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TE REO MĀORI**

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Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre

TOITOI SURVEY

Message from the mayor

The move to COVID-19 Alert Level 2 this week is a great sign, and a chance for family and friends to come together again within the number limits.

A huge thank you to all of the amazing people who have continued to work and volunteer through this COVID lockdown. There are so many of you, from health workers to food growers, truck drivers to supermarket workers, posties to essential goods packers, and many, many more. You have made sure the essentials of life have been available for the rest of us and we appreciate it more than we can say!

While being in Level 2 means our council facilities can re-open, and we can further support our local businesses and cafes, we all need to be mindful to follow the Ministry of Health guidelines to keep ourselves and those businesses safe.

In these uncertain times we remain grateful that at this stage we have not got the COVID-19 virus in our community, but recognise that it can be a stressful time for many.

We look forward to when our businesses can fully open and when events that have been postponed can go ahead.

Take care, stay safe, and look out for each other – we've been through this before and our district recovered well, we can do it again!

Sandra Hazlehurst
Hastings mayor



Be Transported into Spring – Hastings Blossom Parade postponed



Hastings Blossom Parade, postponed until October 9.

The Hastings Blossom Parade scheduled to take place on September 11 has now been postponed until October 9 with the move to COVID-19 Alert Levels 4 and 3.

Arts Inc. Heretaunga and Hastings District Council decided to postpone the event to allow more time for people to get together to create their entries once levels allow.

With the new date it's hoped the community can again celebrate the arrival of late Spring and renew a sense of pride in our region. To run this event, however, the region would need to be at COVID Alert Level 1, so this date could be subject to change depending on the level status.

This is a wonderful free event that allows anyone from our community to get involved and help us to show off the best of Hawke's Bay. As an individual or a community, a business big or small, a school or kindergarten, church, or cultural group, you are all invited to participate and celebrate. The theme for this year is 'Transport to Delight'.

If you have any questions around entry please contact event organiser Lyn Mackie at Arts Inc Heretaunga lyn@artsinc.co.nz or visit www.artsinc.co.nz

Here are some ideas:

- Transport - bus, car, train, boat, pram, bike, skates - any means to take you from one place to another
- Transport - to move someone or something from one place to another
- Transport somebody - to make somebody feel that they are in a different place, time or situation

So 'Transport to Delight' can mean any form of transport that you can think of or any idea that will 'transport' spectators to delight or pure enjoyment. Maybe you can even 'transport to 'de light' (the light) using LED lights?

There will be dance and music featured in abundance, and lots of movement and noise making for an exciting parade both to watch and to

New date for delicious Taste Hastings event

Originally planned for September 10, this event has been postponed to October 8, with the hope COVID-19 Alert Levels will allow this to take place.

As with the Blossom Festival and Parade the following day, the region would need to be at COVID Alert Level 1 to hold this event, so this date could change depending on the level status.

It's planned to be a night of food, wine, live-music, and late-night shopping, a chance to discover new faces and places and enjoy all kinds of different "tastes" of Hastings.

From 5pm-8pm the road will be closed so party goers can roam from Albert Square to Landmarks Square, visiting the 24 pop-up wineries, as well as Parkers Beverages and The Apple Press to sample delicious offerings.

A selection of Farmers Market foodies and food trucks have been lined up to whet your appetite, as well as tasty treats from the East Block favourites; Sazio, Ya Bon, La Petite

Chocolate, Fun Buns, Common Room, and the Hastings Gin Distillery (don't miss their Blossom Parade Gin!)

No party is complete without great music, and Tropical Downbeat Orchestra have been booked for Albert Square and DJ Lil'B in Landmarks Square.

The Flock Events Street Lounge has seating to relax, or people can kick back with a massage from Soothe my Soul. For those more into being active, there's Mini-Golf in Albert Square and some great retail therapy from So Vintage, Coco & Co, Cornucopia Organics and Blackbird Goods, who all plan to stay open late.

All fingers and toes are crossed that this FREE event can take place on October 8.

