

My Hastings

Keep up with what's happening in the Hastings District




toitoi
Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre

COMING UP AT TOITOI



**WORLD-CLASS
ATHLETICS**



SISTER CITIES



WHAT'S ON

Message from the mayor

We are proud of how our community and our council continue to respond to the ongoing challenges of COVID-19.

Our council is committed to supporting our community through the uncertainty of the pandemic; we are doing our utmost to keep our economy moving and our people employed.

Our focus is on jobs for our people. Hastings district has received about \$160m in post-COVID-19 government "shovel-ready project" funding, and for our council that has helped fast-track projects in roading upgrades, cycleways, footpaths and new infrastructure for housing developments. These projects have brought new employment opportunities for many of our people.

Over the past three years our council has delivered safe drinking water across the district, reopened the Opera House at Toitoti – Hawke's Bay Arts and Events Centre, revitalised the city centre, opened a significant new connector road, Te Ara Kahikatea, across Whakatū, as well as reduced waste to landfill.

As I write this Council has almost finalised the draft of its 2021-2031 Long Term Plan — the blueprint for our community's future.

This plan proposes investment in improving our roading network; safeguarding our wastewater, drinking water and stormwater infrastructure; managing our growth and protecting our highly productive land; delivering quality housing; revitalising our city centre; supporting the business community; bringing to our district employment and economic investment opportunities; and enhancing and protecting our beautiful environment, reserves and special places.

We are striving to deliver on the things that will make a positive difference to our community while keeping rates affordable.

The Hastings District is doing well. I am excited about our future.

We would love to hear what is important to you as we plan an exciting and prosperous future for all.

Look out for the consultation document in your letterbox and on our website.

Ngā mihi

Sandra Hazlehurst,
Hastings Mayor.



Something for all at Land Rover Horse of the Year

Organisers are again delighted to be hosting another Land Rover Horse of the Year in Hastings, not only New Zealand's premier equestrian event showcase, but also purported to be the largest in the Southern Hemisphere!

The show attracts more than 1400 riders and 1900 horses from all around New Zealand who come to compete for titles and high-stakes prize money throughout the six-day extravaganza. (Sunday's Stirrups NZ Olympic Cup show-jumping class has a prize pool of \$80k!) Spectators can enjoy the thrill of Olympic level show-jumping, the elegance and grace of dressage, the adrenalin of cross country and a host of other equestrian displays.

Don't be fooled into thinking you have to be "horsey" to enjoy Land Rover Horse of the Year, it is an absolute "must see" for anyone who delights in watching live action and world-class competition, or just getting out and about to see something new.

Other highlights include plenty of shopping with more than 160 trade sites, a food court, bars and hospitality and lots of family fun.

Look out for the "Resene Horse Play Activation Centre" where kids can go and enjoy all kinds of horse-related games and activities such as painting, "pin the tail on the pony" and more.

Land Rover Horse of the Year opens Tuesday, March 9, with plenty to see all week. Don't miss "Free-for-All Friday" with free entry from 3pm. Come down and watch the Craigs Investment Partners Junior Rider of the Year, followed by the Cavalino Silver Fern Stakes. Bring the family, grab dinner, and do some late-night shopping! Other highlights include the Land Rover Burghley Cross Country on Saturday and the Day of Champions on Sunday.

The Land Rover Horse of the Year runs from March 9 to 14 – to find out more and book tickets, go to www.hoy.kiwi



FREE-FOR-ALL-FRIDAY

FREE ENTRY or GOLD COIN donation towards the Leg-up Trust and NZRDA.

Gates open from 3pm,
Friday 12 March,
Tōmoana Showgrounds,
Hastings.



At the time of printing this event was still going ahead, but circumstances may change depending on any escalation of COVID-19 alert levels.

World-class athletics coming to the Bay

Hawke's Bay residents will get the chance to see world-class athletes in action in their own backyard in March when the Jennian Homes New Zealand Track and Field Championships comes to town.

The prestigious event will take place at Mitre 10 Park in Hastings over three days from March 5 and is set to attract more than 600 of the country's finest athletes.

Always a highlight of the sporting year, the 2021 meet promises to be even more special as it takes place only a few months before the rescheduled Olympics and Paralympics, meaning many of the competitors will be at their best as they look to peak for a shot at glory in Tokyo.

All the big names of New Zealand athletics are likely to descend on Hastings, with locals treated to the likes of Dame Valerie Adams, Tom Walsh, Eliza McCartney and rising sprint star Eddie Osei-Nketia all strutting their stuff on home soil.

A host of Paralympians will also be on show, including Holly Robinson, Anna Grimaldi, Jess Hamill and William Stedman, who all won medals at the 2016 Rio Paralympics, and world-record holder Lisa Adams.

"It's a great opportunity for the Bay and for athletics to be brought here," says Dame Valerie Adams, one of the most iconic figures in New Zealand sport after winning two Olympic gold medals and four world championship titles in shot put.

"It's a lovely place to compete – I have competed here before and I absolutely love it. Everyone will be able to see athletes performing to the highest of their ability, especially with it being an Olympic year."

