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Flaxmere Whānau Fun Day

Families flocked to Flaxmere Park at the end of last month to celebrate the suburb and its award-winning park at a Whānau Fun Day.

Earlier this year, Flaxmere Park was named New Zealand's Active Park of the Year in the 2020 New Zealand Parks awards, run by Recreation Aotearoa.

The judges were impressed with the huge range of opportunities for physical and social activity at Flaxmere Park, saying "every part of the park, from the cycleways to the splashpad, is constantly in use".

To mark the honour, and show just what the judges meant, the Whānau Fun Day kicked off with the regular Saturday morning parkrun (which has now been going for a year), and was followed up by games of ki-o-rahi, gutterboard, disc golf, tug-o-war, karaoke and other entertainment and stalls.

Flaxmere councillor Henare O'Keefe said it was great to celebrate the award and Flaxmere itself.

"We want to tell the whole world about it - Flaxmere is a great place to live work and play - the population is growing and expected to continue doing so - that's

because of the people coming from outside of Flaxmere to live here."

The increasing numbers of residents were coupled with exciting developments such as the Kimi Ora Community School playground upgrade, and housing developments underway for Waingakau and Tarbet Street, he said.

Fellow Flaxmere councillor Peleti Oli said it was great for the community to be coming together again after the COVID-19 lockdown.

"I love that things like sports and the boxing academy are going again - they give us that feeling of belonging - we're kicking COVID in the butt and getting our community spirit and vibe back again.

"People are returning to work, getting their lives back to normal, kids are going back to school - being able



to go and have dinner with your family was something that was missing - getting that normality back is good."

The Flaxmere Park award win followed last year's opening of the newly revamped playground, and last year the park also received an international Green Flag Award recognising it as being safe, well-managed, welcoming and having a strong community connection.



Save the date!

Blossom Festival and Parade

September 12, 2020.

Arts Inc. Heretaunga is looking for people who want to be part of this year's parade. If you are keen to be involved there's lots of options: building and entering a float, decorating a car, motorbike, or even pram... dancing, performing, forming a band, joining up with a school or sports team, dressing up with your friends, or sponsoring someone else's parade entry. This year's parade theme is "Flower Power-New Growth". To find out more on how to enter or contribute phone Arts Inc. Heretaunga on 878 9447, or email info@artsinc.co.nz

Hawke's Bay Wine Auction

Toitōi - Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre
September 19, 1pm to 5pm.

This auction is celebrating 29 years in 2020 with Hawke's Bay's most talented winemakers providing over 40 lots of wine, many of which are being specially blended. Place a bid and take the opportunity to walk away with some of Hawke's Bay's finest wines, one travel package or a feature art piece.

Sotheby's Realty Hawke's Bay Marathon

Saturday, September 19.

A running festival with options for all ages: 42km, 21km, 10km and 3km kids' runs. Flat, easy running through local cycle trails, quiet country roads and past vineyards and orchards - finishing at Elephant Hill Estate & Winery. Check out more details at Eventfinda.



More housing for Flaxmere

Providing more affordable housing in Flaxmere is a key focus for Hastings District Council and it was exciting last month to unveil a new development in Tarbet Street.

Here, there will be 17 new houses built and two lots have been put aside for 18 social/transitional houses.

Turning the sod on July 18, Hastings mayor Sandra Hazlehurst said Council was focused on providing homes for our people and working hard on providing long-term housing solutions for the community - especially those families living in motels or struggling to find emergency accommodation.

"We are working with the likes of Kainga Ora to provide transitional/emergency housing, to provide affordable housing, and to free up appropriate land to build other conventional housing.

"Getting the Tarbet St subdivision underway is a major milestone and we will remain focused on progressing other developments in the coming months."

Council has continued to work with a variety of agencies, including Kainga Ora, Te Puni Kokiri and Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga to progress housing consents in Flaxmere and other areas where sites are being investigated for a mix of social/transitional housing, affordable homes, and conventional homes.

Another exciting project that got underway this year was Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga 120-home Waingakau housing project in Flaxmere, an initiative that is a collaborative partnership with council.

The visionary plan is to provide warm, healthy, quality affordable homes, using a co-housing model that supports the inter-generational community by enabling social interaction.

Te Taiwhenua's overarching vision is to ensure people have access to choice and opportunity, live in healthy and safe environments, feel a strong sense of identity, connection and community, are proud of and enriched by their culture, and are in control of their lives.