To keep up to date with the latest info go to www.tastehastings.co.nz

Save The Date

Hawke's Bay Arts Festival

October 16-31

Depending on COVID-19 Alert Levels this event is still scheduled to go ahead, presenting an exciting range of theatre, music, dance, opera, comedy, family events, visual arts and a weekend of literary events.

Keep an eye on the website for the latest information www.hbaf.co.nz

Postponements

With the recent COVID-19 level restrictions, several HDC-run/supported events planned for August/September have needed to postpone until later dates.

At this point, the following events' rescheduled dates have been confirmed:

- **HB Wine Auction** New date – November 13
- **Edible Fashion Awards** New dates – December 7-9

Rates Penalties delayed



The first rates instalment was due on August 20 while we were in alert level 4 lockdown.

This meant that some customers who pay in person were unable to make payment and so we decided to delay the 10 per cent penalty. These penalties will now be applied from September 16 - seven days after the move to Alert Level 2 to give those people time to be able to safely make payment in person.

If you think will be unable to make payment by this time or would like information on how to set up a direct debit or pay online, please either give us a call on 06 871 5000 or head to our Rates Payment Options page at www.hastingsdc.govt.nz



Have your say on Three Waters Reforms

The Government is proposing moving the management of drinking water, waste water and storm water (Three Waters) services away from city and district councils to one of four entities across New Zealand.

It believes the change will enable water quality standards to be met consistently across the three waters systems at a lower cost than can be achieved by individual councils.

The Government's proposal would see the entity managing three waters in Hawke's Bay looking after water services for 21 council areas, from the top of the East Coast to the top of the South Island. Council's water structure assets would be transferred to the entity and it would manage them. It would be led by a body made up of representatives of the 21 councils and mana whenua.

Councils have been given until the end of September to consider the proposal, request further information and provide Government with feedback.

To ensure the community voice is included in that feedback, Hastings District Council has prepared information for residents and a survey (hastingsdc.govt.nz/watersreform).

The web page includes general information, FAQs, the survey link, links to the Government's case for change (via the Department of Internal Affairs) and a Three Waters Reform Update (prepared by the five Hawke's Bay councils).

This would be a substantial change affecting today's residents and future generations, and Council is encouraging residents to read the information and fill in the survey.



Representation review

On August 26 Hastings District Council approved an initial Hastings proposal for the ongoing representation of the Hastings district, and people now have the opportunity to have their say on the proposal.

Following the decision to adopt Māori wards in May this year, the council was required to undertake a representation review to determine the number of councillors, whether to have wards or mix of wards and an at-large voting system, ward boundaries, numbers of councillors from each ward, and whether or not to have community boards, ahead of the next triennial local government elections in 2022.

The initial proposal suggests a single Māori ward across the entire district, called Takitimu, that the number of councillors be increased by one to 15 from 14, plus the mayor, and it makes some minor boundary changes to the existing five wards that otherwise will remain the same.

The Rural Community Board would be retained in its current form with minor adjustments to boundaries.

Under the proposal, electors on the Māori roll would vote for (up to) three candidates standing in the Takitimu Māori ward and also the mayor.

Twelve members would be elected from the other five wards. This would be a reduction of the current number of members from those wards – the Flaxmere ward would reduce from two to one representative, and there would be seven rather than eight councillors for the Hastings/Havelock North ward.

The proposal is now open to public submissions, with a deadline of October 1.

