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# My Hastings

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HAWKE'S BAY MARATHON

## Communities – it is such an unassuming word for the vibrant and passionate neighbourhoods that make up our district.

This month we are releasing a video about some of our communities and the heights they are achieving by getting together and making plans – real plans, with concrete goals that reach to the heart of their needs and aspirations. Council is working with neighbourhoods to help the people in them work out what it is they need, and how those needs can be met. The premise is that the people who make up our communities know their strengths and issues better than anyone, so they are in the best position to know what needs doing.

It is called community-led planning. Another dry phrase that fails to encapsulate just how magical the process is.

It is about helping communities set up their own planning systems, their own structures and their own time frames –

rather than the traditional way which saw councils deciding what was needed and where.

Council started working with Camberley in 2004. Now, 14 years later, nine plans are on the board, some into their second and third iteration; others just starting. There are some great successes, too many to name here, but they include the total revamp of Flaxmere Park, a new community centre in Camberley, a vibrant community garden in Havelock North, and a new cycle lane across the Clive Bridge.

These are all projects that Council would have got to eventually but, with the input and help from the individual communities, we have been able to tackle many things on many fronts at the same time.

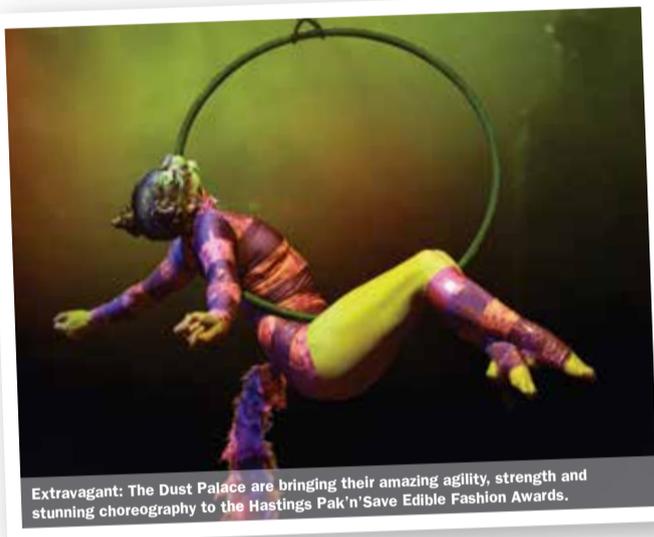
To celebrate, and to have a resource to help communities thinking about doing their own plans, we have put together a video and booklet on the process.

But this is not a boring process video – it is about our people, young and old, showing you just what is possible. Called Making Magic, the video is being officially launched next week, after which time it will be on Council's website and I hope you will all take a few minutes to watch it. It really is magic.

**Mayor Lawrence Yule**



# Dust Palace for Edibles



Extravagant: The Dust Palace are bringing their amazing agility, strength and stunning choreography to the Hastings Pak'n'Save Edible Fashion Awards.



Bag lady: The 2015 top award winner, My Fair Lady, made from 300 plastic food bags by Monique Bartosh.

## Fashion and food are on a collision course – in a good way.

An action packed night is promised at this year's edible fashion extravaganza, with Auckland-based circus theatre company The Dust Palace announced as entertainment.

The Hastings Pak'n'Save Edible Fashion Awards, now in their 11th year, will hit the stage on June 11.

"This year's theme is 'Fantastical', so we're expecting amazing garments," says Hastings Arts and Culture Trust chairwoman and councillor Sandra Hazelhurst.

The event has grown into a firmly embedded highlight of the Hawke's Bay calendar, attracting entries from schools, tertiary institutions and business from across the region and beyond.

"As the size of the event has grown, so has the quality of entries, with 2016 expected to bring an even greater array of unique, exciting and colourful designs," says Ms Hazelhurst.

The finalists' costumes will star in the evening extravaganza, at Showgrounds Hawke's Bay.

