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CAROLS IN CORNWALL



SANTA AT TOITOI

**2020**

YEAR IN REVIEW

# Carols in Cornwall Park

**T**'is the season to be jolly and what better way to get into the festive spirit than an evening of song and Christmas cheer at the annual Carols in Cornwall Park.

A long-standing Hastings tradition, this event is a perfect opportunity to relax with friends and family in the beautiful surrounds of Cornwall Park.

As well as enjoying live musical performances, attendees will be able to take part in carol singing with lots more happening for the kids to enjoy.

There will be pony rides, face-painting, and plenty of fun to be had at the playground and splash pad.

Bring a picnic dinner, or grab something to eat from the food vendors that will be on site, and settle back to enjoy the entertainment.

**When:** Saturday, December 19, 4pm to 6pm

Hastings District Council proudly presents Carols in Cornwall Park.



## Hollie for Hawke's Bay Christmas

**One of New Zealand's most successful soul singers, Hollie Smith, will be the headline act at this year's Property Brokers Christmas at the Park.**

"This year's lineup is looking great," says event organiser David Trim of Kaisei Charitable Trust.

"Hollie is such an awesome singer with a great history of wooing crowds throughout New Zealand and the world with her powerful soulful voice. Hollie will be bringing her band as well to create that full live spectacle."

Loads of local talent including Jack Knife Beat Band and Badger will be warming up the crowd for Hollie, along with the usual Christmas carols and dance performances. Santa will pop in during the event to check on the state of the children this year.

The unique pyrotechnics display, which has become one of the most popular parts of the event will continue. This pyro show was especially created by the Kaisei Charitable Trust for this event, and is considered to be unlike any other in New Zealand, says David.

The pyrotechnic show will be at 9.35pm, so please make sure your pets are well taken care of at this time.

Hastings District Council is proud to support Property Brokers Christmas at the Park

This year's event will be held on Saturday, December 12 at Mitre 10 Park, Hastings (formerly known as the Regional Sports Park).

Support for the event comes from many business sponsorships and from both the Napier City Council and Hastings District Council. The Kaisei Charitable Trust is committed to ensuring this event remains free to enter.

"It's a true community gathering at a time when there is a lot of pressure and stress about. We think it's good therapy to come and celebrate Christmas as a community and just pause for a few hours," David says.

**When:** Saturday, December 12, gates open 3pm, starts 5pm and finishes at 9:45pm.

**Where:** MITRE 10 Park, Hastings.

**Bring:** Hat, blanket, picnic, money for Glowsticks and onsite food vendors.

**No Alcohol, no smoking, no glass**

**Gold coin donation** for parking on the sports park.



## Save the date!

### Harry Potter Book Week

January 26-30

The annual Harry Potter Book Night traditionally held each February in Hastings has a new twist for 2021.

Instead of only one night the celebration will be held over five days in the Hastings Library, when the libraries team will once again create unforgettable interactive spaces and activities including a Herbology Class, a Diagon Alley, a Forbidden Forest and Common Rooms.

Fans of all ages will have the chance to celebrate the wonderfully imaginative world of Harry Potter and pass the magic on to young readers who haven't yet discovered these unforgettable books.

### Hastings City Art Deco Market

February 18, 10am to 8pm

Hastings City mall.



## Fiesta of Lights - watts of fun for all

**It's nearly that time of year again, when Showgrounds Hawke's Bay Tomoana lights up for the Christmas/New Year period at the annual Fiesta of Lights.**

A favourite for all the family, the display features 350,000 sparkling lights enveloping lake-side walkways - a one kilometre trail taking visitors past 56 light displays.

New light displays for 2020 include singing trees, illuminated bird puppets and an eight-metre fairy light curtain.

The old favourites are still there though: Toyland, Running Man, a Time Tunnel and two fairy light mazes.

Other displays include Singalong to the Twelve Days of Christmas, a delightful Peek-a-Boo display, fireflies, a Chinese dragon and lots more.

The lights turn on at 9pm and the wonder begins for young and old - open every night, rain or shine including Christmas night.

On New Year's Eve the Pulse Classic Hits Band will entertain, and there will be bouncy castles, a giant slide and an obstacle course, topped off by a spectacular early New Year's fireworks display at 9.45pm.

**When:** Saturday, December 19, 2020 - Sunday, January 10, 2021. Open 9pm to 11pm every night.

**Where:** Showgrounds Hawke's Bay Tomoana, Gate 3 Kenilworth Rd or Gate 4 Karamu Rd North.

**Entry:** \$6 individual, under-three free

**New Year's Eve entry:** \$7 individual, \$30 family of five, under-three free (includes fireworks, band and slides).

**More info:** Go to [www.fiestaoflights.co.nz](http://www.fiestaoflights.co.nz)

Hastings District Council is proud to support the Fiesta of Lights

# Spreading the Christmas cheer at Toitoti

Toitoti – Hawke's Bay Arts and Events Centre is celebrating its first Christmas since reopening, so the team has gone all out.