To make a submission and for further information about the process please visit www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/our-council/elections/representation-review/

Ward Boundaries:

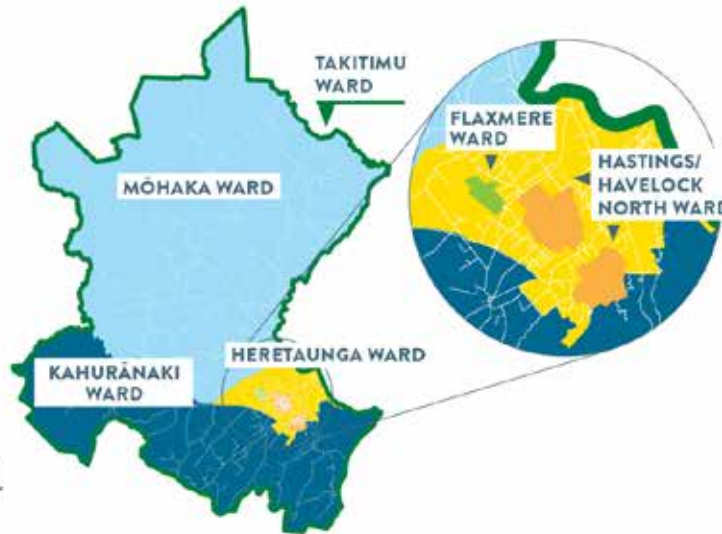
1. 5 General Wards:

- Flaxmere (1 councillor)
- Hastings-Havelock North (7 councillors)
- Heretaunga (2 councillors)
- Kahurānaki (1 councillor)
- Mohaka (1 councillor)

2. 1 Māori Ward:

- Takitimu comprising the area of the whole of the Hastings District (3 councillors)

Council considers the boundary adjustments will improve the effective representation of communities of interest and assist with fair representation. Boundaries of the wards and communities coincide with the current statistical areas set by Statistics New Zealand and used for Parliamentary electoral purposes.



Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori (September 13 to 19) is a great opportunity to speak, hear and experience the Māori language.

Check out the Te Kupenga app

In February this year, Hawke's Bay's five councils launched a new app to help people improve their understanding of te reo Māori and tikanga Māori including waiata and karakia, as well as knowledge about Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

The name Te Kupenga comes from Te Kupenga-a-Te Huki, a celebrated ancestor of Ngāti Kahungunu, whose greatest achievement was to create unity through networking.

The app has such features as maps showing the different iwi across the country, tips on correct pronunciation, a list of karakia and waiata and other handy resources such as pepeha samples, mihimihi, whakatauki (proverbs) and greetings.

Not only are these written, simply tap on the screen and you can hear them being said to assist with pronunciation.

Te Kupenga is also supporting the Heretaunga Ararau Te Reo Māori Policy and Action Plan, which the Hastings District Council launched in 2020 to raise cultural awareness and promote the use of te reo Māori not only within Council but also throughout our wider community, and in doing so support the Ngāti Kahungunu Te Reo Māori Strategy - Kahungunu Kia Eke!

Download Te Kupenga from the App Store or Google Play Store and see what it's all about.

A quick quiz. Answers on the back page.

1. What day of the week is Rāmere?
2. What are the two alternative te reo Māori words for black?
3. If you are going for a hiko you are going for a...?
4. What is a dining hall on a marae called?
5. What does "kei te pēhea koe" mean?
6. Who is the god of the sea?
7. What is te reo Māori for the number 12?
8. What is the Māori name for the silver fern?
9. What type of fruit is an ārani?
10. What is the Māori name for Havelock North?

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 WATKIN

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Alert Level 2 update

At Alert Level 2, people are encouraged to wear a face covering when you cannot maintain physical distance from others – this is essential when on public transport, inside retail businesses and public venues.

Keep track of where you have been - use the NZ COVID Tracer app or sign-in documents, maintain good hygiene, stay home if you're sick, and limit gatherings to 50 people indoors and 100 outdoors. For a full breakdown of the complete Government Alert Level 2 guidelines, visit www.covid19.govt.nz/alert-levels-and-updates/alert-level-2/.

For more information and Frequently Asked Questions about council services in Level 2, visit www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/our-council/covid-19/faqs/

Council facilities

In line with Ministry of Health guidance, numbers of people within any of these facilities at any one time will be limited to allow for a space of two metres between people, people are to sign in and are encouraged to wear face coverings.

