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# My Hastings

Keep up with what's happening in Hastings District  
NZ's MOST Beautiful PLACE,

## Return of the Spiegeltent



IT'S SHOWTIME!



NEW ZEALAND  
A&P SHOW



FRINGE IN  
THE 'STINGS



SPRING SPRUCE UP

# Harcourts Hawke's Bay Arts Festival is back!

**The second season of the Harcourts Hawke's Bay Arts Festival features a new and exciting programme of theatre, dance, music, cabaret, comedy, literature and more.**

Artists from the USA, Australia, UK and all over New Zealand will bring an amazing array of world-class performances right to our doorstep.

With 55 performances over 13 days, there will be many chances for everyone to immerse themselves in the magnificent spectacle that will be on offer. The festival hub will once again be a magnificent Spiegelent on the Havelock North Village Green, with additional venues in Napier, Hastings and Havelock North.

**Here is a small selection of highlights from the Harcourts Hawke's Bay Arts Festival:**

## Edge of a Raindrop

Edge of a Raindrop is 'devised theatre' where performers respond to the audience in front of them to create an original work. It was inspired by an audience member after a performance at the Hastings City Art Gallery. The audience member mentioned that a river used to run beneath the gallery. Further research revealed that the Makirikiri Stream, a branch of the Ngaruroro River, flowed through central Hastings and was up to 60 metres wide in places. During the late 1800s, the Council was gifted land on the understanding that they fill in the Makirikiri Stream to create more space for building on.

Using this historical context as its starting point, this gentle work has been created to explore the relationship between the waters of the Heretaunga Plains and the wellbeing of its people.

Edge of a Raindrop is presented by River Seeds Collective - a local collaboration of Toi Whakaari graduates including

Pereri King, Puti Lancaster, Marama Beamish, Janis Cheng, and researcher Moana Munro.

## Edge of a Raindrop

**14 October** - Parlour Projects, 306 Eastbourne Street

**15 October** - Arts Inc. Heretaunga, 106 Russell Street South

**16 October** - Spiegelent, Havelock North Village Green

## Hawke's Bay Writers and Readers Festival

The Hawke's Bay Readers and Writers Festival, running during the Harcourts Hawke's Bay Arts Festival, aims to provide Hawke's Bay readers the opportunity to come together with leading New Zealand writers.

The 2016 line-up, boasting some of New Zealand's best-known writers, poets and influencers, includes inaugural Te Mata Estate Poet Laureate Bill Manhire, Dame Anne Salmond, playwright Roger Hall and a veritable feast of other internationally acclaimed authors.

With events held in the Spiegelent and MTG Napier there is something to suit everyone. See the full programme at [hbaf.co.nz](http://hbaf.co.nz)

## The Cube

Virtual reality will come alive with The Cube; a short film seen through the eyes of a student at the centre of a mass disappearance in Idaho in the 1950's. The Cube combines ground breaking virtual reality with live performance.

The blend of film, theatre and solve it yourself thriller invites you to immerse yourself in the story even after the show.

The Cube performance runs for approximately 15mins, with performances for 3 individuals at once, and operates from 10:00am through to 8:00pm each day. The Cube is free to attend in the Hastings City Mall, beside the Clocktower.



## Little Shop of Horrors

This is a live film experience which includes four actors/musicians and pushes their multi-tasking skills to the limit.

Roger Corman's cult 1960 film plays on stage and the performers work at break-neck speed to re-voice multiple characters in perfect lip synch whilst playing a brand new score and creating live sound effects.

The stars leap from piano to guitar and from bass to doorbell to make Live Cinema's most dangerous 4-D movie yet.

The Little Shop of Horrors opened in May 2015 to excellent critical acclaim. The show has toured extensively throughout the UK, Ireland, New Zealand and Australia, including Edinburgh International Film Festival, Barbican London, The Sage Gateshead, Galway Arts Festival and Darwin Festival.

