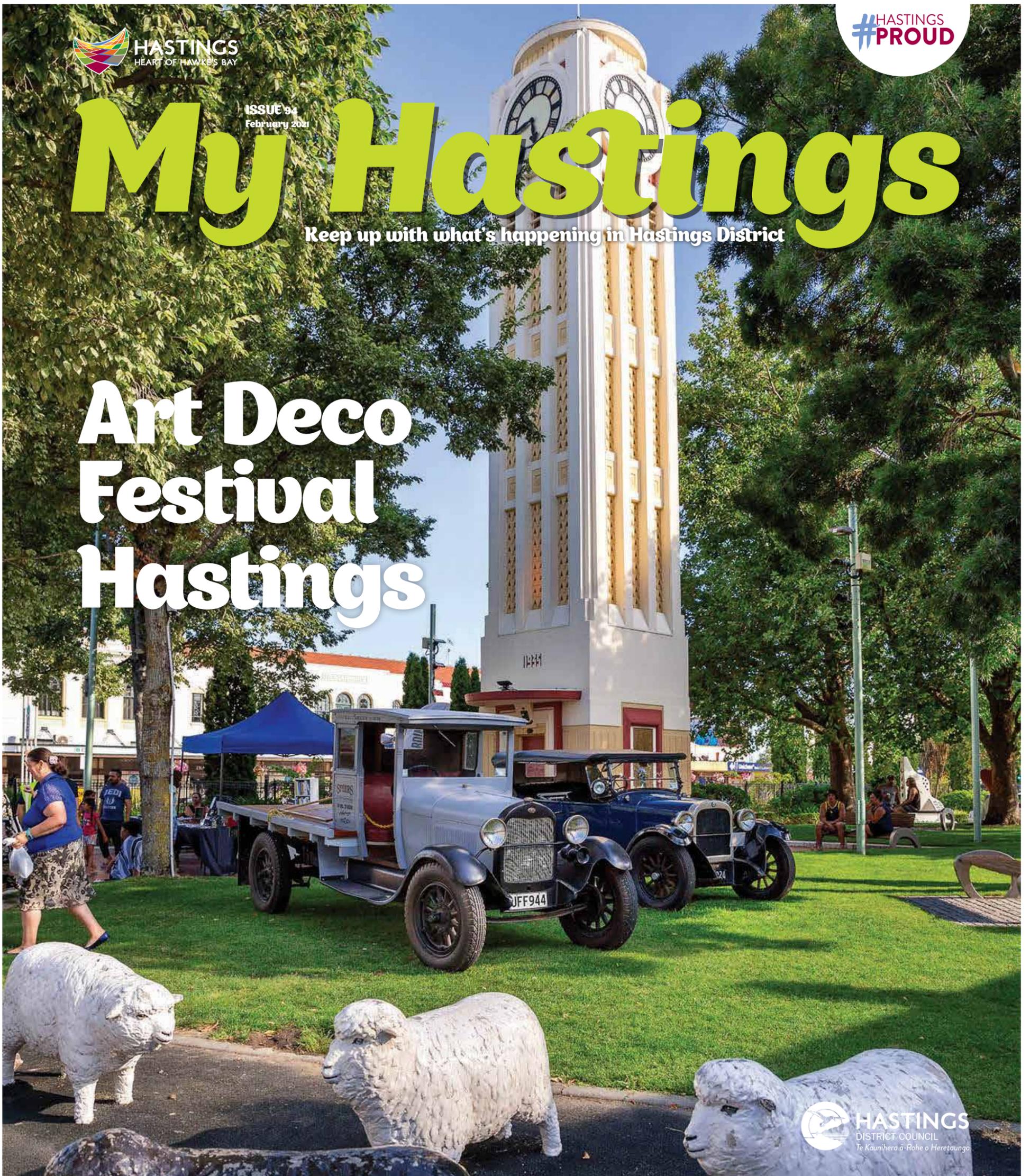


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# My Hastings

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## Art Deco Festival Hastings



