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My Hastings

Keep up with what's happening in Hastings District



Time to smell the roses

**Sunday,
21 November**



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IT'S FLAXMERE'S TIME

**MY VOICE
MY CHOICE**

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WHAT'S ON

Message from the mayor



Finding the best way to represent our community has been a key focus for our council over the last few months, and on October 14 we finalised our proposal to be sent to the Local Government Commission.

If it's approved, this would see a single Māori ward for the entire district, called Takitimu, an increase in the number of councillors from 14 to 15, and make some minor boundary changes to the existing five wards that otherwise will remain the same.

After we introduced Māori wards earlier this year, we were required to review our councillor structure to ensure all views and issues were considered, and that any proposal was fair for the individuals and communities of interest council represents across our large and diverse district.

There was strong community support for a Māori ward and the need for better representation of Māori around the council table, and we've been through a very thorough process to get to this point.

I want to thank those people that made submissions, which we considered carefully before adopting our final proposal.

In the submissions, concerns were raised about representation for Flaxmere where it's proposed to have one rather than two councillors for this ward.

Our council is very committed through our Long Term Plan to make ongoing investments into Flaxmere, this is embedded in our planning and policy across housing, facilities and parks.

We also have a passionate Flaxmere Planning Committee who are dedicated to implementing these plans for Flaxmere.

While the proposal provides strong representation for Flaxmere through the ward councillor and the Takitimu ward councillors, for whom a third of their constituents live in Flaxmere, we still want to look at other options for a stronger voice for the suburb.

We will be investigating establishing a Flaxmere standing or subcommittee, and other opportunities for strengthening the representation and voice for the Flaxmere community, and have asked staff to come back with a recommendation in February next year.

Some submitters also raised the importance of younger people entering local government as elected representatives.

This is a valid concern and we need to be looking at other ways to attract these candidates to local government and make it affordable and sustainable for them.

Conducting these reviews is very important and is never an easy process, but we think we have found a solution that will work for Hastings Heretaunga for the future, and most importantly for the first time in our district's history, will include a strong Māori voice around the council table.

We now await the Local Government Commission's decision due by April next year.

Sandra Hazlehurst
Hastings mayor



New generation New World supermarket coming to Flaxmere

A new supermarket for Flaxmere has been on the community's wish list for years, and now the time has come.

Foodstuffs North Island and Hastings District Council are pleased to announce that a brand-new retail complex, which includes a new generation New World supermarket and retail shops, will be built by Foodstuffs North Island on vacant land behind the village shops.

Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst said the development was hugely exciting for Flaxmere.

"The timing couldn't be better – Flaxmere is set to grow over coming years with all the new homes being built, and it sits within the wider strategy we have for our Fabulous Flaxmere that's been in motion over the past 10 years – its housing, amenities, facilities and parks.

"It's Flaxmere's time – we're delighted the day has come that we can announce a new-much needed supermarket is on its way."

Flaxmere councillors Henare O'Keefe and Peleti Oli said the desire to have a new supermarket for Flaxmere had been talked about for many years.

"It's great to now be able to give the community something tangible – with all the challenges

of COVID, this is an encouraging and inspiring development," Mr O'Keefe said.

Foodstuffs North Island chief executive Chris Quin, said it had been a privilege for the company being a part of the Flaxmere community and that it was exciting to be investing in its future and people.

"Providing great value, amazing fresh food and excellent customer service is our top priority. Flaxmere is a busy and diverse community, so we'll be putting a lot of thought into making sure we have all the right things in the store, at the right prices and ready to go, whatever the need or occasion," Mr Quin said.

The new New World will be larger than the nearby existing store, and will provide employment and career opportunities for up to 80 locals including experts in fresh foods, produce, butchery, bakery, seafood and deli.

It's estimated it will take about three years to design and construct the new supermarket and retail complex, which would see it up and running by mid-2024.

New skate plaza design revealed

The design of Flaxmere's new skate plaza has been unveiled – and the artist's impressions look fantastic!

The concepts were developed after consultation with more than 200 skateboarders, scooterers, school students, parents and Flaxmere residents.

Closely involved was a working group made up of students from each of the schools in Flaxmere. They canvassed wider groups of students on everything from the jumps and ramps, to safety, artwork and seating, then worked with top Kiwi skate facility designer Richard Smith on how the plaza would look and function. 'Skater-dads' were also integral to the design process.

The designs are now up on display in Flaxmere Park, in the foyer of the Flaxmere Community Centre, and on social media.

Just before the designs went public, the student working group was treated to a 'sneak peak' in Council chambers.

They were more than happy. A chorus of 'awesomes' followed their first look at the 3D video presentation.

