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Toitoti opens this month

Photo: Richard Brimer

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Toitoti update



The Toitoti Opera House theatre, as viewed from the stage.
Photo: Richard Brimer

Toitoti – Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre has had a busy start to the year as it quickly heads towards its opening celebrations at the end of February.

The Opera House restoration was completed late last year and Toitoti manager Megan Peacock-Coyle says the team has kicked off 2020 with an expanding crew, including the final two members of Toitoti's core team.

"We're absolutely thrilled to have Shane Cross as technical co-ordinator. He's spent the past month working with our technical manager Dane to clean, organise and set up our stage and technical equipment, including 90 state-of-the-art LED stage lights, which will use two-thirds less power, generate less heat and have reduced plastic with colour filters all built in," Megan says.

Lara Paaymans also started as Toitoti's events manager in January, returning to Hawke's Bay from a 10-year stint in Melbourne.

"Lara has come to us from Melbourne's Convention Exhibition Centre, where she was part of a team putting on more than 1000 events each year, so brings significant and valuable expertise for our corporate clients," Megan says.

Toitoti is currently training its new casual crew, which includes front of house/bar managers, bar and event crew, alongside technical and ticketing crew.

Megan says the whole team is excited to finally share Toitoti's beautiful new spaces with the Heretaunga community, after five years of restoration work.

"We've got a wide range of shows in our opening months, from our Homecoming Weekend events to Sir Roger Hall's newest work – Winding Up from Auckland Theatre Company. There's also an incredible contemporary show, based on Janet Frame's iconic novel *Owls Do Cry* by Red Leap Theatre, and a cheeky behind-the-scenes treat, *Grand Opening*, from Wellington's Barbarian Productions on its way.

"We're curating our programme to ensure there's something for everyone, with tickets to Heath Franklin's *Chopper* and *Floyd Live* also selling well."

Toitoti's Homecoming Weekend will see two free public events for the community to attend – a Dawn Blessing on February 29 and a Community Festival on March 1, says Hastings District Council group manager community facilities and programmes Alison Banks.

The Dawn Blessing on February 29 will bless and breathe new life into Toitoti - Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre. This is an opportunity for our community to participate in karakia, waiata and a walk-through blessing of Functions on Hastings, Cushing Foyer and the Opera House. Please gather outside Toitoti on Hastings St at 5.30am.

Meanwhile, Toitoti Homecoming Community Festival on March 1 is your chance to experience Toitoti at your own pace. From 10am to 2pm all doors will be open so you can explore the Opera House, Cushing Foyer and Functions on Hastings, re-connect, absorb the history, learn about the strengthening and refurbishment work and hear about future developments.

"Throughout the day there will be entertainment, activities and opportunities to play, discover and enjoy one of the most incredible venues in the country.

"We can't wait to share Toitoti and its vision with all the people who have so ardently supported us in our journey to this point," Alison says.

Toitoti Homecoming Dawn Blessing

February 29, 2020

Aroha mai, aroha atu
Love given demands love received

Please gather outside Toitoti for a 5.30am start

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Forestry and re-vegetation project

It's an exciting time for Te Mata Park as the Park Trust prepares for a significant milestone, removing nearly 12 hectares of old pine plantations and returning large sections of the park to native bush.

With ambitious plans to plant nearly 60,000 native plants over the next three years, the trust aims to improve biodiversity and create a beautiful habitat for native birdlife as well as a wonderful destination for park users in the years to come.

Two separate reports – one from ecologist Geoff Walls in 2006, confirmed by Bart Mulder of ProArbore in 2019 - have recommended removing the trees as they are now potentially dangerous.

"Removal of the pine trees is now crucial as many of these trees are increasingly hazardous to the public, with huge numbers of fallen trees and vulnerable branches on the cusp of falling," said Te Mata Park Trust Board chairman Mike Devonshire.

Pan Pac Forest Products will be removing the trees, which will affect access to the park, including closing Chambers Walk and the Tauroa Road car park from mid-February 2020 for about six to eight weeks.

Two pine tree blocks will be removed. The larger, older area of 7.3 hectares between Chambers Walk and the Giant Redwoods (note that the Redwoods will be protected), and the smaller, younger 4.4 hectare block on the south side near the Red Walking Track.

The larger block will be replaced with native species starting with volunteer working bees in May 2020. The tracks will also be re-established and opened to the public.

The trust board is working closely with Pan Pac Forest Products to ensure a robust harvest and safety management plan, including a comprehensive fire safety code to keep the public safe.