Little Shop of Horrors plays on Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 September in The Spiegelent.

**For more information about the festival and to purchase your tickets go to [hbaf.co.nz](http://hbaf.co.nz)**



Fringe Festival highlights: Comedian Cori Gonzalez-Macuer and Puppet Fiction

## Fringe in the 'Stings

**The inaugural Fringe in the 'Stings programme includes a mix of comedy, music, puppetry, poetry, a radio play, busking and even a pantomime.**

The festival was developed to compliment the Hawke's Bay Arts Festival and continue the festival atmosphere and arty fun in the Hastings CBD.

Glen Pickering from the Fringe says "Hastings has such a rich and vibrant arts community and we wanted to offer even more. All the shows are fun, accessible and affordable, so people can take a chance and be adventurous."

Fringe in the 'Stings features nine shows at the Common Room, the hub for night time shows, and three days of outdoor performances at Albert Square, including a family friendly circo-arts buskers showcase on Saturday 15 October.

One of the highlights will be 7 days regular and star of cult hit film "What we do in the Shadows", Cori Gonzalez-Macuer. Join him as he dissects the people he desperately hopes his daughter doesn't turn into.

**To view the full programme and book tickets visit: [www.fringeinthestings.co.nz](http://www.fringeinthestings.co.nz)**

**Fringe in the 'Stings 13 - 15 October 2016**



## It's Showtime!

**Last year the New Zealand Royal A&P Show was hosted by the Hawke's Bay A&P Society at Hawke's Bay on Show. This month the Royal Show will again be held at the Showgrounds in Hastings with the event expected to attract large crowds on all three days.**

This year there will be more competitions including dairy cattle, dairy goats and pigs on top of the usual beef cattle, alpaca, dog trials, shearing, sheep and fleece wool competitions.

Three days of equestrian competition will also be held across nearly ten arenas.

More than 240 trade displays will be dotted around the grounds while the younger set will be entertained by Mahons Amusements and sideshows and there will be plenty of homegrown entertainment.

The Hastings Heart of Hawke's Bay Community stage will again feature a wide range of local entertainment. On Thursday you will be entertained by the Fairy Rosebud Show, Respect Dance Academy, Allegiance Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Academy and Te Wananga o Aotearoa Performing Arts.



On Friday, the Fairy Rosebud show returns along with the Hicksville Swamp Stompers and the Hawke's Bay Great Local Band Showcase. Kiwi Masterchef Brett McGregor will also be at the show. He will be in the Taste Hawke's Bay Demonstration Kitchen on all three days with special demonstrations and a mini market.

Around 30,000 people will flock to the showgrounds over three days for what is touted as Hawke's Bay's largest gathering.

Come along with your family and friends and enjoy the incredible amount to see and do.

## Show days:

**Wednesday 19 October 2015, 8.30am - 5pm**

**Thursday 20 October 2015, 8.30am - 5pm**

**Friday 21 October 2015, 8.30am - 5pm**



Strata Group Tour of the Bay



Targa Rally

## A busy month in the Village

October is a big month for events in Havelock North Village with the Tour of the Bay, Targa Rally and HB Arts Festival all on the same weekend of October 15th and 16th and the famous Village Street carnival rounding off a month of events on the 29th.

### Targa Rally

This year's Targa New Zealand tarmac motor rally starts in Taupo on Wednesday 12 October and finishes in Havelock North on Sunday 16 October. Targa is an epic, roller-coaster of an event, one that's still high on bucket lists the world over. The 2016 Targa New Zealand is the 50th Targa event run in this country. This year the rally takes competitors from Taupo through Ohakune, to Palmerston North, then via the Gentle Annie road to Havelock North. Sunday's final leg in and around Hawke's Bay winds up with a ceremonial finish back in Havelock North and prize giving that evening at the Hawke's Bay Opera House in Hastings.

For more information go to [www.targa.co.nz](http://www.targa.co.nz).