Irongate School's Arkys Ngarotata, 13, said the students could clearly see the impact of their input. "It was a thrill to see what the new skatepark will look like and see how the planning we did is part of that."

High on the list of the working group's priorities



was that the skate plaza reflect Flaxmere's culture so a group of local artists has been invited to work together on the art work. That process will be ongoing over the next few months, ahead of an expected start on construction mid-next year.

The skate plaza site, in Flaxmere Park on the corner of Henderson Rd and Swansea Rd, was selected for its high visibility (a proven deterrent to anti-social behaviour), and its proximity to the playground, public toilets and drinking fountain. Public consultation confirmed that it was the most popular site for the facility.

The new skate plaza replaces the existing skate bowl behind Flaxmere Village, which is being removed to make way for residential and commercial development.

Take a ramble in the roses

The Frimley Park rose gardens are in bloom, and to celebrate the occasion Rose Sunday will be taking place on Sunday, November 7.

The event has been hosted by the Hastings Rose Society, and supported by the Hastings District Council, for many years, and will go ahead if the region is still at Alert Level 2 with restrictions on numbers and physical distancing measures in place.

As well as enjoying the gardens and chatting to Rose Society members, there would be entertainment provided by the Twin City Stompers, a coffee cart, ice-creams, along with children's entertainment.

The Frimley Rose Garden, the design of which was based on Kew Gardens in England, was first opened on Sunday, November 26, 1967.

Starting with 4000 rose bushes, it is now home to more than 5500 and is widely known as an "Old English" park, which includes a number of historic trees.

The gates will open at 11am, and there will be live music from 12pm to 3pm.

This event will be cancelled if the region moves to COVID Alert Level 3.



The HazMobile is back

It's spring-cleaning time! Dig out used oil, chemicals, car batteries and fuels, cleaning products, paints and pesticides and drop them off for free at the annual HazMobile collection to be held on Sunday, November 21.

Each year, Hastings and Napier councils provide this free hazardous waste service.

You will need to book a spot on the council website www.hastingsdc.govt.nz. Search #HazMobile and complete the online booking form - only people who book will be able to use the service. You will be advised of the collection location once you have registered. Making the event by registration enables us to manage numbers effectively and process the waste items efficiently.

Bookings will be open from October 28.

Under COVID Alert Level 3 and 4 restrictions, the collection will be cancelled.

Should we extend parking time limits in our city centre?



During our Long-Term Plan consultation, some of you asked for longer parking time limits in our city centre.

In response, we're considering adding one hour to these time limits so you can park for up to two hours. Normal hourly fees and P5, P15 and Loading Zones would still apply.

But first, Council wants to hear your thoughts.

Should we extend city centre time limits?

If so, should we do this on all city centre streets or just some?

Should the time limit for Heretaunga St remain at 1 hour?

Go to www.myvoicemychoice.co.nz to fill out the form online or visit Council's Customer Service Centre on Lyndon Rd East to fill out a paper form.

Feedback closes Friday, November 26, 2021.

Small fee increases at Aquatics Hastings pools

Aquatics Hastings will be introducing small price increases ranging from 50c to \$1 at all four Hastings pools to help cover increased operational costs.

The increases will apply to the facilities at Flaxmere, Clive, Frimley and Havelock North, starting from November 1.

A small increase to the cost of Learn to Swim programmes will be introduced from February 1, 2022.

Fee increases:	CURRENT PRICING	NEW PRICING FROM NOV 1
CASUAL RATES		
Child under 5	\$1.00	No change
Child 5-17	\$3.50	\$4.00
Adult	\$4.50	\$5.00
Pensioner	\$3.50	\$4.00
AquaFit	\$6.00	\$7.00
AQUA CARD		
Child under 5	\$1.00	No change
Child 5-17	\$3.00	\$3.50
Adult	\$4.00	\$4.50
Pensioner	\$3.00	\$3.50
AquaFit	\$6.00	\$7.00
AquaFit Pensioner	\$5.50	\$6.00
Super Gold card	\$1.00	No change
Learn to Swim	\$11.00	\$12.00 (from Feb 1, 2022)

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...

NOVEMBER 2021

FREE 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 Talks:

It is with regret that we have to cancel the remainder of the 2021 programme. Covid regulations have impinged again and it is with hope that our efforts are rewarded with no Hawke's Bay cases. Thank you all so much for your patronage this year and we will be in touch with the 2022 situation when we can. Best regards from the Landmarks Team

Flaxmere Community Centre



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

NOVEMBER

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 4.45-5pm for Kaumatua, 5-6pm for general public.