Event manager Odette Bowyer says this year's ceremony will not disappoint. "As always, the theme will be incorporated into the evening extravaganza where finalists showcase their creations to the public. With such a fantastical theme to work with, we have created an incredible pageant. Expect to be wowed."

Securing The Dust Palace is a huge coup. "They combine amazing agility and strength with stunning choreography and are the perfect accompaniment to the fantastical creations which will be modelled on the stage – it's going to be an incredible night."

The Dust Palace formed a special affinity with Hawke's Bay when their first professional theatre show was staged at the Hawke's Bay Opera House in 2010. While they have returned to perform in the Bay on several subsequent occasions, their last performance was four years ago. "We've grown and changed and developed so much since then, we can't wait to come and share the new Dust Palace with the Hawke's Bay public," says The Dust Place co-director Eve Gordon.

At the heart of the Hastings Pak'n Save Edible Fashion Awards is local sponsorship which this year has enabled the organisers to waive the entry fee for designers. Many of the sponsors have had a long association with the Awards including naming sponsor, Hastings Pak'n Save, which has supported the event since its inception.

Sponsors see the awards as an ideal opportunity to align themselves with an established and popular Hawke's Bay event. Among them is Hastings District Council which has extended its support by agreeing to become a category sponsor under its Keep Hastings Beautiful banner.

"This is the only creative design show of its kind in Hawke's Bay and judging by the high level of support and record of number of entries, it's set to grow even bigger in coming years."

For those wanting their creations up on stage in lights, there are just 25 days left to get their entries in.

**To enter a category or buy tickets for the evening see: [www.ediblefashionawards.co.nz](http://www.ediblefashionawards.co.nz)**

## Calling green fingers



Beautiful: The winner of a commercial category in last year's Street As Awards.

It is time for gardeners to start planning ahead, with brand new Street As Awards about to be unveiled. Traditionally, the awards have been judged on a before and after basis, with the winners those who have made the most difference to their front yards. This year the awards criteria are changing to give prizes to Hastings most beautiful front gardens, regardless of how long they have been tended. "It is all about the garden, not the change," says councillor Cynthia Bowers.

"It is about celebrating the effort that helps make Hastings New Zealand's Most Beautiful City."

Hastings District Council is running the competition with the continued support from major sponsor Tremains Real Estate.

The details of the categories will be unveiled at an official launch, however Council can say that there will categories for both residential and commercial, with the winners decided based on street appeal.

With entries opening on August 1, gardeners have three months to plan something spectacular.

## What we're talking about

There are just a few days left to have your say on a bunch of things. Council is consulting on the plan for the year (the Annual Plan). There is a lot in the plan including Council's main projects for the year, but one of the most topical decisions is how residents want to pay for parking in the central city – by putting money in a meter or paying an extra charge on rates.

We are also consulting on a new one stop bylaw, which is consolidating all Council's bylaws into one easy to access document. There are changes within the bylaws, which Council is welcoming input into.

Consultation on the Dogs Policy and the Dogs bylaw is also on the table, with changes made to remove no longer relevant material and forms (the latter will sit outside the documents), and to better align with the Dog Control Act.

All of these consultations opened on April 2 and close on May, giving people four days to have their say. For all information and to have your say on-line, see: [www.myvoicemychoice.co.nz](http://www.myvoicemychoice.co.nz). It is too late to post submissions but physical submissions can be dropped into Council's offices on Lyndon Road until Friday.



# New life and name for the domain



Pretty as a picture: An artist's impression of the revamped domain.



Playtime: The children's water park planned for the newly named Havelock North Village Green is designed to be used year round.



The pavilion was designed by Hastings architect Eric Phillips and opened in 1938. Until Karanema Drive was pushed through the original cricket field, the building provided a fine look out over the action. Now it is considered to be isolated and has limited use. The building was upgraded in 2011, and includes toilets, showers, kitchen, storeroom and main hall.

## Fundraising for the moving of the Havelock North Cricket Pavilion will kick off in earnest this month, as work on the overall Havelock North Domain upgrade gets started.

