

# My Hastings

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**Havelock North  
is the winner!**

Our nation's 'Most Beautiful Suburb'



**HASTINGS POOLS  
OPEN**



**ROSE SUNDAY**

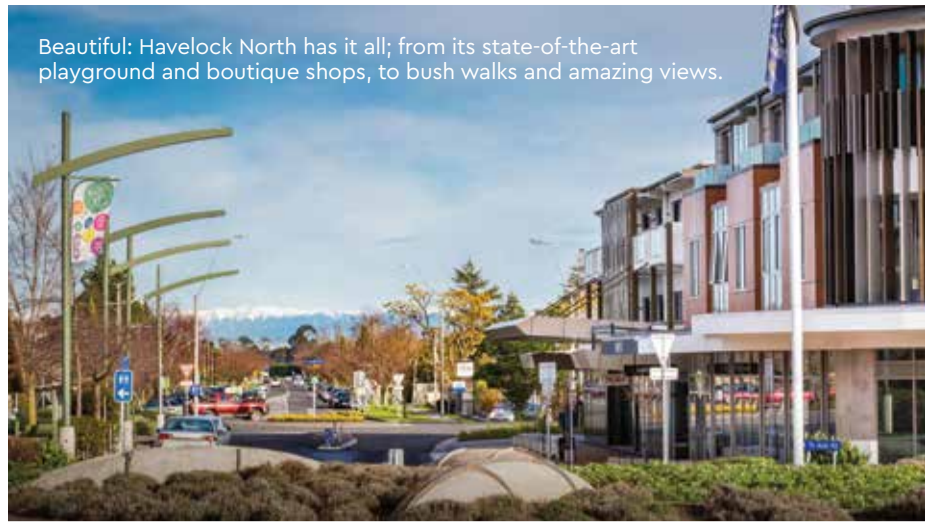


**BEAUTIFUL SUBURB**



**RECYCLING**

# It's official: Havelock North is the nation's Most Beautiful Suburb!



Beautiful: Havelock North has it all; from its state-of-the-art playground and boutique shops, to bush walks and amazing views.

## The annual Keep New Zealand Beautiful Awards were announced in October at Craggy Range Vineyard.

It was a huge night for Hastings, with three out of three entries taking the top prize in each of their categories, and the naming of Hastings District councillor Henare O'Keefe as this year's Keep New Zealand Beautiful Local Hero.

Havelock North was lauded as the vibrant heart of Hawke's Bay and a 'must visit' destination, as the award for Most Beautiful Suburb was announced. Hastings acting mayor Sandra Hazlehurst said the Havelock North community could be very proud.

"This is fantastic news. This vibrant village is full of truly committed people who get in behind all the projects that we do in Havelock North; from helping plan and raise funds for the rebuilding of the Village Green, to joining in on stream clean-up days, to being fully involved in decisions around the retail centre."

Havelock North's Business Association president Milton Andrews said the award recognised the amazing love everyone has for the village. "People from across New Zealand are falling in love with our beautiful suburb and as part of our entry we wanted to bring Havelock North to life in video, so the judges could see why, and what makes us unique."

"For many Havelock North locals and businesses this award brings extra special significance, and represents the major commitment we have made to do more and more for the people who live, work, and visit here. It's also fantastic for Hastings and our Hawke's Bay region as a whole – we can take enormous pride in our beautiful province."

The second Hastings win for the night went to Flaxmere's Morgan Educare, which took out the Sustainable Schools Award. The pre-school care and education centre had sustainability at the heart of its strategic plan.

The team's efforts included installing solar panels and putting in vegetable gardens, a composting system and worm farm.

The third award to come Hastings way was for Most Sustainable Business Project, taken out by the Hawke's Bay Farmers' Market, held at the A&P Showgrounds every Sunday.

The market had introduced a zero waste philosophy which had seen all stall holders convert to fully compostable tasting plates, coffee cups and cutlery.

Topping off Hastings' success at the awards was the naming of Hastings District councillor Henare O'Keefe as Keep New Zealand Beautiful's 2017 Local Hero. Mr O'Keefe was recognised for his history of working to improve the lot of Hastings people, both physically - through encouraging pride and care in the community, and through sharing his love of the people and place.