With Santa's Grotto, 10 trees and more fairy lights than you can shake a candy cane at, the Hastings community can now pop into Toitoti to meet the big man himself.

Toitoti kaiwhakahaere/manager Megan Peacock-Coyle says while meeting Santa isn't a new concept, Toitoti wanted to make it as accessible as possible.

"Often when tamariki can meet Santa, their parents have to pay for photos or buy something to take part. We wanted to keep it free as we know our community are already financially stretched at this time of year," she says.

Tamariki will be able to post letters to Santa and meet the big man himself in his grotto (see dates and times below) and parents can take their own photos, or they can buy a polaroid for \$2.

Santa is also welcoming tamariki to his low-sensory grotto from noon until 12.45pm on December 5 and 12, and from 9am to 9.45am on December 19. With no music, low lights and no queues, bookings are essential, Megan says.

"If there is demand, we may add extra times, so please phone us to reserve your spot."

She says there will also be a Giving Tree for Hastings Women's Refuge, so anyone coming in to meet Santa (or just popping by to see the fun) can share the aroha with our community members who may need a little more support.

"The whānau at the refuge have often come out of very traumatic circumstances, so we wanted to bring as much joy and happiness into their lives as possible this Christmas. We simply ask that those donating think about these whānau when choosing what to donate. If you're donating long-life food, consider what you might like

to eat when you've had a hard time – tea and chocolates, biscuits and pre-prepared or easy to prepare meals with a long shelf-life are all great options."

Please keep all gifts unwrapped, clothing items plain (no brands, images or red) and gifts for men and boys are also welcome (but please no toy 'weapons'). If donating long-life food, please ensure its use-by date is later than March 2021.

Megan says decorating Toitoti and having Santa here would not have been possible without the support of Hastings District Council and the funding they've supplied through the Arts, Culture & Events Recovery Plan.

"Christmas is the perfect time to come into Toitoti and spend some quality time with your whānau, friends and the star of the festive season – Santa himself."

### Meet Santa at Toitoti (entrance on Hastings St) at the following times:

December 1, 1-4pm	December 12, 1-4pm
December 5, 1-4pm	December 14, 1-4pm
December 7, 1-4pm	December 15, 1-4pm
December 8, 1-4pm	December 19, 1-4pm

Meet our understanding Santa in his low sensory-grotto from 12 to 12.45pm on December 5 and 12, and from 9 to 9.45am on December 19. Bookings essential, phone (06 871 5289) to reserve your spot.

# Hastings is absolutely beautiful



Hastings was crowned the Supreme winner of this year's Keep New Zealand Beautiful Awards, something the community as a whole can be proud of.

It also secured the Most Beautiful Large Town title, and both accolades reflect the efforts a lot of people make to beautify where we live.

From the volunteers who turn out regularly to plant in our parks and reserves and the people who give up their spare time to pick up litter in our streets and parks, to those who get involved in the planning of public spaces, and our Council teams who work hard to make and keep all of our places beautiful, everyone plays a part.

In the beautiful stakes Hastings has a head start given our amazing natural features and outstanding climate, but the awards are about much more than that.

They are particularly focused on sustainability, environmental care, and community input, and when the judges visited Hastings in September they were impressed by the efforts put into keeping our parks beautiful and sustainable, our waste, recycling and anti-litter programmes, our care for our heritage buildings, and our passionate community that gets involved in so many ways.

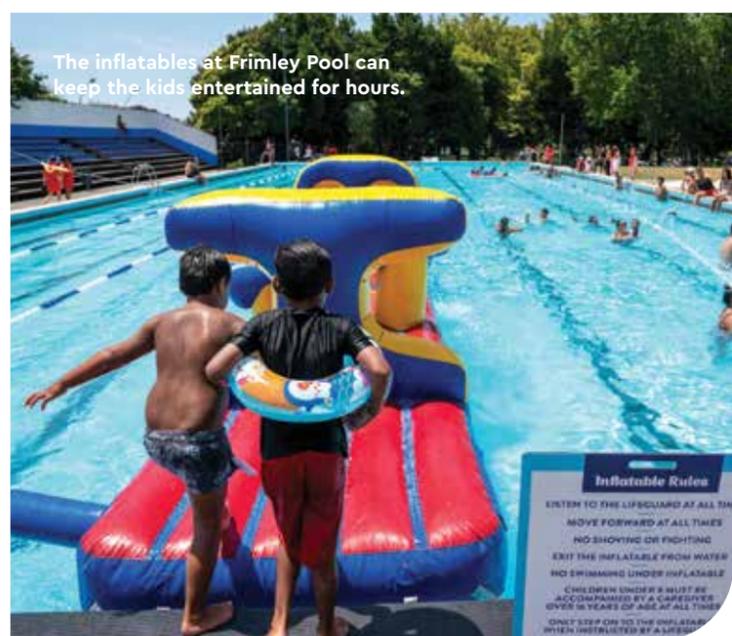
They were also shown our amazing parks and playgrounds and showcased the work our more than 100 volunteers do planting trees and shrubs in our reserves (it is estimated they have put in more than 4000 hours over the last 12 months).