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6th February 2020

WHAT'S ON

## Message from the mayor

### Tēnā koutou katoa mō te tau hou: Greetings to you all for the New Year.

What an amazing launching pad for 2021! At this time we see many countries around the world back in some form of COVID-19 lockdown. But here in NZ and more particularly here in Hastings, we are so grateful we can enjoy our beautiful district with friends and family. Our Hastings year begins with many fabulous summer events. Blasting off with 20,000 people at the Showgrounds for the Six60 Concert, the Bridge Pa Wine Festival, summer concerts, the Hawke's Bay Earthquake 90th anniversary and the annual Waitangi Day commemorations, as well as Hastings' celebration of the region's wonderful Art Deco Festival. All of these events bring visitors to our district allowing us to show all we have to offer and all that we love about Hastings.

We are truly blessed to be able to come together and celebrate all these great events; however, with our country still managing its way through a world-wide pandemic, we need to keep each other safe, so please remember to Track and Trace your way through your daily activities with the COVID-19 App. We are all part of the team of five million.

Over the past year COVID-19 has brought our district both opportunities and challenges. My Mayor's Taskforce, a collaborative group of industry leaders set up to meet economic challenges and identify opportunities for growth and prosperity, meets monthly to find ways to keep our community employed and enhance its wellbeing. Primarily our health, wellbeing and prosperity comes from our land; we are a primary produce-based economy. So one of our biggest challenges this year is having enough labour to harvest our fruit. With fewer than 2000 Pasifika seasonal workers returning to help with our harvest, more than ever before our local people are the key to picking and packing our crops this year and getting them to our overseas customers. With the horticultural industry we are hosting another Pick the Bay employment expo at Toitoto Arts and Event Centre on February 10. If you think you can help our community prosper then this expo is an opportunity for you to enjoy being part of a committed team dedicated to getting our fruit off the trees. So let's roll up our sleeves and pick and pack our way to a great season's end.

Infrastructure is big this year for our council. With central government, iwi and our private sector partners we will be building many more homes for our people. Our safe drinking water upgrades are progressing well and new water infrastructure for our small communities will be completed this year (see our water update over the page). We will construct the protection wall at Cape View Corner, and open the new off-road cycleway parallel to Waimārama Road, and complete new roading and cycleway upgrading projects.

2021 - here we come! My councillors and I are looking forward to working with our community to deliver great projects and even better services; we want to enhance our District, improve our prosperity and ensure the wellbeing of our people so we can all look to a brighter happier future.

Hastings Mayor, Sandra Hazlehurst.

## How will you Deco in Hastings?

The annual Art Deco Festival is nearly here, with some exciting new events added to the calendar in Hastings, complementing the main activities happening in Napier.

The main action happens on Thursday, February 18, including the Art Deco Market and Fashion Flaunt, a staple of the festival, moved to a new location for 2021 in Albert Park.

Also on offer is music from the Lindisfarne Jazz Band, Deco Bay Brass and the Twin City Stompers, dancing displays by the Born to Move Deco Dancers, a Hastings Vintage Car Show & Shine featuring 20+ of the best vintage cars in the region, and food trucks.

The Fashion Flaunt starts at 5.30pm when people will be able to show off their Art Deco best and compete for prizes and titles such as Best Dressed Gent, Lady, Child, Couple and Group. This year there is the electrifying addition of the Hakui Hakoro Fashion Parade showcasing Toi Deco Māori traditional garments.

While there, visitors are encouraged to cast their eyes to the sky at 7pm to catch an impressive flyover by the New Zealand Warbirds – a first for Hastings as part of the Festival.

From 4pm, people can also pop down to the Common Room on Heretaunga St to sip on creative cocktails, listen to live jazz and relax in the garden bar at the "Not So Common Deco" event.

Other popular Hastings hospitality venues are also getting in on the action – Fun Buns will be hosting a "Cocktail High Tea", and at Sazio guests will be treated to a family-style Buenos Aires tango-themed meal at the "Sazio Malevo Dinner".

Lady Larisa and her incredible band will be performing the official release of 'Honeychild' at the Hawke's Bay Opera House on Thursday. On Saturday turn back your time piece to an age of glitz, glamour and exuberance at Three Wise Birds Garden Bar for their "Speakeasy" event.