With its new look, the domain will also get a new name: Havelock North Village Green. Locally it had long been referred to as the village green, and the public has asked that the name be formalised.

The public funding drive, to raise \$150,000 of the \$300,000 needed to move the pavilion, is being spear-headed on two fronts by Havelock North resident Andy Coltart and the Havelock North Business Association. The other \$150,000 is included in the Annual Plan, with Council due to make a decision in June on whether it will cover that amount.

The moving of the pavilion is the 'icing on the cake' of an already budgeted \$1.5 million upgrade of the domain.

It is hoped the work will start this month, with Havelock North Plunket moving temporarily off site to its Hastings office. If all goes well, the project should be completed by summer.

The upgrade was consulted on last year and the money is already included in the Hastings District Council budget.

The plan for the park includes building a new playground with a children's water play area, sun shades, a revamped skate area designed for small children, paths, and new seating and tables.

The development of the park is a "once in a generation" project which will see the domain become the true heart and connector within the village, says Committee chairman and councillor, Wayne Bradshaw.

It had been intended to leave the pavilion where it is, however the community asked that it be moved to a more central position. If funding is found for the move, it will face into the park, include public toilets with a separate entrance, and be fronted with a large paved area suitable for holding markets or other outdoor events that are better on a hard surface.

There is a great deal of interest in the project within the community, particularly the re-siting of the historic Cricket Pavilion, says councillor Sandra Hazlehurst.

"It's about creating a community space out of the beautiful historic building. From the moment the idea was presented to relocate the beautiful historic pavilion to create a focal point in the redeveloped village green, the community has embraced the idea.

"The pavilion will become a gathering place for meetings, a hub from which to run events and concerts, and provide a new home for community organisations and groups like Plunket and the Toy library."

Mr Bradshaw says the project will draw a number of public buildings together, to form a cultural core for Havelock North.

"This really is exciting. Once finished, the church, the pavilion, the Havelock North Function Centre and the library will all face into this communal space, and the opening up of the pools will bring them into the domain. This has huge potential to become the equivalent of the traditional village green, a gathering and event space for all of our community.

"Let's face it, what other small to medium town has such a magnificent green space right in its heart and we're now in a position to really make the most of it."

## Park pundits are winners

## Three happy brothers used their boundless energy (and a lot of help from their mum) to take the top prize in Hastings District Council's first ever Parks Week competition.



They're winners: from left: Christian (2), Isaac (6) and Westen, (7).

Under-12s were challenged to grab an adult, and get around as many of Hastings' 37 playgrounds as possible, get photos of themselves on the play equipment, and send them in to council.

The Te Whaiti brothers bolted in – getting photos at 23 of the playgrounds. But it was not as easy as it might have been. The family set out to complete the task over Easter weekend; and it rained every day.

That did not put the three boys, Westen, 7, Isaac, 6, and Christian, 2, off though, said mum Theresa Te Whaiti. "Sometimes it would look okay, the boys would jump out of the car and it would start pouring."

But it was worth it, she said, providing a real education on what was available for children in the district.

The family visited a bunch of play areas outside of their normal neighbourhood go-to play spaces, Windsor Park and William

Nelson Park.

Among those they had not been to before were the Flaxmere parks, Evers-Swindell Reserve in Clive, and Te Awanga.

"They really liked Te Awanga; it has quite different play equipment out there. The whole thing was like a treasure hunt and a great incentive to get out and look at some of the parks we hadn't been too," said Mrs Te Whaiti.

The inaugural Australasian Parks Week ran from March 3 to 9. Run by the Parks Forum, the aim is to promote parks and the important role they play in contributing to health, happy and strong communities.

The boys won bikes to the value of \$500, enough to buy new bikes for two of the youngsters who had grown out of theirs, and a helmet for the third.