And it is not just spectators at Mitre 10 Park who will be in for a treat.

With visitor spend estimated at nearly \$1.8 million, over 10,000 bed nights, significant media coverage across New Zealand and live streaming worldwide, the Hawke's Bay region is set to benefit greatly by hosting one of the marquee events on the New Zealand sporting calendar.

Tickets available at the gate or to buy online now via Eventbrite.

Olympic bronze medal winner Eliza McCartney will be one of the top athletes competing at the event.
Photo/Alisha Lovrich



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Women's Rest celebrates 100 years

The Hastings Municipal Women's Rest building will be turning 100 this year, and celebration organisers are keen to hear from any relatives of the original donors who made the building possible.

Significant for its architecture and contribution to civic life for the women of Hastings, both rural and urban, the building's anniversary will be held on March 23 this year, between 10-11am, followed by an Open Day until 5pm.

All are welcome to join the celebrations, and if any relatives of the original donors wish to get in touch they can email Amanda at manager@hwc.nz.

Two Ladies intrigues and captivates

Auckland Theatre Company, together with Toitōi – Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre, is bringing its latest production, *Two Ladies*, to Hastings at the end of March. Toitōi kaiwhakahaere/manager Megan Peacock-Coyle went to the opening night last month...

With a star-studded cast, including Jennifer Ward-Lealand, Anna Jullienne and Rena Owen, *Two Ladies* was always going to be a powerhouse theatre show. Its premise is two first ladies, American and French, stuck in a room together while their husbands meet off-stage.

It's a fascinating, and at times amusing insight into the lives of two women, loosely based on Brigitte Macron ('Helene', played by Ward-Lealand) and Melania Trump ('Sophie', played by Jullienne), who we usually only ever see from a distance, or via the media.

Two Ladies is full of powerful and entertaining dialogue alongside unexpected twists and turns.



Jullienne shines as the cold, distant Eastern European wife of the American president, and is both familiar and surprising. Ward-Lealand gives a performance befitting one of our most iconic veterans of New Zealand theatre.

Interspersed with bursts from captivating support characters, including Owen as the American press secretary, *Two Ladies* makes you realise the power that these women have in their roles as wives of the most powerful men in the world. It takes pillow talk to a whole new level!

With outstanding performances from exceptional actors and moments of humour and intensity, filled with painful truths, this is a show that keeps you engaged throughout. Add to that a cliff-hanger ending, *Two Ladies* had me thinking about it for days afterward. Don't miss your chance to see these absolute stars of New Zealand theatre in Hastings while you can.

WHEN: March 28, at 2pm and 7.30pm.

TICKETS: Start at \$36.50 for a concession, available at the Toitōi Box Office, by phoning 0800 842 538 or at www.toitovenuues.co.nz

HOLIDAY KERBSIDE COLLECTION CHANGES

RUBBISH & RECYCLING: GOOD FRIDAY



IF YOUR NORMAL COLLECTION DAY IS:

FRI 2 APRIL

IT'S CHANGING TO:

SAT 3 APRIL

www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/holidaycollections



Sisters for 40 years

Our community is celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Hastings-Guilin Sister City relationship this year – 40 years of student, teacher, science, trade, and cultural exchanges.

Over that time special friendships have formed, information has been shared, and understanding developed.

The date of the original signing was March 4, 1981. This March, Hastings Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst and Guilin Mayor Qin Chuncheng will sign a renewal of the original commitment. It agrees that Hastings and Guilin will continue to develop their friendship; fostering goodwill and understanding between the people of both districts.

The ever-popular Lighting of the Osmanthus Gardens lantern festival will be held from April 12-18. It celebrates our relationship with Guilin every year, and will be bigger and better than ever in 2021. The lanterns will be spread across a greater area in the gardens, and food trucks will line the street.

In September, aligned with the Blossom Festival, a free live show,

a Hastings-Guilin information and trade showcase, and a celebratory dinner will be held.

The original plan for the celebration was to hold all events across the week of March 1-7. However with COVID alert levels sitting at 2 in Auckland and most of the Chinese performers and many guests hailing from Auckland, the decision has been made to postpone the events and spread them across the year.



Kuripapango Bridge STRENGTHENING PROJECT

1 MARCH TO JUNE 2021

CLOSED

All vehicles

- 9am to 6pm Mon and Fri only
- 7am to 6pm Tues - Wed - Thur

OPEN

Cars and vehicles under 22 tonnes

- Weekends 6pm Fri to 9am Mon
- 6pm - 7am Mon to Thur

Thank you for your patience while bridge strengthening work is completed.

Contact Hastings District Council on 06 871 5000 or head online to Hastingsdc.govt.nz for more information.



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



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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...

MARCH 2021

FREE FREE EVENTS

**#HASTINGS
PROUD**

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

Pride Movie Nights

4 & 11 MARCH | 5PM

Film screenings at Hastings War Memoria Library featuring LGBT+ characters, part Hastings Pride Month. All films rated M. Recommended 16+. Call or visit us in the libraries for more information.