To ensure the comfort of the community and protect the roads, the logging trucks will not carry trailers and will be closely monitored and managed, with traffic management on the narrow stretch of Tauroa Road. The route is from Tauroa Road, down Duart Road and out via Napier Road to the mill.

Toitoti Events

Toitoti Homecoming – Dawn Blessing: Join us to celebrate the support and determination of our community, blessing and breathing new life into Toitoti - Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre. Gather outside Toitoti at 5.30am. **February 29. Free entry.**

Toitoti Homecoming – Community Festival: Toitoti is opening and we're kicking it all off with a Community Festival! Grab your kids and your sunblock and join us for loads of fun, activities and the chance to explore our flash new digs. **March 1 from 10am till 2pm. Free entry.**

Barbarian Productions presents Grand Opening: Audiences arrive to see the show but it quickly becomes clear that something has gone wrong. So instead the ushers take you on a whirlwind tour of Toitoti's back-end and forgotten spaces. **March 7 and 8, tickets \$30.**

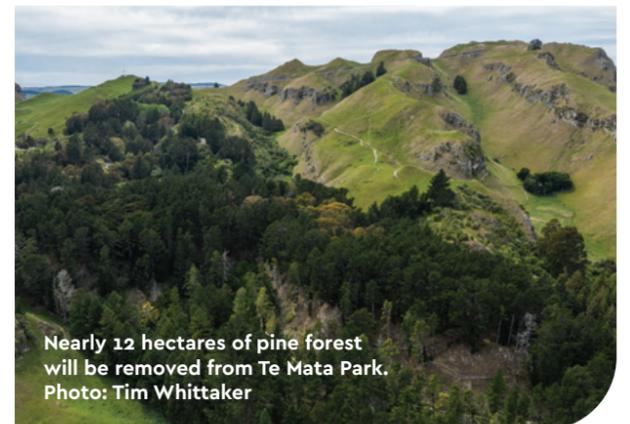
Winding Up – by Roger Hall: Barry and Gen may have retired, but these spirited seniors aren't slowing down! As the pair put the fun into funerals and discover new complications in conjugal relations, *Winding Up* provides a hilarious testament to the lighter side of the golden years. **March 11 and 12, tickets from \$36.50.**

Owls Do Cry: A hugely successful contemporary adaptation of *Owls Do Cry*, considered the first great New Zealand novel by Janet Frame. Filled with fierce heart and visual splendour, this is the celebrated, heartbreaking story of the Withers Family. This richly immersive theatre experience is not to be missed. **March 20 and 21, tickets from \$29.**

Menopause the Musical: Four women at a lingerie sale have nothing in common but a black lace bra, memory loss, hot flushes, night sweats, not enough sex, too much sex and more. A celebration for women who are on the brink of, in the middle of, or have survived "The Change". **March 22, \$69.90.**

Heath Franklin's Chopper – The Silencer: Panic, terror, stupidity, crisis; they can all form a queue and suck the wrinkles out of Chopper's walnut wallet because he is done with suffering fools. In amongst all the noise, hysteria and angst, snowflakes and trolls, who will give us a bit of bloody shush? Chopper is here to machete our way through the jungle of bull****. **May 19, tickets from \$38.**

Floyd Live: The distinctive "Floyd" sound has been captured with the emotive and soulful musicianship of an eight-piece band with a first-class sound and lighting. This two-hour concert takes the audiences on a career-spanning journey of the best of Pink Floyd. **June 13, tickets from \$47.50.**



Nearly 12 hectares of pine forest will be removed from Te Mata Park.
Photo: Tim Whittaker

Mana Whenua, QEII National Trust and Trees That Count have been involved in the project, and both Hastings District Council and Hawke's Bay Regional Council have been consulted and are fully supportive.

Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst said that "while there will be some short term disruptions for park users, it is an amazing legacy project for our community, for our whanau, for the long-term, and for our future generations to enjoy".

Go to www.tematapark.co.nz/forestry-and-revegetation-project/ for more information and maps of the tracks affected.



Save the date!

International Cultures Day

Saturday, March 7, 11am-4pm
Cornwall Park, Hastings

Food and cultures from around the world will be on display at this year's International Cultures Day held at Cornwall Park. Presented by the Hawke's Bay Multicultural Association and supported by Hastings District Council the event will also include crafts and community stalls, and live performances.

Art Deco Festival Hastings events 2020

'All that Jazz' lunch

Thursday, February 20, 12.30pm

Mangapapa Hotel, 466 Napier Rd, Havelock North

Be swept into the magic of the jazz era. Award winning chef Norka will prepare a tantalising three course lunch with wine designed around the cuisine of the 1920s delivered with a modern day twist.

