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Edible Fashion gets WILD

Edible Fashion Awards 2018 first runner up adult designer was Kirsten Le Bon for her piece Growing for Nourishment, modelled by Danielle Le Bon.

Photo: Kevin Bridle Photography



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LOCAL ELECTIONS

Edible Fashion Awards “not to be missed”

Over the past year the team behind the annual Edible Fashion Awards has been hard at work preparing for this year's event to be bigger and better than ever.

2019 event director Kelie Jensen said a huge amount of entries had been received – 205 in total, with 474 designers participating.

“It's a great result and the outcome of a lot of focused development work,” she said.

Part of that work has been carried out by local designer and World of WearableArt (WOW) veteran Keryn Whitney, who was employed last year as Schools Liaison for the Edible Fashion event, and has spent the last three months presenting to local school children and their teachers.

In addition, Kelie organised an adult wearable art workshop at EIT in January this year, facilitated by WOW winner and 2018 Edible Fashion Awards judge Fifi Colston.

Kelie said a new “Nurture” category had been added this year to encourage adults to work together with children on a design, broadening the opportunity for participation.

“This event has been a part of our community for 14 years and we're all really excited about the growth.

“It's inspiring to see so many people of all ages and skill levels participating in this creative opportunity, which is absolutely unique to Hawke's Bay.”

This year's top designs, made from food, imitation food or food packaging and inspired by the theme

WILD, will hit the runway in a spectacular public show on Saturday, August 10.

Fifty finalist designs will be showcased across five age-group categories and open categories including the Keep Hastings Beautiful Award supported by Hastings District Council and the Unio Goldsmith & Gallery Jewellery and Accessory Award.

“It's a very interesting event to run because you don't actually know what you're presenting to the public until the day before the event, but every year I have been blown away by the designs – the creativity and innovation, along with the amount of work that has gone in is phenomenal,” says Kelie.

Last year's Supreme Award-winning design *There Are Many More Fish In The Sea* was crafted from fish skins, painstakingly cured in designer Katherine Bertram's kitchen.

Winner of the 2018 senior category, Kate Rowland spent hours creating her stunning eggshell mosaic design Harmony.



◀ 2018 supreme winner and winner of the adult designer category, *There are many more fish in the sea* by designer Katherine Bertram, modelled by Baileigh Southon.

▶ 2018 first runner up junior designer Rongomātānē by Tawhio Wehipeihana (model) and Taiaha Mako.

Photos by Kevin Bridle Photography

Junior entrant Mia Paaymans and adult designer Kirsten Le Bon both literally grew their 2018 designs from scratch.

“Design descriptions for this year's entries have come in and we are incredibly excited to see these works come to life on the runway,” Kelie says.

“It's an evening you won't want to miss! On top of the incredible designs, we also have a fantastic lineup of guest performers, including top New Zealand aerial performers The Dust Palace and an appearance from Dancing with the Stars' Johnny Williams and Brittany Coleman.”

For information or to purchase tickets, visit www.ediblefashionawards.co.nz

Top judging panel

The Edible Fashion Awards attract an exceptional panel of judges each year, and this year's panel is led by award-winning local artist and former WOW Supreme Award winner Kate MacKenzie.

Kate most recently judged the Edible Fashion Awards in 2016 and said she expected to see the artists from previous shows back again with even more spectacular work.

“From the photos I have seen since I was there they are really starting to push the boundaries and think outside the square in terms of materials.

“I'm looking forward to seeing what's returning and what new designers produce this year and I also like the fact that schools are involved more.”

She said such involvement recognised the fact that this type of art event was important for children's learning.

“This kind of creativity offers so many different ways to learn – problem solving, thinking outside the square, encouraging original thought – and it helps them recognise their own talents.”

And it requires a lot of effort.

“There's some designers I know who have had sleepless nights - they will have put their heart and soul into their garment – you can feel the passion and commitment that goes into these pieces.”

Joining Kate on the judging panel will be Weta Workshop sculptor and the master craftsman behind Wellington Airport's Gollum sculpture

Masayuki Ohashi, and Auckland-based designer of TE KOHU label and TVNZ Project Runway contestant Misty Ratima.



Judge Kate MacKenzie's World of WearableArt entry last year, *Axminstress*, was placed second in the WOW Avant Garde section and runner up for the Sustainability Award.

Photo by World of WearableArt

Funding boost for Municipal Building

Work to strengthen and develop the historic Municipal Building has had a significant boost with the Lottery Grants Board announcing it will contribute \$4.75 million towards the project.