Hastings Landmarks History Talk

9 MARCH | 5.30PM

HASTINGS WAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY - CIVIC SQUARE

Speaker: Barbara Walker, author of 'Purple Hands'. A Kiwi nurse and midwife's history of 21 years in war zones, refugee camps and disaster areas. Open to public - gold coin donation.



Connecting With Our Seas | Toi Moana, Toi Tangata

12 MARCH | 10.30AM (FOR PRESCHOOLERS AND WHĀNAU)

13 MARCH | 1PM (FOR WHĀNAU)

HASTINGS WAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Join us in celebrating Sea Week Kaupapa Moana with stories, movement and a take-home craft.



Arts Inc. Heretaunga

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



Debra Thompson

1 MARCH – 13 MARCH

Specialising in urban, pop contemporary paintings using mixed medium on board, Debra is aiming to achieve a feeling of freedom in her art and give viewers permission to be transported into a new, modern world.



Hawke's Bay Live Poets

8 MARCH | 7PM - \$5 DOOR CHARGE

Hawke's Bay Live Poets' 29th birthday! Followed by guest poet Tony Svenson. Open mic, one poem each. MC Penelope Foster.

"Our Story" – Brain Injury Hawke's Bay

16 MARCH – 25 MARCH

Brain Injury Hawke's Bay are excited to offer artists affected by a brain injury the opportunity to exhibit and celebrate their art. All welcome.



Camberley Community Centre

703 Kiwi Street, Camberley

www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/camberley-community-centre

MARCH

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

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101 Hastings Street South
P. (06) 871 5289 or E. info@toitoinvenues.co.nz
www.toitoinvenues.co.nz

Tutu's on Tour – Royal New Zealand Ballet

2 MARCH | 6.30PM

TOITOI OPERA HOUSE

Enjoy the 'White Swan' pas de deux from Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake; Jules Perrot's Pas de Quatre (1845), a gorgeous showpiece from the Romantic era; and two bold, colourful works by Andrea Schermoly and Sarah Foster-Sproull. Tickets from \$26.50.

Transfigured Night – Chamber Music NZ

11 MARCH | 7.30PM

TOITOI OPERA HOUSE

Award-winning choreographer Loughlan Prior fuses dance with music in his adaptation of Schoenberg's Verklärte Nacht (Transfigured Night). Performed by BalletCollective Aotearoa and the New Zealand String Quartet. Tickets from \$26.50.

Auckland Theatre Company presents Two Ladies

28 MARCH | 2PM AND 7.30PM

TOITOI OPERA HOUSE

Starring Jennifer Ward-Lealand, Anna Jullienne and Rena Owen. Tickets from \$36.50.

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 MARCH – 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 MARCH – 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 MARCH – 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.



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Lunchtime Tour

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

Join curator Clayton Gibson for a tour of the current exhibitions in the gallery during your lunchtime. FREE, no booking required.



Hastings Sports Centre

**HASTINGS
SPORTS CENTRE**

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

Tumbling Tots

TERM 1: 1 MARCH – 7 APRIL

Every Wednesday from 9am. For more info on times and cost visit www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/hsc

Fundamental Skills Programme

TERM 1: 1 MARCH – 9 APRIL

Fridays at 10am, \$5 pp. 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 TŌMOANA, 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

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

International Cultures Day

6 MARCH | 10.30AM – 5PM

CORNWALL PARK

Don't miss the biggest international cultural celebration in Hawke's Bay – a day of performances from various cultural groups living in the region. Bring cash and sample delicious food from across the world, and learn about the services available to members of the community. This family friendly event is brought to you by the Multicultural Association Hawke's Bay and Hastings District Council.



Flaxmere Night Markets

25 MARCH | 5-8PM

FLAXMERE VILLAGE CAR PARK

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



Waste Management Workshop

3 – 31 MARCH (WEDNESDAY'S) | 5:30PM

HERETAUNGA WOMEN'S CENTRE.

WOMEN'S REST BUILDING: CNR EASTBOURNE AND RUSSELL ST, HASTINGS

Reducing waste is a journey and it begins with small steps. You will learn how to make your own beeswax wraps and cleaning products, you will learn about recycling, composting, worm farms and bokashi bins.

Heretaunga Women's Rest Centre Turns 100

23 MARCH | 10-11AM

HERETAUNGA WOMEN'S REST CENTRE., CNR EASTBOURNE AND RUSSELL ST, HASTINGS

This is a celebration to mark 100 years since the first purpose-built women's rest room in Aotearoa opened on 23 March 1921. A karakia, speech, performance and morning tea will be followed by an all-day Open Day for the public.



HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL

**FOCUS ON
BUSINESS**

+ Driving our local economy

BREAKFAST SERIES: FIRST EVENT OF 2021

+ **Wednesday 31 Mar, 7am**

Functions on Hastings

Tickets: \$35pp

+ www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/focusonbusiness for tickets and more info



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HEART OF HAWKE'S BAY