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My Hastings

Keep up with what's happening in Hastings District

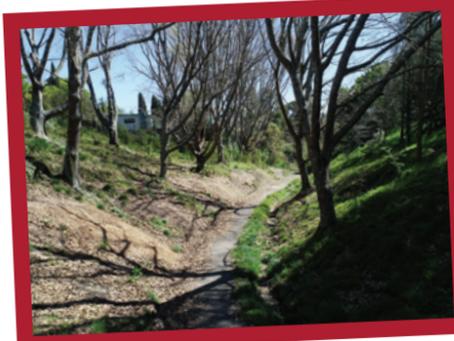


Gear up for Horse of the Year

Photo/Libby Law Photography



COMING UP



FEEDBACK WANTED



FRIDAY NIGHT
EXTRAVAGANZA



SAVE THE DATE

Horse of the Year rolls into town

Hastings is about to become horse truck central when the Land Rover Horse of the Year kicks into gear this month, with preparations for the onslaught already well underway.

Almost 1900 horses in the space of 42 hectares is a logistical and often messy challenge, but in its 21st year in Hawke's Bay event organisers have the event's construction down to a fine art.

With more than 200 retail trade sites and a village of wine, food and entertainment precincts, event-goers find Land Rover Horse of the Year an experience like no other - but that's just half of the fun.

This year's stellar competitor line-up reads as a who's who of the equestrian world. Powerhouse Kiwi eventing couple Tim and Jonelle Price are scheduled to arrive from the UK next month to take on Olympic great Blyth Tait as they battle it out for bragging rights over the new Four Star Burghley Horse Trials themed cross country course.

'Super Saturday' (March 16) promises to be an action-packed day for the throngs of spectators expected in the A&P Showgrounds' Discovery Gardens. A top class

field is set to compete for the new Land Rover Four Star Eventing crown, with New Zealand's best eventers keen to measure themselves against the world champs.

Olympic level course builder Chris Ross is confident he's designed a course that will challenge Tim, Jonelle and Blyth and excite the crowds.

"I feel very privileged to be designing for our champions and the Land Rover sponsors, as both are giants at the pinnacle of our sport internationally.

"I often catch up with Jonelle, Tim and Blyth overseas, they are so approachable and genuine nice people, the crowd will love them."

With so many stars of the show in action on Saturday, March 16, organisers are anticipating a sell-out crowd. Don't miss being there, head to www.hoy.kiwi and grab your tickets today.



Jonelle Price, along with husband Tim and Olympic great Blyth Tait, bring some star power to this year's event.
Photo/Libby Law Photography

The Greatest Show in Town

The curtain's about to go up on 2019's Land Rover Horse of the Year Show bringing with it a week of world-class equestrian competition, colourful entertainment and lively community spirit.

With a record 470 more rider entries this year, Hawke's Bay A&P Showgrounds will be packed to capacity with almost 1900 horses and well over 14,000 riders for the biggest premier equestrian event in the southern hemisphere.

For those who make the annual pilgrimage each year from all corners of the country, it's a week like no other but for those uninitiated there's a showpiece in store promising to deliver a night of fun-filled family entertainment.

This year's Hastings Heart of Hawke's Bay Friday Night Extravaganza is tipped to be the show's best yet, with its Big Top theme and colourful acts sourced from around Hawke's Bay and New Zealand.

Gates open at 5pm on Friday, March 15 so be sure to get there early to secure your spot ringside at the Continental Event Hire Premier Lounge. Orton's Tailored Cuisine will be dishing up their famous Friday Night Fish 'n' Chip package, while the 'Greatest Show in Town' gets underway.

Friday's Extravaganza features a line-up of gripping entertainment acts, including performances from local singing and dance troupes, a miniature pony steeplechase team all the way from Christchurch and a Horse of the Year exclusive - a powerful horse-based performance from Keeping Up With the Kaimanawas' Vicki Wilson, along with loads more.

For event organiser Hillary Riches it's set to deliver just what it says it will.

"The Friday Night Extravaganza is about pulling a variety of acts and demonstrations together that will appeal and hopefully have people mesmerised. If you liked the movie The Greatest Showman, then you'll enjoy what we have in store, I'm not going to give anything else away...just make sure you get your tickets. This is a show designed just as much for the kids as it is the 'big kids!'"



The Hastings Heart of Hawke's Bay jump is a regular fixture at the show.
Photo/Kampic (Kerry Marshall)



The Friday night event will also feature a Shetland Steeplechase.

Tickets to Land Rover Horse of the Year Friday Night Extravaganza are \$25.00 and can be purchased at www.hoy.kiwi
March 12 – March 17 | Gates open 5pm-9pm



Vicki Wilson of Keeping up with the Kaimanawas' fame will be bringing her Greatest Showman act to the Friday Night Extravaganza.



