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AT TOITOI**



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Message from the mayor



Last month our council worked hard to present a Long Term Plan that strikes the right balance between keeping rates as affordable as possible while investing in our critical assets so we can continue to deliver core services to meet our community's high expectations.

We enjoy the process of hearing from our community. We considered more than 700 community responses, and the message was clear; maintaining essential assets, managing growth, addressing housing needs and continued investment in the community were the overriding priorities of the community and of the draft plan.

I'd like to thank everyone for their feedback which helped inform councillors as they heard from submitters, then deliberated on the plan for two days.

The fundamental basis of this plan is our continued investment in core infrastructure. This means delivering safe drinking water, waste and quality roads.

This year, we are returning to asset renewals and finishing off our drinking water infrastructure work. We have asked council officers to come back with a rate increase under seven per cent.

Councillors considered many wonderful projects which the community requested funding for. Unfortunately we can't fulfil all of these requests immediately. We are very aware that many of our community are on fixed incomes and we have to be mindful of the rates burden.

Three key issues were identified during consultation; rural roads, parking and continued investment to revitalise our city centre.

Given their importance to the economy, Council agreed to fund rural road renewals over the next six years, and after feedback from the community agreed to continue investing in the city centre.

The final budget was to come back to council on June 24 to be ratified and the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 adopted.

Sandra Hazlehurst
Mayor, Hastings District Council

Save the date!

2021 Edible Fashion Awards
September 1- 3

Hawke's Bay's spectacular wearable art event celebrating the region's innovative creative spirit and rich history as a quality food producing region.

More details to come at
www.ediblefashionawards.co.nz

NZME Hastings City Celebration Awards 2021
August 26, 6pm - Toitoto - Hawke's Bay Arts and Events Centre

Recognising and celebrating businesses within the Hastings CBD, these awards also play an important role in promoting and strengthening development in the area.

Tickets at www.ticketek.co.nz or at the Toitoto Box Office on the corner of Hastings and Eastbourne Sts, between 10am and 4pm on weekdays.

The newly opened Waimārama Road Cycle trail.



Waimārama Rd cycle trail opens

Last month the Waimārama Road off-road cycle trail was officially opened, completing the Tukituki loop section of the Landscapes Ride, one of the most attractive trail rides in the region.

Construction of the 2.5km limestone trail between Te Mata Road and Craggy Range Winery began in January this year, aimed at improving safety for cyclists and motorists on this busy stretch of road. Hastings mayor Sandra Hazlehurst says the new track is about keeping people safe, while enjoying looking out over the Tukituki Valley.

"People can get out in nature and safely explore this beautiful part of our district with access to Craggy Range Winery, Red Bridge Coffee, and many beautiful sights."

She acknowledged all of those who had been part of the project, including the property owners who worked with council over the trail alignments and

land requirements, and mana whenua who had been part of the conversation for many years.

The Landscapes Ride is part of the 200km Hawke's Bay Trails network, and wayfinding signage that tells people a little more of the history of the area will add to the interest and enjoyment of this beautiful slice of Hawke's Bay.

The project was jointly funded by Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment, Hastings District Council, Hawke's Bay Regional Council, and Eastern Central Community Trust.

Being such a new track, the surface is quite soft so users are asked to please use caution when riding it. It will pack down fully and harden in time.

Get on board with Plastic Free July

This month, check out some free events and workshops being hosted by Hastings District Council's waste team as part of Plastic Free July - a global initiative to fight plastic pollution.

'The Rubbish Trip' visits Hastings

Join Hannah and Liam of The Rubbish Trip for a glimpse into the world of zero waste! Hannah and Liam have been living without a rubbish bin since 2015 and have a raging passion for all things zero waste. In this 90-minute workshop they will guide you through the hows and the whys of a less wasteful lifestyle. Since they launched 'The Rubbish Trip' in 2017, they've delivered presentations to more than 20,000 people across the country.

When: Tuesday 13 July, 7pm

Where: Spaceship Hastings

Reducing Plastic Workshops

Join Sam and Cloe from the Waste Minimisation Team for a hands-on session on how to reduce waste at home. Learn how to make beeswax wraps and homemade cleaning products to help reduce single-use plastic waste.