Hastings mayor Sandra Hazlehurst and Flaxmere councillor Henare O'Keefe turned the sod on the new development at Tarbet St.



Our COVID recovery

Council's COVID-19 Recovery Plan is well underway, with a wide range of support for the community undertaken or committed to.

Highlights

An Urban Centres Recovery Fund of \$150,000 was established with funding allocated to the Hastings Business Association (\$100,000), Havelock North Business Association (\$40,000) and Flaxmere Retail Association (\$10,000).

The Flaxmere Town Centre development plan is underway and a consultation process with the community is being worked on.

Council contributed \$200,000 to the Hawke's Bay Drought Recovery Fund with other support from the Crown, Hawke's Bay Regional Council, CHB District Council and Centralines creating a \$1m fund to support drought-affected farmers.

Council continues to explore external funding opportunities as part of the government's COVID-19 stimulus package.

Funding confirmed to-date includes:

- \$9.3m for transport improvements including SH51 (Waipatu), safety improvements and new path/cycleways, creating the project "Jobs for Heretaunga" with a commitment to generating 158 jobs in relation to these works. The improvements to SH51 (Waipatu) have been long advocated by Council as necessary improvements to this section of the State Highway network.

- \$130m announced for Hawke's Bay as part of the Covid Response and Recovery Fund with \$20m towards an inland port at Whakatu being the first project to be announced from this funding allocation.
- \$27m signalled for Hawke's Bay three waters. The allocation to Hastings is yet to be determined.

Council has adopted an Arts, Culture and Events Recovery Plan and allocated up to \$300,000 for the delivery of programmes and events, the purchase of equipment and technology and installations. A significant investment in making Hastings a centre point for the celebration of Christmas is one of the key features of this plan.

Work is underway to develop a virtual rangatahi co-lab, a virtual space that connects our young people to services including information on health and wellbeing, cooking, education and employment, and events.

A Rapid Relief Fund was established during lockdown with \$100,000 allocated for disbursement to organisations supporting the community through this difficult time. \$65,000 was allocated to 14 organisations with about \$20,000 claimed back from the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management.



An application has been made to the PGF for renovations to six of the district's rural halls totalling \$156,000, and an application was also made to the Marae Renovation Fund in conjunction with Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga for \$4.17m for the 18 Hawke's Bay marae. A decision on the success or otherwise of this application is pending.

Council in partnership with Napier City Council and the Crown as shareholders in Hawke's Bay Airport Limited announced \$9m of shareholder loans to support the company through this difficult time and to enable the terminal expansion to be completed. Hastings' share of this loan was \$2.16m.



High quality line-up of shows at Toitoti

Toitoti - Hawke's Bay and Arts Events Centre has reopened post-lockdown with a hiss and a roar, with locals reaping the benefits of internationally-based performers being home in Aotearoa, writes Toitoti Kaiwhakahaere/Manager Megan Peacock-Coyle.

While it was devastating for Toitoti to close for lockdown, the team is now thrilled to bring a range of high-quality shows to Hastings audiences in the coming months.

These include regional Dance NZ shows, where local schools bring their best dance to the big stage in two great nights of family entertainment, as well as a fundraiser screening of This Town, which was filmed in Central Hawke's Bay (see back page for details).

In what is sure to be a truly stellar show for all ages, international opera stars Benson Wilson and Isabella Moore, who are usually based in London, will perform a range of opera favourites, art songs and popular tunes, alongside pianist Catherine Norton on August 6, at 7.30pm. Tickets are from \$22.50.

Then, on August 15 and 16, Kiwi comedian Penny Ashton returns to Hawke's Bay with her one-woman show, Promise & Promiscuity. This musical tribute to Jane Austen sees Ashton's character Elspeth battle literary snobbery, cousin Horatio's digestions and her mother's

nerves, armed only with a blushing countenance, excellent ukulele skills and being quite bright, you know... for a girl. Tickets to this hilarious romp are just \$35.

And in early September, Toitoti will host international punk cabaret star Amanda Palmer, who ended up spending lockdown in Hawke's Bay. Often known as one half of The Dresden Dolls, Amanda's show will be, in part, a tribute to her time here in Heretaunga.

"This place has been incredibly generous to me, and I feel that it's essential I return the karmic favour. I am so thrilled and grateful to be here in Aotearoa and so homesick and heartsick about my country at the same time; I don't know if this show is going to feel more like a wedding or a wake, it'll probably a good combo of both," Amanda says.

Tickets for her three-hour show start at \$50.