The sum is the result of successful applications by Hastings District Council to two Lottery funds: the Significant Project fund, which awarded \$4m and the Environment and Heritage fund, which granted \$750,000.

The Environment and Heritage funding has been allocated towards the cost of earthquake strengthening the Category 1 heritage building.

A seismic assessment in March 2014 found that the building had a seismic capacity of less than 34 per cent of current code requirements, as such classified as earthquake prone.

Subsequent significant public consultation identified that the community wanted to restore and retain the building and with this funding the seismic strengthening will be undertaken, preserving as many heritage features as possible.

The Significant Project funding of \$4 million has been allocated towards the Municipal Building redevelopment as a whole.

The council recently adopted a strategic plan for the Hawke's Bay Opera House that sets out a roadmap for how the development will achieve the community's aspirations for the precinct.

More details on progress to date towards this vision, and some exciting new developments, will be shared with the community soon.

Save the date!

The annual Harcourts Hawke's Bay Arts Festival may be a couple of months away, but organisers have already locked in this year's headline and opening act - the NZME season of LIMBO.

An intoxicating mix of cabaret, circus and acrobatics, LIMBO has seduced audiences worldwide and will present five shows at the festival.

Harcourts Hawke's Bay Arts Festival October 15 – October 28

This award-winning hit show has been performed more than 1000 times in 12 countries from London to Munich, Sydney to Adelaide, Bogota to Brussels and will now come to Hawke's Bay this October for five nights only.

Performed in the magnificent Victoria Spiegeltent on a 360-degree centre stage, this show is an intimate experience of

fire-breathing, wince-inducing contortion, sword-swallowing, beatboxing, pole-scaling, magic and more.

Time Out London called LIMBO “an irresistible cocktail of circus skills, live music and sexy humour” so don't miss it.

Tickets to LIMBO are on sale online now at www.hbaf.co.nz



Cornwall Park playground upgrade work begins

Work has begun transforming Cornwall Park's playground with new state-of-the-art features, making it one of the premier destination playgrounds in the district.

The playground upgrade was identified as a priority in the park's Reserve Management Plan that was created in consultation with the community and aims to fulfil the aspirations of the many residents for whom Cornwall Park is a much-loved landmark.

Home to the Cornwall Park Cricket Club and Cornwall Park Playcentre, the park also provides other sporting, recreational and leisure opportunities. The park contains a number of facilities of cultural, historic and environmental value and significance, including protected trees, cricket pitches, John Holt Memorial Display House, Osmanthus Gardens, an ornamental lake, stream, bird aviary, and the playground.

This year the Hastings District Council along with the community identified in the Reserve Management Plan that the playground, which was in an ageing condition, should be upgraded.

That time has come and the initial groundworks began this week, including closing the playground and fencing off the site.

Artwork will be a central feature of the new playground.

Along with three silver birch, the upgrade required a Redwood tree to be removed, due to it showing signs of decline, and to safely incorporate the new playground into the space.

While the tree, which was not a heritage tree, will be absent in its current form, it is being made into a specially carved pou by local carver and artist Thompson Hokianga.

The community was consulted about the tree's removal as part of the Reserve Management Plan adopted earlier in the year.



An artist's impression of how the new upgraded playground will look.

"As a locally born and raised artist I am once again privileged to be given the opportunity to work alongside Hastings District Council to embellish local surroundings," Mr Hokianga said.

Initially, with the exception of the splash pad, the play equipment that no longer meets Health and Safety requirements will be removed – to be recycled where possible – and the wheelchair-accessible Liberty Swing will be relocated to Frimley Park.

Then will come the exciting new equipment that caters for all ages and includes a giant "acorn tower" with connecting rope structures and slides – standing at near 10 metres tall, it's a first in New Zealand.

There will also be a flying fox, extra splash pad features, more swings, a junior play area, monkey bars, slides, a tunnel, trampolines, spinners and more.

The area will be landscaped to fit into and respect the surrounding landscape and pick up on the water and oak tree features, at the same time leaving space for the existing historic elements.

New toilets, shade sails, furniture and a drinking fountain are also being installed. The work is estimated to be completed by the middle of December this year.

The development reflects the council's commitment to investing in the district's public spaces, and this will bring Cornwall Park in line with the premier upgrades that have happened at Havelock North Village Green and Flaxmere Park.

The undertaking is being welcomed by the Friends of Cornwall Park, a group of more than 100 residents.

"The Friends of Cornwall Park thank the Hastings District Council for their ongoing communication and discussions regarding the plans for Cornwall Park," says group spokesperson Marina Dinsdale.