TICKETS \$90

Hastings Art Deco Fashion Flaunt

Hastings City Mall

Thursday, February 20, 5.30pm

Get out those classy clothes and enter the fun that is the Hastings Art Deco Fashion Flaunt. With numerous fun competitions and prizes it's the perfect way to spend an hour of your evening showing off your art deco best.

FREE

Art Deco/Earthquake Hastings historic walking tour

Wednesday, February 19, 1pm

Thursday, February 20, 10am and 1pm

Friday, February 21, 10am

Saturday, February 22, 9.30am

Sunday, February 23, 9.30am

Join Hawke's Bay historian Michael Fowler for a walking tour around the Hastings CBD to see striking examples of the city's Art Deco (there is more in Hastings than Napier), as well as the story of how the 1931 earthquake affected the CBD. This tour is the result of 15 years research by Michael and has new material added every year. The tour takes 1.5 hours at an easy pace. Meet inside the Hastings i-Site 10 minutes before departure time.

FREE

GOODBYE BAGS & BUCKETS

HELLO CRATES & WHEELIE BINS!



STARTS **MAY 1**

STARTS **JULY 1**

60% OF WHAT'S IN OUR RUBBISH COULD BE RECYCLED OR COMPOSTED, THAT'S WHY WE'RE MAKING CHANGES AND ASKING YOU TO...

MAKE LANDFILL YOUR LAST CHOICE

Making new choices

Our community has spoken and we have listened. This is why you will see changes to you kerbside waste and recycling services this year.

As part of our joint (with Napier) Waste Management and Minimisation Plan we received over 6,500 submissions which told us clearly that we need to reduce the waste we send to landfill.

We currently send over 90,000 tonnes of waste to Omarunui Landfill each year. Around a third of this comes from our kerbside collections. A survey of our solid waste in 2019 showed that over 60% of our rubbish bin content could instead be composted or recycled.

We look forward to working with our community to help empower residents to cut down on what they put in their rubbish bins. We are asking you to make landfill your last choice.

An important part of this will be removing green waste from our rubbish bins and getting it composted. We are working with local providers to help residents understand the alternative options already available to them.

Moving forward we'll be looking at how we can provide an incentive and reward residents who only generate small volumes of waste. This could be in the way of a rebate or some form of pay per lift.

We do understand that one solution may not fit everyone and these changes could provide challenges for some people. In the run up to the new service we will be out and about with the new trucks. We look forward to speaking to as many people as possible in person and answering your questions about the new service and how you can make landfill your last choice.

Your local councillors



MAYOR SANDRA HAZLEHURST



DEPUTY MAYOR TANIA KERR



COUNCILLOR BAYDEN BARBER



COUNCILLOR ALWYN CORBAN



COUNCILLOR MALCOM 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...

FEBRUARY 2020

FREE FREE EVENTS

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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 Talk

11 FEBRUARY | 5.30 – 6.30PM

HASTINGS WAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

"An impact study: the Hastings CBD after the 1931 Hawke's Bay Earthquake"

Graham Linwood - a local architect with a special interest in our Heritage buildings, looks over almost 90 years of the good, the sad and the ugly. All welcome. A gold coin donation.

Arts Inc. Heretaunga



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

Jazz on the Village Green

1 – 22 FEBRUARY (SATURDAYS)

HAVELOCK NORTH VILLAGE GREEN

Jazz on the Village Green returns for five great Saturday concerts from 4 – 6PM. All concerts are free to attend. Visit www.artsinc.co.nz for further information.

Summer in the Park

2 – 23 FEBRUARY (SUNDAYS)

CORNWALL PARK

Summer in the Park returns to Cornwall Park with a great selection of Sunday concerts from 3 – 5PM. All concerts are free to attend. Visit www.artsinc.co.nz for further information.

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

Earthquake Commemoration

3 FEBRUARY | 10.40AM

CBD MALL BY THE CLOCK TOWER

A special ceremony open to the general public is held at the Hastings City Centre Mall to remember the day that changed lives in Hastings and wider Hawke's Bay, and to celebrate the city and community around us. Stories of how the event reshaped Hastings are told and wreaths are laid at the clock tower in memory of the lives lost in the earthquake. The service starts at 10.40am, with the clock tower bells ringing at 10.47, the exact time the quake struck our region.

Waitangi Day Celebrations

6 FEBRUARY

KAHUNGUNU WAITANGI DAY

HB REGIONAL SPORT PARK | 8AM – 4PM

Live music, Mahons rides, food stalls, kids activities and sports tournaments.