When: Wednesday 21 July, 5:30pm-6:30pm

Where: Hastings Baptist Church

Email reducewaste@hdc.govt.nz or phone Council on 871 5000 to secure your spot.



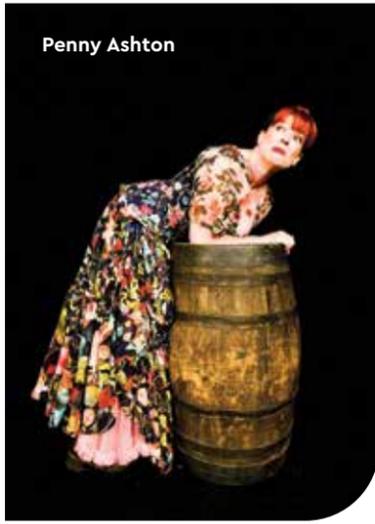
Again Again - Choose to reuse your coffee cup

In July, HDC will kick off the Again Again reusable coffee cup scheme. Did you know that in the Hastings district around four million single-use cups end up in landfill every year? How can you get involved? Customers pay a \$3 deposit (bond) at a participating café to "borrow" the stainless steel Again Again cup. It can be kept and reused, or swap it with a clean one in one of the participating cafés, or get a refund when you bring it back. Give it go! And if you would like to see your favourite café receive the HDC subsidy and participate in the scheme, let them know! More info on (www.againagain.co/). Together we can make a difference.





Ali Harper



Penny Ashton

Award winners hit the boards at Toitōi

This July, Toitōi – Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre brings you two shows with extremely talented women at their core. Penny Ashton and Ali Harper are both award-winning in their own right, so their shows are not ones to be missed.

First up is Penny Ashton's hilarious one-woman show Olive Copperbottom, a Dickensian tale of love, gin and the pox, on July 15. It's Blackadder meets Oliver, with a saucy feminine twist.

Much like her last show at Toitōi, Promise & Promiscuity, Olive Copperbottom sees the immensely talented Penny play 15 different gin-soaked Victorian characters. Many hijinks (and questionable personal hygiene) ensues!

The Christchurch Press said this show "sparkles with intelligence, wit and verve". At just \$37.50 each, you'd be silly not to come along!

Then on July 31, the charming Ali Harper returns to the Toitōi Opera House stage with an absolute cracker of a show which celebrates Burt Bacharach's massive career of hits. The Look of Love celebrates all Burt's muses, from Marlene Dietrich to Dusty Springfield, Dionne Warwick to Aretha Franklin and Cilla Black.

Backstage Review said this show is "a non-stop parade of hits... I would encourage anyone who enjoys good music and good cabaret to buy a ticket!"

Local audiences last saw Ali shining in Yesterday back in April, a show which had audiences of all ages dancing and singing their way home, so if you enjoyed Ali's immense talent then, make sure you grab your tickets to The Look of Love today. Concessions are \$49.50 and adults are \$55. Or you can grab five friends and get group pricing of just \$47.50 for six or more.

For more information about these shows and other events happening at Toitōi this July, head to www.toitoinvenues.co.nz, or pop into the Box Office on the corner of Hastings and Eastbourne Sts, between 10am and 4pm on weekdays.

Mahi for Youth Caravan launched

Council's successful Mahi for Youth programme is going mobile, with a new caravan now ready to hit the road, taking the service to the community.

The programme, which operates from its bright, inviting pop-up shop in the city centre, is focused on the social wellbeing of the district's young people (aged 16-24) not in employment, education or training (NEET).

Since it started in 2017, 253 rangatahi have been placed into sustainable employment and the NEET rate dropped from 17.4 to 14.7 per cent in 2020.

The caravan is the next step for this programme, allowing the team to reach and connect with young people across the Hastings district, including the smaller villages and rural communities.



The caravan, called Te Waka Eke Noa, was blessed last month. Look out for it in your community in coming months!

Basketball court opened



Special guest Tom Abercrombie pictured here with LaDanian Ah Kiong, left, and TayShaarn Ah Kiong, was a hit with the kids.