"We are delighted to see work commencing on the development and upgrading of Cornwall Park as identified as a priority in the Cornwall Park Reserve Management Plan as it reflects the importance of the park to the community."

Cornwall Park Playcentre president Margaret McBride says the playcentre whānau are looking forward to watching progress, and seeing the equipment installed.

"Tamariki will enjoy watching the big machinery on a daily basis, as our session hours will be mostly unaffected throughout the process. Although it may be harder to get them to leave the park!"

Four years of smoke free policy

It has been nearly four years since Hastings District and Napier City Councils decided to share a smoke free policy.

The policy was adopted in support of the Government's goals for a smoke free New Zealand by 2025 and closely aligns with the Safer Hastings goal of minimising harm caused by smoking and tobacco.

The policy aims to improve the health and wellbeing of our communities by:

- decreasing the prevalence of smoking
- decreasing public exposure to second-hand smoke
- increasing the likelihood that people, particularly the young, will remain smoke free by reducing the number of places where they see others smoking.

Since then, both councils have encouraged café premises with tables on publicly owned land to become smoke free, aka fresh air zones. All parks, playgrounds, sportsgrounds and reserves (apart from beach reserves),



the Hastings City Square/Central Plaza, and bus stops, shelters and areas around bus signs or bus stop markings are now smoke and e-cigarette (and similar devices) free.

The policy also requires that all events at any of the councils' smoke free public spaces will be smoke free and that public events receiving council funding are required to support smoke free messages.

Ready for the local elections?

Enrol, check or update your details now.

visit vote.nz

Enrol by 16 August to make voting easy.

Local ELECTIONS

People have until August 16 to ensure they are on the electoral roll so they can vote in the elections for the region's five councils and the Hawke's Bay District Health Board.

If people are not enrolled in time they will have to cast a special vote.

First-time voters, and those who are not quite 18 will need to visit www.vote.nz to register, or pre-register, by August 16.

Pre-registration is useful for anyone who will have their 18th birthday between now and when the elections are held, as they will be automatically enrolled as soon as they turn 18.

The Electoral Officers for Hawke's Bay's five Councils and Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB) are working together to promote enrolling, and voting, and encouraging new candidates to stand for the upcoming elections.

Candidate nominations also close at noon on August 16.

While the total number of Hawke's Bay

people who voted in 2016 was better than the national average, the region still only had a 42 per cent turnout.

Voting means you can have your say on who represents you and makes decisions on your and your community's behalf, helping to shape the future of your local and regional councils, and District Health Board.

Nationwide, councils look after a huge range of community assets worth billions, including libraries, parks, playgrounds and pools, 90 per cent of New Zealand's road network, the bulk of the country's water and wastewater networks and the environment we all depend on.

Postal voting for the elections will run from September 20 to October 12 and the results will be announced on October 17.

For information on enrolling, standing and voting head to the Hastings District Council website www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/our-council/elections/



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

Preschool Storytime

HASTINGS LIBRARY, EVERY WED | 10.30 – 11.15AM
HAVELOCK NORTH LIBRARY, EVERY WED | 10.30 – 11.15AM
FLAXMERE LIBRARY, EVERY THUR | 10.30 – 11.15AM

Join us for a fun storytime and craft session each week. All are welcome for stories and fun! Children must be accompanied by a caregiver. Please note these sessions are only during school terms.

Minecraft Club

HAVELOCK NORTH LIBRARY, EVERY MONDAY
3.30 – 4.30PM

Do you love gaming? Are you a fan of Minecraft? Then come along to our Minecraft Club sessions where you can collaborate with other like-minded gamers, swap tips and get creative in weekly theme challenges! Suitable for ages 5+ and all skill levels. Held every Monday, term time only.

Boredom Busters

FLAXMERE LIBRARY, EVERY MONDAY | 3.30 – 4.30PM

Looking for something to do after school? Join us in the Flaxmere Library to make new friends, enjoy some fun activities and learn some new skills. Ages 5+

Wine Books and More

20 AUGUST | 5.30 – 7PM

HASTINGS WAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Join us for Wine, Books and More on the third Tuesday of every month. This is a book club with a difference: no need to read a set book, just come along ready to discuss books we've read and liked, or otherwise! Drinks and snacks are provided.

Arts Inc. Heretaunga

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



Leonard Lambert Exhibition – Tales of Mystery & Imagination

1 – 3 AUGUST

Leonard Lambert, award-winning artist and poet, brings us over 50 of his ethereal works. Stories, fables and journeys from the outer limits, magical dream-like paintings to charm and enchant.

