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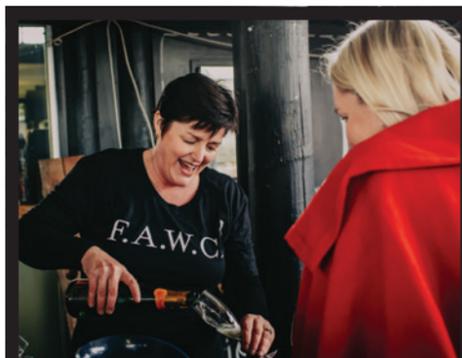
Celebrate Matariki



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WINTER F.A.W.C!



DOG REGISTRATION



A feast of events at Winter F.A.W.C!

The ever-popular Winter F.A.W.C! Food and Wine Classic has returned to Hawke's Bay for a magnificent month of feasting and drinking. Staged over four weekends this month, this year's line-up is packed with the best local chefs, winemakers, producers and foodies, all bringing their talent to the table at over 65 events.

It's no secret that Hawke's Bay is considered a champion within the national food and wine industry, and this year's incredible programme proves exactly why. Showcasing a series of exciting events starting from \$10, staged in a range of locations across the region, the diversity of experiences on offer this year is second-to-none.

From a massive collaboration between Waipawa Butchery, the Gimblett Gravels wine growing district and Bareknuckle BBQ, to champagne and whisky weekends at Cape Kidnappers, the opportunity to get up-close-and personal with all four winemakers from the Villa Maria family of wines at Te Awa Winery... plus vegetarian spreads, the freshest local produce, international cuisine, world-class wine, tasty toasted sandwiches, and mid-winter parties - there's an event to impress the harshest food critic.

A highlight of Winter F.A.W.C! is the many popular cafes, wineries, and restaurants serving up deals throughout the month of June. Mamacita Havelock North, Hygge at Clifton Bay, Namaskar, Birdwoods Gallery, Clearview Estate Winery, Oak Estate Wines, and Pipi Café are just a few among many other favourites involved in 'F.A.W.C! by 5' - special offerings priced in multiples of \$5, costing between \$5 - \$50. There's no need to purchase tickets beforehand, just head directly to the venue and pay after dining - easy!

With events already selling-out, lucky locals will want to mark their culinary calendar, and get in quick to avoid missing out on the action. For the full programme of events, ticket details, F.A.W.C! by 5 deals, accommodation and transport options, plus all the latest F.A.W.C! news, head to www.fawc.co.nz.

Growing young giants - academy

The Hastings Giants Boxing Academy will have been at its Eastbourne Street location for four years this month, within which time the programme has made a difference to hundreds of young people's lives.

Supported by the Hastings District Council, the academy is currently home to 110 students, aged eight to 24, for whom the Olympic-style boxing coaching they receive is a vehicle for them to "grow the giant within".

Founder Craig McDougall, a former New Zealand boxing champion himself, says the driving force behind the initiative, that has a full-time contract with the Hawke's Bay Youth Trust, is creating a sense of community.

"We get referrals from kids who are already involved, to social workers in schools, principals - there's a real mix and that's what makes it work.

"Our vision is to support young people to live lives that they and those around them value, we teach them how to listen, how to teach themselves, and encourage them to have fun and feel good about themselves."

The success of the programme can be measured by the fact the courses are fully subscribed, with a waiting list of those wanting to join.

While not all of the students are keen to box competitively, those who are are encouraged and become something of heroes for the others.

"That area is slowly growing and becoming more of a focus, and is summed up in one of our mottos 'belong, believe, become'.



Volunteers are an integral and valued part of the programme, with volunteer coaches supported by qualified coaches, and a pathway to coaching provided to those students who are interested.

A new addition to the programme is the inclusion of girls' classes following a successful pilot programme last year, which is proving popular, says Craig.

Hastings mum Holly Varcoe's son Lockie, 12, has been attending the academy for about two years and she says through the classes he has been learning what hard work looks like as well as modelling what a good young man should be and do.

"There are high expectations in the boxing sessions where not only physical discipline and techniques are important, but also attitude and good values.

"Craig is a nurturing and supportive role model for my son, and supports not only the whanau, but also schools and community through his expectation that the boys be respectful at home, at school and in their everyday lives."



Reggie's back!

Reggie, Council's doggie mascot, is out of his kennel once again to remind dog owners to register their dogs to receive the yellow tag for the 2019/20 period.

Each dog aged three months and over must be registered before 1 July.