A tour of our waste and recycling facility showed them the processes used to get clean, sorted recycling that can genuinely be used to make new products.

At Toitoti – Hawke's Bay Arts and Events Centre, including Functions on Hastings, the Cushing Foyer and the Opera House, they were wowed at the preservation of the history and culture and the sustainability practices we've put in place.

They also toured the central city and the new public spaces popping up everywhere, where we can enjoy our wonderful summer weather.

This could not have been achieved without the passionate people who are, every day, becoming more and more proud of our district and working hard to help keep it that way.



The inflatables at Frimley Pool can keep the kids entertained for hours.

# Keep cool in our pools

Summer is here and that means Splash Planet and the Aquatics Hastings outdoor pools at Frimley and Havelock North are now open.

Splash Planet re-opened on November 16 after the winter break – and is now open from 10am to 5.30pm, seven days a week.

The leading visitor attraction in Hastings, it's also a major drawcard for locals with plenty to keep the whole family entertained.

To help make it more affordable for Hawke's Bay residents, go to the website [www.splashplanet.co.nz](http://www.splashplanet.co.nz) to sign up for a Club Card for a discounted entry rate.

Havelock North Village Pool and Frimley Pool re-opened on November 30.

At the Village Pool people are able to enjoy recreational swimming, dedicated lanes for lap

swimming, giant inflatables and barbecues for hire.

There's a toddlers pool and a learners pool, shaded areas and a grassed area to picnic and play games.

At Frimley Pool, people can enjoy Hawke's Bay's only 50m pool with grandstand, as well as a learner and a toddler pool.

Bring the chilly bin and make a family day of it with covered barbecue and seated area as well as plenty of grass for basking in the sun.

Check the website [www.aquaticshastings.co.nz](http://www.aquaticshastings.co.nz) to find out more about opening hours and prices.

# EAST 2020

EAST 2020 has opened at Hastings City Art Gallery – Te Whare Toi o Heretaunga – a chance to see some of the region's most exciting artwork from the past year.

This year's collection includes photography, painting, ceramics, mixed media and sculpture, created by newcomers to the event alongside more established and recognised names.

Gallery curator Clayton Gibson said putting EAST together had given him a valuable opportunity to visit artists in their studios.

"What I was met with was a diverse and supportive group of inspired and passionate creatives all working to enhance their practice, and explore current issues in their work.

"What the artists do have in common in this exhibition is that they are artists of this place and time. Their work reflects their inner

relationship with their immediate environment, these hills, these mountains these rivers, this urban and social environs and this ocean."

He said the upheaval of COVID-19 was a common thread in the works reflecting the challenges of the pandemic, as well as concern and aspiration for the community's future.

"Our mission with this exhibition is to bring an engaging, enriching and inspirational contemporary art experience to our community."

The exhibition runs until February 28, 2021.

Find out more at [www.hastingscityartgallery.co.nz](http://www.hastingscityartgallery.co.nz)

Gillian Appleby, Spellbound, 2020



# 2020 | A YEAR OF CHALLENGES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

2020 was a year like no other, with the COVID-19 pandemic presenting challenges that required our community to be resilient and pull together to respond and recover.

The community rose to the challenge and Council continued to work hard to support the great things happening, helping make Hastings a connected, positive and vibrant place to live and visit.

## OUR ENVIRONMENT

### SAFE DRINKING WATER

Major milestones this year were the installation of a new small community water treatment plant at Haumoana, work starting on building water treatment and storage at Frimley, and final design details underway for the Waiaroha water treatment and storage project on the corner of Eastbourne and Southampton Streets. (Read more on page 7).

### THREE WATERS

Council secured a \$15.36m share of \$50m of Crown stimulus funding to work in partnership with the government towards reforming the district's three waters (stormwater, wastewater, drinking water) service and delivery arrangements.

### STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

A concept design has been created, and consent preparations are underway to convert a quarter of Lowes Pit situated in the Ōmahu industrial zone into a wetland as part of a multi-barrier stormwater treatment process to prevent contamination.

