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IN APRIL



Vantage Hawke's Bay Festival of Hockey

The fourth annual Vantage Hawke's Bay Festival of Hockey has kicked off with some top international players tearing up the turf this week. The festival opened on March 31 and continues until April 9 at the Regional Sports Park, and Park Island in Napier.

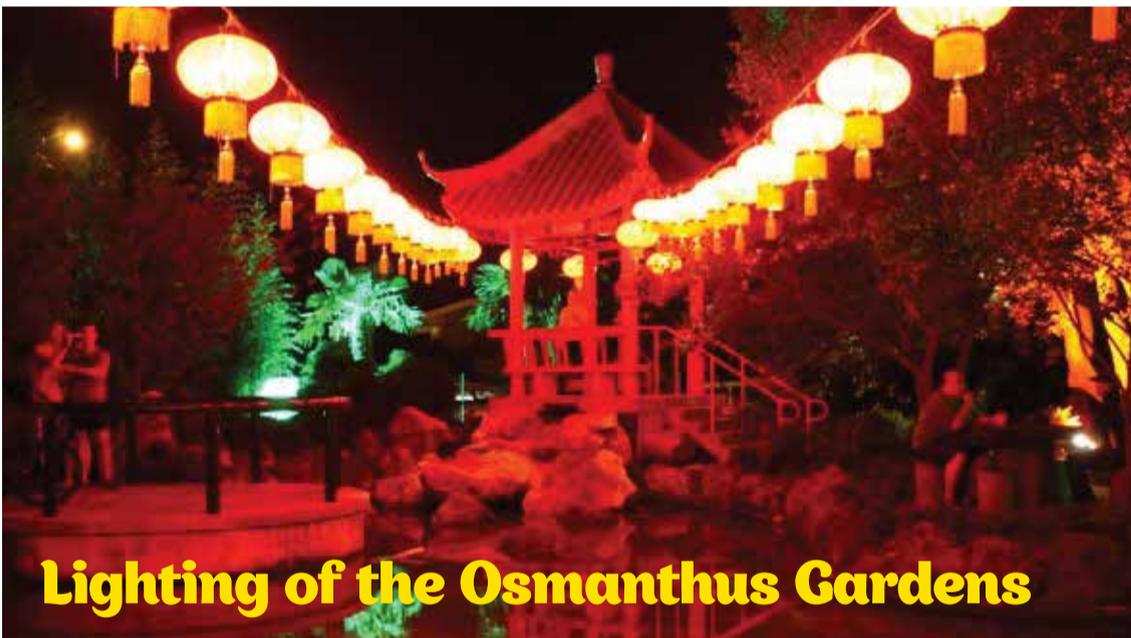
Over 10 exciting days we are hosting 24 teams and 76 matches! The following tournaments are underway:

- the Vantage Hawke's Bay Cup – featuring four of the world's top ranked International Women's sides – New Zealand (as the current holders of the Hawke's Bay Cup), Australia, USA and Japan;
- the ever-popular Hockey New Zealand Affiliates Tournament sees the addition of the NZ Universities teams as well as the NZ Indians to compete alongside NZ Maori, Hawke's Bay, Poverty Bay and the National Senior Tournament XI; and
- the Furnware Cup Schoolgirl Tournament – featuring eight top ranked North Island schools including local schools Iona College, Woodford House and Havelock North High School. This tournament continues to grow in stature, serving as an ideal lead-in to the season which will see the top ranked Federation Cup tournament being held in Hawke's Bay in September.

Hawke's Bay Sports Events and Education Consortium (HBSEEC) is delighted that Vantage Windows & Doors, the new naming rights partner of the Vantage Black Sticks, have further extended their support for hockey as the new sponsor for this festival.

The Festival of Hockey has proven to be a way of showcasing what Hawke's Bay has to offer, allowing both visitors and the local community to experience local delights alongside some top international hockey.

If you haven't already, make sure you come along and enjoy the top-class action. For more information on the Festival and to purchase tickets, please go to: www.hockeyfestival.nz



Lighting of the Osmanthus Gardens

The Osmanthus Gardens in Cornwall Park is once again illuminated with authentic Chinese silk lanterns and special lighting, from 6pm to 10pm every evening until Sunday 9 April. This year is the eighth anniversary of the festival, which celebrates Hastings' 36-year-old sister city relationship with Guilin in China.