Congratulations to all of our award winners!

## Keep New Zealand Beautiful's Local Hero

*"As we look around our undoubtedly beautiful district, we must think about all the spaces our children are growing up in; they need to be proud of the place they are growing up in; the place that nurtures them" - Hastings District councillor Henare O'Keefe.*

Councillor O'Keefe's lifetime of work for his community across a raft of sectors has been recognised many times, and now he has been named Keep New Zealand Beautiful's Local Hero. This new award has been added to the 15 issued each year which recognise council, business and individual efforts to improve sustainability and demonstrate environmental excellence.

Councillor O'Keefe said helping individuals take pride in the community helped to encourage pride in work, families and homes.

Right from his first term in Council Councillor O'Keefe got involved with educating youngsters to take care of 'their place': "To look after it; take pride in it. Our kids of today are much more aware of their environment and we need to foster and nurture that".

"If you get the children interested then they carry that on for life. I made up a little song about a 'naughty

litterbug' and the kids loved it." It helped that he already had a very good relationship with the schools and students from involvement before his election to Council; the children recognised him and lapped up the song and the message.

Environment – urban and natural – is everything he says. "You just have to look at how good taking a walk in the bush or sitting by a river makes you feel. We can't always get away to those places so the next best thing is to keep our urban spaces, where we live, as peaceful, tranquil and cared for as we possibly can."

He said the fruits of the labour put in over the last decade to encourage Hastings' youngsters to get involved was bearing fruit – reflected by the Keep New Zealand Beautiful's Sustainable Schools Award going to Flaxmere's Morgan Educare. "We are very proud. These little ones are right into this stuff – probably not so much the solar panel technology, but definitely the vegetable gardens and the worm farm."



Keep New Zealand Beautiful's Local Hero Councillor O'Keefe, with his mokopuna, being interviewed by TVNZ's Matty McLean. TV One's Breakfast programme was broadcast from the Havelock North Village Green in October, on the eve of the announcement of the awards.

# RECYCLING

Please separate your recycling into the following 3 Categories:

Tips for recycling

## PAPER/CARDBOARD

Cardboard, paper, junk mail, newspapers, wrapping paper, cereal boxes, shoe boxes, egg cartons, envelopes, magazines, pizza boxes.



No food, Tetrapak cartons, foil or plastic.

## GLASS

Clean glass jars and bottles, including green, brown and blue glass.



No broken glass, glassware, light bulbs, mirror or window glass.

## PLASTIC/CANS

All grades of rigid plastic bottles, jars and containers displaying the recycling symbol (Grades 1-7), clean tin and aluminium cans.



No polystyrene (including black meat trays), No plastic bags, film or wrap.

Place recycling into shopping bags or recycling bins (maximum weight = 10kg) by 7.30am on your collection day.

Please direct all your recycling enquiries to **0800 Bay Recycle (0800 229 732)**.

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Just add water and go at pirate play feature.

## Hastings' pools are about to open

**Get ready for some fun in the sun – all of Hastings' outdoor pools will be open this month!**

The teams at all three pools - the Village Pool in Havelock North, Frimley Pool in Hastings, and Splash Planet in Hastings - have spent the winter months maintaining, painting and prepping for the busy summer season.

The most exciting change is the installation of the new pirate-themed water feature in the toddler's pool at Splash Planet. It is designed for children six years old and under with its low rope climbing structures and plenty of safety rails, but with the thrill of being doused with water.

The play feature added more interest for little ones, said Hastings District Council Facilities and Programmes Manager Alison Banks.

"Older children and adults have lots of rides at Splash Planet so the idea was to expand the things that small children can enjoy."

Hawke's Bay residents can buy a Club Card for \$18 for their household (or \$16 if you recharge your card from last year). This means every member of the household over 14 years of age pays \$18 for a Super Pass on the day – a saving of \$11 per visit. Children's Club Card entry is set at \$12.