- **Hastings Library and the Hastings i-Site** are open from Wednesday, September 7
- **Havelock North and Flaxmere libraries, Hastings City Art Gallery, Flaxmere and Camberley Community Centres, Flaxmere and Clive War Memorial Pools, and Hastings Sports Centre** are open from Thursday, September 8.
- **Council's customer service centre** at Lyndon Rd is open and operating to its normal public hours.
- **The Animal Control Centre** is open by appointment only. Call (06) 871 5000 and ask to speak to the Shelter Manager.
- **The Hastings Cemetery Chapel** is open but there is a limit on numbers. Burial services of up to 100 people can take place provided the funeral director has approval from the Ministry of Health. The funeral director will be able to provide further advice.
- **The Youth pop-up** is open from Thursday, September 9. Operating hours will be 10am – 1pm for walk-ins and 1pm – 4.30pm for planned appointments.
- **Toitoti – Hawke's Bay Arts and Events Centre** remains closed to larger events, but tickets can still be purchased for future events via the website www.toitovenues.co.nz or call 0800 842 538. Toitoti's Eastbourne St Box Office remains closed to the public until September 20.
- **Havelock North i-Site** remain closed under Level 2.

Car parking

- **Paid parking** has resumed and our parking team will be out enforcing time limits and safety issues.

Parks, reserves and playgrounds

- **Parks, reserves and playgrounds** are open, and people are asked to follow physical distancing, practise good hygiene and stay at home if they are sick. Our parks are open to walkers and cyclists. For information on open trails see www.hbtrails.co.nz.
- **William Nelson Skate Park** is open from 8am until 5pm daily.
- **Community barbecues** remain closed under Level 2.
- **Public toilets** are open with increased servicing. Soap will be supplied but you will need to bring your own means of drying your hands.
- **Public drinking fountains** are turned on. QR codes will be available on site for people to scan-in. Please follow the Alert Level 2 guidelines around mask use and physical distancing.

Following servicing and testing, all five chlorine-removed water tap sites will be open to the public from Thursday, September 9. QR Codes will be available on-site for people to scan. Please follow the Alert Level 2 guidelines around mask use and physical distancing. Note: Two of the four taps at the Warren Street/Eastbourne Street site will remain turned off to ensure physical distancing.

Rubbish and recycling

Kerbside rubbish and recycling collection continues as normal.

- **Recycling facilities open** – Henderson Road, Blackbridge (normal operating hours) and rural recycling facilities.
- **Henderson Road Refuse Transfer Station** – open, booking no longer required. Please be patient if there are queues of traffic and follow the directions of staff on-site.
- **The Reuse shop** at Henderson Road will remain closed for sales, but goods can be dropped off.

Official HDC orange rubbish bags can be purchased from the Henderson Road and Blackbridge Refuse Transfer Stations

Cashless payment is preferred.

(Please follow the alert level 2 rules: sign in with QR codes at each site, wear a face covering, keep a two-metre distance from others)

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Take the Toitoti survey

The team at Toitoti – Hawke's Bay Arts and Events Centre is keen to hear people's views on the venue and its offerings to ensure it's best meeting the needs of the community.

It has launched its first annual survey to gather information about what people want to see, as well as says the venue can better serve the community.

For example, is it meeting everyone's needs for accessibility? Does the programme reflect the diverse, multicultural make-up of our community?

This feedback will help the team see where and how they can improve what they offer.

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Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre

Everyone who completes Toitoti's audience survey has the option to enter a draw to win a prize package which includes a double pass to a Toitoti show, a \$50 Toitoti food and beverage voucher, and a one-night stay in a one-bedroom suite at Porters Hotel with a midday checkout.

You can complete Toitoti's audience survey by going to www.toitovenues.co.nz or directly to www.surveymonkey.com/r/toitosisurvey

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori quiz answers.

1. Friday
2. Pango/Mangu
3. Walk
4. Wharekai
5. How are you?
6. Tangaroa
7. Tekau m rua
8. Ponga
9. Orange
10. Karenema