For tickets and more information, go to www.toitovenues.co.nz or follow Toitoti on Facebook and Instagram - @toitovenues

Free public WiFi



Hastings District Council is providing free public WiFi (wireless internet connection) at a growing number of areas around the Hastings city centre.

FREE WIFI POINTS INCLUDE:

- City Centre Mall/Fountain
- iSite
- Heretaunga Street (between Russell Street and Warren Street)
- Karamu Road North (between Eastbourne Street and Queen Street East)
- Civic Square
- Albert Square
- Toitoti: Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre
- Hastings Library parking area and playground
- Hastings Sports Centre

This free service covers many key open spaces around the city and is available 7am-7pm, 7 days a week. It can be found by selecting "HDC Free WiFi" from the available networks under Wi-Fi on your phone or mobile device.

Your local councillors



MAYOR SANDRA HAZLEHURST



DEPUTY MAYOR TANIA KERR



COUNCILLOR BAYDEN BARBER



COUNCILLOR ALWYN CORBAN



COUNCILLOR MALCOLM DIXON



COUNCILLOR DAMON HARVEY



COUNCILLOR EILEEN LAWSON



COUNCILLOR SIMON NIXON



COUNCILLOR HENARE O'KEEFE JP



COUNCILLOR PELETI OLI



COUNCILLOR ANN REDSTONE



COUNCILLOR WENDY SCHOLLUM



COUNCILLOR SOPHIE SIERS



COUNCILLOR GERALDINE TRAVERS



COUNCILLOR KEVIN WATKINS

Iconic wearable art event inspires design career

The Edible Fashion Awards are ingrained in Kate Rowland's memory from her early days at Pukehomoamo School through to her final year at Hastings Girls' High School in 2018.

A repeat entrant, Kate won the high school category four out of five years and was also runner-up for the Supreme Award twice.

"I loved the challenge of using food packaging, man-made or natural, along with actual food, to create something new and exciting. I also learnt that hard work and determination, combined with talent, can lead to success and that was addictive for me."

Now in her second year of a Bachelor of Design Innovation at Victoria University and loving it, Kate says that participating in the Edible event gave her the confidence to pursue a career in design.

Originally planned for August, the 2020 Edible Fashion Awards will now hit the stage in November and is expected to attract more than 200 entries, both local and national. Now with plenty of time to collect materials and dream up a design, Event Director Kelie Jensen is challenging aspiring designers far and wide to take part.

"There's always a good mix of returning and first-time designers and the feedback we receive from both is incredibly positive. The event is fun and exciting, builds confidence and has become a launching pad to

Kate Rowland with her 2017 entry "Tāne Taniwha".



further success in many cases."

The 2020 Edible Fashion Awards run from November 11-13 at Toitōi Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre. Entry is free and categories range from age 5 to adult. Designers must register online by Friday, September 18, but can work on their design right up until the event. This year's design theme is "Art in Motion". Tickets will go on sale in August.

Visit www.ediblefashionawards.co.nz for more info.

What's on...

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 Talks

11 AUGUST | 10.30AM
HASTINGS WAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Speaker – Cheryl Lattey
Cheryl Lattey talks on the perfumed history of the Hastings Rose Society. All welcome. A gold coin donation.

Toitōi - Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre

101 Hastings Street South
P. (06) 871 5289 or E. info@toitovenues.co.nz
www.toitovenues.co.nz

Winter Waiaata

6 AUGUST | 7.30PM
Join soprano Isabella Moore, baritone Benson Wilson and pianist Catherine Norton in a concert of opera favourites, art songs and popular tunes. Tickets from \$22.50.

Promise & Promiscuity

15 & 16 AUGUST | 7PM AND 2PM
A hilarious, one-woman show, starring Penny Ashton, which tackles all of Jane Austen's characters with song, dance and appalling cross-stitch. Tickets \$35

Dance NZ Made

2 & 3 AUGUST
The region's schools bring their best dance to the big stage in two great nights of family entertainment - who will take out the title and represent Christchurch at the National final? Tickets from \$10

This Town Film Night Fundraiser

22 AUGUST | 8PM
Written, directed and starring, Hawke's Bay's own, David White, this special screening of This Town is a fund-raising event organised by Eastern Screen Alliance. Tickets from \$13.

