



Toitōi reopens under Level 1

With lockdown behind us and Aotearoa free of COVID-19, we are thrilled to be open to the public again this week.

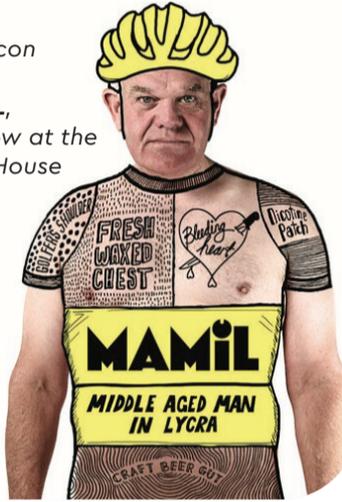
We're working hard on a huge array of events for the whole Heretaunga community over the coming months, all focused on high quality local and national talent and set at accessible prices.

Our first show will be MAMIL, Mark Hadlow's hit show about a middle-aged property developer who takes up cycling as a form of stress relief and discovers a lot about life, love and himself in the process. It's poignant, funny and relatable. It's on at the Toitōi Opera House from July 1-3 and 7.30pm and tickets are only \$25, available now.

There are lots of other great shows coming up, with Heath Franklin's Chopper and Floyd

Live both postponed till later this year, as well as the immensely talented Reb Fountain, who is touring her new self-titled album of noir-folk songs. The announcements will come thick and fast over the next few weeks, so be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram (@toitovenuues) to find out what's happening.

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For tickets and more information, go to www.toitovenuues.co.nz or pop into the Toitōi Box Office from Mon-Fri, 10am till 4pm.

Mayor's message

What a fantastic achievement! Together our community and our small country is COVID-19 free!

It is great to see life returning to almost normal again - to see families playing in our playgrounds, people shaking hands and hugging each other, enjoying our art galleries and theatres, everyone socialising with their friends and family, playing sport and loving shopping in our city and town centres.

Our community is uniting as we begin the journey to recovery together, and there is no time to waste. Through the Mayor's Taskforce programme, our industry leaders, government partners, council, and community organisations are working together to help our businesses return stronger than ever, keep people in jobs, promote our district as a destination, and look for new opportunities and funding to support and care for our people.

Everyone is pulling together. Our business associations are rolling out new 'shop local' promotions, and there's huge interest from people in training and re-training at EIT. The horticulture harvest saw 270,000 tonnes of apples leave our shores for world markets bringing much needed income to our district and region. Our developers and entrepreneurs are committed to keeping commercial and residential projects moving and the construction industry trading and employing our people.

Our farming community is working hard to manage not only COVID's impact, but also the drought's impact on their livelihoods. Our region's tourism authority is promoting us as a holiday destination, and our arts, culture and events community is focused on delivering events, performances, street art and exhibitions, making Hastings a great place to live and a fabulous place to visit. Look out for many awesome new events including the Matariki Winter Solstice at Waitangi Regional Park, Targa rally in Havelock North, the Good Vibes Winter Tour concert at the Hastings Racecourse, Mark Hadlow's production, MAMIL, at Toitōi - Hawke's Bay Arts and Events Centre and the Hawke's Bay Marathon.

It will take all of our people's efforts to help with our recovery, to keep our people in jobs, and strengthen our businesses. If we do, we will continue to be Hawke's Bay's economic powerhouse.

He waka eke noa, Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst

Civic Honours Awards

Do you know anybody who deserves recognition for their voluntary contribution to our community?

There's still time to get your nominations in for this year's HDC Civic Honours Awards before the closing date of June 25.

For more than 30 years this has been a highlight of the Council calendar, an opportunity to honour and celebrate those giving back selflessly to the district.

The awards are in the categories of: arts and culture, health and welfare, sport and recreation, education and youth.

Go to www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/our-council/civic.awards/ to fill in a nomination form.

Waste

Council's new wheelie bins are currently being delivered to households on rubbish collection routes, but residents are asked not to put them out before July 1 when the new service starts.

The specialised trucks that are used by the contractor to collect the wheelie bins are not operating until July 1, so until that time council is unable to pick up the wheelie bins.

People are asked to please continue to use the official orange council bags until the new service starts.

Collection days may have change - a sticker on the side of the bin will let residents know when their collection day is.

Go to the council website for further information and to find out when households will receive the new bins that are being delivered - www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/waste

Community Funds

Thirty community groups have received a funding boost with this year's Hastings District Council community grants funding round.

Fifty-seven applications were received requesting a total of \$662,000, which was narrowed down to fit within the total budget of \$245,000.

Priorities for the funding allocation were to support those who could demonstrate they were uplifting our communities' wellbeing by providing access to help and advice, were fostering a sense of pride within the district and across its diverse communities, and were promoting happy, healthy and active communities.

The recipients ranged from those supporting youth through education, mentoring and other development opportunities to health and therapy programmes for all ages, and environmental programmes.

See all the grants recipients at www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/index.php/hastings/grants/community-grants-fund#recipients

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