Photo/Roshan Uelese

Ron Georgi III Park in Flaxmere is now home to a new basketball court thanks to the Hoops in Parks scheme that's being trialled by Hastings District Council, Basketball New Zealand, Basketball Hawke's Bay, and Sport Hawke's Bay.

The court was officially opened last month with hundreds coming along to try out the hoops and meet the special guests Tall Black Tom Abercrombie, Tall Fern squad member Tayla Dalton, and Hawks/Tall Blacks players Derone Raukawa and Ethan Rusbatch who ran drills and competitions, dishing out basketballs and singlets as prizes.

Council is planning a second Hoops in Parks court in Flaxmere, on Flaxmere Park.

An awesome new skatepark in Flaxmere is on the way!

Flaxmere Park has been the community's preferred site for a long time. Now it's time to build and we're proposing putting it on the Swansea and Henderson roads corner of the park, but we want to hear what you think!

Let's talk
Me kōrero tātau

To have your say, fill out the survey online at www.myvoicemychoice.co.nz, at Flaxmere Community Centre, Flaxmere Library or our Customer Service Centre on Lyndon Road in Hastings by Friday 16 July.

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...

JULY 2021

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

Hastings Landmarks History Talk

13 JULY | 5.30PM

HASTINGS WAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Speaker: Dick Grant

Topic – 'A Life of Diplomacy'. Open to all – gold coin donation entry

Turn up the Heat Adult Reading Challenge

1 JULY - 15 AUGUST

HASTINGS WAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Turn up the Heat is a popular reading challenge just for adults held over seven weeks during winter. Read something new, tell us about it and go in weekly draws for great prizes.

Matariki at Hastings District Libraries

2 - 15 JULY

Te Wa Pakiwaitara, Appi Haora for the technology challenged, Whakarongo Mai – Storytime Pakeke and Manutukutuku Workshops.

Check it all out on www.hastingslibraries.co.nz

Winter School Holidays events

10 - 25 JULY

From Wikin te Taetae ni Kiribati to mini golf in the library, there is something for all these school holidays. Pick up a guide from your library or go to www.hastingslibraries.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

Winter Art Deco

16 - 18 JULY

Get out your coats, hats and fur wraps and get cosy with the sophisticated and stylish Winter Deco Weekend. This is the Art Deco Trust's boutique festival which takes centre stage this July, showcasing the best Hawke's Bay has on offer. www.artdecofestival.co.nz/

Flaxmere Community Centre



30 Swansea Road, Flaxmere

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

JULY

MON: Explode 6 – 6.45am; Tai Chi 9 – 9.45am; Explode 10 – 10.45am; Badminton for Seniors 11 – 12.30pm TUES: Strength & Balance for Seniors 11 – 12pm, Boxing 5.15 – 6pm WED: Explode 6 – 6.45am; Line Dancing 9 – 9.45am; Explode 10 – 10.45am THURS: Strength & Balance for Seniors 11 – 12pm, Boxing 5.15 – 6pm FRI: Explode 6 – 6.45am; Sit Fit for Seniors 9 – 9.45am; Explode 10 – 10.45am; Badminton for Seniors 11 – 12.30pm, Nourished for Nil 5pm-6pm.

EXPLODE CLASSES \$2 each, Boxing \$2 each and the rest of classes are free senior low impact classes.

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

Brian Campbell: Head Above the Water

1 JULY - 8 AUGUST

Here, Gisborne artist Brian Campbell doesn't so much lift his head out of the water as he raises it above the parapet, building an imaginary world using satire, fantasy and humour to contemplate some serious, possibly even profound, questions.

Dali Susanto: Today is the Day

1 - 25 JULY

Well known in the Hawke's Bay arts scene, in this exhibition Dali Susanto emanates his muralist and pop art sensibility.