### COASTAL EROSION

Maintenance upgrades completed for existing Waimārama seawall and Paparewa wall. Protection project designed and consents prepared for Cape View Corner.

### WASTE SOLUTIONS

Our new kerbside recycling and rubbish service was rolled out, and people are doing their bit to help us reduce the volume of waste going to landfill. Education programmes to encourage more diversion are in development.



### HASTINGS REIGNS SUPREME AT KEEP NZ BEAUTIFUL AWARDS

Hastings took out the Most Beautiful Large Town and was named the Supreme Winner of the Keep New Zealand Beautiful Awards 2020 – endorsement of both Council and the community's sustainable practices and environmental excellence.

### DROUGHT RESPONSE

On top of COVID-19, our district's farmers faced a devastating drought last summer. Hastings District Council contributed \$200,000 to a mayoral drought relief fund to support the farming sector to assist with the costs of sourcing stock feed from other parts of New Zealand.

## MOVING AROUND



### ROAD SAFETY

Council secured \$9.3m in government funding to undertake shovel-ready roading projects across the district including safety, footpath, lighting, and iWay walking and cycling improvements.

### BRIDGE STRENGTHENING PROGRAMME

On schedule, ensuring key transport routes for the district's freight and produce support economic activity and growth.

### RURAL RESEALING

While COVID-19 impacted progress on the rural resealing programme, it is now almost complete. With traffic volume down during the lockdown, the opportunity was taken to replace broken infrastructure on usually busy roads.

## OUR ECONOMY

### JOBS FOR HERETAUNGA

This year Council partnered with MSD to support workers getting into employment on government-funded, shovel-ready roading projects around the district. The 'Jobs for Heretaunga' initiative also provides pastoral care for workers to support their wellbeing, and that of their whānau, employers, and with career plan development and links to training opportunities aimed at securing long-term, sustainable employment. There are currently 41 workers engaged under this initiative.

### INNOVATING THE FUTURE WITH FOODEAST

The final design work is underway for this Hastings-based food innovation facility that will take agri-tech to the next level and contribute to Hastings' economy – due to open in April 2022.

### SUPPORTING INDUSTRIAL GROWTH

Strong activity continued in industrial areas, enabling a significant boost to the local economy, with Council delivering the required infrastructure to support growth.

### MUNICIPAL BUILDING REVITALISATION

Work continues on the strengthening and revitalisation of this Hastings city landmark with \$5.5m committed by Council to complete the interior development and bring this historic venue to life once again early in 2022.

### INNER-CITY DEVELOPMENTS

The Tribune building redevelopment and Quest Hotel will bring added vibrancy and activity to the city centre.

### BUSINESS HUB TO BOOST HASTINGS

Council allocated \$70,000 from the COVID-19 recovery contingency fund to support the establishment of a pilot Hawke's Bay Business Hub in Hastings to provide enhanced business support services to Hastings businesses. To be trialled until June next year, the hub will be located at The Hive on Market Street North, opening at the beginning of December.

| An artist's impression of Foodeast



## WHERE WE LIVE

### HASTINGS PLACE-BASED APPROACH DELIVERING RESULTS

Council, along with its partner agencies, this year produced a plan to respond to the need for warm, dry quality homes – tailored for Hastings' unique situation.

These agencies include: Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, Ngāti Kahungunu, Te Taiwhenua O Heretaunga, Ministry of Social Development, Te Puni Kōkiri, and Kāinga Ora – Homes and Community.

Work has begun to build 40 state homes in Kauri St, Mahora, and 20 have been completed in Bedisloe St, Raureka – in total an extra 160 homes are anticipated to be built by the end of 2021.

### DEVELOPING HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FLAXMERE

Council started developing a vacant section of unused Council land at Tarbet Street in Flaxmere into a site for 17 houses, expected to be ready for sale by February next year. A further two lots at this site have been put aside for 18 public houses



Turning the sod at Kauri Street.

Council is also considering the potential to build residential housing on a piece of Council land between the Flaxmere pool and Caernarvon Drive. Community feedback from recent engagement will help inform development in this area.

### ENABLING DEVELOPMENT TO MEET THE MARKET

Council processed record numbers of housing consents (470) in the year to June 2020 to support the supply of housing to meet demand. There is a staged plan to invest in infrastructure to meet demand while also looking at inner-city living options to prevent unchecked urban sprawl.

## THINGS TO DO



Flaxmere Park was named New Zealand's Active Park of the Year for 2020.

