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My Hastings

Keep up with what's happening in Hastings District



**HASTINGS
BLOSSOM
FESTIVAL**

3 October

Live entertainment
from 10am

Blossom Parade
Hastings CBD 11am

Prizegiving
Civic Square 12.45pm
info: artsinc.co.nz

Theme:
**Flower Power
New Growth**



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DISTRICT COUNCIL
Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga



FESTIVAL INFO



NEW INSTALLATION



WAIAROHA CONCEPTS



WHAT'S ON

Blossom into Spring - Hastings Blossom Festival

The tiny blooms of spring have already started to appear on the trees around Hawke's Bay and that means that the Hastings Blossom Festival is on the horizon.

Originally planned for September 12, the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has meant that, in consultation with Hastings District Council and community groups, the event will now take place on Saturday, October 3.

This will allow more time to create entries, especially given the impact of COVID-19 has meant groups haven't been able to find the time together to build their floats.

With the later date, it's hoped the community can come together to celebrate the arrival of Spring and revel in a sense of pride in our region.

This fabulous, free community event has been on the Hastings calendar since the 1950s, with roads closed to allow families to safely enjoy the decorated floats that parade through the streets of central Hastings.

Arts Inc. Heretaunga runs the event on behalf of funder Hastings District Council, and each year creates a theme to inspire those taking part in the parade.

This year's theme is 'Flower Power - New Growth', which is open to interpretation for the community groups or individuals who would like to get involved.

Being in the middle week of the school holidays, it will give families something to do together, and organisers would love to see kids dressed up and wearing something creative in the parade!

Do you have any 'flowers' in your household? 60s 'flower power' children? Stave off the boredom, dress up and join us as a family walking or riding in the parade.

Blossom Festival director Lyn Mackie said this year's theme was timely and lent itself to a colourful, vibrant and expressive parade.

"The Blossom Parade is about celebrating our community, our diversity, and the amazing expression of the many cultures within it.

"We would love to see you bring your own interpretation of Flower Power to life and encourage dance and music, lots of movement and noise, which makes for an exciting parade both to watch and to participate in."

There are a number of ways people can get involved:

- Build a float as a business or community organisation
- Decorate a car, motorbike, bicycle or pram to promote your organisation
- Be part of a performance/dance group
- Encourage your school or sports team or social club to participate
- Form a New Orleans-style marching band or Brazilian Samba band
- Dress up with your friends and family and join the parade
- Sponsor an entry.

There are a number of entry categories to choose from and a \$400 cash prize will be offered to entries that win an award, plus a \$100 prize for runners up in each category.

A people's choice award will be voted for via The Hits and may attract as much as \$1000 in prize money. The categories are:

- Best Community**
- Best School**
- Best Business/Trade**
- Best use of Natural Blossom**
- Best use of Artificial Blossom**
- Best Humour/Most Unusual**
- Best Dressed Individual or Group**

Arts Inc. Heretaunga chairperson Andy Heast said the team was delighted to provide an uplifting and fun theme for the Blossom Parade this year.

"It is important to provide opportunities for our community to express themselves in a creative way, in a fantastic safe and family friendly environment."



If you would like to participate entries are open until September 19 and you can fill out an entry form from the website www.artsinc.co.nz or call on 878 9447, or email info@artsinc.co.nz who will be happy to receive your entry and provide any advice or even offer you some financial support to build your entry if you are a community group.

The Hastings Blossom Parade is funded by the Hastings District Council.

Shop windows come alive for Parade

Ahead of the Blossom Festival people can get into the spirit of the event by taking part in a fun competition to "find the flower" while they are out and about in the city.

Hawke's Bay artist Dali Susanto is set to get busy this month painting a number of shop and business windows from the 200 Heretaunga East Street block to 300 Heretaunga West Street.

People may be familiar with his works that have appeared in galleries in Hastings and Napier - bold paintings and designs, usually using acrylics and often resembling prints.

More recently he has begun painting on other media aside from canvas, including leather and walls of buildings, and now the community will be able to see his creativity unleashed on glass on the main street.

He says the aim is to spread "happiness" with his flower power designs, ten of which will contain a different coloured "petal" clue for the competition.

Find all ten petals that make up a flower and let Arts Inc. Heretaunga know where they are to go in the draw for three prizes - \$500, \$300 and \$200 to be spent in a Hastings CBD store of their choice.

Forms to enter the competition can either be collected from the Hastings Community Arts Centre, the Hastings i-Site, or downloaded from the Arts Inc. Heretaunga website or facebook page.



Artist Dali Susanto has already made a start on the window of the Hastings Community Arts Centre

The forms need to be dropped off to the i-Site by September 30, and the draw will be made at the prizegiving for the Hastings Blossom Parade at 12.45pm at Civic Square. Winners need to be present.

Fabulous flock will be dressed to impress

Our central city flock of sheep have just had a fresh coat of paint, and will look even more eye-catching in some specially-made outfits for this year's Blossom Festival.

