenary in 2013. In particular her family's human survival and tragedies that were exposed when personal diaries and letters were researched through the Maori Land Court.

Event starts at 5.30pm and entry is by gold coin donation.

15 JULY

Hammers & Horsehair

St Matthew's Anglican Church, 200 King St South

Douglas Mews (fortepiano) and Robert Ibell (cello) perform a programme of Classical and early Romantic pieces on period instruments, transporting the audience to another place and time.

Visit eventfinda.co.nz for tickets.

16 JULY

Family of Twelve Wine Dinner

The Farm at Cape Kidnappers, 446 Clifton Road

A weekend spent showcasing twelve of the most prestigious and enduring wineries of New Zealand in one breathtaking setting while enjoying fabulous food prepared by Cape Kidnappers Executive Chef James Honore. Visit capekidnappers.com for more information and to buy tickets.

21 JULY

Tribute to the Rat Pack

Bay City Outreach Centre, 1200 Omahu Road

Complete with a brass ensemble, this tribute to the Rat Pack croons their way through songs made famous by Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jnr. Tickets, including lunch, from eventfinda.co.nz.

21 JULY

HB Racing Season Finale

Hawke's Bay Racing Centre, 300 Prospect Road

Gates open at 10.30am for the final race day of the 2015-2016 season. Free admission into the grounds and the members stand.

26-29 JULY

National Secondary Schools Kapahaka Competition

Pettigrew Green Arena, 480 Gloucester St, Taradale

Ngāti Kahungunu are hosts for the 2016 competitions where 39 kapa have qualified. This prestigious event is a must see with exciting and stirring performances. Book at ticketek.co.nz.

31 JULY

Loaded Tough Guy and Gal Challenge

Clifton Station, 459 Clifton Road

Challenge yourself on a course that includes swamp crossings, a spiders web net climb, crawl under barb wire, beautiful native bush trails, tunnels, hurdles, a climbing frame not to mention, mud mud and more mud! Open to competitors who are 13 of age and older. Find out more at eventfinda.co.nz.

17 JULY

TEA & DANCE AMONGST THE ART



Enjoy a tea dance and light finger food lunch in a stunning heritage building in the city of Hastings. Your entertainment and music for dancing provided by the popular Men In Black. Option to take the return railcar transfer from Napier Station. The Encore Dancers will be on hand to get the party started!

Railcar transfer option: 10.30am depart Napier Station, Munroe Street for Hastings, return to the Napier Station at 2.15pm. Tickets: \$62

General admission tickets: \$40 from eventfinda.co.nz.