### TOITOI - HAWKE'S BAY ARTS & EVENTS CENTRE

The Hawke's Bay Opera House, Cushing Foyer and Functions on Hastings re-opened after being closed for five years for earthquake strengthening. Since the return to COVID-19 Alert Level 1 the facility has been pumping, and last month the Hawke's Bay Opera House was named the heritage category winner in the New Zealand Architecture Awards for its stunning restoration. It also won the Resene Total Colour Heritage Commercial Award and the Resene Total Colour - Colour Master Nightingale Colour Maestro Award.

### PUBLIC ART AND INSTALLATIONS TO ADMIRE

Over the year the city centre has come alive with stunning new murals and a series of lighting and other art installations that have attracted people into the city in their thousands.

### EASTSIDE HUMMING

Heretaunga St East has been transformed this year, with paving and planting making this an appealing area to gather, shop and socialise. A new dining area has been created on Warren St and work has started on extending Landmarks Square as a place to relax and for outdoor dining. Upgrades, including street planting beds and rātā trees, new footpath and car parking, paving, and feature lighting have been installed at Karamū Rd North. Work also began on upgrading Queen St East between Karamū Rd and Warren St. Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency contributed \$300,000 from its Innovating Streets pilot fund towards the Eastside upgrades.

### FLAXMERE PARK JUDGED THE BEST

Recreation Aoteaora named Flaxmere Park New Zealand's Active Park of the Year in the 2020 NZ Park Awards in recognition of the physical and social opportunities, and the community input that went into the park's development. Flaxmere Park is also one of three HDC parks to be recognised under the Green Flag Awards, alongside Cornwall Park and the Havelock North Village Green.

### EBBETT PARK ENHANCEMENTS

A new playground was opened at Ebbett Park, as well as a new toilet block, new seating and landscaping.

## OUR PEOPLE

### YOUTH POTENTIAL RECOGNISED

Now in their 14th year, this year's Youth Potential Awards recognised 10 young people who have shown diligence and resilience in the face of adversity.

### GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT IN OUR YOUTH

Council's successful youth employment approach was recognised with \$985,000 He Poutama Rangatahi (HPR) government funding over two years to extend and expand the programme.

### CIVIC HONOURS AWARDS

For more than 30 years Council has been honouring those who have made a significant contribution to the Hastings community, and this year another 16 groups and individuals were awarded Civic Honours for their efforts.



Guest speaker Israel Dagg, left, and Irongate School principal Maurice Rehu supported the Youth Potential Awards event and shared inspiring words with the award recipients.

### PICK THE BAY EMPLOYMENT EXPO

Held at Functions on Hastings at Toitōi – Hawke's Bay Arts and Events Centre, this event successfully attracted 500 people eager to find out more about job opportunities and career pathways in the horticulture and viticulture sectors.

### SHOVEL-READY FUNDING

Council secured \$9.3m in funding from the government to undertake shovel-ready roading projects across the district including safety, footpath, lighting, and iWay walking and cycling improvements. These are all underway, with a key focus being on Council contractors employing local people who have lost their jobs due to the impact of COVID-19.

### RURAL HALLS INVESTMENT

Rural halls are often the heart of our rural communities and this year Council helped secure \$290,394 in Provincial Growth Fund investment to maintain and renovate seven of the district's halls.

### MARAE DEVELOPMENT

Council supported a successful regional submission to the Provincial Growth Fund for \$9.6m to renovate up to 51 marae in Heretaunga and Ahuriri.

### HASTINGS HEROES CELEBRATED

During the COVID-19 Level 4 lockdown, many community members went the extra mile to help their family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues. Council wanted to recognise their efforts and created the opportunity for the community to nominate their hero for recognition at a Council event when restrictions eased.

### THE SHOW MUST GO ON

Through the Hastings Arts, Culture & Events Recovery Plan, the district was home to one of only two arts festivals to take place in 2020. The Hawke's Bay Arts Festival featured New Zealand talent and was centred at Toitōi.

### FUNDING URBAN RECOVERY

In response to COVID-19, Council established a \$150,000 urban centre recovery fund for the Flaxmere, Havelock North and Hastings centres to help drive activity and support businesses.

## COVID-19 RECOVERY

# RUBBISH & RECYCLING CHANGES CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

Recycling and rubbish collection days will change for Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

NORMAL COLLECTION DAY:	CHANGED TO:
FRIDAY 25 DECEMBER	SATURDAY 26 DECEMBER
FRIDAY 1 JANUARY	SATURDAY 2 JANUARY

Collection days may vary on public holidays. Always check [hastingsdc.govt.nz/holidaycollections](http://hastingsdc.govt.nz/holidaycollections) or Facebook for more information.

