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**ANNUAL PLAN
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**SUPPORTING
OUR YOUTH**

Message from the mayor



There is so much happening to make Hastings district an even greater place and we are proud to bring the community this year's draft Annual Plan, delivering on our priorities.

It is exciting this year to see the completion of one of Hastings' most ambitious ever projects – the upgrade of all of our drinking water networks to provide Hastings residents with a safe, resilient drinking water supply. We will celebrate the completion of the Frimley and central city water storage and treatment plants (Waiaroha), and the completion of the small communities water supply upgrades.

We are committed to our focus on housing, while protecting our valuable growing lands. Through our Hastings Place-Based housing plan and working with our partners, we are well on the way to delivering more than 1600 homes for our people: papakāinga, social housing, homes for first home buyers, and private development.

One of the significant projects in our plan, provided it has community support, is the proposed purchase of the Tōmoana Showgrounds. The A&P Society, which has owned the property for more than 100 years, is preparing the sell the property. If Council purchases the showgrounds, it will be protected as a park for all time.

We will continue to invest in our existing parks and reserves, with new and refurbished playgrounds in the plan. Our city's vibrancy is a priority, with the continuation of projects that make our urban shopping areas bright, beautiful and vibrant. The grand re-opening of the redeveloped Municipal Buildings and the new Quest Hotel will be particular highlights this year.

There is no doubt the impact of COVID restrictions have been felt by many in our community, but there is reason for optimism. Despite the challenges, our economy is performing well, particularly our primary sector and our tourism sector. People from across New Zealand are finding out just how wonderful Hastings is and flocking here to visit!

To support our economy, the region's councils are proposing to establish a Hawke's Bay Regional Economic Development entity. This agency would work with industry to develop training and job initiatives, attract skilled workers to our region, and support both start-up and existing businesses.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our team of committed, visionary councillors, our hardworking staff, and our community partners.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts on the Annual Plan, which is open for consultation until May 16.

Ngā mihi

Sandra Hazlehurst
Mayor of Hastings

Hastings gearing up to welcome international visitors

With the Government announcement confirming New Zealand will open its borders in May, the Hastings i-SITE is preparing to welcome international visitors with lots of exciting changes and improvements underway.

Notably the recent appointment of James McMenamin as the new i-SITE and Visitor Experience manager. This role had been inactive within the Hastings i-SITE for the last two years due to the COVID-19 downturn, however, his appointment signals the start of positive change and growth for tourism within the Hastings CBD and wider district.

For the past nine years Mr McMenamin has been the Assistant Manager at Cape Kidnappers Luxury Lodge – The Farm, and he brings a wealth of tourism knowledge, customer service experience and a wide number of international contacts.

Further strengthening Hastings' tourism and promotion capabilities is the appointment of Vicky Roebuck to the position of Hastings District Council marketing and brand lead.

With more than eight years spent with Hawke's Bay Tourism, and five years as a marketing, PR and communications consultant specialising in tourism, food, wine and events, she also brings extensive experience.

Council group manager marketing, communications and engagement Naomi Fergusson said she

was delighted to announce these new appointments and saw them as another important step in the promotion of Hastings.

"Hastings district and the city centre have gone from strength to strength in recent years and there are more great developments in the pipeline. We are excited to leverage these opportunities for our district and local businesses, and further support the great work done at a national level by Hawke's Bay Tourism."

Mid-year, the Hastings i-SITE will relocate to the Municipal Building on Heretaunga Street East alongside a host of other exciting tenants who will be revealed in the coming weeks.

Currently in the final stages of development, the Municipal Building is the last piece of the Toitōi - Hawke's Bay Arts & Event Centre project. Its completion will mark a major milestone in the Toitōi redevelopment project which has also included the earthquake-strengthening and refurbishment of the Opera House and redevelopment of the former Plaza into the multi-use space - Functions on Hastings.

The Hastings i-SITE is currently open six days a week in its Westermans Building location and offers visitor services, bookings and tickets, and a large array of retail souvenirs.



James McMenamin is the new Hastings i-SITE and Visitor Experience manager.

