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DESIGN GUIDE

Join Hawke's Bay's newest retail and hospo precinct

Hastings is humming with activity and nowhere is that more evident than at the CBD's heritage Municipal Building development, part of the wider Toitōi – Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre cultural precinct.

The Category 1 Historic building has been undergoing extensive earthquake strengthening, alongside a full interior refurbishment. Now, after six years and \$23.8 million, the project is nearing completion, with the first round of leases available from early to mid-2022.

Hastings District Council group manager corporate Bruce Allan says expressions of interest for the Municipal Building are being taken now, with a range of unique spaces available for businesses who want to invest in Hastings' CBD.

Situated adjacent to the historic Toitōi Opera House, beloved by locals and visitors alike, and connected by a new, activated laneway, he said spaces like this do not come up very often.

The leased spaces within the development are designed to make the most of foot traffic and the people the neighbouring sites would bring into the area.

"We're hoping to find tenants for these spaces who will fit in with our other East block Heretaunga St business owners and operators – which is a community of creators, innovators and trail-blazers in a part of the CBD where high-quality heritage leases don't come up very often," Mr Allan says.

Stage two of the Municipal Building development will include up to five further tenancies, ideal for boutique or outside-the-box retail offerings.



Hastings is currently undergoing a renaissance, with millions of dollars of investment happening across the city, through both council and private developers, resulting in a feeling of 'underground cool', similar to Grey Lynn in the 1990s.

To find out more go to www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/hastings/projects/municipal-building/

A concept of a five-unit residential development that uses design to make the most of light and space to create quality dwellings that are pleasant to live in and build a sense of community.



Council launches residential intensification design guide

Generating more housing to meet the escalating need at the same time as protecting the district's productive growing land is a key consideration for Hastings District Council.

To help achieve this, residential intensification (or fitting more houses into existing neighbourhoods) is required, and it's a core goal of the Heretaunga Plains Urban Development Strategy 2017 and Hastings District Council's Medium Density Strategy.

To ensure a high level of quality, best-practice design is encouraged and to assist in this the council has produced the Hastings Residential Intensification Design Guide, which provides property developers, builders, architects and others with ideas and tips to achieve this goal.

"Our vision is to have well-designed and sustainable housing developments that build a sense of community, use land efficiently and protect our productive land for future generations," said council team leader environmental policy Megan Gaffaney.

"We want to encourage housing providers in our district to marry good design with a variety of residential intensification types to create high quality, high amenity housing options at a range of price points for our community."

The guide focuses on design elements such as housing type, size and height, colour, connection to open spaces, landscape design and car parking, and is packed with images, diagrams and plans illustrating what to do, and what not to do.

It covers residential types ranging from infill to greenfield developments, inner city housing, mixed-use suburban shopping centres and co-housing and retirement villages.

See the website to view the Hastings Residential Design Guide here www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/design

Lantern Festival bigger and better than ever

The beautiful annual Osmanthus Gardens Lantern Festival will be bigger and better than ever this month as we celebrate our 40th anniversary of the Hastings-Guilin Sister City relationship.

Running from April 12 to 18, this year's event will feature more lanterns, a larger festival, food trucks – and a world class performer appearing on the Friday and Saturday nights at the gardens in Cornwall Park.

Hastings District councillor and event organiser Kevin Watkins says it promises to be a fabulous festival to celebrate 40 years of Sister Cities.

Later in September there will be more celebrations of the Hastings-Guilin Sister City relationship timed to align with the annual Blossom Festival.

The relationship began in 1981 with the signing of the Sister City agreement on March 4. It was the first Sister City agreement between cities in China and New Zealand. Over the ensuing 40 years there has been numerous student, teacher, science, trade, and cultural exchanges, which have seen special friendships



formed, information shared, and understanding develop.

"It really is a special time and we look forward to the community joining together as exciting events unfold over the year," says Mr Watkins.