Members of Creative Fibre at Keirunga, Napier Weavers, Pakowhai Spinners, and Waipukurau Arts Centre, are currently hard at work preparing to yarn bomb the popular fixtures by the town clock.

The groups promise a variety of dress codes, including a saddle of pom poms, felted flowers, knitted scarf, something crochet and some weaving.

Keep an eye out closer to the time to see our woolly friends in their dashing new clothes.

Did you know the sheep have names?

In 2011, after a public competition, school children came up with Chloe (the black sheep), Molly, Polly, Sally and Susie.

What you need to know...

TIMETABLE

- 10am:** Live entertainment - Albert Square and various locations on parade route
- 11am:** Blossom Parade commences on the corner of Lyndon Rd and Warren St (see map for more information)
- 12.45pm (approx.):** Prize giving at Civic Square (outside the Hastings City Art Gallery)

SEATING FOR THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED

There will be a limited allocation of seating for the elderly and disabled on the corner of Queen St and Market St North (opposite Kiwibank).

Bookings are essential. Please phone Lyn on 878 9447 to reserve a seat.

ROAD CLOSURES AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Please note there will be road closures and traffic detours from 6am to 2.30pm on Saturday, October 3. Please refer to the map and follow the signs. Parking will not be available in the central city. **Parking will be FREE in streets surrounding the parade route.**

The Eastbourne St bus stop will be closed and the alternate bus stop is in Russell St N opposite the K Mart car park (see map).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

More volunteers are always needed, either to dress up in costume (need to be lively!) or to help with traffic control (manning the traffic barriers). Call Lyn on 878 9447.

HASTINGS BLOSSOM PARADE

Saturday 11am
3 October

Prizegiving

Civic Square 12.45pm

Road closures and parking restrictions apply:

Parade route 10am - 1pm

Parade set-up area 6am - 3pm

Heretaunga Street within parade route Closed from 7am



In the lead-up to the Blossom Festival a striking new public artwork has been installed in Albert Square until October 4.

Inspired by the Pohutakwa frond, the abstract work consists of 25 filaments sweeping out from a steel base. Ranging in height from four to five metres the rolled aluminum sections are powder coated a light grey. The Opal 'flowers' are intriguing during the day and even more stunning lit up at night. Make sure you check them out when you are out and about in the city.

Waiaroha: Love water, our most precious resource

Concepts for Waiaroha, a water treatment and storage facility set amid water-related landscaping, are being presented to our community for feedback. The site is on the corner of Southampton St East and Hastings St South.



An artist's impression of the water treatment and storage facility on the corner of Southampton St East and Hastings St South.

As we all know, water is critical to our lives, our environment and our economy.

The Havelock North water crisis showed us and the rest of New Zealand just how vulnerable our water supply can be, while increasing droughts and severe water shortages here and overseas show us that it is not an unlimited resource.

Waiaroha will improve the safety and resilience of our drinking water supply, increase capacity, and help us to meet drinking water standards.

But it will also be a place where we can, as a community, fully understand our water ecosystem. Having that knowledge will help us as we work together on

managing water and protecting it. It will also help the next generations develop innovative ways to manage it into the future.

The landscaping of Waiaroha will reflect the journey of our water from the mountains to the sea, while a public building filled with water-focused resources will host school and community groups. The information will help us understand our aquifer system and how nature fills them, how we use water in our region, the importance of water to mana whenua, and the treatment and supply of our drinking water.

Existing trees and new plantings will soften the visual impact of the infrastructure and outdoor furniture will

make it a relaxing green space within the city that we can all enjoy.

The necessary infrastructure (\$14m) will be funded from budgets already approved through the Hastings Drinking Water Strategy. Costs outside of the infrastructure and required mitigation (estimated at \$4m-\$6m) will be funded externally - ie not from ratepayers.

For more information and give us your feedback, see: www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/waiaroha

YOU'RE INVITED

On-site open day; 10am to 1pm, September 12, corner of Southampton St East and Hastings St South. Covid-19 alert level restrictions will be adhered to.

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

What's on...

SEPTEMBER 2020

FREE FREE EVENTS

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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 Talks

8 SEPTEMBER | 10.30AM

HASTINGS WAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Speaker – Mike Devonshire
Hawke's Bay's iconic Landmark – Te Mata Peak – its history, present and future projects. All welcome. A gold coin donation

International Talk like a Pirate Day

19 SEPTEMBER

HASTINGS WAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Special storytime for families at 10:30am
'Jolly Roger' flag makin' makerspace setup
'Build yer own ship' event
Avast me hearties! Come 'n celebrate international natter like a pirate day Saturday 19th September at Hastin's Library. Join us fer a Piratey Storytime, make ye flag 'n then head upstairs t' craft yer owns pirate ship!"