Walking tours are back on the agenda, and on Friday, February 19, a railcar shuttle is running from Napier to Hastings to join Hawke's Bay historian and author Michael Fowler for a guided Art Deco Tour around the Hastings CBD.

People can also join one of his walking tours on Thursday, February 19 and Sunday, February 21 taking in some amazing Spanish Mission architecture, and also covering the story of the impact of the 1931 earthquake.



For the full programme, details on times and costs, and links to buy tickets go to [www.artdecofestival.co.nz](http://www.artdecofestival.co.nz)

## Something for everyone at Toitoto

After a turbulent first year back in operation, the Toitoto – Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre team is gearing up for a busy 2021. Toitoto Kaiwhakahaere/manager Megan Peacock-Coyle outlines what's coming up at Hastings' cultural heart.

February and March are always busy months for events in Hawke's Bay and this year is looking no different here at Toitoto – Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre.

We're kicking off with one of the first shows of this year's Art Deco Weekend – Lady Larisa and band will perform Larisa's new EP, Honeychild, alongside jazz classics, at the Opera House on Thursday, February 18.

At the start of March we have our first Royal New Zealand Ballet show at Toitoto since closing in 2014. We are so excited to have Tutus on Tour here on March 2, at the family-friendly hour of 6.30pm and tickets start at \$13 for children and \$29.50 for adults.

On March 14, we finally have the infamous Chopper (aka Heath Franklin) bringing his new show The Silencer to the Opera House stage. This show was postponed twice due to Covid, so we all have our fingers and toes crossed that Uncle Chopchop makes his way through quarantine in one piece. The perfect show for lovers of irreverent stand-up comedy and television's 7 Days, concession tickets for Chopper are \$40.50 or \$44.50 for adults.

Also in March, we have a new Auckland Theatre Company work, Two Ladies – a comedy drama exploring the

relationship (and tension!) between the First Ladies of the United States and France. Starring a trio of absolute powerhouse wāhine – Jennifer Ward-Lealand, Anna Jullienne and Rena Owen – this is one not to be missed. With both a matinee and an evening show on March 28, tickets start at just \$36.50 for concessions.

Two Ladies, starring Jennifer Ward-Lealand, Anna Jullienne and Rena Owen will be coming to Toitoto at the end of March. (Photo/Sacha Stejko)



If you want to be the first to know what's coming up for the rest of the year (and get earlybird access), head to our website and sign up to our email newsletter [www.toitotovenues.co.nz](http://www.toitotovenues.co.nz)

## Save the date!

Lighting of Osmanthus Gardens and Sister Cities anniversary

March 1-7

A celebration of Hastings' 40-year Sister City relationship with Guilin in China. Star of the show will be the annual Lighting of the Osmanthus Gardens, bigger and better than ever, a mini-expo in Functions on Hastings (Toitoto) celebrating our connections, and a free public live show in the Hawke's Bay Opera House.

NZ Track and Field Championships

March 5-7, Mitre 10 Park

After a 20-year hiatus, the national athletics championships returns to the Bay attracting more than 600 of the best athletes around the country who contend for titles over three days of competition.

International Cultures Day

March 6, Cornwall Park

The annual celebration of cultures from around the world – including community stalls, food and live performances.

Land Rover Horse of the Year

March 9-14, Tomoana Showgrounds Hawke's Bay

New Zealand's premier equestrian event is back, a huge Hastings drawcard for equestrian fans and live-action enthusiasts who delight in watching world-class competition complemented with great hospitality, shopping and family fun.

# Workplace cycle challenge – ride and win

The Aotearoa Bike Challenge is back and Hastings workplaces are encouraged to join this fun, free competition to get more people out enjoying the benefits of cycling during the month of February.

Run by Love to Ride and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, challenge participants can cycle anywhere they like, any time they like during the month, and they only need to ride for 10 minutes for it to count.

There will be live leaderboards on the challenge website showing which organisations are on top. Individuals earn points for riding and encouraging others to ride, and these points count towards their organisation's total, putting them in the running for prizes.