The other two pools – Frimley and Havelock North – are just getting their last minute tidy-ups before opening. The Village Pools has been painted while Frimley has undergone a standard winter maintenance programme.

The Havelock North facility has five pools: a 33 metre pool, two metre deep pool, learners' pool, toddlers' pool and babies' splash pool, while at Frimley there is a 50m pool, a learners' pool, and a toddlers' pool. Prices for these pools is \$4 for an adult, \$3 for children and over-65s, and \$1 for under five year olds.



In bloom: the beautiful rose gardens are ready to celebrate.



## Rose Sunday returns to Frimley

**Rose Sunday will return on Sunday 12 November. After a four-year hiatus, this free floral celebration will be held once again in the beautiful Rose Gardens located at Frimley Park.**

A new plaque will be unveiled to recognise the generosity of the Hastings Rose Society for their donation of the pavilion, and the Twin City Stompers will complement the lovely setting with their musical talents.

Visitors will be greeted with small rose buttonholes from Rose Society members' home gardens, and will be able to get advice and information on 'all things roses' from industry professionals. There will be kids' entertainment, ice-cream and coffee trucks, so bring a picnic and relax on the lawn while enjoying the tranquillity of the park.

Officially opened on Sunday 26 November 1967, the Rose Garden's design was based on Kew Gardens in England. Starting with 4,000 rose bushes, it now holds over 5,500 roses.

Frimley Park is widely known as an 'Old English' park and has a number of historic trees. The playground was recently upgraded to a sensory playground, designed to help those with poor vision or with learning disabilities. It also includes classic pieces such as swings, slides and rope climbers, as well as a circular path for scootering around the play area and a sandpit playground surface. The play area also hosts Hastings' first public petanque court – don't forget to bring your own boules!

Gates open at 11am with entertainment from 1pm to 3pm. Don't miss this memorable event!

## Celebrating our youth potential

**A special ceremony to celebrate youngsters who display 'he pito mata', or strong character against the odds, was held in October.**

Each year the Youth Potential Awards are held to celebrate Hastings youth aged 12 to 19 who are getting on and achieving despite facing personal challenges or adversity. The award categories are Tane (Male), Wahine (Female) and Roopu (Group).

For 14-year-old KJ Kemp, the award made her realise just what she was achieving. Her way of coping with the "pain and pressure" of losing close friends and family in a short space of time was to keep busy and help in her community – although she had not realised how busy she was, until the awards evening.

As well as being fully involved in school and completing all her homework, every weekday the youngster heads to Te Aka Whai Kura (after school and holiday programme) which is in its 10th year of serving the community, to teach kapa haka and assist the kaimahi. She also helps during the school holidays. KJ has been performing kapa haka for as long as she can remember, first going on stage as a 5-year-old. She continues to perform in her own right and hopes to head off on an overseas culture trip to Italy next year with the Te Tono a Te Taurapa senior kapa haka group, after competing in the regional kapa haka competition.

"I realised I am busy and I am a role model. I really like coming to Te Aka; watching them [the kids] grow and knowing I can help them because I've been where they are," KJ said.

She has big plans for the future – including travel; plans her nominator and Te Aka Charitable Trust kaihautu/ chief executive and founder Alayna Hokianga is convinced she will achieve. "Her strength and passion cannot be over-stated. KJ has become confident in herself and her abilities and has so much to offer. She is a caring and kind-hearted young person who many of our younger children look up to. Along with her very supportive whānau, we are all proud of KJ's achievements

It was the sixth year of the awards. This year's speakers included Miss New Zealand Harlem-Cruze Ihaia and Te Aka Cultural Advisor & Facilitator, Thompson Hokianga.

Youth Council liaison councillor Malcolm Dixon said the speakers were "exceptional".

"They had come from similar backgrounds to some of these youth and they were able to talk to them about the benefits of continuing to try, setting goals, so that you can achieve."

"These youngsters, despite the challenges they have faced, have a strong work ethic. It's important we recognise effort and achievement at all levels, and these awards are part of that."

KJ Kemp, one of this year's award winners.