Hastings City Art Gallery



201 Eastbourne Street East, Hastings | FREE ENTRY
Ph: 871 5095 or E: hastingsartgallery@hdc.govt.nz
www.hastingscityartgallery.co.nz

EXHIBITIONS

Derek Henderson: Milk Run

1 SEPTEMBER - 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.

TIKA TONU 30 Kahungunu Artists

1 SEPTEMBER - 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 Ahikaaroa - Keeping the home fires burning

1 SEPTEMBER - 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.

Akiko Diegel: lost, lost property

1 SEPTEMBER - 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

3 SEPTEMBER | 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.

Arts Inc. Heretaunga



106 Russell Street South | FREE ENTRY
P. (06) 878 9447 or E. info@artsinc.co.nz
www.artsinc.co.nz

Dali Susanto

1 - 12 SEPTEMBER

'WHEN WILL I SEE YOU AGAIN'

Much like his character, Dali's work is bold, decisive, with explosive colour weighted with heavy blacks. His work aims to uplift the viewer with intoxicating whimsy, and Indonesian born Dali radiates a love for creativity in all aspects of life.

John Staniford

1 - 12 SEPTEMBER

'UTOPIA & OTHER THINGS'

A showing of mixed work by John Staniford. A Hawke's Bay artist with over 60 years experience, he paints landscapes, animals, and old houses all with his signature hard edge style.

Rex Jones

1 - 12 SEPTEMBER

'HAWKE'S BAY IN WATERCOLOUR'

Rex captures the vibrant light of Hawke's Bay in an exhibition featuring original watercolour paintings from his popular calendars, new works and a range of prints. He's keen for you all to see them this time!

Vee Hoy

1 - 12 SEPTEMBER

'PASSPORT COLLECTION'

These photos aim to challenge the ideas and impact of social and cultural labelling on identity. In a world where more and more of us identify as multi-ethnic, it is never more poignant to be discussing this subject.

Katherine White

14 - 26 SEPTEMBER

'MOTHERWOOD'

A collection of responses to a 1000 year old poem about solitude in Nature. Comprising of oil paintings, drawings, small sculptures and writings Katherine explores this topic from an unashamedly romantic perspective.

Jo Reid

14 - 26 SEPTEMBER

'MOOD SWINGS'

Local Hawke's Bay Artist Jo, paints a diverse range of acrylic on canvas pieces featuring local land/seascapes, flora and fauna among others. 'Mood Swings' reflects her mindset at the time of painting.

Hawke's Bay Live Poets

14 SEPTEMBER | 7PM - \$5 DOOR CHARGE

LIVE POETS

Local Guest Night. Open Mic, 1 poem each followed by Local guest poet Dave Sharp. MC Lea Kelly.

Uku Clay Hawke's Bay

28 SEPTEMBER - 25 OCTOBER

BIENNIAL NATIONAL CERAMICS EXHIBITION & AWARDS

Uku Clay provides an opportunity for artists across all cultures and communities to exhibit together, celebrating their shared love of clay. Rick Rudd (Selector) will announce the winners of the Ceramics Awards on October 2nd, 2020.

Toitōi - Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre



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

This Town Film Night

26 SEPTEMBER | 8PM

Written, directed and starring, Hawke's Bay's own, David White, this special screening of This Town is organised by Eastern Screen Alliance. Tickets from \$13.

Hastings Sports Centre



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

Tumbling Tots

1 - 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

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

Tarzino Trophy Daffodil Raceday - Bostock NZ Spring Racing Carnival

19 SEPTEMBER

The Tarzino Trophy Daffodil Raceday launches Group 1 racing for the season, bringing the big guns of New Zealand racing to Hastings. Between the races promises plenty of action with The Hits free family zone with children's entertainment, live music and a food precinct offering Hawke's Bay's finest outdoor catering offerings. For more information visit www.hawkesbayracing.co.nz/events

Hawke's Bay Wine Auction

19 SEPTEMBER

The Hawke's Bay Wine Auction celebrates 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. The success of this event allows all contributors to acknowledge those less fortunate in our community by gifting auction proceeds to Cransford Hospice. For more information visit hawkesbaywineauction.co.nz.

Hawke's Bay Hundy

26 SEPTEMBER

The Hawke's Bay Hundy is a 100km Team Relay that supports Mental Health in the Emergency Services and raises funds for STAROS- a Hawkes Bay trust that provides information and supports those bereaved by suicide. For more information visit hbhundy.nz

Hastings Blossom Festival 2020

NEW DATE 3 OCTOBER

HASTINGS CBD

Spring is on the way, and once again Hastings wishes to truly celebrate its arrival. Saturday will be full of fun for the whole family with live entertainment, and of course the Blossom Parade itself at 11:00am with the ever popular foam cannon!

At time of printing these events are all proceeding however we anticipate some change to the above listings due to the current Covid-19 alert level so we will be monitoring the situation and suggest you check the event details prior to confirming your attendance.

COVID-19