Thinking Unfolding

1 JULY - 1 AUGUST

In this touring exhibition from the Print Council of Aotearoa New Zealand (PCANZ) printmakers from throughout Aotearoa, including eight artists from Hawke's Bay, expand on and explore using books as art objects.

te MOKO on our face / in your face

1 JULY - 15 AUGUST

The te MOKO exhibition showcases "the face of Māori Art today". A specifically designed installation of contemporary artwork by artists of Heretaunga engaging in reprising cultural values beyond the Marae. Of treasuring the images that identify us; Of claiming a space to stand as ourselves; Of being Māori-centric in identifying what makes for creative artistic excellence. Curated by Sandy Adsett

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

FREE Kids Drop-In Art Days

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS (DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS), 10AM - 3PM

Come along to the gallery and get creative with fun, free art activities related to our current exhibitions! Tuesday 13 and 20 July 10am – 3pm, Thursday 15 and 22 July 10am – 3pm. No booking required.

te MOKO on our face / in your face

Please visit our what's on page on our website for information about artist workshops and floor talks associated with the te MOKO exhibition.

Arts Inc. Heretaunga



106 Russell Street South | FREE ENTRY

P. (06) 878 9447 or E. info@artsinc.co.nz

www.artsinc.co.nz

Matariki Exhibition

5 - 17 JULY

An exhibition celebrating Matariki for 2021. Matariki is the Māori name for the Pleiades star cluster. It rises during Piripiri (June/July) and marks the beginning of the Māori new year.

Hawke's Bay Live Poets

12 JULY | 7PM - \$5 DOOR CHARGE

Live Poets

Guest Poet Night – with Guest Poet Laurice Gilbert. MC Valentina Teclici

AUKATI – Kezia Whakamoe

19 - 31 JULY

Creating a safe boundary to share a Mana Wāhine space – invoking body sovereignty and reclaiming mana motuhake through creative ritual process and practice. www.hinenui.com/aukati

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

Matariki Living Taonga Awards

2 JULY | 5PM

TOITOI OPERA HOUSE

Hosted by Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga, these awards acknowledge the hard work, integrity and talent of quiet achievers and role models across our Heretaunga communities. Tickets \$30.

Heath Franklin's Chopper – The Silencer

9 JULY | 7.30PM

TOITOI OPERA HOUSE

Covid-safe and harder than ever, Aussie comedy legend - CHOPPER - finally brings his smash hit show to Toitōi, to machete our way through the jungle of bulls**t. From \$40.50.

Monuments of Hope

10 JULY | 1-5PM

FUNCTIONS ON HASTINGS, TOITOI

Join us for this free, beautiful and emotional art exhibition by survivor Suzie Harris that explores the pain, struggle, beauty and hope in recovery from mental distress. Koha appreciated.

Olive Copperbottom

15 JULY | 7.30PM

TOITOI OPERA HOUSE

A rollicking, romantic, musical journey through 15 gin-soaked Victorian characters told with song, dance and questionable personal hygiene. It's Oliver! meets Blackadder. Tickets \$37.50.

The Look of Love – The music of Burt Bacharach

31 JULY | 7.30PM

TOITOI OPERA HOUSE

Spend an evening with award-winning Ali Harper as she showcases the full spectrum of Burt Bacharach's hit songs, a musical feast for the heart and soul. Tickets from \$47.50.

Hastings Sports Centre



503 Railway Road

www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/hsc

Tumbling Tots

TERM 2: 1 - 31 JULY

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

Fundamental Skills Programme

2 JULY

Fridays at 10am, \$5 pp. For more information please contact your school for registration.

Camberley Community Centre



703 Kiwi Street, Camberley

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

JULY

MON: Line Dancing 11 – 11.45am; Nourished for Nil 3:30-4:30 TUES: Sit & Be Fit 1 – 1.45pm; Basketball Academy 3.15 – 4.15pm; WED: Cervical Screening Clinic 10am-2pm; Kaumatua Sit Fit 10.30-11.15am; Youth Space 3.15-4.15pm THURS: Idea Services – Kapahaka 10-11:30; Tai Chi 1-1.45pm; Basketball Academy 3.15-4.15pm FRI: Kori Tinana mo nga kaumatua 9-10am; Rezipet Dance Academy 3-5pm

KIDS BREAKFAST CLUB every school day from 8am-8.45am IHOW DRIVER'S CARAVAN every Wed, Thu, Fri from 9:30 – 12:30

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.



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