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

Camberley Community Centre



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

NOVEMBER

MON: Line Dancing 11-11.45am; Nourished for Nil 3.00-4.00pm **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;

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

Heretaunga Womens Centre



Women's Rest Building, Cnr. Russell & Eastbourne Streets
P. (06) 878 5401

SuperGrans Heretaunga – Mentoring Support



MONDAY-FRIDAY | 9AM - 4PM
HERETAUNGA WOMENS CENTRE

The Heretaunga Women's Centre is the provider of SuperGrans for the Hawke's Bay region. SuperGrans is a free service for any woman over the age of 18 years old who would like support in developing life skills. Our mentors are women of all ages who walk alongside and support women in a range of areas such as budgeting, cooking, growing food, employment support and more. If you are interested in our programme, please contact the Centre on 06 8785401 or email services@hwc.nz. We look forward to hearing from you.

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

Larisse Hall: Of the Essence



NOW – 14 NOVEMBER

Larisse Hall explores the value of time within an everyday context. Deconstructing our notions of the traditional 2-D painting to create an immersive participatory version of the self-portrait.

Ayesha Green: To the best of my Knowledge



NOW – 28 NOVEMBER

This exhibition looks at the visual language and history of Native Schooling in New Zealand with a focus on Hukarere Girls' College, founded in 1875 and located in Hawke's Bay.

Out of the Shadows: a print journey with Carole Shepherd and friends



NOW – 5 DECEMBER

Carole Shepherd is a well-known figure in the arts landscape of Aotearoa New Zealand, in 2002 appointed an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for her services to the arts.

Made you look: Kaye McGarva



30 OCTOBER – 30 JANUARY 2022

Kaye McGarva plays with shadows creating trompe-l'oeil paintings of creases and folds with the intention of challenging the spectator's perception. Her work is about the act of looking, creating uncertainty and provoking a physical sensation associated with seeing something familiar but strange.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Interactive Wall: Mana Wāhine



NOW – 28 NOVEMBER

Draw an important woman in your life with our fun new interactive wall, Mana Wāhine!

Art for Tots

MON 1 NOVEMBER 10.30AM – 11.30AM

A fun art experience for under-fives, consisting of playful art conversations or whimsical storytelling and hands-on art making. The theme of this session is inspired by Ayesha Green: To the best of my Knowledge exhibition. Koha, booking required.

Hastings Sports Centre



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

Tumbling Tots

TERM 4: STARTING BACK 27 OCTOBER

3, 10, 17, 24 November

For children aged 12 months (or crawling) to 5 years. 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 or call (06) 878 0051.

Fundamental Skills Programme

TERM 4: STARTING BACK 29 OCTOBER

3, 10, 17, 24 NOVEMBER

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. Fridays at 10am, cost \$5 per student. For more information visit www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/hsc or call (06) 878 0051.

Arts Inc. Heretaunga



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

'April Fools'

9 – 13 NOVEMBER | 6.00PM – 7.25PM

KEIRUNGA THEATRE – PUFFLET ROAD HAVELOCK NORTH

The Hawke's Bay Arts Festival and Hawke's Bay Youth Theatre presents a powerful work of verbatim theatre, written by Australian playwright David Burton. Described as charming, intelligent, ambitious and honourable, Toowoomba teenager Kristjan Terauds, died on April Fool's Day 2009 after complications from illegal drug use. Carefully supported and guided by directors Peter Cottrell and Champa J. Maciel, the actors of Hawke's Bay Youth Theatre are proud to share this deeply human experience and invite you to actively participate in this discussion with the rangatahi of our community. Adults: \$29.00 Concession: \$24.00

Kaiao

1 – 20 NOVEMBER

106 RUSSELL ST STH, HASTINGS

Te Wananga o Aotearoa Maunga Kura Toi Bachelor of Māori Arts graduands are excited to present KAIAO a "living exhibition" There will be no official opening. Students will be working on their final artworks for their graduation 2021daily (except Sundays).

Christmas Bazaar 2021

23 NOVEMBER – 24 DECEMBER

106 RUSSELL ST STH, HASTINGS

Much awaited Hawke's Bay Annual Arts & Crafts Sale. Unique and innovative gifts made in Hawke's Bay. Wrap up Christmas with something for everyone!

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

Cole Murray Cape Kidnappers Trail Run / Walk

13 NOVEMBER

The course is set on private land and includes trails by windswept beaches, native forest, waterfalls, river gorges and stunning coastal farmland. If you haven't been to Te Kauwae-a-Maui / Cape Kidnappers before, you don't know what you're missing - the views are simply spectacular! Participants have the option of completing 32km, 21.1km, 15km or 5km. Go to www.apekidnapperstrailrun.co.nz/ for more information.



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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