### Strata Group Tour of the Bay

This iconic cycling event is open to everyone with a bike. The ride starts at Romanes Park in Havelock North and takes participants through stunning Hawke's Bay countryside on a 100 km or 50 km road ride or you can take a more genteel option on the 20km or 10km rides.

For the slightly more adventurous, why not try the five stage Mountain Bike Enduro. This event takes in the magnificent views from the jewel of Hawke's Bay, Te Mata Peak.

More information is available at [www.tourofthebay.co.nz](http://www.tourofthebay.co.nz)

Road closures are in place for both Targa and Tour of the Bay on 15 October. Check [hastingsdc.govt.nz/events](http://hastingsdc.govt.nz/events) for details.

### Village Street Carnival

Come enjoy the Village's biggest day of the year, Saturday 29 October

Sample produce from artisan suppliers and growers, quality eat on the street food stalls, buskers, plenty of live music, street performers and retailers with exclusive carnival bargains. Bring the family and enjoy the Havelock North Village Carnival from 10am till 3pm!



Village Street Carnival



Hastings Icon Rita Angus painted by Adrian Thornton

## Public art springs up in Hastings CBD

A series of street art portraits of famous, infamous, quirky and intriguing characters from Hastings' history have begun popping up on walls around town.

Each of the Hastings Icons portraits will be accompanied by a sign with a short biography of the person it represents, and a QR code can be scanned with smartphones to find out more.

Stencil artist Adrian Thornton has worked with writer Jess Soutar Barron on the project. The first work featuring artist Dick Frizzell was installed in late August. Two other works have been installed since, one featuring painter Rita Angus and the third depicting an apple tree.

Jess Soutar Barron says the idea is for people to discover

the works - and the icons they celebrate - as they walk through the city.

"We are excited to tell these stories to Hastings' locals, they're icons we can all be proud of," says Jess. "All born in Hastings, some are well known already, others are a little more mysterious and obscure."

The first series of seven portraits will be posted on blank walls from the clock tower through the area to the east side of Heretaunga Street. Subsequent series of Hastings Icons will be posted on walls to the west of the city centre.

The project is supported by Creative Hastings, Hastings District Council and the Hastings City Business Association.



## Properties in line for Spring Spruce Up

The 2016 Tremains Spring Spruce Up Awards have opened with a \$2000 cash prize on offer.

The awards are open to both those who are planning a makeover of their front yard or who already have a beautiful front garden. "We want to encourage and celebrate those who are doing their bit to keep Hastings beautiful - and cement our status as New Zealand's most beautiful city, one property at a time." says Rachel Stuart, Hastings District Council's Parks Planning and Development Manager.

Simon Tremain, managing director of Tremains Real Estate says: "We are pleased to support this fantastic initiative that encourages local residents to increase the value of their homes and help to retain Hastings's title as New Zealand's Most Beautiful City." Formerly known as the Street As Awards, the Tremains Spring Spruce Up Awards have both an open category (for an existing front yard/garden) and a makeover category.

Those entering the makeover category will need to supply a 'before' photo which judges will compare with an 'after' photo taken during judging. If entering in the open category, properties will be judged following the competition closing date.

Entries close on 14 October 2016. Judging will take place from 25 November to 1 December and winners will be announced on 2nd December.



The project is supported by Tremains and Hastings District Council

# What's on in October

## 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 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.

#### UNTIL 13 NOVEMBER

**Woollaston: The Wallace Arts Trust Collection, 1931 – 1996**

Curated by John Eaden, this exhibition of large and small oil paintings includes Toss Woollaston's landscape and portrait genre, as well as sketches from the Erua series. Developed and toured by the James Wallace Arts Trust.

#### UNTIL 16 OCTOBER

**Scene: New work by John Eaden**

A new series of evolved and interpreted landscape paintings by Hawke's Bay artist John Eaden.