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 May

For more information on these and other events [eventfinda.co.nz](http://eventfinda.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 17 JULY

##### Visiting Asia

This vibrant exhibition shares the perspectives of New Zealand artists who have undertaken residencies in China, Indonesia, India, Japan, Taiwan and South Korea. 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 22 MAY

##### At the Wild Shore: Wellesley Binding

Binding's paintings are a response on a personal level to the battles fought in the First World War.

#### UNTIL 29 MAY

##### The Lake, Tuai: Doris Lusk

To commemorate the 25th anniversary of Doris Lusk's death and the 100 year anniversary of her birth in May we are showing her painting The Lake: Tuai, painted in 1948.

#### OPENS 14 MAY

##### Restless Idiom: James Cousins

James Cousins' painting practice pivots around questions of how a painting might function: how do we understand the status of an image? What systems guide our understanding? What processes could be used to disrupt these assumptions? Restless Idiom is a mini-survey of Cousins recent work made between 2009-2015.

### EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### Lunch Time Tour, 12.30pm

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

#### 9 MAY

##### Art for Babes, 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Baby friendly art conversations for parents and carers of young babies followed by afternoon tea - no knowledge of art necessary! Free, booking required.

#### 18 MAY

##### Tea and Talk, 1.30pm

Join Roy Dunningham and U3A for an art conversation for people in retirement, followed by afternoon tea. Free to attend, no booking required.

## Hastings District Libraries

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

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### 4-5 MAY

May the Force be with you movie marathon at Hastings Library

#### 13 MAY AT 7PM

##### Seeking Sense - hope from three cities

Listen to journalist Rod Oram speak about how Beijing, London and Chicago, each in their own way, offer many and varied insights into how people and their economies could live more within the constants of the ecosystem in, say, 10 years time. Tickets \$10 from any of the libraries.

#### MONDAY 23 MAY AT 5.30PM

(Havelock North Library)

#### TUES 24 MAY AT 12NOON

(Hastings Library)

##### Doing it Differently - life and work after 50

Come along to this free seminar facilitated by Geoff Pearman and listen to a discussion around the changes that are taking place and the opportunities for people who are ready to take charge and create for themselves a future that is purposeful and fulfilling.

### 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)

#### 5 MAY

##### Quintessentially Kiwi

#### Bay City Outreach Centre, 1200 Omahu Road

A unique celebration of all the sounds we have grown up with and encompasses and embraces many of the classic Kiwiana songs and acts. This all ages concert starts at 11am, get your tickets from [daytimeconcerts.co.nz](http://daytimeconcerts.co.nz).

#### 5 MAY

##### The Churchill Tour

#### The Common Room, 227 Heretaunga St East

Come and listen to New Zealand folk musician ALBI and Australian folk musician Kyle Taylor as they tour the country. Door sales only \$5, starts at 8pm.

#### 7 MAY

##### Craft & Design Market

#### Hawthorne Coffee Roasters, 23 Napier Road, Havelock North

The Craft & Design Market is a fabulous experience for discerning shoppers, showcasing the work of a growing number of hand-picked stall holders from around Hawke's Bay and New Zealand. Free admission, 9am - 11am.

#### 10 MAY

##### Landmarks History Lecture

#### Hastings War Memorial Library

Hear Ken Foote speak about the history of the Hawke's Bay Regiment. Entry by gold coin donation, starts at 5.30pm.

#### 10 MAY

##### Fit Fast Function 5km/2.5km Run or Walk

#### Loading Ramp, Treachers Lane, Havelock North

Come and run or walk in a friendly local event (dogs and children welcome). Registrations from the Loading Ramp from 5.30pm and race start at 6pm with a \$5 entry.

#### 14 MAY

##### Air New Zealand Hawke's Bay Marathon



With the event sold out across all courses, it's going to make for a spectacular day for both the athletes and spectators/supporters! Make sure you get along to support this fantastic new event to Hawke's Bay - there are three viewing areas: Awatoto (by the cement factory), Pakowhai Regional Park and Gimblett Road. If you want to enjoy the post match atmosphere get down to Sileni Estates where there will be plenty of delicious food stalls, fine wine and entertainment.