WAIPUREKU WAITANGI HOKINGA MAHARA

WAITANGI PARK TO CLIVE BRIDGE | 7.45AM

Join the hiko from the star compass, Waitangi Park along the Clive River finishing up with a Powhiri at Clive Bridge

Go By Bike Breakfast

10 – 14 FEBRUARY | 6.45 – 8.30AM

Commute by bike to work/school or the shops during this week and you can pick up a quick breakie on the go from one of our pop up breakfast spots. For locations and more information go to: www.iway.org.nz

Art Deco Market

20 FEBRUARY | 10AM – 8PM

HASTINGS CITY MALL

The Art Deco Market shows off our beautiful inner-city art deco architecture and provides a celebration of all things Deco! Vibrant stalls, entertainment, food and fun! Be sure to get dressed up and enter in our Art Deco Fashion flaunt on the day and WIN prizes for best Art Deco Fashion! For details check us out at hastingscity.co.nz and on Facebook @hastingscity for details!

Tremains Art Deco Hamper Auction

21 FEBRUARY | 12PM

ST. ANDREWS HALL, MARKET STREET SOUTH

Following on from the Art Deco Market is the Tremains Art Deco Hamper Auction. This is an exciting event for businesses to purchase a table and join. For details check us out at hastingscity.co.nz and on Facebook @hastingscity for details!

Sport HB – Cycling Programmes

10, 17, 24 FEBRUARY

MITRE 10 PARK (FORMERLY HB REGIONAL SPORTS PARK)
ADULT CYCLING SAVVY | 10AM – 11.30AM

Want to get back on your bike or just gain more confidence to enjoy those iWay and HB trails? This programme is for you! Delivered by trained instructors at a safe off road location. It is FREE and FUN.

GET BACK RIDING ON THE ROAD FOR ADULTS
12NOON – 1PM/1.30PM

Not feeling confident riding on the road? But would to be able to commute more? Gain knowledge and skills to ride from A – B on both roads and shared pathways. Delivered by trained instructors. It is FREE and FUN.

Contact Lyndal Johansson to register: lyndal@sporthb.net.nz
Ph: 845 9336 ext 719

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

Richard Brimer: Harvest

1 FEBRUARY - 1 MARCH

Through large scale format photographs Richard captures portraits of the seasonal worker, those behind Hawke's Bay's booming horticulture and viticulture industries.

Andy Leleisi'uao: Kamoan Mine

1 FEBRUARY – 22 MARCH

The Hastings City Art Gallery is proud to present KAMOAN MINE, a comprehensive survey exhibition of Samoan / New Zealand artist Andy Leleisi'uao, curated by Ben Bergman. Leleisi'uao is one of the most significant Pasifika artists living and working in New Zealand today.

Leanne Morrison: Off the Edge re-defining boundaries

1 - 23 FEBRUARY

Leanne Morrison's practice positions her firmly within the modernist tradition, but extends past this into a consideration of the painting as a material object in and of itself.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Art for Tots

10 FEBRUARY | 10.30 - 11.30AM

Every second Monday of the month. A fun and playful art experience for under-fives based on the current exhibition. Koha, booking required.

YAAP 2020 (Youth Art Ambassador Programme)

Applications for Youth Art Ambassador Programme 2020 are closing on Sunday 1 March. A group of young people between the ages of 14 and 19 will meet up regularly from March to August 2020. We want young people's voices to be heard and make a real difference to what goes on in the Gallery. For more information please visit our website.

Harry Potter Book Night

5 FEBRUARY | 4 - 7PM

CIVIC SQUARE

This year will see the sixth annual Harry Potter Book Night celebrated throughout the world and the theme is the Triwizard Tournament. Hastings District Libraries and the Hastings City Art Gallery have again teamed up to host the unforgettable night themed around Harry Potter. Harry Potter Book Night is a free, interactive, family orientated event in Civic Square, Hastings.

Hastings Sports Centre



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

Tumbling Tots

5 FEBRUARY

Weekly Sessions resume in Term 1. 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. Held Wednesday mornings, session times: Skill based 9.00-9.45am & 10.45-11.30am \$5 or self-supervised 10am-10.30am \$3. For more info visit www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/hsc

Getting Started – Disability Programme

14 FEBRUARY

The Getting Started Programme is specifically designed for children nearing 5 years and up, with physical and/or learning disabilities. Weekly sessions on Friday mornings from 10.30-11.30am. Cost \$5 per child. For more info visit www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/hsc

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Search "Land Rover Horse of the Year"
Select "HB Resident 2 for 1 offer"
Enter the unique code "LOCAL2020"

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10-15 MAR
HAWKE'S BAY,
A&P SHOWGROUNDS

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