#### UNTIL 16 OCTOBER

**Still Life: Ann Verdcourt**

Ann Verdcourt's ceramic works reference many other artists and art movements, drawing from her extensive knowledge of art history.

#### 22 OCTOBER – 14 DECEMBER

**South of Here: Matt Palmer**

Matt Palmer's landscapes avoid idealised notions of scenic beauty and pristine wilderness.

### EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER, 12.30PM

**Lunch Time Tour**

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

#### Talk + Walk Swap

Art talks and walks with a twist. MTG Hawke's Bay and Hastings City Art Gallery have joined forces to present a unique series of four art talks and walks during the Harcourts Hawke's Bay Arts Festival. All talks + walks are FREE to attend:

#### SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER

**HASTINGS Talk + Walk**

11am - Floor Talk

**INDEX: Martin Poppelwell with Tryphena Cracknell**

Tryphena will give a floor talk on the exhibition INDEX by Martin Poppelwell at Hastings City Art Gallery, a show that takes an idiosyncratic look at the alphabet and acknowledges the complex relationship between Te Reo and New Zealand English. Tryphena Cracknell is Curator Taonga Māori at MTG Hawke's Bay.

12pm - **Hastings Public Art Walking Tour with Toni MacKinnon**

Hastings City Art Gallery's Director will lead you through a fascinating take on the much loved public art of Hastings. Meet at the entrance to Hastings City Art Gallery.

#### SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER

**NAPIER Talk + Walk**

MTG Theatre, Napier

11am, Floor talk

**Petrus van der Velden: Art of Two Halves with Martin Poppelwell**

Martin will give a floor talk at MTG Hawke's Bay on the exhibition Petrus van der Velden: Art of Two Halves, developed and toured by Te Papa. Martin Poppelwell is a Hawke's Bay artist who is currently exhibiting at Hastings City Art Gallery.

12pm, **Napier Public Art Walking Tour with Jessica Mio**

MTG Hawke's Bay's Art Curator will lead a walking tour of public sculptures, murals and the less conspicuous artworks around central Napier. Meet at the entrance to MTG.

## 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**

### HASTINGS LIBRARY

#### 6 OCTOBER

**3:30pm - 4:30pm: Book Bugs**

Come along to our fortnightly book club for games, crafts, and discussions of all things books. For ages 8-12

### FLAXMERE LIBRARY

#### 6 OCTOBER

**10:30am - 11:00am: Preschool story time**

Join our weekly story-time session for stories, songs and craft.

**3:30pm - 4:30pm: Young Readers.**

Come along to our fortnightly book club for games, crafts, and discussions of all things books. For ages 8-12

**10:00 – 12:00 Get Printing!**

We'll set up a printing station, and children can either make and illustrate their own books using a couple of different printing techniques, or make a piece of art.

### HAUELOCK NORTH LIBRARY

#### 7 OCTOBER

**10.30am: The Great Wardini Magic Show**

We welcome our favourite magician to entertain and intrigue us with his amazing magic and storytelling.

### 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)

### 4 - 16 OCTOBER

**Harcourts Hawke's Bay Arts Festival**

**Spiegeltent on Havelock North Village Green and other locations**

Featuring 55 shows featuring artists from USA, Australia, UK and from all over NZ, the Harcourts Hawke's Bay Arts Festival is a feast for arts lovers. Book your tickets today to avoid disappointment. Go to [hbaf.co.nz](http://hbaf.co.nz) for more.

#### 7 OCTOBER

**Nigel Kennedy - The Hilarious Hypnotist**

**No. 5 Cafe and Larder**

90 minutes of side-splitting fun, a show that will have you in fits of laughter guaranteed! This is a unique performance where you can see the show or be the show - the choice is yours. The ticket price of \$58 includes a 2 course dinner (main and dessert) and the show.

#### 8 OCTOBER

**Wine Dine and Dance**

**Cheval Room, Hawke's Bay Racing Centre**

Get your dancing shoes on for an evening of fabulous food and live band 'Pulse.'