Save the Date

The Big Easy 2019

Saturday, April 19

Enjoy the Hawke's Bay trails on this gentle ride, about 42km, that includes many tasty Hawke's Bay distractions along the way.

Starting at Church Road Winery, the meandering journey takes riders to the finish at Black Barn Vineyards where there will be a finale and concert at the amphitheatre, starting at 2pm.

For those with younger family members, the "family start" offers a shorter 25km ride, beginning at the Spirit of Napier statue on Marine Parade.

For more information and to buy tickets go to www.thebigeasy.co.nz

Anzac Day

Thursday, April 25

Each year Anzac Day commemorations continue to grow around New Zealand, with people gathering to mark the anniversary of the landing of New Zealand and Australian soldiers – the Anzacs – on the Gallipoli Peninsula in 1915. Anzac Day was first marked in 1916, and ceremonies continue to be held at war memorials across the country, with six services usually held throughout the Hastings district. For more information about Anzac Day events in Hastings and the wider Hawke's Bay region contact the local RSA.

Introducing... Nigel Bickle, new Hastings District Council chief executive

On February 11, Nigel Bickle took up the role of chief executive of the Hastings District Council and he looks forward to seizing the opportunities, as well as tackling the challenges, across the district.

Describing himself as a "boy from Porirua", Mr Bickle began his working life as a 20-year-old, processing benefits in that city's social welfare branch.

His public sector work has since spanned 30 years, including eight as deputy chief executive of Immigration New Zealand, a role that included many dealings with Hawke's Bay's horticulture and viticulture sector.

Other roles include chief executive of the Department of Labour, and acting chief executive of the Department of Building and Housing.

More recently, Mr Bickle headed the government's Provincial Development Unit, which manages the Provincial Growth Fund.

The move to Hawke's Bay with wife Erica was partly driven by the fact that two of his four children are based here.

His son Paul came to the region with the Hawke's Bay Rugby Academy and is now playing for the Napier Old Boys Marist team.

Mr Bickle says he is looking forward to spending more time on the side-line during the club footy season. He's also excited about living down the road from Splash Planet where he wants to take his four grandchildren.

"Hawke's Bay is a great place - great people, great climate, it has the premium food and beverage economy



in New Zealand, and is a great visitor destination. It's also enjoyed really, really strong economic growth," he says.

"However, there are some really big challenges that need confronting. Social issues in particular need addressing, including the fact that one third of kids in Hawke's Bay live below the poverty line.

"I want to form strong partnerships with the community, iwi, central government and businesses to tackle social issues and simultaneously make Hastings a great place for everyone to live, work and play.

"I want the Hastings district to become a place where everyone is contributing to and benefiting from a strong economy."

**MY VOICE
MY CHOICE**

Proposed Craggy Range Track remediation

The application for a resource consent to undertake earthworks to remove the remainder of the Craggy Range Track and reinstate the land to pasture has been publicly notified. Any person can make a submission on the application before Friday, March 15, 2019. For more information and to make a submission go to www.myvoicemychoice.co.nz

A hearing date for the application and submissions has not been set at this stage. Submitters will be contacted when the date has been confirmed.

Parks survey

Between now and the end of summer, the council is asking for your thoughts on the importance and quality of different aspects of the district's parks such as landscaping, play equipment, seating, facilities, signage, maintenance, pathways, shade, and safety. Keep an eye out for our survey team in their #hastingsproud t-shirts at your local park or provide feedback online by visiting www.myvoicemychoice.co.nz

**NOMINATIONS
CLOSE
26 MARCH 2019**

Civic Honours Awards 2019

**CALL FOR
NOMINATIONS**

**RECOGNISE THOSE VOLUNTEERS
THAT ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE
IN OUR COMMUNITY!**

Go to www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/civic-awards or contact the HDC Manager: Democracy and Governance Services on 871-5000

Get your nomination in

Volunteers provide a vital service in the community every year and over the coming month people will have the chance to publicly recognise and express gratitude for those efforts.

Hastings mayor Sandra Hazlehurst says the awards are a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge and thank the volunteers who give selflessly to the community.

"For the past 30 years we have celebrated and recognised our Hastings people through our Civic Honours Awards.

"Over that time, we have received nominations from many different walks of life and we are extremely grateful to the people who have taken the time to put pen to paper or go online, and highlight the hard work people do for our community."

She encouraged people to take the time again this year to nominate someone they knew who are doing a great service for the community.

The awards fall into several categories: Arts and Culture, Health and Welfare, Sport and Recreation, Education and Youth, New Volunteer and Youth Volunteer.