Are you ready for the Local Elections 2022 - Ngā Pōtinga ā-Rohe 2022?

Our next local elections are held on Saturday, October 8 2022 by postal vote.

How can I vote?

You can only vote in local elections if you are enrolled on the NZ Parliamentary electoral roll. If you are enrolled, you will receive an election enrolment pack in late June/early July by post. Enrolling or updating your details (for example if you moved house) is easy.

- Do it online via www.vote.nz
- Call 0800 367656, a 24-hour Freephone number, or
- Freetext your name and address to 3676 to get a form sent to you in the mail.

If you are of Māori descent and enrolling for the first time, you have an important choice to make. You need to decide which electoral roll you want to be on: the Māori roll or the general roll.

In 2021, Hastings District Council decided to introduce Māori ward/s for the 2022 and 2025 local elections. For voters of Māori descent this means: if you're on the Māori Parliamentary Electoral Roll, you will vote for candidates for a Council Māori ward. If you're on the General Parliamentary electoral roll, you will vote for candidates for a Council general ward.

For more information on the 2022 local elections visit www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/elections.

Local Elections 2022 Timeline

15 JUL		Nominations open for candidates & Electoral roll opens for inspection
12 AUG		Nominations close at 12 noon & Electoral roll closes
17 AUG		Public notice of election and candidates' names
16 - 21 SEP		Voting papers delivered to households
16 SEP - 8 OCT		Voting period (including special voting)
8 OCT		Election day - voting closes at 12 noon Preliminary results (available as soon as practicable after voting closes)
14 - 19 OCT		Official results declared



Anzac lighting

To celebrate Anzac Day this year, a special Poppy Projection light show will be installed, displaying colourful imagery onto the back of the Hastings library in the evenings.

This will be taking place from April 19 to 26. The projector will be on from 5.30pm to 1am – and from 5am to 7.30am each day.

Find out more about Anzac Day activities in Hastings on the council website and check out the back page for other ways to get involved at home.

Mahi for Youth – providing pathways to employment

Since its inception in 2017, the Mahi for Youth team has engaged with 744 rangatahi and placed 385 into sustainable employment or education. The outcome was an innovative connector model.

This year marks five years since Council started its Mahi for Youth programme – designed to help our district's young people into employment, education and, training – and it's going from strength to strength.

The programme came about in response to Hastings' (and wider Hawke's Bay's) high rate of youth Not in Employment, Education or, Training (NEETs).

In 2016, the NEET rate was 17.4 per cent, compared to 11.3 percent nationally. That figure made Hawke's Bay

one of the top four youth unemployment regions in New Zealand. As of 2020 this NEET rate had dropped to 14.7 per cent.

Council recognised that more support was required to support our rangatahi into employment and to realise their true potential.

So research began into whether, through the Youth Futures Trust, Council could co-ordinate or provide a solution. The outcome was an innovative connector model.



Connector model

The connector model sees 'connectors' supporting each rangatahi, providing them with the pastoral care required to help them into sustainable employment, or education and/ or training - things like helping them decide which field they want to work in and preparing a CV, sitting their driver's licence, opening a bank account and just being there to listen.

At the same time connectors build relationships with employers and support them when they employ a rangatahi.

It's a full, holistic, wrap-around support service for rangatahi aged 16-24 looking to enhance their future employment or education.

Hastings District Council manager community development Dennise Elers said a lot of what's needed is really listening to our rangatahi, understanding what's happening for them right now and what support our connectors can give them so that they can be ready to attend an interview

"We are the connector between employers and young people, supporting young people to find jobs or training, and working with employers to identify and understand their needs and supporting them when we place a rangatahi into their organisation or business.