## TRANSFER STATION HOURS

To ensure our staff can enjoy Christmas festivities with their families, both the Henderson Road and Blackbridge Transfer Stations (including the recycling depots) will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

**HENDERSON ROAD TRANSFER STATION**  
121 Henderson Road, Hastings

**CLOSED** Christmas Day and New Year's Day

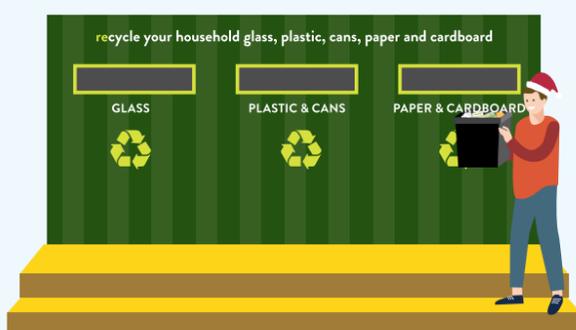
**NORMAL HOURS:** OPEN Mondays to Saturdays: 7.45am to 4.30pm  
OPEN Sundays and public holidays: 9.45am to 4.30pm

**BLACKBRIDGE TRANSFER STATION**  
Mill Road, Clive

**CLOSED** Christmas Day and New Year's Day

**NORMAL HOURS:** OPEN Thursdays to Mondays: 8am to 4.30pm  
**CLOSED** Tuesdays and Wednesdays

*The Christmas period is our busiest time of the year so please be patient if you are using these facilities and follow the directions from staff onsite.*



## RURAL RECYCLING

To ensure that we can recycle all year round please help keep the site clean:

- Put the right things into the right bins – remember to check the signs.
- Let us know when the containers are almost full.
- Don't leave items outside of the container – if it's full return another day, or take it to the next recycling site.
- Report any mistreatment of the site.

Call us on 06 871 5000. Ongoing misuse puts the recycling sites at risk.

## MAKE LANDFILL YOUR LAST CHOICE

Get informed or ask for info: [www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/waste](http://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/waste)  
 Hastingsdc • 06 871 5000 • [reducewaste@hdc.govt.nz](mailto:reducewaste@hdc.govt.nz)





The new iWay path alongside Southland Drain is a popular route to get off the roads.



Venture out on the Hawke's Bay Trails, such as the Capé Coast - Clive to Clifton trail, to explore more of the region.

## Enjoy the iWays and Hawke's Bay Trails this Summer

It's officially summer and that means it's time to dust off the bike or dig out the walking shoes and set out on the iWay and Hawke's Bay Trails networks.

There's more than 200kms of cycleways and shared pathways across Hawke's Bay providing the means to explore our beautiful region and enjoy some exercise at the same time.

The Hawke's Bay Trails are the most popular of the NZCT Great Rides in New Zealand, with over 400,000 trips taken on them last year.

This year Hastings District Council completed some additions to the iWays that are already being well-used.

Alongside the Southland Drain between St Georges Rd and Park Rd a shared walking/cycling limestone path has been added, connecting in to the existing pathway on Copeland Rd.

This provides a peaceful off-road route between

these two roads, which is used by cyclists and walkers alike.

There's also been a shared path added to a section of Te Ara Kahikatea from the peanut roundabout to Pākōwhai Rd.

Construction of the Napier Rd cycleway is well underway and on-track for completion early in the New Year.

Once complete this will add nearly 5kms to the iWay network, providing a direct link to cycle from Havelock North to Whakatū, Clive and beyond.

For all the information about walking and cycling in Hawke's Bay go to the refreshed iWay website which has detailed maps of the routes as well as information on cycling safety, news and events, programmes to improve cycling skills, and more.

## Progress continues to deliver safe drinking water

The construction of the Frimley water treatment and storage facility is well underway, with contractors on-site working on new bores and the groundworks for the new 8000m<sup>3</sup> storage tank and treatment building.

On an adjacent site, contractors continue to work on the installation of water pipes that will link into the new storage and treatment facility.

That work is one of three major water projects underway in Hastings: the upgrade of all small community drinking water supplies, the construction of the Frimley facility, and Waiaroha, a water treatment and storage facility with an education component in the central city.

They reflect Hastings District Council's commitment to providing safe drinking water and



Councillors inspect pipe work at the site of the new reservoir in Frimley.

to adding capacity and resilience to the network.

The upgrading of all eight small community drinking water supplies continues, with the Haumoana and Te Awanga facility reaching the end of its commissioning phase as this publication went to print.

Improvements to the Te Pōhue, Whirinaki and Esk Valley, Clive and Waimārama supplies are underway.

Waiaroha has undergone community consultation and is in its consenting phase.

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR HOURS

### HDC Customer Service Centre

CLOSED 3PM, DECEMBER 24, 2020 TO 8AM, JANUARY 5, 2021.