**This year's award recipients were:** Alycia Harris (Hastings District Youth Council); Caleb Fussell (Hastings District Youth Council); KJ Kemp (Te Aka); Keisha Rarere (Te Aka); Tatiana Whare-Fletcher (Te Aka); Tu-Matangaro Hokianga (Te Aka); Conrad Anderson (Giants Boxing); Sam Nicol (Giants Boxing); Rongo Maaka (Basketball Academy); Jerushon Tatana (Basketball Academy); Dreh Dahl (Basketball Academy); Tzar Smiler (Basketball Academy); Phoenix Pomana (Basketball Academy); Te Aratika basketball team (Te Aratika).

## Hastings District Libraries



**HASTINGS LIBRARY** – Cnr Eastbourne and Warren Sts  
**FLAXMERE LIBRARY** – Swansea Road  
**HAVELOCK NORTH** – Te Mata Road  
 For opening hours please visit  
[www.hastingslibraries.co.nz](http://www.hastingslibraries.co.nz)

### From 27 November

#### SUMMER SPARKS LEARN TO READ

HASTINGS DISTRICT LIBRARIES

This literacy programme aimed at 5-12 year olds has been designed with a modern approach to engage children in 2017. The programme will be different from what has been done in previous years while encouraging kids first and foremost to have fun!

For details see:

[www.hastingslibraries.co.nz/summer-sparks-way](http://www.hastingslibraries.co.nz/summer-sparks-way)

## Arts Inc. Heretaunga



106 Russell St South FREE ENTRY  
 Ph: 878 9447 or E: [info@artsinc.co.nz](mailto:info@artsinc.co.nz)  
[www.artsinc.co.nz](http://www.artsinc.co.nz)

### Until 11 November

#### ALL SORTS – RUDOLF STEINER TAIKURA

Free annual eclectic exhibition from staff and pupils of Rudolf Steiner Taikura school.

### 13 -23 November

#### IDEAS SCHOOL VISUAL ARTS DEGREE GRADUATES EXHIBITION

Work from final year Visual Arts Degree graduates.

### From 28 November

#### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2017

Annual arts and crafts sale from Hawke' Bay artists and artisans. Something for everyone.

### 19 November

#### PEAK TRAIL BLAZER TRAIL RUN

TE MATA PEAK

Not just for the super fast, the Peak Trail Blazer is a trail run or walk for all. One Peak, two trails the picturesque 12.8km Te Mata Peak Trail or the 3.5km Tainui Trail. For tickets: [www.peaktrailblazer.co.nz](http://www.peaktrailblazer.co.nz)

### 20 November

#### FLAXMERE HEROES CALENDAR LAUNCH

FOCAL POINT CINEMA 5:30PM

The official launch of the calendar that recognises heroes and heroines for their devotion and contribution to Flaxmere will take place in a celebratory ceremony. Everyone welcome.

### 22 & 23 November

#### BIG BIKE FILM NIGHT

FOCAL POINT CINEMA 6.10PM

The Big Bike Film Nights are dedicated to the love of cycling. Debuting this year, and celebrating, inspiring and encouraging women who love to bike.

For Tickets and info: [www.bigbikefilmnight.nz](http://www.bigbikefilmnight.nz)

### 25 November

#### NGĀTI KAHUNGUNU AGM PA SPORTS

SPLASH PLANET 10AM – 4PM

Pack your picnic and come along to cheer on your local marae in Ngāti Kahungunu AGM Pa Sports day. Sports include ki-o-rahi, 3-on-3 basketball, touch, volleyball, netball, tug of war, kiddies sports and euchre.

## Hastings City Art Gallery



Open every day from 10am - 4.30pm FREE ENTRY  
 Ph: 871 5095 or E: [hastingsartgallery@hdc.govt.nz](mailto:hastingsartgallery@hdc.govt.nz)  
[www.hastingscityartgallery.co.nz](http://www.hastingscityartgallery.co.nz)

### EXHIBITIONS

### Until 26 November

#### EVERYDAY LINES

This display from 16 artists interrogates objects and activities of daily life which encourages us to look closer and consider what the relationship is between the artist and the everyday.