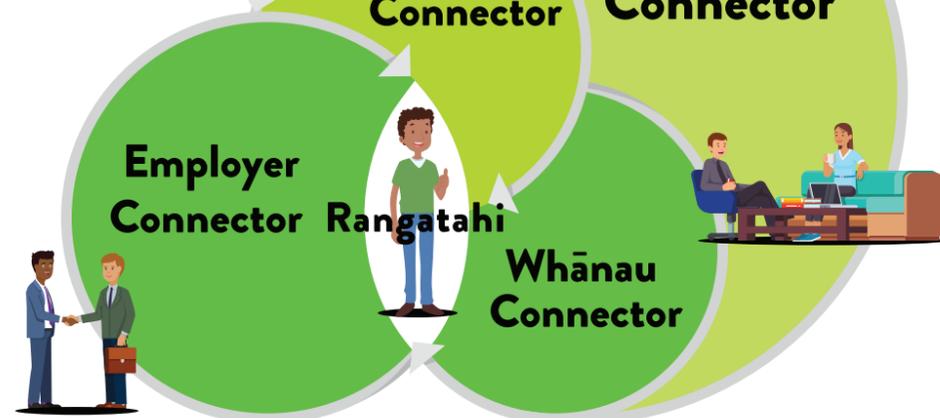
"We have a wide range of employers on board now – from construction to trucking to horticulture to social services – they are fantastic and it's great to be able to support them to take on our young people."

The success of the programme has been recognised by Central Government. Since 2020 it has contributed funding towards the programme through the He Poutama Rangatahi fund (HPR).

A further measure of success is the continued willingness by MBIE to fund the programme (\$1.3m over three years), alongside Hastings District Council (\$293,000 a year) and strong on-going relationships with other partners, including MSD and Eastern and Central Community Trust.

HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Youth
Employment
Connector
Model**



Mahi for Youth pop-up and caravan (Te Waka Eke Noa)

Fitting out a youth-friendly Mahi for Youth pop-up shop in the centre of the city that was bright and inviting (like the connectors!) was one of the first initiatives of the programme.

This is a welcoming place based in the central city mall that young people can drop into during business hours on weekdays to chat to our friendly connectors and see what options are available to them.

In 2021, the Te Waka Eke Noa caravan was launched allowing the team to travel and connect with young people across the Hastings district, including the smaller villages and rural communities.

Dewald's story

Dewald Botha, 19, was in a bit of a slump before he reached out to Mahi for Youth and found a new job and direction in life.



After leaving school a few weeks into Year 13, he found work on an orchard and did that for a couple of years, but things weren't really working out for him.

"I was sitting around and then heard about Mahi for Youth – the hardest thing was going into the pop-up in town, but they helped me so much from there."

Dewald sat down with one of the Youth Connectors and they had a bit of a chat and went over his CV.

From there they enrolled him into several courses – a forklift course, a first aid course, and a defensive driving course.

"They were all for free, and I will be getting my full driver's licence next month!" said Dewald.

About a month after he first went in, they heard about a job at Re-Source, a charity run by volunteers that collects donations of household, clothing and other items, and then redistributes them to others who need them.

Now, eight months on, Dewald is working about 30 hours a week - driving the van, collecting and dropping off donations, and helping with the heavy lifting. He is also undertaking his Level 3 NCEA studies through Te Kura online school.

"I've had some personal challenges but the team at Mahi for Youth were keen as to help, and this job is great, I feel like I'm helping people."

Council's partner agencies are instrumental in the success of the programme. These include Ministry of Social Development, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, City Assist, other HPR providers, Te Ikaroa Rangatahi Social Services, Youth Aid and Youth Services providers and agencies in Hastings.

highly commended



Mahi for Youth's success was recognised in 2021 when it was highly commended in the LGNZ EXCELLENCE Awards under the Kāinga Ora Homes and Communities category for social wellbeing.

Lives changed through horses and Polo

Polo's known as the Sport of Kings, but a grassroots programme in Hastings is making the game accessible to more than just royalty – and changing lives as a result.

Birchleigh Polo School is the brainchild of Richard Kettle, and at his property in Pakipaki he's taking young people who need a helping hand, teaching them how to ride horses and engage in the game of polo, giving them skills and confidence that benefit all aspects of their lives.

The programme was one of this year's recipients of a Hastings District Council single-year community grant – awarded to support organisations and individuals who are making a difference to the lives of others in the community, and generally increasing wellbeing.