The annual registration fees - \$110 (urban), \$73.50 (Selected Owner Policy) and \$48 (rural and working dogs) - contributes towards services such as carrying out Council's obligations under the Dog Control Act, Council's dog policy and bylaws, providing after hours emergency services, maintaining the animal welfare shelter, provision of off-lead dog areas and community education programmes.

Not registering your dog may lead to a fine and/or it being seized and impounded.

The information collected as part of the registration process is stored in a database so that if you lose your dog, Council has the information linked to the registration to return it to you or let you know that we have it.

To register a dog for the first time, you will need to come into the Hastings District Council office on Lyndon Road East. But if you are re-registering your dog, it's quick and easy to do online at hastingsdc.govt.nz/dog-registrations. Once processed, your dog's yellow tag will be posted to you.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Changes to Speed Limits



Due to significant changes associated with the development of land adjacent to the road corridor, Hastings District Council is reviewing the speed limits, either in their entirety or on sections of the following roads: Irongate Road East, Maraekakaho Road, East Road, Te Aute Road, Te Ara Kahikatea and Kereru Road.

We want you to have your say on the proposed changes.

Council is calling for input from the public on the proposal, with the consultation running from 23 May until midday 27 June 2019.

You can view the Draft Statement of Proposal and make your submission either online at www.myvoicemychoice.co.nz or in person at the following locations:

- Hastings District Council, Lyndon Road East, Hastings
- Hastings Public Library, Eastbourne Street East, Hastings
- Flaxmere Public Library, Swansea Road, Flaxmere
- Havelock North Public Library, Te Mata Road, Havelock North

For enquiries relating to this consultation, please call (06) 871 5000.

MY VOICE
MY CHOICE



The magic of Matariki

This month Matariki, the Māori New Year, will once again be celebrated at a number of events throughout the Hastings district.

Matariki is uniquely celebrated in New Zealand, signalling the beginning of the new growing year.

Known as 'the rising of the star constellation,' it is an important time in the Māori calendar that begins with the rising of the Matariki star cluster (also known as Pleiades or Seven Sisters).

Across the country whānau and friends come together each year to celebrate the occasion and in Hawke's Bay those events include:

Matariki at Flaxmere Community Centre

June 10 to June 14 – 3.30pm to 5.30pm

A week of games and craft activities.

- June 10** Game (Poi toa), Craft (Making poi toa for the game) – Sports hall
- June 11** Game (Kōruru, knuckle bones), Craft (Painting stones for the game) – Whare kai
- June 12** Game (Horohopu), Craft (Making putiputi) – Sports hall
- June 13** Game (Manu tī), Craft (Making tipare for the game) – Whare kai
- June 14** Game (Mū tōrere), Craft (Making Mū tōrere) – Whare kai

Matariki Whānau Festival

Friday June 14, 5pm to 8pm
Flaxmere Park

Dress up warm and come along to this popular free Māori New Year family celebration that attracts thousands of delighted families. There's singers, dancers, kapa haka, bands and hip hop dancers. Free children's rides and hot kiwi kai are on offer.

Write a message of love onto a lantern, make a wish and place inside Te Waka a Rangi then join a procession of lights and life.

The show ends with a spectacular fireworks extravaganza. Those living within a kilometre of the park are encouraged to leave the car at home and enjoy a walk to the park. Free entry.

Matariki Night Market

Thursday June 20, 5pm to 8pm
Hastings City Centre

Join us for an early celebration of Matariki at the Harcourts Hastings City Night Market.

It is a time to celebrate new life, to remember those who've passed and to plan for the future. And it's a time to spend with whānau and friends – to enjoy kai (food), waiata (song), tākaro (games) and haka. At the market you will find lots of vendors selling a wide range of products plus there will be food trucks galore for you to grab a bite from as you take in the live entertainment and music. Proudly supported by Hastings District Council.



Takanga o Te Rā (Winter Solstice and Matariki)

June 24 – June 28

Ātea a Rangi – Star Compass, Waitangi Regional Park, Awatoto

Based at the Ātea a Rangi car park area in a large heated marquee, there will be a daily programme run in the mornings starting at 5.45am.

This will include sighting Matariki and other whetū, planets and the sunrise. There will be a kōrero about the winter solstice, Matariki and the sun's movements (weather permitting this will be held outdoors so dress warmly).