THE NEXT 10 YEARS

Reserve Management Plans

Hastings District Council is preparing new 10-year Reserve Management Plans for Eskdale and Frimley Parks and reviewing the 10-year Reserve Management Plan for Tainui, Tanner, Tauroa and Hikanui Reserves.

We want your input to help us make good decisions about how our parks are used, managed and protected into the future.

ONLINE Fill in the online survey at www.myvoicemychoice.co.nz

BY POST Pick up a survey from one of our libraries, Hastings District Council's customer service centre (Lyndon Road East), or from a sign in the parks and Freepost it back to us.

Next steps: Park user information and your input will be used to identify key themes and to formulate concepts for you to give your thoughts on. Those first two rounds of feedback will be used to prepare a draft plan on which you will be able to make a formal submission, later in the year.

For more information phone 06 871 5000 or go to www.myvoicemychoice.co.nz

HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL
A Kaiahiwa o Te Aho o Te Kaitiaki



THE BIG ISSUES



PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE



We are excited to consult with our community about our 2021-2031 Long Term Plan. This plan has two strong themes running through it: maintain and grow. As more and more people are choosing Hastings to live and work in, managing this growth is challenging, and a key consideration within this plan. We have a regional growth strategy that outlines how we can overcome certain growth-related issues, such as our housing shortage. Council wants to continue our district's exciting momentum by continuing to invest in new infrastructure and projects to support the local economy and jobs. We need to **maintain** our essential assets, while **growing** our district in a manageable way. We've worked hard to present a draft plan that balances keeping rates as affordable as possible, while investing in our critical assets and getting the basics right.



Just give me my rural roads

Good roads are the backbone of rural activity, and preventing road deterioration is a long-term job. We don't need to rush out and replace all our roads right now, but the standard of our roads is dependent on the amount of money we invest in them.

How much, and how fast, do you think we should spend on our rural roads?



Parking pinch-point

We want to make our city centres great places to work and visit – there is a challenge to provide parking in our growing and vibrant city centres. The LTP proposes two potential projects with funding options.

- Future laneway, parking and inner city improvement in Hastings.
- Purchase of land for additional parking in central Havelock North.

Should Council keep developing laneway linkages funded by parking charge increases?



Should Council purchase the land funded through targeted rate increases?

The finishing touches

We need to balance our investment in the nice things, such as the city centre, events and parks and reserves, with investment in the critical infrastructure we need to function.

- **City centres** are part of the heart of a community. They need to keep evolving to attract people and function at their best. We want our city centre to be vibrant, attractive and full of people and businesses.
- **Events** are a key contributor to our social, economic and cultural fabric – helping communities feel connected and proud about where they live, work and play. Events also bring significant economic returns to the district, particularly through tourism.
- We know that people love relaxing in our reserves which are looking great but we need to keep in mind that as community aspirations increase so does the cost – not only the cost of developing new facilities, but also the ongoing costs of looking after them.

Should Council increase its level of support for events?



How much should we be spending on reserve and playground upgrades?



WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

The Long Term Plan covers our key activities, services and projects and how we're planning to fund them over the next 10 years. It's not everything we plan to tackle, but the most significant pieces of work that come with the biggest costs, highest community interest, or are different from what we said we would do in our last LTP. Ultimately, it tells you what your rates may look like over the next decade.

We've also given you some options for how we manage the funding of that work.

It is not just about 'us' as a Council deciding what's going to happen – this is a draft plan and we do want to hear what you think about it.



Do you support the continued improvement of inner city blocks in Hastings?

Your voice is important

Tell us what you think our priorities should be by going online to www.myvoicemychoice.co.nz or completing and returning the freepost card inside the consultation document that will arrive in your letterbox after Easter.