Four special new lotus lanterns adorn the garden's waterways, adding even more colour and depth to the lantern festival. The remarkable lotus flower is highly regarded in China as a symbol of beauty prevailing, noted for its ability to grow in muddy ponds, as well as its beautiful colours and size.

The man behind the lighting of the gardens, Councillor Kevin Watkins, sourced the new lanterns from China with the assistance of a grant from the Asia New Zealand Foundation.

Councillor Watkins said the Osmanthus garden waterways could easily accommodate 30 lotus lanterns, and en masse, would look so stunning by creating a visual kaleidoscope of colour and form. Although for this year's festival we have only four, he is sure they will stimulate the imagination as to what could be achieved with more.

To ensure that the vibrancy and dramatic effect of the gardens can continue to be lifted in coming years, there is a gold coin donation box at the entrance to raise funds for the ongoing purchase of new lights and lanterns. Councillor Watkins said he hoped individuals, organisations and businesses consider donating or sponsoring a lantern for next year's festival. Donations can be also be made at www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/Lighting-Osmanthus.

The lighting of the Osmanthus Gardens is fast becoming a Hastings icon, attracting a growing number of people each year. All of the parts that make up the lantern festival from the tranquil surroundings, the lanterns' reflections, the lighting of trees and the classical music accompaniment provide a space that visitors frequently comment upon as being peaceful, stunning and just like heaven after a busy day.



Dawn Service

Anzac Day

Civic Square will once again be the focal point for ANZAC Day services in Hastings this year. 2017 marks the 102nd anniversary of the Gallipoli Campaign, and the forging of the greatly admired ANZAC spirit.

This year the dawn parade will begin outside the War Memorial on Karamu Rd at 5.15am, followed by the traditional service at the Cenotaph in Civic Square at 5.30am.

Hastings Clubs is very pleased to see the numbers attending Anzac Day commemorations across the district increasing each year, and that younger generations have become more aware of the hardship and misfortune that many of our returned service people face.

Last year Clubs Hastings hosted its first ANZAC Day at its new Victoria Street location following the dawn parade. A large number of people stopped in at the new premises; not only to familiarise themselves with the new facility, but also to reflect on the day. Young and old were in attendance, including returned service people and those currently serving.

Clubs Hastings welcomes both the public and members for tea or coffee following the service, with free breakfast beginning at 7am. Refer to the What's On section for a listing of other ANZAC services taking place in the Hastings District.

Rethinking Waste

Over the past year Omarunui Landfill received 75,000 tonnes of rubbish from Napier City and the Hastings District. This amount of waste is not great for our environment – or your pocket – as the cost of disposal is increasing due to various levies, landfill construction costs, and environmental protection costs.

On a brighter note, more than 12,000 tonnes of paper, plastic, metals, glass, electronics, green waste and much more was recycled in 2016 – a number we're continuously looking to improve.

In 2012, Council developed its Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) detailing how we would tackle waste over the next six years. While we have made some great progress; much more can still be done.

In the coming months, Council will be reviewing and re-writing this WMMP. This means now is the right time to for you – as recipients of these Council-provided services – to consider changes and improvements.

With growing community expectations around waste management and protecting the environment, Council will be seeking your feedback later this year. A number of possible options are currently being developed which will be released for public consultation later this year.



These options have taken into account:

- what works around New Zealand;
- alternatives to the existing kerbside collection methods;
- cost and affordability;
- increased control over how waste is handled; and
- getting green/plant waste out of landfill.

As waste impacts all of us, it is important that you have your say. Stay tuned for more info via hastingsdc.govt.nz.

The Big Easy – 15 April 2017



Tickets are now on sale for The Big Easy – Hawke's Bay's ultimate antidote to all those serious lycra-laden cycling events held across the country.

The Big Easy ride runs for 42kms along the Hawke's Bay Trails and participants are encouraged to take all day to enjoy the many attractions along the way.

Starting at Chalk 'n Cheese in Havelock North, the ride meanders around Clive and Awatoto and

finishes up at Church Road Winery with a finale party and concert to entertain the crowds.

If 42kms sounds a bit out of your league, why not try The Little Easy in Central Hawke's Bay on Good Friday, 14 April or Wairoa on Easter Sunday, 16 April, which are a gentle 12km and 10km respectively.