Mr Kettle said the Birchleigh Polo School had been running for more than 10 years now, offering students at Flaxmere College and Hastings Girls' High School challenges and opportunities they wouldn't usually have the chance to experience.



"We take young people who the schools put forward who might be struggling in the school environment, or just need a helping hand, and they are taught everything about horses from the ground up - how to treat and respect them, discover what they give back in return, general life skills, plus the chance to learn the game of Polo, which in itself presents them with out of their comfort zone challenges."

He said over the years, those taking part had come out with increased skills and confidence, making them better students at school and all-round better family and community members.

Teachers from the schools and whānau were also involved, and it was really rewarding when whānau came along to watch them in action and cheer them along, he said.

Some of the students carried on in the sport, either as grooms, or players – one student from Flaxmere College, Hugh Moss, gained his handicap last year.

Applications for this year's single community grant funding round opened on March 22 for projects starting in July this year, and closes on May 7.

Go to www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/hastings/grants/community-grants-fund/ to find out more on how to apply.

Have your say on Transforming Recycling

The Ministry for the Environment is undertaking a consultation on proposed changes to recycling and waste collections and the proposed changes will impact all of us.



Introducing a Container Return Scheme

This scheme would add a 20c refundable deposit to all drink containers apart from fresh milk bottles at the point of purchase.

This deposit would then be refunded when the drink container is returned to a collection point. These collection points are likely to be in supermarkets, some dairies and recycling centres.



Standardising household kerbside recycling with a mandatory food scraps collection

Hastings District Council would be required to add a food scraps collection to our kerbside services. This could mean an additional rates charge similar to that of recycling.

All Councils would be required to collect a standard set of recyclables in household kerbside recycling services. The proposal would not change what we do here in Hastings as it aligns with what we already collect: plastic 1, 2 & 5, cans, paper and cardboard and glass.



Managing business food waste

Businesses would need to provide space for one or more separate food waste bins and train staff to use them.

Businesses could choose what they do with their food scraps once separated.

Scraps could be used as stock food or turned into compost.

Some of the questions being asked:

- Do you think all containers, like pottles, tubs and trays should be part of the Container Return Scheme?
- Is 20c too high or low for the refundable container deposit?
- Do you support a food scrap collection, why or why not?

For more details and to fill out our survey go to www.myvoicemychoice.co.nz

Council is undertaking a community survey to feed into our formal submission on behalf of our District. Our quick survey is open until 9am Monday 11 April.

We appreciate your input. You can also submit individual feedback directly to the Ministry for the Environment before 11.59pm on 8 May 2022. Find the full consultation here: www.environment.govt.nz/news/transforming-recycling/

If you have any questions, please get in touch with our Waste Minimisation team via reducewaste@hdc.govt.nz.

Lots happening in our parks

Our parks are one of our district's most treasured assets and there's lots happening to enhance them over the coming months.



New playground at St Aubyn Reserve

A new playground backing onto St Aubyn Reserve is complete, featuring a range of fun equipment particularly suitable for younger children living in the area.

Nestled between the park and Hinau Street, this new neighbourhood playground is part of a 10-year programme of installations, upgrades and replacements to playgrounds across the district, and caters for pre-school to primary school aged kids.

This new space offers an oasis of entertainment including an undulating bike/scooter track, climbing frame with slides, a mock petrol pump, swings, a spinner, seating, drinking fountain, shade sails and landscaping.

Ron Georgi III playground upgrade

We're refreshing the playground at Ron Georgi III, which will include Flaxmere's first flying fox!

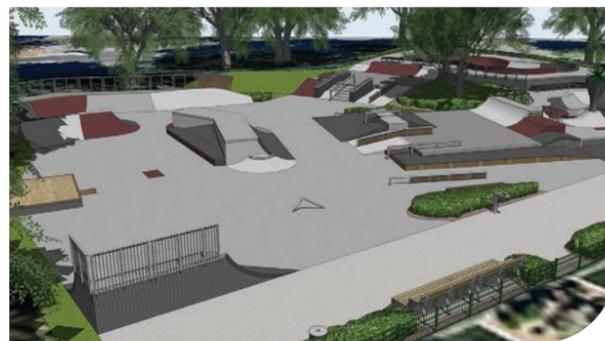
Last year, we asked local residents, students and park users what they wanted the new playground to include, and with these ideas in mind we've redesigned the area into a fun space for the whole whānau.