The 24-hour call centre will remain open throughout the holiday period, phone (06) 871 5000.

### Hastings District Libraries

(including Hastings, Havelock North and Flaxmere)

#### Sunday opening is back!

Sunday opening will resume at Hastings War Memorial Library from January 10, 2021, from 1pm to 4pm each Sunday.

December 24 - 9am - 3pm

December 25 - CLOSED

December 26 - CLOSED

December 27 - CLOSED

December 28 - CLOSED

December 29 - 9am - 5.30pm

December 30 - 9am - 5.30pm

December 31 - 9am - 3pm

January 1 - CLOSED

January 2 - CLOSED

January 3 - CLOSED

January 4 - CLOSED

January 5 - 9am - 7pm

### Camberley Community Centre, Kiwi St

CLOSED from 3pm, December 24, 2020 to 8am, January 5, 2021

### Flaxmere Community Centre & Flaxrock Gym, Swansea Rd

CLOSED from December 24, 2020 to January 5, 2021.

### Hastings Sports Centre, Railway Rd

CLOSED from 5pm, December 23, 2020 to 8.30am, January 6, 2021.

### Transport

For public transport queries see [www.gobus.co.nz](http://www.gobus.co.nz) or phone (06) 835 9200.



**HASTINGS**

DISTRICT COUNCIL  
Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga

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COUNCILLOR SOPHIE SIERS



COUNCILLOR GERALDINE TRAVERS



COUNCILLOR KEVIN WATKINS



## 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](http://www.hastingslibraries.co.nz)

### Harry Potter Book Night Week



26 - 30 JANUARY

#### HASTINGS WAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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## Arts Inc. Heretaunga



106 Russell Street South | FREE ENTRY  
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[www.artsinc.co.nz](http://www.artsinc.co.nz)

### Christmas Bazaar 2020



1 - 24 DECEMBER | MON-FRI 9:30AM - 4PM  
 & SAT 10AM - 2PM

All sorts of wonderful hand-crafted items for sale from local Hawke's Bay artisans. You will be sure to find that 'little something' you've been after for that someone special. Come and support local, hard-working talent - creating pieces right here in Hawke's Bay!

### 'W6' Exhibition



5 - 16 JANUARY 2021

Six passionate paddlers from different Waka Ama clubs exhibiting a mixture of sculptures and paintings, along with some kete works. The exhibition is so named as usually there are six people in a waka and the competitive name for a six-person waka is a 'W6'.

### Leonard Lambert Exhibition



18 - 30 JANUARY

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

## Hastings Sports Centre



503 Railway Road  
[www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/hsc](http://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/hsc)

### Tumbling Tots

1 - 16 DECEMBER

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](http://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/hsc)

### Fundamental Skills Programme

1 - 11 DECEMBER

This programme is specifically designed for young children with physical and/or learning difficulties, where we help them develop their fundamental skills, and also give them the opportunity to build their confidence and self-reliance. The session is held on Fridays at 10am and cost is \$5 per student. For more information please contact your school for registration.

## Hastings City Art Gallery



201 Eastbourne Street East, Hastings | FREE ENTRY  
 P. (06) 871 5095 or E. [hastingsartgallery@hdc.govt.nz](mailto:hastingsartgallery@hdc.govt.nz)  
[www.hastingscityartgallery.co.nz](http://www.hastingscityartgallery.co.nz)

### EXHIBITIONS

#### Matt Arbuckle: Recto-Verso



1 DECEMBER - 24 JANUARY 2021

Arbuckle's practice is a process-driven exploration of place, bridging the notions of landscape with the languages of abstraction. He manipulates the fundamentals of scale, format, composition, material, colour and mark-making to produce sculptural paintings that are large, vigorous and bold in the forms they take.

#### East 2020



1 DECEMBER - 28 FEBRUARY 2021

Hastings City Art Gallery presents EAST 2020, a biennial exhibition celebrating and surveying the current creative practice connected to the Heretaunga HB region. The works of 54 HB artists have been selected for the exhibition, which includes painting, ceramics, large-scale photography, video and sculptural installations.

### EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

#### Lunchtime Tour



3 DECEMBER | 12:15PM (APPROX. 30 MINS)

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. No booking required.

#### Hastings Public Art: Walking Tour



5, 12, 19 DECEMBER | 11AM (APPROX. 90 MINS)

Join our Hastings City Art Gallery guides for a fascinating tour of the much loved public art of Hastings. Meet at the gallery entrance in Civic Square, next to the Hastings Library. A minimum of five attendees are required for the tour to proceed. No booking required. For more information, please call 06 871 5095.