Forms are available from the Hastings, Havelock North and Flaxmere libraries, from the Council's Service Centre in Lyndon Road, or to download or complete a form online go to: www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/civic-awards

Nominations close on March 26.

Contestable funding round opens

Community groups and organisations delivering projects and services that benefit the community are invited to apply to this year's contestable funding round. Applications will be taken until April 30 for projects starting from July 1, 2019, and must show that they fit with a number of criteria, including building a safe, liveable, sustainable community.

For more information about applying to the fund go to www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/contestable-grants

Your local councillors



MAYOR SANDRA HAZLEHURST



DEPUTY MAYOR TANIA KERR



COUNCILLOR GEORGE LYONS



COUNCILLOR HENARE O'KEEFE JP



COUNCILLOR JACOBY POULAIN



COUNCILLOR ROD HEAPS



COUNCILLOR KEVIN WATKINS



COUNCILLOR SIMON NIXON



COUNCILLOR GERALDINE TRAVERS



COUNCILLOR DAMON HARVEY



COUNCILLOR ANN REDSTONE



COUNCILLOR MALCOLM DIXON



COUNCILLOR BAYDEN BARBER



COUNCILLOR WENDY SCHOLLUM



COUNCILLOR EILEEN LAWSON

What's on...

MARCH 2019

FREE FREE EVENTS

**#HASTINGS
PROUD**

Hastings District Libraries



HASTINGS LIBRARY – Cnr Eastbourne and Warren Sts
FLAXMERE LIBRARY – Swansea Road
HAVELOCK NORTH LIBRARY – Te Mata Road
For opening hours please visit
www.hastingslibraries.co.nz

Landmarks History Talk

12 MARCH | 5.30PM
Hastings War Memorial Library
Gold coin donation entry
Speakers: Angus and Michael Thomson
Thomsons Suits Ltd serving Hawke's Bay since 1957.



Hastings City Art Gallery



Open every day from 10am - 4.30pm **FREE ENTRY**
Ph: 871 5095 or E: hastingsartgallery@hdc.govt.nz
www.hastingscityartgallery.co.nz

EXHIBITIONS

The Water Project

1 - 24 MARCH
The Water Project engages with the complex realities of water in the 21st Century - as bringer of life and ancestral voice, but also as a contested commodity and saleable resource. Thirteen artists explore the cultural, conceptual and imaginative qualities of rivers, lakes, wetlands and freshwater systems of Aotearoa/New Zealand and their crucial role in the well-being of our communities.



Gary Waldrom: Here We Come Again

1 - 17 MARCH
Self-taught Waipawa artist, Gary Waldrom looks back on a lifetime of painting. His subjects exude character, whimsy and life - confronting the viewer with their raw humanity. Bathed in the golden glow of his warm palette, they are fully actualised beings located in a shadowy unreality of time and space. These works are arresting in their scale, their capacity for joy, and the tenderness with which the artist creates a world that his subjects, whatever their foibles, can call home.



Billie Culy and Henry Lyons: At the Table

1 MARCH - 12 MAY
A new collaborative installation is using photography, found objects and audio as a unique means to connect viewers with a small group of Hawke's Bay people who have become the subjects of unconventional portraits by Billie Culy and Henry Lyons.



Kauri Hawkins: Red vs Blue

30 MARCH - 23 JUNE
Referencing the arrival of James Cook's Endeavour at Poverty Bay in 1769, Hawkins' sculptural project explores the duality of our heritage and identity 250 years on. In Red vs Blue, Hawkins merges imagery to explore the way aspects of American basketball have become a contemporary cultural phenomena. Hawkins highlights the impact of the arrival of early Europeans on our ideas of identity and nationhood, and proposes there are echoes of this today in the way basketball has been incorporated into youth culture.



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Gallery Snapshot (First Thursday of every month)

7 MARCH | 12.30 - 12.45PM
Join the Gallery Director for a 15 minute look at some of the artworks in the current exhibition during your lunchtime. To be part of the discussion, meet at the gallery information desk. Free, no bookings required.



Art for Tots

11 MARCH | 10.30 - 11.30AM
A fun and playful art experience for under-fives based on the current exhibition. Koha, booking required.

Artist Floor Talk: Kauri Hawkins

30 MARCH | 11AM
Hear artist Kauri Hawkins talk about his exhibition Red vs Blue. Free, no booking required.



Arts Inc. Heretaunga

106 Russell St South
www.artsinc.co.nz



'People I Know'

4 - 16 MARCH
John Boyd-Dunlop Exhibition
Napier based artist John Boyd-Dunlop presents this exhibition as 'an observation of life on paper collected from the memories of an interesting life'.