**Can you top Hastings District Council's stats?** Last year, our riders clocked up 6006 kilometres and 344 trips in total.

For all the information and to register and record your rides go to [www.aotearoa.bike](http://www.aotearoa.bike).

To help get you motivated during the challenge, or just to get biking in general, Hastings District Council in conjunction with Sport Hawke's Bay will be hosting a number a number of free pop-up breakfasts the week of February 15-19.

**Head to [www.iway.org.nz](http://www.iway.org.nz) for a full breakdown of breakfast locations and times.**

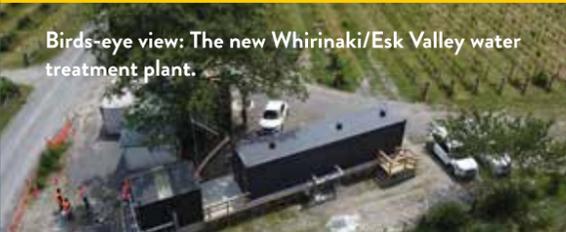




## SMALL COMMUNITY WATER SUPPLIES

Council's safe drinking water programme includes upgrading all eight Council-run small community supplies to ensure residents connected to the network have access to drinking water treated to the highest possible standards.

This comprises UV disinfection as well as chlorination, and sites with surface water supplies will also be fitted with filtration. The upgrades will also improve resilience and capacity, with the installation of reservoirs at those sites that do not already have them. Most of these projects are expected to be completed in 2021.



Birds-eye view: The new Whirinaki/Esk Valley water treatment plant.

## PROGRESS TO DATE:

**Haumoana/Te Awanga/Parkhill:** Water from the newly constructed treatment and storage facility on Parkhill Rd is now being piped to homes in Te Awanga and Haumoana. In the first half of this year a small booster pump will be installed to enable homes in Parkhill to be added to the network.

**Whirinaki/Esk Valley:** A new water treatment plant has been moved on to the site, and the existing treatment shed will then be converted into a pumping facility. Bringing these two formerly separate water sources together will improve resilience, and the new supply is expected to be reaching homes by late May.

**Te Pöhue:** Groundworks have almost been completed, with the treatment building expected to be delivered by the end of January. One of the two existing 30,000 litre drinking water reservoirs has been retained and the other concrete one will be replaced. After testing in February, the water is due to be supplied through the new facility and into homes in March, after which two further 30,000 litre tanks for firefighting will be installed.

**Waimārama:** Groundworks have been completed and the treatment building is on site. After its power supply has been upgraded the system is expected to be tested in March, with the aim of supplying water into homes from late April/early May.

**Clive:** A replacement bore has been drilled and groundworks are due to be completed by the end of January, with a new 300,000 litre reservoir and treatment building expected to be delivered soon after. A significant upgrade of the power supply to the site is underway, to be followed by testing. Water is expected to be piped through the new facility into homes in late June.

**Waipātiki:** A site for the new facility has been identified, subject to the issuing of a Resource Consent. That process includes discussions with mana whenua and neighbours near the site. It is hoped, subject to Resource Consent, that groundworks can start in March.

**Whakatū:** Community engagement is due to commence.

**Waipatu:** Community engagement is due to commence.

## FRIMLEY PARK DRINKING WATER STORAGE AND TREATMENT FACILITY

The construction of this facility in Frimley is proceeding at pace. With three contracting companies on site (bore drillers, pipe installers and the reservoir construction team) it will continue to be a very busy zone over the coming months. It is one of the major projects in Hastings District Council's Drinking Water Strategy, designed to improve drinking water quality, capacity and resilience.

**Storage and treatment facility:** The pipes and connections between the reservoir, treatment building and network are complete. The concrete pad for the reservoir has been poured and it is expected that the 8000m<sup>3</sup> tank will arrive from the United Kingdom in the next few weeks. The contract to construct the treatment plant is currently out for tender.

**Pipe installation:** The priority for the new water pipes along Frimley Rd is to complete the connection at the Nottinghamly Rd roundabout so this intersection is open to traffic by the end of February.