Find out more information at [hawkesbaymarathon.co.nz](http://hawkesbaymarathon.co.nz)

#### 14 MAY

##### Health & Wellbeing Expo

#### Duart House, 51 Duart Road, Havelock North

Stalls include Healthy Eating, Massage, Chiropractic, Reflexology, Yoga - and much more! The \$5 ticket automatically enters you into a raffle to win a host of goodies for your health and wellbeing. All proceeds are going to Cranford Hospice.

#### 14 MAY

##### Healthy Baking Workshop

#### Farmhouse Kitchen Cooking School, 580 Middle Road, Havelock North

Learn how to make savoury and sweet treats that are gluten free, reduced or no-sugar and how to make certain recipes egg free or dairy free. For more information, including how to buy tickets, visit [farmhousekitchen.co.nz](http://farmhousekitchen.co.nz).

#### 14 MAY

##### Environment Centre Hawke's Bay, 809 Karamu Road

This introductory level workshop is aimed at people who want to grow their own food at home but don't know how or where to start. Topics include choosing and setting up a site in your garden, soil health, and choosing the right plants to grow. Register for this free event by visiting [www.environmentcentre.org.nz](http://www.environmentcentre.org.nz).

#### 19 MAY

##### Redefine

#### Cranford Hospice Shop, 300 Knight St

Buy an item from any PSEC or Cranford Hospice charity shop, repurpose it in one of six fun categories, and win great prizes! To get your creative juices flowing, come along to this in-store demo at 1.30pm. Entry by gold coin donation.

#### 19 MAY

##### Fruited Supplies Race Day

#### Hawke's Bay Racing, 300 Prospect Road

Gates open at 11am, with general admission and the members stand free. Check out [hawkesbayracing.co.nz](http://hawkesbayracing.co.nz) for more information.

#### 20 MAY

##### Hawke's Bay Districts Secondary Schools Chess Tournament

#### Hastings Sports Centre, Railway Road

This all-day event, for years 7-13 novice through to competitive players, has each player playing 6 x 30 minute rounds. First round goes down at 9.30am with a prize giving at 2pm.

#### 21 MAY

##### Masquerade Youth Ball

#### Hawke's Bay Opera House, 101 Hastings St South

This 16+ event, put on by Zeal, is a drug, alcohol and smoke free event. Tickets are just \$20 and include non-alcoholic drinks and nibbles. Tickets from [eventfinda.co.nz](http://eventfinda.co.nz) and the ball starts at 8pm.

#### 21 MAY

##### Sport Hawke's Bay Sportsperson of the Year Awards

#### Pettigrew Green Arena, 480 Gloucester St, Napier

The Hawke's Bay Sportsperson of the Year Awards are an opportunity to recognise and celebrate Hawke's Bay's sporting success from the past 12 months. Visit [sporthb.net.nz](http://sporthb.net.nz) for more information.

#### 27-29 MAY

##### Hawke's Bay Better Home & Living Show

#### Pettigrew Green Arena, Taradale

Packed with hundreds of products and ideas for the home, the Better Home & Living Show will inform and inspire anyone wanting to improve their lifestyle in a sustainable way by showcasing tomorrow's ideas, today. Adult: \$7, Senior Special Friday Only \$4, Under 16 Free, more information at [betterhomeandlivingshow.co.nz](http://betterhomeandlivingshow.co.nz)

#### 28 MAY

##### Good Vibes

#### Albert Square Hastings, Heretaunga St East

Come along and listen to some good vibes at this free event from 11am.

## COMING UP!

HAWKE'S BAY

# WINTER!

# F.A.W.C!

3rd ~ 26th JUNE 2016

Winter FAWC starts June 3 so get ready for a delicious event series of 'out of the box' food and wine experiences, set in stunning locations throughout Hawke's Bay.

View programme and buy tickets at [fawc.co.nz](http://fawc.co.nz)