Hastings Sports Centre

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

Tumbling Tots

1 AUGUST – 23 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 skills with structured classes and children learning at their own pace. Three class times every Wednesday from 9am. Cost - Skill based programme \$5 or self-supervised \$3. For more info visit www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/hsc

Hastings City Art Gallery

Open Tuesday to Saturday, 10am – 4.30pm FREE ENTRY
201 Eastbourne Street East, Hastings
Ph: 871 5095 or E: hastingsartgallery@hdc.govt.nz
www.hastingscityartgallery.co.nz

EXHIBITIONS

Derek Henderson: Milk Run

1 AUGUST - 11 OCTOBER
In this exhibition Milk Run, Derek Henderson has explored, through photography and the memories of himself as a milk boy, the urban landscape of Hastings in the 1970s. His photographs provide us with a visual description and insight into the empty streets of the early hours and his early awakening to the things people did to embellish their homes.

Andrea Selwood: HOME SCIENCE - transforming light

1 - 9 AUGUST
Responding to coastal environments in Aotearoa, this exhibition explores the play of water and light, breaching threshold to alter states. These prismatic images suggest a universal dynamic - geometries of nature organic in origin.

Birgit Moffatt: Ko Papatūānuku e takoto ake nei | Alchove Gallery

1 - 9 AUGUST
This new installation is a sensory exploration and discovery to re-connect with the natural world in a society that changes with high speed through faster technology and global economy.

NZQA Top Art exhibition

3 - 7 AUGUST
We are excited to announce that the NZQA Top Art exhibition is coming to Hastings City Art Gallery. Top Art is an annual touring exhibition of the best and highest achieving 2019 NCEA portfolios from around the country. Five streams are covered, including design, painting, photography, printmaking and sculpture.

TIKA TONU 30 Kahungunu Artists

8 AUGUST - 1 NOVEMBER
TIKA TONU brings emerging and established contemporary painters and sculptors from the iwi of Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairoa, ki Heretaunga, ki Wairarapa together in an exhibition of artwork derived from, but beyond the tradition. Curated by Sandy Adsett.

Eve Kireka: Ahokore Ahikaarua - Keeping the home fires burning

15 AUGUST - 1 NOVEMBER
In this installation piece, Kireka has explored the feminine elements of the natural world, creating a narrative using light and mixed media to explore the connections between cosmic influences and the future of humanity. The work has its foundation in traditional Māori beliefs and art forms, but Kireka has taken this foundation and brought her own contemporary approach to the work.

FREE FREE EVENTS

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Akiko Diegel: lost, lost property

15 AUGUST - 1 NOVEMBER
Japanese-born artist Diegel lives and works in Auckland, her work often dealing with the realisation of existence: Things that are consumed, worn, worked, carried, forgotten or collected. This new installation explores the dichotomy of thought when encountering a piece of lost property in the environment and the visual experience and the mystery that this encounter evokes in the finder.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Lunchtime Tour

20 AUGUST | 12.15PM
Join our curator Clayton Gibson, for a tour of the current exhibitions in the gallery during your lunchtime. To be part of the discussion, meet at the gallery information desk. FREE, no booking required.

Events & Activities in the Hastings District

ALL MONTH

Hawke's Bay Farmers Market

EVERY SUNDAY | 8.30AM - 12.30AM
SHOWGROUNDS HAWKE'S BAY TOMOANA, KENILWORTH ROAD, HASTINGS
Rain hail or shine, the farmers markets 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

Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) at the Farmers' Market

16 AUGUST | 8.30AM - 12.30PM
HAWKE'S BAY FARMERS' MARKET, SHOWGROUNDS HAWKE'S BAY TOMOANA
Young Enterprise Scheme teams are back to the market! Throughout the course of the year YES students complete 5 challenges, product validation, sales and marketing, a business pitch and an annual review. Every year with support from the Hawke's Bay Chamber of Commerce we invite the YES students to showcase and sell their business products, ideas and services. This is a fantastic day, not to be missed.

New Choir in Hastings Will Sing Soul Music

ST ANDREW'S HALL, 206 MARKET STREET SOUTH, HASTINGS
"Sing your soul" in a large choir - that is thrilling and a lot of fun! Everyone who wants to try it out is invited to the new Hawke's Bay Soul Choir. Learn cool songs of Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, Aretha Franklin and Earth, Wind & Fire as choral arrangements in a friendly community. Previous knowledge is not required, but it would be good to be able to deal with your own singing voice. You should be at least 16 years old and keep the Monday nights from 7 to 9 pm free to sing. It is rehearsed weekly and of course it goes on stage later! Registration via email is requested: hbsoulchoir@gmail.com. For more information check www.hbsoul.nz.