For full details, check out www.thebigeasy.co.nz

WHAT'S ON IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

The school holidays are fast approaching, with Thursday 13 April the last day of term one. There are plenty of fun-filled programmes, activities and things happening in the Hastings District over the two week break to keep the kids entertained!

Hastings District Libraries and the Hastings City Art Gallery both have plenty of holiday activities happening – check out our What's On section or visit their websites for more details.

Kids aged from five to 14 years can have lots of fun at the Hastings Sport Centre, by taking part in their Fun Factor Extreme Adventure holiday programme (find out more at www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/hastings-sports-centre) and Clive Pool and Swim Heretaunga will both be running intensive blocks of swimming lessons for those who want to improve their skills in the pool.

If you're wanting some outdoor fun, remember to check out one of the 43 fantastic playgrounds in the district – including the newly opened Village Green in Havelock North or the great offerings at Kirkpatrick Park in Camberley, Hastings' Lions Community Playground or Cornwall Park.

For more holiday ideas, sign up to our new e-newsletter: Visit www.hastingsdc.govt.nz and click on 'email newsletters' at the bottom right hand side of the homepage.

Your local councillors



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What's on in April

Hastings District Libraries

www.hastingslibraries.co.nz

Hastings Library - Cnr Eastbourne and Warren Sts

Flaxmere Library - Swansea Road

Havelock North - Te Mata Road

EVERY WEDNESDAY 4PM -5PM

Clan of Coders Club

Hastings War Memorial Library

Come along to Clan of Coders club, where you can work your way through a series of coding challenges, test your skills against others or simply come hang out and work on coding projects together! Aimed at ages 8+ and any skill level, but if you can read and type - you can create code! Learn Scratch, Python, Javascript and more. Bringing your own device is welcomed, but not essential.

5 APRIL

WW1 Voices: a talk by Anna Mackenzie

Hastings War Memorial Library

7pm, tickets \$10 each. hastingslibraries.co.nz

21 APRIL

Cardboard Art Workshop

Flaxmere Library

1-3pm free event. Hawke's Bay artist Emanuel Dunn creates extraordinary sculpture from everyday materials. He will share some of the techniques of his sculpture method and children can experiment and have the chance to create a unique 3D artwork of their own. Materials and equipment provided.

21 APRIL

Entertainers - Mary Kippenberger and Peter Charlton Jones

Havelock North Library

10:30am free event. Join this fabulous storytelling duo. Be part of the pantomimes, dress up, laugh, sing, act out and have great fun!

21 APRIL

Alien Invasion

Hastings Library

10am - 10.45 then 11am -1pm, free event. You have 30 minutes to build your line of defence before aliens invade the library! If you survive, hang around to watch a classic alien film. Suitable 7+ years.

24 APRIL

Screen Printing

Flaxmere Library - Harakeke Room 10:30am - 12:30pm

Learn to Screen Print at the Library! Bring along a clean, plain t-shirt, top or pillow case (white works best, but any pale colour is fine) and leave with an 'up-cycled' designer looking item! All done by you! No registrations required, just come along at 10:30am and get ready to create something awesome.

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 14 MAY

Iwitoi Kahungunu:

Artists from Iwitoi in conjunction with Te Matatini.

UNTIL 30 APRIL

Asaki Kajima: Respiration

Combining wire, clay and fibres, Hawke's Bay artist Asaki Kajima's ethereal sculptures connect the natural and manmade.

UNTIL 28 MAY

The Collector's Room

From private collections of Hawke's Bay artists including: Colin McCahon, Allen Maddox, Ralph Hotere, Yvonne Todd, Dick Frizzell, and Diggeress Te Kanawa.

Interactive Wall: Paper Canoe - He Waka Pepa

Make a paper waka/canoe. Use your pepeha to inspire the patterns and designs on your waka. This interactive activity is open every day of the Iwitoi exhibition. FREE

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

6 APRIL

Lunchtime tour

12.30pm, free, no booking required

Join us for a lunchtime tour of our current exhibitions.

18 APRIL

Kids Drop-in Day

Kids! Join us for art activities based on the current exhibitions. All day for kids and their adults. FREE.

19 AND 26 APRIL

Poi-making school holiday workshops

Join guest artist Melysa Tapiata to learn about the poi and make your own to take home. For 6-12 year olds. \$10 per person, book through gallery.