Work will shortly start on installing new pipes between Omaha Rd and Frimley Rd, beneath Hapuku St, using underground drilling to minimise disruption. The focus will then turn to the pipework needed within the park to connect to the new facility and to bring the new bores on-line.

**Bore drilling:** The first of four new bores has been drilled and is ready for testing. The next to be drilled is the bore nearest the swimming pool. Each one takes about two months to be drilled, tested and commissioned.

## WAIAROHA WATER STORAGE AND TREATMENT FACILITY

Initial public consultation on this facility was held in 2020 and the project is now going through a Resource Consent process.



## Your local councillors



MAYOR SANDRA HAZLEHURST



DEPUTY MAYOR TANIA KERR



COUNCILLOR BAYDEN BARBER



COUNCILLOR ALWYN CORBAN



COUNCILLOR MALCOLM DIXON



COUNCILLOR DAMON HARVEY



COUNCILLOR EILEEN LAWSON



COUNCILLOR SIMON NIXON



COUNCILLOR HENARE O'KEEFE JP



COUNCILLOR PELETI OLI



COUNCILLOR ANN REDSTONE



COUNCILLOR WENDY SCHOLLUM



COUNCILLOR SOPHIE SIERS



COUNCILLOR GERALDINE TRAVERS



COUNCILLOR KEVIN WATKINS

# What's on...

## FEBRUARY 2021

 FREE EVENTS



### 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)

#### LGBTQIA+ POETRY SLAM

27 FEBRUARY | 6PM



##### HASTINGS WAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Motif Poetry and Hastings Library are excited to present a special, one-off, free Pride Poetry Slam right here in the Bay! Hosted by UK Slam Champion Sara Hirsch and featuring wordsmiths from around Hawke's Bay, this will be spoken word at its biggest and best. Come and watch poets battle it out to be crowned the winner at the friendliest slam around! All LGBTQIA+ identifying writers and performers are welcome to sign up, including allies standing in solidarity with the rainbow community. This is a supportive, inclusive space for poets of all genders, sexualities and backgrounds to come together and share their work. An empowered platform to celebrate diversity and love of all kinds. The point is not the points, the points are just a bit of fun. For more information or to sign up to slam visit [hastingslibraries.co.nz](http://hastingslibraries.co.nz) or email [sara@motifpoetry.co.nz](mailto:sara@motifpoetry.co.nz) Admission/Ticket info: Limited numbers. Get your FREE ticket today.

#### RAINBOW STORYTIMES

24 FEBRUARY | 10:30AM PRESCHOOLERS

24 FEBRUARY | 3:30PM AFTERSCHOOL

##### HASTINGS WAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Come along to special story times about belonging and being yourself. Enjoy stories, movement and a take-home craft.

#### PRIDE MOVIE NIGHTS

18 & 25 FEBRUARY | 5PM

4 & 11 MARCH | 5PM

Come along to Hastings War Memorial Library to watch a different film featuring LGBT+ characters each Thursday night at 5.00pm during our Pride month. All films rated M. Recommended 16+. Call or visit us in the libraries for more information.

### Arts Inc. Heretaunga



106 Russell Street South | FREE ENTRY

P. (06) 878 9447 or E. [info@artsinc.co.nz](mailto:info@artsinc.co.nz)

[www.artsinc.co.nz](http://www.artsinc.co.nz)

#### Te Taiao Arts Collective presents 'TANGAROA'

1 FEBRUARY – 13 FEBRUARY



A collection of multimedia works that acknowledges Tangaroa's realm; every water source in every land leads to the ocean. Proudly sponsored by Adorne Creative Solutions.

#### Minuette La Montague

15 FEBRUARY – 27 FEBRUARY



Minuette is an artist working in a multitude of disciplines including goldsmithing, painting, tapestry making, and more. She is Native American and proud of it. Recently working with found object art, this will be an exhibition to catch.