Susan Higginson Exhibition

4 - 16 MARCH
Displaying pieces in her style of painting, which Susan describes as an "impression of ideal reality", the detail in her work will invite you to look closer.

Hawke's Bay Live Poets

11 MARCH | 7PM
Live Poets' Society 27th Birthday Celebration & Local Guest Night. Open Mic 1 poem each, followed by local guest poet Christine Climo. MC Ian McQuillan. \$5 Door Charge

'Hono ki Tahu Potiki'

18 - 30 MARCH
Iwi Toi Kahungunu Artist Collective and Awa Ink Exhibition
This exhibition will be something really special - as a collaboration between the multi-talented Iwi Toi Kahungunu artists and the incredibly passionate artists from Awa Ink.

Hastings Sports Centre

503 Railway Road
www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/hsc



Tumbling Tots

1 MARCH - 3 APRIL
For children aged 12 months to 5 years, Tumbling Tots is a fun and interactive programme for parent and child to work one on one, covering fundamental movement patterns with structured classes and children learning at their own pace. Our specialised instructors support parents and caregivers with technique and confidence building. Skill Based Programme - \$5, Self-Supervised - \$3. For more information visit www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/hsc

Getting Started Disability Programme

1 MARCH - 5 APRIL | 10 - 11AM
The Getting Started Programme is specifically designed for children aged 5 and up, with physical and/or learning disabilities. Cost per session \$5 per child. For more information visit www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/hsc



WOMEN'S ART EXHIBITION AND SALE
GRAND OPENING **FRI 5 APRIL 5.30PM**
WOMEN'S REST BUILDING
TICKETS \$20 (AVAILABLE FROM THE WOMEN'S CENTRE)

HERETAUNGA WOMEN'S CENTRE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER
FEATURING PROFESSIONAL AND EMERGING ARTISTS + DESIGNERS
EXHIBITION HOURS | **SAT 6 APR 10AM-4PM • SUN 7 APR 10AM-4PM**
MON 8-THU 11 APR 9AM-3PM

Events & Activities in the Hastings District

ALL MONTH

Hawke's Bay Farmers' Market

EVERY SUNDAY 8.30AM - 12.30PM
SHOWGROUNDS HAWKE'S BAY TOMOANA
Rain hail or shine the farmers' market will go on! Come along and meander the market taking in the local produce, artisan goods or delectable breakfast options accompanied by sweet tunes by local musicians. Hawkesbayfarmersmarket.co.nz

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

International Cultures Day

2 MARCH
CORNWALL PARK | 10AM - 4PM
Enjoy free live entertainment and delicious food (cash only) from the many cultural groups living in the region, as well as learn about the services available to the members of the community. Visit www.facebook.com/multiculturalassociationhawkesbay



MCL Construction Triple Peaks

9 MARCH
VILLAGE GREEN
Conquer the peaks! Competitors run, walk or bike across the 55kms course of breath-taking views, challenging trails and beautiful private land. Visit www.triplepeaks.co.nz

Maraekakaho Country Market Day

9 MARCH | 10AM - 3PM
MARAEKAKAHO SPORTS GROUNDS
It's your 'Rural Day in the Bay!' There will be local produce, artisan crafts, home-baking, a tug of war, sheep shearing demonstrations, and much more. All proceeds go to Maraekakaho School and Gumboots Maraekakaho Early Childhood Centre. Visit www.facebook.com/MaraekakahoCountryMarketDay



Land Rover Horse of the Year

12 - 17 MARCH
SHOWGROUNDS HAWKE'S BAY TOMOANA
With over 1800 riders and 2500 horses competing for lucrative titles and prize money, the show is a feature on most equestrian calendars. Visit www.hoy.kiwi for tickets and full programme.

Pacifica Night Market

21 MARCH | 5 - 9PM
A night of delicious food and awesome Pacific performances for you as we celebrate all things Pacifica at the Harcourts Hastings City Pacifica Night Market. Bring the family down from 5pm to 9pm to grab a bite to eat, enjoy the live entertainment, and browse the stalls.



Napier Port HB Primary Sector Awards

28 MARCH
SHOWGROUNDS HAWKE'S BAY TOMOANA
The Hawke's Bay A&P Society is delighted to bring to you the Napier Port Hawke's Bay Primary Sector Awards; a stage on which we celebrate the leading primary sector businesses and their people. For more information visit www.showgroundshb.co.nz/primary-sector-awards

Lighting of Osmanthus Gardens

3 - 7 APRIL
CORNWALL PARK
\$GOLD COIN DONATION

Don't miss the stunning display of lotus lanterns, traditional Chinese silk lanterns, and the lighting of trees accompanied by classical music at this year's festival.

www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/Lighting-Osmanthus