Iwitoi Kahungunu has an ongoing public programme which will continue throughout the exhibition. See our website for details or follow our Facebook page.

EVERY SUNDAY

Hawke's Bay Farmers Market

Hawke's Bay A&P Showgrounds, Kenilworth Road

8.30am - 12.30pm

Hawkesbayfarmersmarket.co.nz

31 MARCH - 9 APRIL

Festival of Hockey 2017

Sports Park Hawke's Bay

Three Tournaments - 24 teams - 76 matches!!! Be sure to come along and enjoy a festival of top class hockey action. For more information, and to purchase tickets for the International Women's Vantage Hawke's Bay Cup tournament, please go to: www.hockeyfestival.nz

1 - 13 APRIL

Hastings City Bunny Adventure

Hop to it this Easter and find the Easter Bunnies speckled on shop windows throughout Hastings City! Get your entry form and collect five stamps from participating stores to claim your special Easter prize and be in the draw for one of six School Holiday Fun Packs thanks to Upstart Magazine. No purchase required.

1 APRIL

Opening of Havelock North Village Green

10am - 1pm

Free Event

Join us in celebrating the official opening of the Havelock North Village Green and Mackersey Family Pavilion. Try out the new playground, skate or water area, grab a bite to eat and listen to some music.

1-2 APRIL

Fun in the Sun Softball Tournament

Akina Park

The annual end of season men's and women's softball tournament - New Zealand's biggest softball event. More information at www.funinthesun.co.nz

5 - 9 APRIL

Lighting of Osmanthus Gardens

Cornwall Park

6pm - 10pm

Gold Coin Donation

Don't miss the stunning display of new lotus lanterns at the 8th anniversary of the Lighting Festival in the Gardens. The tranquillity of the festival, the reflections of traditional Chinese silk lanterns in the waters, the lighting of trees, and the classical music accompaniment make for a fantastic event www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/Lighting-Osmanthus

6 APRIL

Hawke's Bay Primary Sector Awards

A&P Showgrounds

6pm - 11pm

This event brings together a range of awards and competitions that recognise excellence in the primary sector.

showgroundshb.co.nz/primary-sector-awards.php

9 APRIL

Amalia Hall and Christopher Park In Concert

Blyth Performing Arts Centre, 42 Lucknow Rd, Havelock North

Tickets \$50 by calling 0508 iTICKET (484-253) Amalia on violin and Christopher Park on piano combine to bring you an exceptional and deeply expressive live performance.

10 - 22 APRIL

Darryl Grant - Metal Sculptures

Hastings Community Art Centre

106 Russell St Sth, Hastings

Monday - Friday 9.30am - 4pm, Saturday 10am - 2pm

Creating three dimensional sculptures from different variants of discarded metal.

11 - 12 APRIL

Super Sixes Sports Event

Sports Park Hawke's Bay, 10:30am - 2pm

An exciting interschool sports tournament for Year Six students. Come out and watch the schools battle it out in netball, tag rugby, football, hockey, basketball, cycle cross and ki-o-rahi.

www.sporty.co.nz/supersixes

15 APRIL

Big Easy Cycling Fun Ride

Starts at Chalk 'n Cheese, Havelock North

Spend the day riding 42km of tasty stops, and aim to finish at Church Road Winery for the finale party and concert which starts at 2pm.

www.thebigeasy.co.nz

15 - 16 APRIL

Hawke's Bay Easter Highland Games

Lindisfarne College, 600 Pakowhai Road

Adults \$6.00, 2 Day Pass \$100

Solo Piping competitions commencing Friday Event 14th April at 6pm with the 46th Gold Clasp Piobaireachd competition in the auditorium.

Highland & National Dance competitions commence Saturday 15th April.

25 APRIL

ANZAC Day Services

5.15am - Dawn parade outside the War Memorial on Karamu Road.

5.30am - service at the Cenotaph in Civic Square. Free breakfast after the service at Club Hastings on Victoria Street.

9.30am - Clive Cenotaph

10am - Hawke's Bay Fallen Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, 398 Omahu Road

10.30am - CBD at Havelock North Cenotaph

30 APRIL

Country to Coast 2017

Four Events: McDonald's 8km Fun Run/Walk, 15km Fun Run/Walk, 21.1km Hillmac Electrical Half Marathon, 20km Farndon Fun Ride. For more information and to register, go to:

www.country2coast.co.nz