The playground area will include a flying fox, swings, climbing activities, a see-saw, spinner, play mound with double slide and scooter path.



We're also installing shade, seating and a drinking fountain.

The playground will be built later this year.



Flaxmere Skate Park build to start soon

The construction crew will roll into Flaxmere Park this month to start on the new skate plaza.

After the security fencing goes up drainage and power cables will be laid, before a start is made on the platform.

Pump track at Windsor Park

Our portable pump track has moved to its new temporary home at Windsor Park, where it will remain until June.

To coincide with the pump track opening and in response to many requests from the public, the refurbished toilets beside the Windsor Park sports fields are open from 12pm - 5pm daily.



Cornwall Park bird aviary

Work kicks off in May on the Cornwall Park aviary upgrade, the design based on expert advice from Massey University on the best conditions for the aviary birds.

Feedback from the community during the Cornwall Park Reserve Management Plan (RMP) consultation was that they wanted the aviary to remain, so the upgrade was included in the RMP adopted by Council in March 2019.

The two large parrots, Mate and Stevie Nicks, who used to live at the aviary, have spread their wings to their new SPCA-approved Northland home where they will remain.

This upgrade will focus on improving the existing aviary without changing the overall footprint.

It will include trees and plants for perching and foraging, and the partial partitions will be removed to allow the birds to have free flight runs.

Spray and mist features will be added to keep the birds cool in summer, and the wire mesh will be replaced and the floors repaired.

Recently mural artist Brandon Blair painted a green, natural themed mural on the lower concrete strip beneath the mesh.

The work is expected to take about six months.

Ancient and imagined fossil installation

Cornwall Park's native plant garden soon to have a discovery play area

- What if time and space became jumbled, how would known and imagined worlds be thrown together?
- What was Heretaunga like before humans arrived?
- What creatures and plant life thrived here?

These questions inspired two local artists' joint idea for a discovery area for children and whānau to explore, in Cornwall Park's native garden.

Linda Bruce, a tutor at Hawke's Bay's EIT Ideaschool, submitted the idea during the Cornwall Park Reserve Management Plan review in 2019. Her idea was for a discovery area focused on bringing together history, arts, culture, ecology and landscape.

She and Susan Mabin, a self-employed artist with a masters degree from EIT Ideaschool, have spent the past year creating sculptural artworks around these concepts and are now installing them.

The sculptors have created the works using known art materials of clay, concrete, wood, metal and resin. They have also incorporated recycled and repurposed materials: a mix of natural and manmade found objects.

More info and updates at www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/cornwallparkfossil

Hastings Youth Council 2022

Sixteen young people have been selected to represent Hastings' younger residents on this year's Hastings Youth Council.

Having the rangatahi voice heard and valued in council discussions was a common theme among those who applied for and were selected to the role as new or returning youth councillors.

Karamu High School student Lena Ormsby, 16, was selected as chair of the council and said she applied to join the council to be a voice for those who aren't often heard.

"I also wanted to be able to understand different youth perspectives to help achieve a better future for our community."

Hastings Girls' High School student, Aashmeen Jalaf, 17, said she's keen to address some of the key issues that youth in Hastings are affected by - including mental health and climate change.

"As a 2022 youth councillor, I'm also looking forward to getting to know much more of our youth community through some fun community events and activities throughout the year!"

Hastings councillor Wendy Schollum said she was excited to work alongside and mentor the Youth Council again in 2022.

"The Youth Council has gone from strength to strength over the past three years.

"From being a purely events-focused body, the Hastings Youth Council is now active participating in Council policy making, whether providing a youth perspective on council subcommittees, making formal submissions on behalf of Hastings' rangatahi during Council consultation, or by conveying their views in the media.

"This is a proactive group passionately advocating for youth interests, they're a real asset to decision-making across the organisation."



