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BE SAFE BE SEEN

Two class acts lined up for Toitoti in May

Toitoti has the best way to treat your mum for Mother's Day this year.

The incredibly talented Lady Larisa and her equally talented band will take to the Toitoti Opera House stage on May 8, bringing their long-awaited jazz show to local audiences.

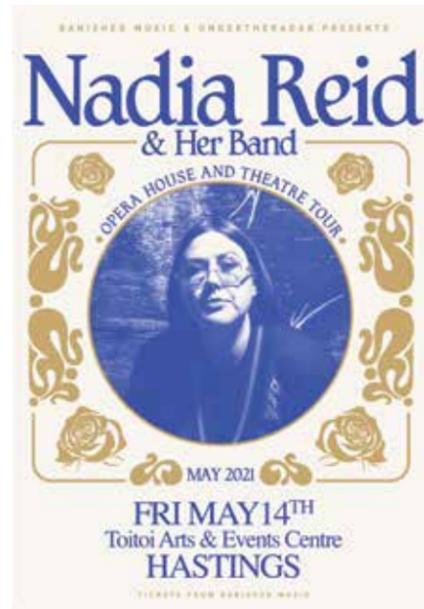
Originally scheduled as an Art Deco Festival show, this is a perfect opportunity to bring some 1920s glitz and glamour to your (and your mum's) Saturday night. Lady Larisa will perform her debut album, Honeychild, alongside a range of jazz classics which will have your toes tapping and your fingers snapping in no time. There'll even be a golden cocktail on offer, to complement your golden attire!

Lady Larisa's smooth, soulful voice is not one to be missed (she even opened for Michael Buble) and with tickets at just \$21 each, this is sure to be a great night out.

Then the following week, we have the equally soulful (though more Janis Joplin than jazz) Nadia Reid and her band on Friday, May 14. Nadia is one of Aotearoa's leading songwriters, with lyrics which are both clever and catchy.

This is her first time performing at the Opera House, as it was closed for restoration when she first burst onto the national stage in 2015. She was nominated for an APRA Silver Scroll award in 2017, for her hauntingly beautiful track, Richard, which judges described as "a stand-out folk-rock gem with its wonderfully direct delivery, charting heartbreak and dissolution, through striking imagery".

Tickets are \$47.50 for what promises to be a truly exceptional show, so don't miss out.



For more information about these two shows, as well as what else is coming up at Toitoti, head to www.toitotivenues.co.nz or pop into our Box Office on the corner of Hastings and Eastbourne Sts, between 10am and 4pm on weekdays.



Hawke's Bay Marathon

The fifth edition of the New Zealand Sotheby's International Realty Hawke's Bay Marathon is taking place on Saturday 15 May 2021, attracting close to 8000 participants ready to run and enjoy some of the best of Hawke's Bay's stunning scenery.

Incorporating a full range of distances to cater to all abilities including a marathon, half marathon and 10km options, it will start at West Quay in Napier, and takes runners alongside the Napier waterfront, and features a combination of Hawke's Bay Cycle trails and the road.

The finish line for all events is set in the surrounds of Elephant Hill Estate & Winery.

Further event information, including temporary road closures, can be found by visiting the event website www.hawkesbaymarathon.co.nz



Save the date!

Winter F.A.W.C!
June 4-27

Winter F.A.W.C! Food and Wine Classic is back for the eighth year, hosted over four weekends in June. People will be treated to all manner of hearty fare, warming red wines fireside and moments of culinary magic by talented chefs and foodies, award-winning winemakers and artisan brewers.

For more information about events and tickets go to www.fawc.co.nz



Reflective clothing and bright lights are the best way to ensure others see you if you're out and about on a bike in the early hours of the morning or at night at this time of year.

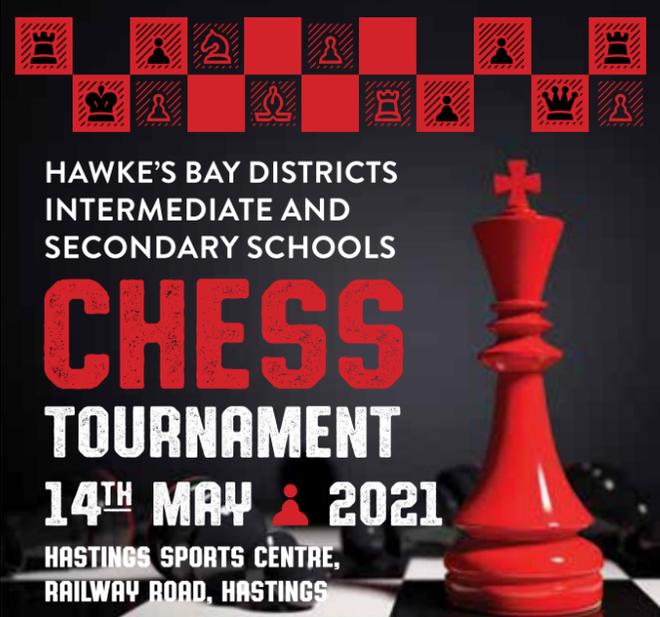
Hastings District Council will once again be supporting the annual Be Safe Be Seen campaign run by iWay over the month of May. (Not run in 2020 due to COVID-19).