Submissions close on Friday 7 May 2021



YOUR COUNCILLORS



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Sandra Hazlehurst



Councillor Tania Kerr
(Deputy Mayor)



Councillor
Damon Harvey



Councillor
Ann Redstone



Councillor
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Councillor
Malcolm Dixon



Councillor
Bayden Barber



Councillor
Sophie Siers



Councillor
Kevin Watkins



Councillor
Wendy Schollum



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

Friends of Hastings District Libraries Book Sale

8 – 10 APRIL
 HAVELOCK NORTH LIBRARY
 Please bring your own bag.
 See www.hastingslibraries.co.nz for more details.

Steam and Snail Mail at Keirunga Park Railway

18 APRIL | 2.30PM
 Make the most of the first Sunday of the School Holidays - Ride the Keirunga Park Railway trains and take home a FREE copy of The Viaduct Postcard by Wellington historian Susan Price, illustrated by NZ artist Judith Trevalyan. Librarians will read this feel good children's story set in 1930s Wellington as you have afternoon tea on the railway lawn; followed by a KPR member fun talk about the Viaduct of 11 million bricks. Then make a postcard of your own to send to a friend (materials provided). What to Bring: Thermos and some afternoon tea. \$2pp to ride the trains (\$15 for a 12 ride ticket). Note: limited number of free books – first in first served.

Hastings District Libraries StoryWalks®

17 APRIL - 2 MAY
 Discover a StoryWalk® at your favourite local park or walkway! Combine the physical benefits of walking outdoors with the educational benefits of reading, in a fun and engaging way. Three different StoryWalks® will be in Cornwall Park, Flaxmere Park and Karitūwhenua Stream Walkway through the autumn school holidays, for all park and story lovers to discover.

Nerdvana 2021

30 APRIL – 4 MAY
 Hastings War Memorial Library
 A FREE multi-day event celebrating all things nerdy, including elements of pop-culture and geek culture, such as cosplay, animation, science fiction, video gaming and RPG's and more.

Hastings Landmarks History Talk

13 APRIL | 5.30PM
 HASTINGS WAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY
 Speaker: Terry Longley
 'A date we all keep' - a lifetime's work in care and dignity in the funeral industry. Open to public - gold coin donation.

Camberley Community Centre



703 Kiwi Street, Camberley
www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/camberley-community-centre

APRIL

MON: Line Dancing 11 – 11.45am; Kids can cook 3.15–4.15pm TUES: Family Works Parenting programme 9:30–12pm; Sit & Be Fit 1 – 1.45pm; Basketball Academy 3.15 – 4.15pm; StarJam 6:30pm WED: Kaumatua Sit Fit 10.30–11.15am; Youth Space 3.15–4.15pm THURS: Circuit Class 10.30–11.15am; Tai Chi 1–1.45pm; Basketball Academy 3.15–4.15pm; FRI: Kori Tinana mo nga kaumatua 9–10am;

KIDS BREAKFAST CLUB runs every school day from 8am–8.45am

IHOW DRIVER'S CARAVAN every Wed, Thu, Fri from 9:30 – 12:30

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

Sita Unsung

10 APRIL | 2.30PM
 A dance/drama version of the great Indian epic, directed by Ken Keys. A fusion of dance, drama and music, along with aerial performances (think Cirque de Soleil) provided by the astonishing Hawke's Bay Flying Trapeze Company. Tickets \$20

Made For a Cause

10 APRIL | 6.30PM
 A double-bill evening featuring choreographer extraordinaire Deepthi Krishna and TV3's Great NZ Dance Masala winner Abishek Ravi and Sita Unsung. Tickets from \$15.

National Youth Drama School Showcase

23 APRIL | 8PM
 Young actors, dancers, directors, songwriters, and performers of all types will strut their stuff on the Opera House stage, sharing the work they've devised as part of the National Youth Drama School 2021. Koha entry.

3 Speed Crunch Box Rebooted

29 APRIL | 10AM & 1PM
 In this hilarious story of a family of outlandish stunt people, expect impressive aerobatics, spectacular circus tricks and - you won't believe it - even more stupid characters in this absurd, side-splitting, slapstick comedy. Perfect school holiday fun. Tickets from \$15.