Year 12 Secondary Schools Exhibition

5 – 17 AUGUST

The Hawke's Bay Year 12 2019 Art Exhibition
 Year 12 Students for 2019 will be putting portfolio pieces forward across many mediums. Established in 2001, the Community Arts Centre always looks forward to hosting the keen talents that make up this varied exhibition.

Hawke's Bay Live Poets

12 AUGUST

Live Poets Night – 7pm
 Famous Poet Night. Open Mic, 1 poem each, with a presentation by Sutton on famous poet Robert Lowell from the United States. MC Sonia MacKenzie. \$5 Door Charge.

Keirunga Book Arts Group

19 – 31 AUGUST

The Keirunga Book Arts Group present their unique interpretations of the book, by challenging the content and structure of the traditional book.

Edible Fashion Awards 2019 Exhibition

19 – 31 AUGUST

This year's Theme is 'WILD'
 A celebration of the designs that will have recently graced the catwalk on August 9th & 10th. Come and see up close just how much effort is put into these essentially edible ensembles!

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

Yukari Kaihori: This Land is All We Know

1 – 11 AUGUST
 In this exhibition, Yukari Kaihori communicates a deep concern for the environment and it's critical relationship with value systems, politics and society.

Start with a Vase - Curated by Seb Clarke

1 – 11 AUGUST
 This exhibition demonstrates the exciting diversity in current ceramic production in Aotearoa, and the enduring appeal of the clay vase.

Bob Jahnke – Lamentation

1 AUGUST – 27 OCTOBER
 In Lamentation, Bob Jahnke commissions new work by six poets including Witi Ihimaera and Tina Makareti. Drawing on their texts, Jahnke laments the destruction of our natural world.

John Scott Works: David Straight

3 AUGUST – 10 NOVEMBER
 Photographer David Straight explores the essence of Architect John Scott's work

Softly Spoken

3 AUGUST – 3 NOVEMBER
 Textile art spans new and old worlds and is, perhaps more than any other art form, defined by both its links to its archaic history and its powerful radical potential in the present.

Bernie Winkels

17 AUGUST – 1 DECEMBER
 Nothing For No Reason In No Order

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Art for Tots

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

Artist Floor Talk: David Straight

3 AUGUST | 11AM
 Join us to hear artist David Straight talk about David Straight: John Scott exhibition. Free, no booking required.

Hastings Sports Centre

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



Tumbling Tots

31 JULY – 18 SEPTEMBER

For children aged 12 months or crawling 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. 3 class times every Wed starting from 9am. Cost: Skill Based Programme \$5 or Self-Supervised \$3. For more info visit www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/hsc

Hawkes Bay Inter-School Teams Chess Tournament

9 AUGUST

In teams of 4, play against other secondary, intermediate and primary chess teams to be crowned the Hawkes Bay Districts Interscholar Chess Champions and go on to represent Hawkes Bay in the New Zealand Chess Federations National Finals. This is an all-day event with each team competing in six 30 minute rounds. \$40 per team. Registrations close Wed 7 August. Games start at 9:30am and run until 1:30pm with prize giving 2pm. Register online at www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/hsc

Getting Started – Disability Programme

16 AUGUST – 27 SEPTEMBER

The Getting Started Programme is specifically designed for children aged 5 years and up, with physical and/or learning disabilities. Classes run Fridays 10.30am – 11.30am. Cost \$5 per child. For more info visit www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/hsc

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

Edible Fashion Awards

9 – 10 AUGUST
PEAK VISION CHURCH

Creativity and cuisine come together in this visual extravaganza. Showcasing the 50 finalists stunning edible-inspired creations on the catwalk and incorporating award-winning live entertainment, this event is not to be missed. www.ediblefashionawards.co.nz

Keirunga Quilters Exhibition

3 – 11 AUGUST | 10AM – 4PM
HAVELOCK NORTH FUNCTION CENTRE

Come along and see some amazing quilts made by our members. Our raffle this year will be the choice between a lovely quilt or a box of goodies with proceeds going towards Stage 3 of the Keirunga rebuild, the construction of a gallery space. There will also be a sales table with items crafted by our members. Open daily 10 - 4, entry is by gold coin donation.

NZ Basketball Zone 3 Junior Secondary School Champs

31 AUGUST – 3 SEPTEMBER

HASTINGS SPORTS CENTRE AND PETTIGREW GREEN ARENA
 NZ Basketball Zone 3 Junior Secondary School tournament runs over four days and involves teams from around the lower North Island so come along and support your local team, entry is free. For further information visit www.hawkesbay.basketball.