On Tuesday, June 25 from 6pm to 8pm there is a whānau night with entertainment, storytelling for the tamariki - "First Encounters" - about voyaging waka and Māori /European first contact, a kōrero about whetū and Matariki, a viewing of the whetū if fine and traditional, healthy kai. Run by the Ātea a Rangi Educational Trust and proudly supported by Hastings District Council.

Opera House strategic plan confirmed as project milestone reached – shear walls

Progress on the redevelopment of the Hawke's Bay Opera House precinct reached a major milestone last month, at the same time as a strategic plan for the precinct and its place in the wider city centre strategy has been confirmed.

After the Opera House and neighbouring Municipal Building were closed in 2014 for earthquake strengthening, investigations found that the 12-metre high side walls of the theatre were at risk of collapse during a sizeable earthquake.

With the building constructed from unreinforced masonry, strengthening has been achieved by installing seven shear walls that carry the load of the building, made from an encased steel rod mesh pinned to the original brick wall.

Plastic shuttering (or boxing) has been placed on each side of the walls and concrete poured into the recess, and section by section these new walls have been poured, plastered and painted.

With the concrete only able to be poured to a depth of two metres at any one time, this part of the total strengthening project takes 24 months to complete, and the final concrete pour took place in mid-May.

It's a big job that requires a lot of concrete and steel.

To date 260 tonnes of concrete have been poured, 70 tonnes of reinforcement steel and installed along with 96 tonnes of structural steel.

Meanwhile, Hastings councillors have adopted the 2019-2021 strategic plan for the project, setting out what needs to be achieved to reopen the Opera House and Plaza by February next year, and the Municipal building in 2021.

Since the buildings were closed in 2014, the vision has been to bring this iconic home for performing arts back to life as the cultural heart of Hastings and Hawke's Bay.

Over the years building works have been ongoing as has consultation with iwi, community, and arts and culture practitioners and groups, and this has informed planning on how the spaces will be used once the work is complete.

The strategic plan sets forth a roadmap on how to achieve the aspirations to make the precinct a leading national performing arts venue, encourage growth in



events and conferences, and be a place that creates a sense of community and acts as a gathering place for residents and visitors.

Hastings mayor Sandra Hazlehurst said the community had been waiting a long time to get back into this building and using it again.

"We can't wait to have national and international acts, shows, conferences coming to Hastings again.

"It will return to being a community space where we can see and hear our children sing and perform in the Opera House and where we can host balls, award nights, the Arts Festival and many other events in our city.

"This will bring our city alive with people and fun."

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

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

11 JUNE | 5.30PM

HASTINGS WAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Gold coin donation entry

Speaker: Brian McFlynn

Growing up in Hastings...into his 68th year as local barber



Arts Inc. Heretaunga



106 Russell St South FREE ENTRY
www.artsinc.co.nz

Ken Nysse Exhibition

27 MAY – 8 JUNE

Self-taught artist Ken Nysse (pronounced 'Nice-cee') will be displaying his primarily acrylic on canvas artworks – focusing on Hawke's Bay and the central volcanic mountains - with superb realism.



Clayton Gibson Exhibition

27 MAY – 8 JUNE

Lovingly carved, large-scale wooden and Oamaru stone sculptures, being skilful and soulful expressions of Clayton's artistic talent, will explore themes which stem from his close relationship to the coast.



Hawke's Bay Live Poets

10 JUNE | 7PM

Live Poets Night - Club Night. Open Mic up to 5 minutes each, including any time used for introductory remarks. MC Penelope Foster. \$5 Door Charge

Hastings City Art Gallery



Open every day from 10am - 4.30pm FREE ENTRY
 201 Eastbourne Street East, Hastings
 Ph: 871 5095 or E: hastingsartgallery@hdc.govt.nz
www.hastingscityartgallery.co.nz

EXHIBITIONS

Kauri Hawkins: Red VS Blue

1 – 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.



Jan Nigro: Out of the Bedroom into the Lounge

1 JUNE – 21 JULY

This significant retrospective exhibition has been distilled from her life's work held by the Jan Nigro Trust. The works illustrate a strong female contribution to the trajectory of contemporary New Zealand art history and reclaims Jan Nigro as an important New Zealand artist. Nigro resolutely celebrated the human figure regardless of trends in contemporary art practice



Yukari Kaihori: This Land is All We Know

1 JUNE – 11 AUGUST

In this exhibition Yukari Kaihori communicates a deep concern for the environment and its critical relationship with value systems, politics and society. The extraordinary scrolls in This Land Is All We Know are painted a single dot at a time. In the process the dots dissolve into one another through a chemical reaction: each dot lands on the paper, merging, dissolving, and expanding. This process echoes the relationship individuals have with the environment and its sensitive ecosystems.