Back from left: Marcus Laiseni (HBHS), Jorja Earley (HGHS), Monte Timu (HBHS), Harry Wixon (Lindisfarne College), Riley Bogard-Allan (HBHS), Mackenzie Varco (HGHS), Esta Chaplin (Karamu HS), Aashmeen Jalaf (HGHS).

Front from left: William Duncan (Lindisfarne College), Thomas Jenson (St John's College), Bowen Steffert (HBHS), Lena Ormsby (Karamu HS), Nikki Mnyanyi (Woodford House), Eru Heke (Flaxmere College), Calais Byrne (Karamu HS).

Absent: Jackson McKay (HBHS) and Councillor Wendy Schollum.

Find out more about the youth council
www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/hastings/youth-services/youth-council/

What's on...

APRIL 2022

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

Hastings Landmarks History Talks

WAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY - CIVIC SQUARE
 As the evolving risks with Covid just keep rolling on, any planning for future talks is interrupted until conditions change. On a brighter note, the Hawke's Bay Knowledge Bank continues to record our locals' oral histories and they are well worth following. 'www.Hawkes Bay Knowledge Bank - Oral Histories' Keep safe all.

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

Inga Fillary: What's the Matter

12 MARCH - 6 JUNE

We live in a time of anxiety; constantly brought face-to-face with the real or speculative extinction of humankind. What's the Matter plays with psychic discomfort and damaged and shattered imagery.

Nikau Hindin: Kōkōrangī ki Kōkōwai

26 MARCH - 22 MAY

A journey in understanding Maramataka and traditional celestial navigation practices through the revitalisation of aute (traditional Māori barkcloth).

Star Waka

26 MARCH - 15 MAY

In this interactive exhibition, the waka and the stars symbolise the universe and the binding together of ira atua (the realm of the gods) and iratangata (the realm of humans). Create your own star to add to the installation.

Heretaunga Womens Centre

Women's Rest Building, Cnr. Russell & Eastbourne Streets
 P. (06) 878 5401
 More info: www.heretaungawomenscentre.nz

Hastings Sports Centre

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

Tumbling Tots

TERM 1: 6 APRIL

For children aged 12 months (or crawling) to 5 years. A 45 minute Skill based programme or 1hr self-supervised. \$5 per session.

Fundamental Skills Programme

TERM 1: 1ST & 8TH APRIL

Designed for young children with physical and/or learning difficulties, to help them develop their fundamental skills, build their confidence and self-reliance. \$5 per session.

Hastings Kiwi Seniors

TUESDAYS | 10.30AM - 11AM

Tailored for older adults but all ages welcome. Includes: Free style movements to music, resistance exercises along with balance movements to enhance body and mind. \$5 per session

Flaxmere Community Centre

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

Tai Chi For Beginners

MONDAYS | 9AM - 9.45AM

Entry level Tai Chi helps improve balance, and coordination. Also assists with the understanding of the basic concepts that will enable you to progress onto Tai Chi Advanced.

Kori Tīnana Mo Ngā Kaumātua Programme (Group Exercise Programme)

WEDNESDAYS | 9AM - 9.45AM

Group exercise for fitness, wellbeing and social contact specifically tailored for our over 50's.

Toitōi - Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre

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

Please refer to the Toitōi website for information on upcoming programmes and events:
www.toitovenues.co.nz or @toitovenues on both Facebook and Instagram.

Camberley Community Centre

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

Sit and Be Fit

TUESDAYS | 1PM - 1.45PM

A seated exercise programme suitable for older adults to assist with building balance and strength.

Tai Chi For Beginners

THURSDAYS | 1PM - 1.45PM

Entry level Tai Chi helps improve balance, and coordination. Also assists with the understanding of the basic concepts that will enable you to progress onto Tai Chi Advanced.

Kori Tīnana Mo Ngā Kaumātua Programme (Group Exercise Programme)

FRIDAYS | 9AM - 10AM

Group exercise for fitness, wellbeing and social contact specifically tailored for our over 50's.