The campaign encourages cyclists, walkers and runners to have the correct equipment – lights, bright clothing and other reflective gear – if they are out and about in the early mornings and evenings.

The iWay team will holding pop ups – and giveaways of safety equipment – in various locations in Hastings throughout May. Stay tuned to our Facebook page www.facebook.com/loveiway for further details closer to the time.

iWay is funded by the Hastings District and Napier City Councils, and Waka Kotahi (NZTA).

The Be Safe Be Seen campaign supported by Road Safe Hawke's Bay, Sport Hawke's Bay, and New Zealand Police.



HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICTS INTERMEDIATE AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS CHESS TOURNAMENT
14TH MAY 2021
HASTINGS SPORTS CENTRE, RAILWAY ROAD, HASTINGS

Play against other Years 7-13 chess players to be crowned the Hastings District Intermediate and Secondary School Chess Champion!

This is an all-day event with each person competing in six 30-minute rounds. \$6 per player. Registrations close by Wednesday 12th May. Tuck shop will be open for purchases throughout the day.

Register online at www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/hsc or scan and email entry form to hastingsportscentre@hdc.govt.nz by close of business Wednesday 12th May 2021.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PAYING BY CHEQUE

With New Zealand banks phasing out the use of cheques this year, Hastings District Council will not accept cheques as payment from **31 May 2021**. We encourage you to consider other modes of payment such as direct debit, online payment, internet banking or pay in person by cash, EFTPOS or Credit Card.

For more information call our customer service team on **06 871 5000** or visit our website www.hastingsdc.govt.nz



More homes on their way in Flaxmere

First-home buyers are taking up the opportunity to get on the property ladder, quickly buying sections at the new Tarbet St subdivision that's been created in Flaxmere.

The completion of the first, infrastructure stage of the development was celebrated on-site last month, ahead of the construction phase beginning.

Hastings Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst said the development of the site, on time and on budget, illustrated Hastings District Council's commitment to addressing the need for more housing in Hastings district.

"This is the first subdivision of the Hastings Place Based Pilot to go on the market. It showcases that we can achieve more effective results by working in partnership to address the housing crisis.

"I especially want to acknowledge the Provincial Development Unit for ensuring council received funding which accelerated the infrastructure phase, so construction can now begin," she said.

On the 1.8ha site, 17 sections have been designed for first-home buyers. They must live in the home they build for at least five years, which means developers can't land-bank the sections.

The homes must have at least three bedrooms, have an attached garage, have a colour-steel roof and aluminium joinery, and paths and driveways must be paved.

And, first-home buyers have responded enthusiastically.

Three sections have been sold, four sections have agreements pending, and as of last month there had been expressions of interest for nine sections, each section being sold from \$130,000 - \$140,000.

As part of the purchase agreement, Council requires that all first-home buyers must begin building within 12 months of purchasing.

Amo Taite was one of the first purchasers. For her, land ownership is the first step to home ownership.

"Don't just say it, do it!" is the advice she offers to others seeking home ownership.