Start with a Vase - Curated by Seb Clarke

1 JUNE – 11 AUGUST

Start with a Vase provides an opportunity to acknowledge Martin's entry into ceramics, as well as celebrate and consider contemporary vases made by ceramicists and artists who, like Martin, continue to find inspiration in one of the most abiding forms in ceramic history. This exhibition demonstrates the exciting diversity in current ceramic production in Aotearoa, and the enduring appeal of the clay vase.



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Art for Tots

10 JUNE | 10.30 - 11.30AM

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

Free Life Drawing Sessions

29 JUNE | 1 - 4PM

Are you inspired by Jan Nigro's paintings and drawings of the figure? Then come along and hone your life drawing skills in one of our life drawing, where we draw from life models.



Hastings Sports Centre



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

Tumbling Tots Birthday Parties

Looking for a fun birthday party event that burns lots of energy?! Our fully trained staff will entertain your child and their guests for 3 hours with active play including balancing, climbing, tunnels and more. For ages 0 - 5 years. \$250 - for up to 10 children \$300 - for up to 20 children. Also space is available to setup/hire a bouncy castle and you have access to kitchen facilities. Sundays only.

For more information or to book call Hastings Sports Centre 06 878 0051.

Tumbling Tots

1 JUNE – 3 JULY

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. We take registrations for casual classes.



Flaxmere Community Centre



30 Swansea Road, Flaxmere
www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/flaxmere-community-centre

Matariki 2019

10 – 14 JUNE | 3.30 – 5.30PM DAILY

Celebrate the Maori New Year. Enjoy a week of traditional games and crafts



Sit Fit For Seniors

FRIDAYS | 9.30 – 10.30AM

Great for flexibility, balance and circulation. Don't sit on your butt at home alone....get off it and come join the Sit Fit senior classes at the Flaxmere Community Centre!! The trainers are awesome, the company is fabulous and the laughter is great! Classes every Friday 9.30am - 10.30am followed by a free cuppa. And its FREE if you're 60+yrs.



Strength & Balance Class

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS | 11AM - 12PM

Here's a great opportunity for our seniors to improve their health, balance, flexibility and mind. Enliven Accredited.



Explode

Get fit fast at FlaXrock! Want a challenging but fun, total body circuit training workout. Try our EXPLODE class and feel the results!

Classes run Mon, Wed and Fri with two time slots 6am-6.45am or 10am - 10.45am. Free to gym members, \$2 per class for non-members.

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

Winter F.A.W.C!

7 – 30 JUNE

Recognised the world over for its fine wine and fresh produce, Hawke's Bay is a gastronome's dream destination. It's a tough job knowing where to start, so that's why we created F.A.W.C! – your one-stop culinary festival that brings together the best on offer from across the region. For tickets and the programme go to: www.fawc.co.nz

Bike With Us

14 JUNE – 5 JULY | 11AM – 12.30PM

Four weeks, four different pathway rides. Come join us for four recreational pathway bike rides, meet like-minded people, learn some skills and build your confidence. For further details contact Lyndal Johansson at Sport Hawkes Bay on 06 845 9336 ext 719 or email: lyndalj@sporthb.net.nz

Takanga o te Rā / Winter Solstice and Matariki

24 – 28 JUNE

Daily programmes during the week starting from 5.45am sighting Matariki and other whetū, planets and sunrise. Kōrero about the winter solstice, Matariki and the sun's movements outside at the Ātea a Rangī. For further information visit Facebook: [atea a rangi](https://www.facebook.com/atea.a.rangi) or www.atea.nz.

Harcourts Hastings City Matariki Night Market

20 JUNE

CBD BY THE CLOCK TOWER

Matariki signals the Māori New Year which is a time of renewal and celebration - celebrating new life, remembering those who've passed and planning for the future. It's also a time to spend with whānau and friends – to enjoy kai (food), waiata (song), tākaro (games) and haka. The Harcourts Hastings City Matariki Night Market will showcase a wide range of local vendors selling their carefully crafted products, plus there will be food trucks galore for you to grab a bite to eat from as you take in the live entertainment and music.



**Harcourts
HASTINGS CITY
Night Market**

**Join us
for the
Matariki Night Market**

20 JUNE 5pm - 8pm

★ STREET FOOD ★ ARTS & CRAFTS ★ FREE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
HASTINGS CITY CENTRE BESIDE THE CLOCK TOWER