Hastings City Art Gallery



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

EXHIBITIONS

Jordan Barnes: The Artist and the Ego

1 APRIL – 2 MAY
 The Artist and the Ego explores Jordan's interest in Jungian psychology, and the idea of archetypes within the 'Collective Unconscious'.

Still Life with Moving Parts, curated by Anna Crichton

1 APRIL – 9 MAY
 An exhibition created by outsider artists, who are self-taught or naïve art makers.

Flirting with Form: Works by TOI AKO Artists

13 APRIL – 23 MAY
 Showcasing works by 13 emerging elder artists aged 56-91, developed over 2019-2020 as part of Connect the Dots pilot mentoring project - a collaboration between older people living in care and practising artists.

ANZAC Day 25 April

- 5.30am Dawn Service, Hastings Civic Square Cenotaph
- 6.30am Waimārama Memorial Hall
- 9.00am Havelock North Cenotaph
- 9.30am St Francis Church, Clive
- 9.30am Maraekakaho Hall
- 10.00am HB Fallen Soldiers Memorial Hospital



Arts Inc. Heretaunga



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

Hawke's Bay Woodturners Guild

1 – 10 APRIL
 Annual exhibition (and sale) of decorative, and delightfully practical items, lovingly made from many types of wood. A must see on the Arts Inc. Heretaunga calendar!

Vida Gardiner – 'Fresh Start'

1 – 10 APRIL
 For the first time at this venue, Vida will have over 20 paintings on display informed by her many years of experience and a Diploma of Art & Creativity with Honours.

Jenny Mark – 'Life by the Ocean'

1 – 10 APRIL
 Seen here for the first time, Jenny's work has been shown in exhibitions in England and Australia. Living by the ocean for many years has given her much inspiration for her seascapes. They will be bright and affordable.

Art Hawke's Bay Exhibition – 'Artfully Yours'

12 – 24 APRIL
 Annual exhibition and sale of work by artists from clubs and groups throughout Hawke's Bay. For further details please visit www.arthawkesbay.co.nz

Events & Activities in the Hastings District

ALL MONTH

Hawke's Bay Farmers Market

EVERY SUNDAY | 8.30AM – 12.30AM
 SHOWGROUNDS HAWKE'S BAY TŌMOANA, KENILWORTH ROAD, HASTINGS
 More info at www.hawkesbayfarmersmarket.co.nz

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

The Big Easy

3 APRIL
 A family-fun ride with frequent stops to enjoy the many tasty Hawke's Bay distractions along the way. Visit www.thebigeasy.co.nz for details and to register.

The Kiwi Walk & Run Series

10 APRIL
 Starting and finishing at the stunning Church Road Vineyard, this is the ultimate day out. Two course lengths to choose from - 3.5km and 7km. More info at www.facebook.com/Kiwiwalkrun

Lighting of Osmanthus Gardens

12 – 18 APRIL | 6:30 – 9:30PM
 OSMANTHUS GARDENS, CORNWALL PARK
 Don't miss the stunning display of new lotus lanterns, traditional Chinese silk lanterns, and the lighting of trees accompanied by classical music at this year's festival. www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/Lighting-Osmanthus

Sweet as Banana Pudding Art Exhibition and Sale

9 APRIL | 5.30 – 8.30 PM
 HERETAUNGA WOMENS CENTRE, WOMENS REST BUILDING, RUSSELL STREET, HASTINGS
 'Sweet as Banana Pudding' exhibition and sale of work by Hawke's Bay women artists, both professional and emerging. www.heretaungawomenscentre.nz/2021-art-exhibition-and-sale/

COVID-19

Event listings are correct at the time of printing, but may be postponed or cancelled at short notice if there are COVID-19 alert level changes.