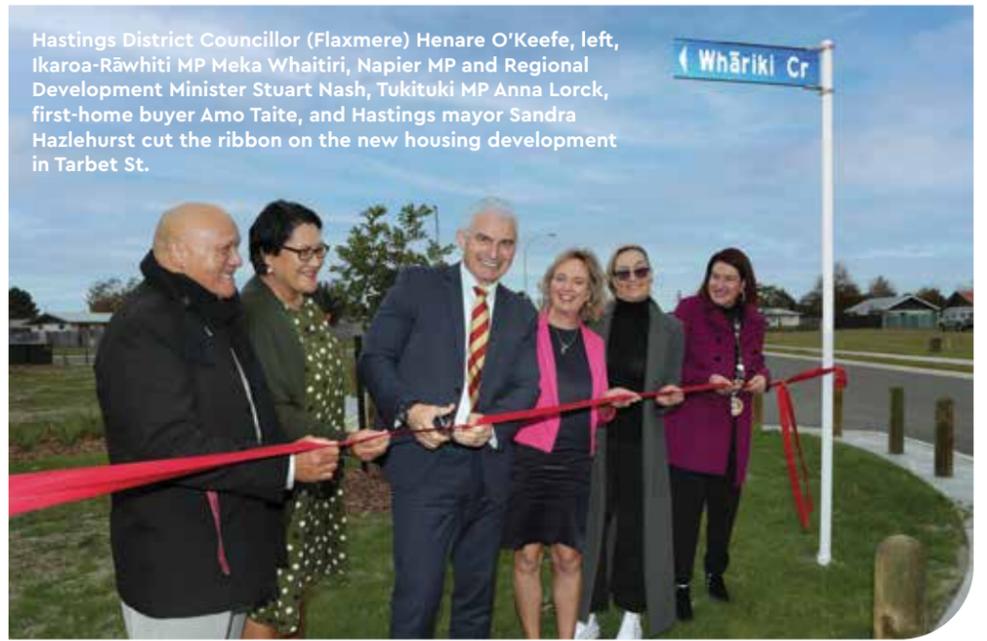
"Now I'm on way to being a home owner, feeling blessed and grateful to be given this opportunity."

Napier MP and Regional Development Minister Stuart Nash, who cut the ribbon marking the next stage of development said, "The opening of this housing development shows the value of central government, local government and community agencies working together in partnership to solve our housing shortages."

"Our communities work best when we come together to overcome deep-rooted challenges and our housing shortage is one of these. This development is a bright spot for Flaxmere's future," he said.

Work is due to start shortly on the second stage of the development, the provision of 18 transitional housing units which will provide temporary accommodation for those in urgent need for a place to stay.

Hastings District Councillor (Flaxmere) Henare O'Keefe, left, Ikaroa-Rāwhiti MP Meka Whaitiri, Napier MP and Regional Development Minister Stuart Nash, Tukituki MP Anna Lorck, first-home buyer Amo Taite, and Hastings mayor Sandra Hazlehurst cut the ribbon on the new housing development in Tarbet St.



The Tarbet Street subdivision is the start of a series of projects that Government and Hastings District Council are working on together.

Council has approved infrastructure work to begin on separate developments at 244 Flaxmere Avenue and an area west of the Flaxmere town centre at 30 Swansea Road.

The Infrastructure Reference Group gave the HDC \$11.5 million towards water and roading infrastructure for all three projects to support affordable, quality housing.

"Building more homes for our people is one of our key focuses and is a cornerstone of the Hastings Place Based Plan.

"By working collaboratively across a range of authorities we can ensure that there will be warm, dry homes for all our people," Mayor Hazlehurst said.

Work on Waiaroha starts now

Waiaroha, a key project in Hastings Drinking Water Strategy, has received Resource Consent and construction work will start immediately.

The water treatment, storage and education facility in central Hastings is the largest and final project in the strategy, developed to make the community's drinking water supplies safe and to improve the network's capacity and resilience.

"This is very good news. This project is a key part of our strategy to make our drinking water supplies safe. It is a considerable investment that will serve our residents of today and ensure drinking water stays safe for future generations," said Hastings mayor Sandra Hazlehurst.

The strategy was formulated following the 2016 Havelock North water contamination. "Safe drinking water remains our number one priority, and it is immensely pleasing to see all of the projects that make up the strategy either completed or well underway."

The strategy includes the upgrading of all the small community water supplies (three completed; three under construction; two in planning), a second mains water pipeline between Havelock North (completed), the Havelock North booster station (completed), and the construction of two major water treatment facilities for the main urban supplies, at Frimley (60 per cent complete) and in central Hastings (underway).

"What our major capital projects team has been able to achieve in just four years is nothing short of incredible, especially given the impacts of COVID-19 last year and its flow-on effects which have led to a shortage of contractors and building materials, and difficulties getting the technology into the country," said Mrs Hazlehurst.

"I also want to thank our residents for their positive contribution to the projects through extensive consultation."

The Waiaroha work site, on the corner of Southampton St East and Hastings St South, will be fenced off in the coming weeks to allow site preparation works



to start. Hastings District Council's major capital projects director Graeme Hansen said initial works would include the removal and demolition of existing buildings on site, 'loading' of the site with soil to cater for any ground settlement, and the construction of bore and pipelines.

The project has an expected completion date of mid-2022, weather and ground conditions permitting.