### EVENTS

### 13 November

#### ART FOR TOTS

10.30-11.30AM

A fun and playful art experience for under-fives based on the current exhibition 'Everyday Lines'. Koha, booking required.

### 25 November

#### ARTIST WORKSHOP

DRAWING ON STUFFED WEIGHT WITH GABY MONTEJO 1-3PM

Join Christchurch-based artist Gaby Montejó for a conversation about his work, followed by a still life drawing exercise. Suitable for adults, \$20 per person, booking required.

### 26 November

#### THE TAKE OUT

A GABY MONTEJO PERFORMANCE

STARTS 11AM

Call it a swap-meet, garage sale, eviction or liquidation. Knowing artist Gaby Montejó's performance work, this could be all or none of the above. Don't miss this one-off performance which will be part of the de-installation of Montejó's artwork.

## Events & Activities in the Hastings District

### ALL MONTH

### Every Sunday

#### HAWKE'S BAY FARMERS' MARKET

SHOWGROUNDS HAWKE'S BAY TOMOANA

8.30AM – 12.30PM

Rain, hail or shine, the farmers' markets will go on! Come along for local produce or a tasty breakfast accompanied by sweet tunes by local musicians.

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

### EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### 3 November

#### HAVELOCK NORTH PRIMARY BLAST IN THE PARK FIREWORKS

ANDERSON PARK, TE AUTE ROAD

GATES OPEN AT 5.30PM

An evening of family fun with stage entertainment, face painting, glow sticks, bouncy castle, zorb balls, candy floss... and more! The fireworks blast off at 9pm. Tickets on sale at the Havelock North Primary School gate. [www.facebook.com/BlastInThePark](http://www.facebook.com/BlastInThePark)

### 11 November

#### HAWKE'S BAY WINE AUCTION

OPERA HOUSE PLAZA 1PM – 5PM \$50

The Hawke's Bay Wine Auction celebrates 26 years in 2017 with Hawke's Bay's most talented winemakers providing over 40 lots of wine, many of which are being specially blended.

For Tickets: [hawkesbaywineauction.co.nz](http://hawkesbaywineauction.co.nz)

### 12 November

#### ROSE SUNDAY

FRIMLEY ROSE GARDEN GATES OPEN AT 11AM,

ENTERTAINMENT 1PM – 3PM

The gardens look a picture with over 5,500 roses on display. Bring a picnic and relax on the lawn while listening to music from the Twin City Stompers jazz band.

### 12 November

#### CHRISTMAS AT THE RACES

HB RACECOURSE

Don't miss the best flaming Christmas at the Races end-of-year party in the festive Marquee Village. Live entertainment, great food, thrilling thoroughbred action and all the joys of Christmas.

For Tickets: [www.hawkesbayracing.co.nz](http://www.hawkesbayracing.co.nz)

### 18 November

#### LATTER-DAY SAINTS CHURCH ANNIVERSARY FAMILY DAY

FLAXMERE PARK 10AM – 3PM

A fun day as part of a week-long celebration of the history of the Mormon Church in the Hawke's Bay Area. There will be entertainment on the park stage, splash pad, ki-o-rahi, disk golf and food stalls.



3rd ~ 12th Nov 2017

# F.A.W.C!

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Tickets on sale now from [www.fawc.co.nz](http://www.fawc.co.nz)

### 3-12 November

#### F.A.W.C SUMMER

Recognised the world over for its fine wine and fresh produce, Hawke's Bay is a gastronome's dream destination. With over 75 events F.A.W.C is the one-stop culinary festival that brings together the best on offer from across the region.

### 12 November

#### F.A.W.C! I BELIEVE I CAN THAI

SHOWGROUNDS HAWKE'S BAY, TOMOANA 11AM

Learn Thai cooking techniques from one of the best at this free cooking demonstration by Lek (Wichian) Trirattanavatin, head chef at Auckland's renowned modern Thai restaurant Saan. Using produce from the Hawke's Bay Farmers' Market, Lek will show you simple ways to introduce Thai flavours to your Kiwi barbecue favourites.