#### 8 OCTOBER

**Ride Safe 'On Ya Bike' Mystery Charity Ride**

**Cranford Hospice, Knight Street, Hastings**

Organised by Hawkes Bay British & American Motorcycle Club, the Ride Safe On Ya Bike Mystery Charity Ride will see around 400 motorcycles take part in an awesome ride from Hastings to Napier. All proceeds going to Cranford Hospice.

Visit [bamc.net.nz](http://bamc.net.nz) for more details.

#### 10 OCTOBER

**Landmarks History Talk: What we live by - Our Soil**  
**Hastings War Memorial Library**

October's presenter is Peter Lester who has 45 years experience studying the microbiology of Hawke's Bay's soils. Entry is by gold coin donation.

### 13-15 OCTOBER

**Fringe in the 'Stings**

**Common Room and Albert Square**

Comedy, music, puppetry, poetry, a radio play, busking and even a pantomime; these are all part of the wild and wonderful shows that make up the inaugural Fringe in the 'Stings. Visit [fringeinthestings.co.nz](http://fringeinthestings.co.nz)

### 15-16 OCTOBER

**Targa New Zealand 2016**

**Havelock North and environs**

With a service stop and a 'Parc Ferme' in the village you will have two chances over the weekend to get up close and personal with the cars of Targa NZ. Go to [targa.co.nz](http://targa.co.nz) for details

### 15 OCTOBER

**Strata Group Tour of the Bay**

**Romanes Park, Havelock North**

With different courses winding through the beautiful Hawke's Bay countryside the Strata Group Tour of the Bay has something for every level of cyclist. [tourofthebay.co.nz](http://tourofthebay.co.nz)

### 15 OCTOBER

**The Original Gypsy Fair**

**Windsor Park**

The Original Gypsy Fair will be holding their fourth fair for the 2016-17 season (as they have done for more than a quarter century) in the wonderful Windsor Park, Sylvan Road, Hastings.

### 15 OCTOBER

**Hawke's Bay Magpies vs. Bay of Plenty Steamers - Mitre Ten National Provincial Championship Rugby**  
**McLean Park, Napier**

Let's pack out the park for the 'Battle of the Bays.'

### 16 OCTOBER

**Tremains 2016 Pink Fun Walk**

**Civic Square, Hastings**

This event is an easy 3.5km fun walk around Hastings to raise money for local women and their families dealing with breast cancer. There is entertainment provided by the Breeze, a band, food, and free massages before the walk.

### 19-21 OCTOBER

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

**Hawke's Bay Showgrounds**

It's showtime! Come along to experience the country in the city, with the traditional animal competitions, 240 trade displays, fairgrounds rides and the 'Hastings, Heart of Hawke's Bay' community stage.

### 21 OCTOBER

**Indo Pacific Trampoline and Tumbling Championships**

**Pettigrew Green Arena**

Come and watch New Zealand's top athletes take on their rivals as they compete for an Indo Pacific titles in Synchro, Double Mini, Individual Trampoline & Tumbling.

### 22 OCTOBER

**New Zealand Male Choir in the Bay**

**St Columba's Presbyterian Church**

The New Zealand Male Choir presents an exciting night of song conducted by Hawke's Bay's own Joe Christensen. Music will range from waiata to gospel, traditional to folk.

### 27 OCTOBER

**The Great Mario Lanza**

**Bay City Outreach Centre**

Celebrate the life and artistry of colourful, charismatic Mario Lanza, whose portrayal of the Great Caruso inspired The Three Tenors and untold others to pursue singing careers.

### 29 OCTOBER

**Village Street Carnival**

**Havelock North Village**

Enjoy the Village's biggest day of the year. Sample produce from artisan suppliers and growers, quality food stalls, buskers and plenty of live music, street performers, retailers with exclusive carnival bargains!



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