## Toitōi -Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre



101 Hastings Street South  
 P. (06) 871 5289 or E. [info@toitovenues.co.nz](mailto:info@toitovenues.co.nz)  
[www.toitovenues.co.nz](http://www.toitovenues.co.nz)

### Meet Santa!



1, 5, 7, 8, 12, 14, 15 & 19 DECEMBER | 1 - 4PM

Bring your tamariki to meet Santa in his Grotto at Functions on Hastings this festive season. Post your letters to Santa, meet the big man and have a photo with him (\$2 for a polaroid or free on your phone).

### Low-sensory Santa Sessions



5 AND 12 DECEMBER | 12 - 12.45PM

Santa is welcoming tamariki to his low-sensory grotto at Toitōi this December. With no music, low lights and no queues, bookings are essential. Phone 06 871 5829 to reserve your spot (booking required).

## Flaxmere Community Centre



30 Swansea Road, Flaxmere  
[www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/flaxmere-community-centre](http://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/flaxmere-community-centre)

### DECEMBER / JANUARY

**MON:** Explode 6 - 6.45am; Tai Chi 9 - 9.45am; Explode 10 - 10.45am; Badminton for Seniors 11 - 12.30pm **TUES:** Papaki Ora 10 - 10.45am; Strength & Balance for Seniors 11 - 12pm, Papaki Ora 5.15 - 6pm **WED:** Explode 6 - 6.45am; Line Dancing 9 - 9.45am; Explode 10 - 10.45am; **THURS:** Papaki Ora 10 - 10.45am; Strength & Balance for Seniors 11 - 12pm, Papaki Ora 5.15 - 6pm **FRI:** Explode 6 - 6.45am; Sit Fit for Seniors 9 - 9.45am; Explode 10 - 10.45am; Badminton for Seniors 11 - 12.30pm **SAT:** Nourished for Nil 12 - 1pm Explode classes \$2 each, Papaki Ora \$2 each and the rest of classes are free senior low impact classes

## Camberley Community Centre



703 Kiwi Street, Camberley  
[www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/camberley-community-centre](http://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/camberley-community-centre)

### DECEMBER / JANUARY

**MON:** Line Dancing 11 - 11.45am; Kids can cook 3.15-4.15pm (both finish 14 DEC & restarts 8 FEB); **TUES:** Live Well 10 - 12pm (finish 15 DEC); Sit & Be Fit 1 - 1.45pm (finish 15 DEC & restarts 19 JAN); Basketball Academy 3.15 - 4.15pm (finish 17 DEC & restarts 9 FEB) **WED:** Kaumatua Sit Fit 10.30-11.15am (finish 16 DEC & restarts 10 FEB); Youth Space 3.15-4.15pm (finish 16 DEC & restarts 10 FEB) **THURS:** Circuit Class 10.30-11.15am (finishes 17 DEC & restarts 11 FEB); Tai Chi 1-1.45pm (finishes 17 DEC & restarts 21 JAN); Basketball Academy 3.15-4.15pm (finishes 17 DEC & restarts 9 FEB); Man Up 6.30 - 7.30pm (finishes 17 DEC) **FRI:** Kori Tinana mo nga kaumatua 9-10am (finishes 18 DEC & restarts 22 JAN); Respect Dance 3.15-4.15pm (finishes 18 DEC)

**KIDS BREAKFAST CLUB** runs every school day from 8am-8.45am

## 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](http://Hawkesbayfarmersmarket.co.nz)

### EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

#### Flaxmere Christmas in the Park



5 DECEMBER | 2-8PM

FLAXMERE PARK

Flaxmere Park will come alive with local entertainers, stallholders, food stalls and maybe even a movie. Bring the whānau down and be a part of this free event.

#### Christmas at the Park



12 DECEMBER

MITRE10 PARK HAWKE'S BAY

A free outdoor Christmas concert for Hawke's Bay. For more information refer to page 2.

#### Heretaunga Women's Centre Christmas Community Lunch



16 DECEMBER | 12.30

HERETAUNGA WOMEN'S CENTRE - WOMEN'S REST BUILDING

Community Christmas Luncheon Women and children welcome. <https://bit.ly/3dZbP5e>

#### Carols in Cornwall Park



19 DECEMBER | 4 - 6PM

CORNWALL PARK

This popular annual event will be a perfect lead-in to the week before Christmas! For more information refer to page 2.

#### Hastings City BIG Retail Sale

19 DECEMBER | 10AM - 2PM

HERETAUNGA STREET EAST AND WEST (BETWEEN NELSON AND WARREN STREETS), HASTINGS CBD

Shop till you drop at the Hastings City BIG Retail Sale! You're sure to find gifts for even the trickiest person on your list. Not only bargains galore but also heaps of FREE family fun entertainment including bouncy castles, face painting, live music and more!