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 SOPHIE SIERS



COUNCILLOR GERALDINE TRAVERS



COUNCILLOR KEVIN WATKINS



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

Virtual D&D for teens

FROM 18 MAY | TUESDAYS, 4-6PM
 Runs for six weeks. Limited places - see www.hastingslibraries.co.nz for more details and to register!

Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa

SAMOAN LANGUAGE WEEK 2021
 30 MAY - 5 JUNE

Siva Performance

31 MAY | 11AM
 Join us at the Hastings Library where Hastings Girls High School students put on a Siva performance for the community to enjoy.

Makerspaces

31 MAY - 5 JUNE
 At all libraries.

Hastings Landmarks History Talk

11 MAY | 5.30PM
 HASTINGS WAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY
 Speaker: Marjorie Thomas
 Topic: "A local family's upbringing with the tragedy of Huntington's disease". Open to public - gold coin donation.

Camberley Community Centre

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

MAY

MON: Line Dancing 11 - 11.45am; Kids can cook 3.15-4.15pm **TUES:** Incredible Years 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

Flaxmere Community Centre

30 Swansea Road, Flaxmere
www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/flaxmere-community-centre

MAY

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

Flirting with Form: TOI AKO Artists

NOW - 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.

NZQA Top Art Exhibition

NOW - 7 MAY
 Top Art is an annual touring exhibition of the best and highest achieving 2020 NCEA portfolios from around the country.

Brian Campbell: Head Above the Water

8 MAY - 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

15 MAY - 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

22 MAY - 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.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Brian Campbell: Artist Floor Talk

8 MAY | 11AM
 Join artist Brian Campbell in conversation with Hastings City Art Gallery curator Clayton Gibson about Campbell's exhibition, Head Above the Water. No booking required.

Lunchtime Tour

13 MAY | 12:15PM (ALLOW 30 MINS)
 Join curator Clayton Gibson for a tour of the current exhibitions in the gallery during your lunchtime. No booking required.

Artist Floor Talk: Kathy Boyle with members of the Print Council Aotearoa New Zealand

22 MAY | 2PM
 Join artist Kathy Boyle alongside members of the Print Council Aotearoa New Zealand for a floor talk of their exhibition, Thinking Unfolding. No booking required.

Hastings Sports Centre

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

Tumbling Tots

TERM 2: 19 MAY - 30 JUNE
 Every Wednesday from 9am. For more info on times and cost visit www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/hsc

Fundamental Skills Programme

TERM 2: 21 MAY - 2 JULY
 Fridays at 10am, \$5 pp. For more information please contact your school for registration.

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101 Hastings Street South
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www.toitotivenues.co.nz

Lady Larisa & Band - Honeychild

8 MAY | 8PM
 TOITOTO OPERA HOUSE
 Sparkling jazz singer Lady Larisa and her incredible band (who opened for Michael Buble) will perform her debut album, Honeychild. It's Mother's Day weekend, so a perfect treat for Mum! Tickets just \$21.

Arts Inc. Heretaunga

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

'To the Water - Ki te Wai' - Mark Simpson

NOW - 8 MAY
 Recent artworks contemplating Water - Wai. Water can be bitter, can be sweet, heavy and light. Transparent and reflective, it hides and uncovers. Plentiful, yet scarce. Longed for. Searched for.

Rocket Engine and Stuff - Greg Sims

NOW - 8 MAY
 Alongside a prototype engine plan, this show features maps, Trojan Horse and fish.

Hawke's Bay Live Poets

10 MAY | 7PM - \$5 DOOR CHARGE
 Guest Live Poet Night. Open mic, one poem each followed by guest poet Michael O'Leary. MC Jeremy Roberts.

'Colour My World' - Creative Fibre Hawke's Bay

10 MAY - 22 MAY
 Biennial exhibition and sale of all things fibre, made by members from clubs between Mahia and Takapau. Garments, scarves, felting, weaving, knitted, crocheting, works of art, and more!

'Wild South Seas - & Other Landscapes' - Graham Stichbury

24 MAY - 5 JUNE
 Landscape artist Graham Stichbury, painting in accentuated realism in oils, presents imagined seascapes. About 15 other actual East Coast landscapes will sit alongside these 'Wild South Seas'.

'Mask Up' - Creative Mask Challenge 2021

24 MAY - 5 JUNE
 The Creative Mask Challenge 2021 will be displaying works by children from Year 3 to Year 8. Three categories - with prizes awarded for first prize and runner up in each. A must see!

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

Hawke's Bay Marathon
 15 MAY
 Close to 8000 participants will be out and about enjoying some of the best of Hawke's Bay's stunning scenery. More info at www.hawkesbaymarathon.co.nz

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.