Arts Inc. Heretaunga

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

Events & Activities in the Hastings District

Hawke's Bay Farmers Market Easter Egg Trail

3, 10, 17 APRIL

TŌMOANA SHOWGROUNDS HAWKE'S BAY, KENILWORTH ROAD, HASTINGS

Entry forms at Info Stall, 8.30am-12.30pm. Complete the trail to enter the draw for great prizes kindly donated by stallholders. www.hawkesbayfarmersmarket.co.nz.

Hop Hop Hop

15-18 APRIL

Hunt for 8 hidden eggs around the CBD to be in for a chance to win a private cinema experience for you and your friends to watch The Bad Guys. More info at: www.hastingscity.co.nz.

The Kiwi Walk & Run Series

9 APRIL

The TSB Vineyard Trail is hosted at the stunning Black Barn Vineyard in Havelock North. A mix of trails through the vines, a climb to see some incredible views and farm trails. More info at: www.kiwiwalkrun.co.nz/event/vineyardtrail/

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 traffic light changes

Draft Annual Plan

- Have your say



Submissions opened on April 2 for people to give feedback on the draft 2022/23 Annual Plan that will guide Council's work over the next 12 months.

This will include the completion of one of Hastings' biggest ever projects – the upgrade of all of our drinking water networks, providing Hastings residents with a safe, resilient drinking water supply.

Council will also continue to be focused on building more homes for our people, and is supporting housing intensification within our urban boundaries in order to protect our highly valued, fertile growing soils.

A major project that is new in this draft Annual Plan is the potential purchase of the Tōmoana Showgrounds. Council would particularly like to hear your views on this proposal. The A&P Society, which has owned the property for more than 100 years, is preparing the sell the property. If Council purchases the property, it will be protected as a park for all time. The purchase would be loan-funded, meaning it would be paid for over the decades ensuring the financial load does not fall just on today's residents.

Council continues to invest in our parks and reserves, and over the coming year will be installing and upgrading more playgrounds, including in Lyndhurst, Whakatū, Te Awanga and Flaxmere. The new skate plaza will be built at Flaxmere Park, and the two new 10-year Reserve Management Plans for Eskdale Park and Frimley Park finished, based on the comprehensive input provided by our communities.

In Hastings city centre itself, investment in the Hastings Alive! project continues, revitalising the city to create more appeal and activity for residents and visitors alike, making our city a wonderful place to gather and shop.

Core roading infrastructure is another key element of the investment plan to support the ongoing growth of our economy and wellbeing of our people.

A new proposed area of investment is the establishment of a new Regional Economic Development entity for Hawke's Bay. This will ensure we can make the most of the opportunities to support the ongoing development of our business and tourism industries, strengthening our local economy through training and job initiatives, talent attraction, start-up support and more, all

within an overarching strategy that works in partnership with iwi to empower our community and promote the Hawke's Bay brand.

RATING IMPACT

The budget for the year required some adjustment to add capability to advance the Council's response to growth pressures.

Other areas of adjustment related to escalating insurance costs, increasing maintenance costs, investment in our information technology systems and an enhanced focus on environmental pollution.

In addition, the proposed formation of a new Regional Economic Development entity has added some cost to the forecast LTP budget.

Despite these additional cost pressures, the Council has managed to keep the overall rates increase to 6.4% (as forecast in the Long Term Plan) through a range of savings and funding adjustments.

If the proposal to purchase the Tōmoana Showgrounds went ahead it would add 0.17% to the overall base rate increase of 6.4% in the 2022/23 financial year, and a further 0.15% in the following financial year (2023/24).

HOW TO HAVE YOUR SAY

A copy of the Draft Annual Plan, Draft Development Contributions Policy and Long Term Plan 2021-2031 along with information on making a submission is available from:

Hastings District Council Service Centre, Lyndon Road East or your local library.

- You can also phone 871 5000 to have a copy posted to you.
- Or view the plans on our consultation website www.myvoicemychoice.co.nz

Submissions close on May 16. Submission hearings start June 6 and Council will adopt the final Annual Plan for 2022/23 on June 20.