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



101 Hastings Street South

P. (06) 871 5289 or E. [info@toitoinvenues.co.nz](mailto:info@toitoinvenues.co.nz)

[www.toitoinvenues.co.nz](http://www.toitoinvenues.co.nz)

#### Lady Larisa & Band - Honeychild

18 FEBRUARY | 8PM

Start your 2021 Art Deco Festival with Lady Larisa and her incredible band at the official release of 'Honeychild' - Lady Larisa's debut jazz EP. Her new tracks, written during lockdown, will be woven in with a wide range of jazz classics. Tickets \$21, at the Toitōi Box Office or [toitoinvenues.co.nz](http://toitoinvenues.co.nz)

### 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

##### East 2020

1 - 28 FEBRUARY



Hastings City Art Gallery presents EAST 2020, a biennial exhibition celebrating and surveying the current creative practice connected to the Heretaunga Hawke's Bay region. Featuring 54 Hawke's Bay artists, including painting, ceramics, large-scale photography, video and sculptural installations.

##### Jordan Barnes: The Artist and the Ego

1 FEBRUARY – 2 MAY



Born and raised in New Plymouth, Jordan Barnes is an award winning painter and known to many as an artistic all-rounder. The Artist and the Ego explores Jordan's interest in Jungian psychology, and the idea of archetypes within the 'Collective Unconscious' - a concept originally defined by psychoanalyst Carl Jung.

##### Still Life with Moving Parts

27 FEBRUARY – 9 MAY



Still Life with Moving Parts is an exhibition created by outsider artists. Outsider art is art by self-taught or naïve art makers. Outsider art illustrates different visual constructions, a different way of seeing, unconventional ideas, or elaborate fantasy worlds - and hopefully for the viewer a new and enlightening experience.

#### EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

##### Lunchtime Tour

4 FEBRUARY | 12:15PM (allow 30 mins)



Join our curator Clayton Gibson, for a tour of the current exhibitions in the gallery. To be part of the discussion, meet at the gallery information desk. No booking required. Allow 30mins.

##### Hastings Public Art: Walking Tour

13, 20, 27 FEBRUARY | 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

### Hastings Sports Centre



503 Railway Road

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

#### Tumbling Tots

TERM 1: 17 FEBRUARY – 31 MARCH

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

TERM 1: 19 FEBRUARY – 9 APRIL

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.

### 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

##### Jazz on the Village Green

30 JANUARY – 27 FEBRUARY (SATURDAYS)



##### VILLAGE GREEN

Jazz on the Village Green returns for five great Saturday concerts from 4 – 6pm. All concerts are free to attend. For more information visit [www.artsinc.co.nz](http://www.artsinc.co.nz)

##### Summer in the Park

31 JANUARY – 28 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.

For more information visit [www.artsinc.co.nz](http://www.artsinc.co.nz)

##### Flaxmere Night Markets

18 FEBRUARY | 5-8PM



##### FLAXMERE VILLAGE CAR PARK

Entertainment, karaoke, prizes up for grabs, late night shopping and food stalls. Come and join the fun.

##### MCL Construction Triple Peaks

27 FEBRUARY

##### HAVELOCK NORTH

Take the challenge and take part in this long-standing Hastings adventure event. Go to [www.triplepeakschallenge.co.nz](http://www.triplepeakschallenge.co.nz) for all the details.

##### Waipureku Waitangi Commemoration

6 FEBRUARY – STARTS 7.45AM



ATEA A RANGI CELESTIAL COMPASS, WAITANGI PARK, AWATOTO, AND FARNDON PARK

A public commemoration of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi close to the site where three chiefs, Te Hapuku, Hoani Waikato and Harawira Mahikai Te Tere boarded the HMS Herald on 24 June 1840 and signed the Treaty. Starts at 7.45am with a karakia, followed by a Hiko (walk) of Hope along the riverbank, to the haka powhiri by mana whenua at Farndon Park at 8:30am. People are welcome to attend the powhiri whether they walked or not.

HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL

# FOCUS ON BUSINESS

+ Driving our local economy

**BREAKFAST SERIES: FIRST EVENT OF 2021**

+ **Wednesday 17 Feb, 7am**

Functions on Hastings

Tickets: \$35pp

+ [www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/focusonbusiness](http://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/focusonbusiness) for tickets and more info