Your local representatives



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



NICK DAWSON



SUE MAXWELL



JONATHAN STOCKLEY



MARCUS BUDDO

Positions of Office

SANDRA HAZLEHURST
Mayor

TANIA KERR – MOHAKA WARD
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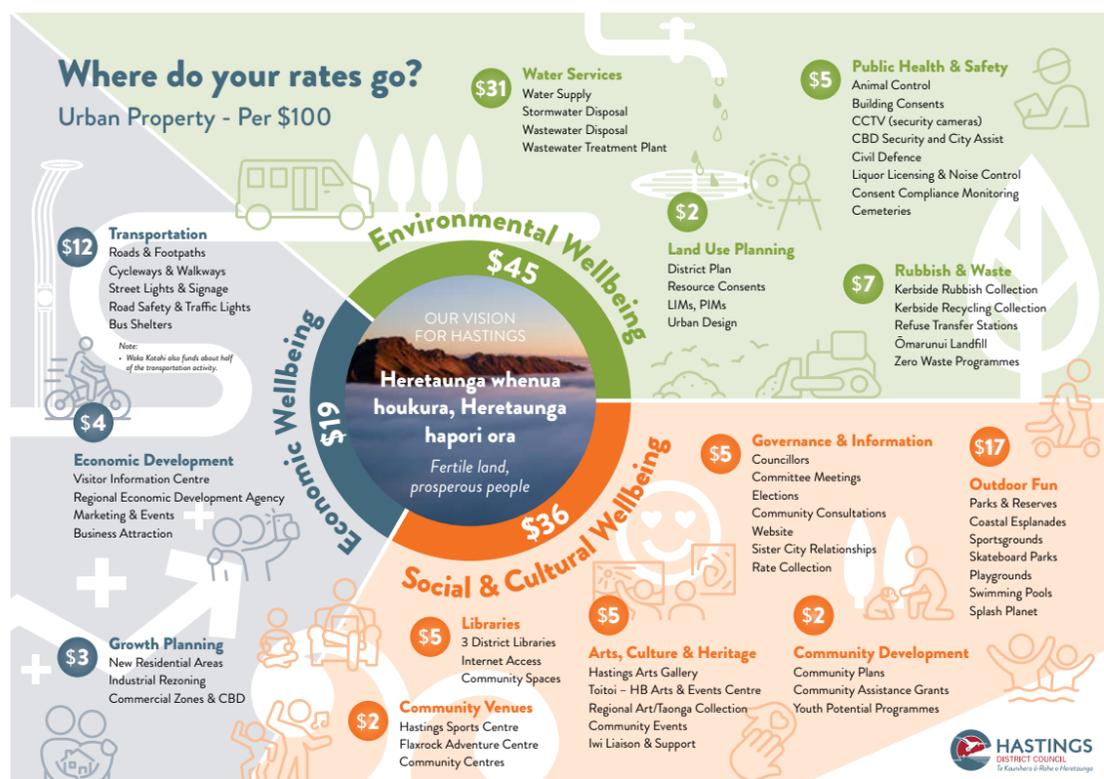
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ANZAC DAY 25 APRIL 2022

What are **POPPY PLACES**?

Poppy Places are part of the Places of Remembrance project which ensures we never forget. It is about a place where our heroes' contributions and their stories are linked to the physical via the simple placement of a poppy. Many of our street names and places are directly related to people and events from overseas military history, which is often known to only a small and shrinking number of citizens. By using the Poppy (an internationally known symbol) to mark these places, those that pass by will see the Poppy and be reminded every time of ANZAC.

Find out if your neighbourhood has a **POPPY PLACE**

Throughout Hastings and Havelock North, there are street signs that feature a poppy. Can you find one in your neighbourhood? Can you learn why the street is one of our Poppy Places – what is the story behind the name? Head to www.poppyplaces.nz to find out!

COMMEMORATE ANZAC DAY AT HOME THIS YEAR:

- ▶ BAKE ANZAC COOKIES
- ▶ CREATE A POPPY WREATH
- ▶ DECORATE YOUR FRONT WINDOW OR LETTERBOX WITH OUR CUT-OUT POPPIES
- ▶ VISIT A POPPY PLACE IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD



CUT ME OUT - PUT ME IN A WINDOW

