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# My Hastings

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to be jolly...



YEAR IN REVIEW



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## Message from the mayor



As we approach the end of another busy year, there's much to be excited about for our district – Heretaunga Hastings is on a roll.

I am incredibly proud of our community – it's been an extraordinarily challenging two years with COVID, but despite that our people are doing amazing things across all sectors of our wonderful district.

Our council has continued to focus on the key aspirations set out in our Long Term Plan 2021-31, reflecting the priorities our community has told us are important.

We are delighted to welcome our six new councillors for the coming term who we know will add to the experience, skills and expertise of our returning councillors for the year ahead.

A real highlight is that after five years we are on the cusp of completing our extensive drinking water upgrades that will deliver safe, reliable drinking water to our communities.

By the middle of next year, we will be celebrating the completion of the entire project and the opening of Waiaroha - what we believe to be the first water education centre in the world that will tell the story of our water as it travels from the mountains to the sea.

Providing homes for our people continues to be a top focus, and while we are making great progress (four motels used for emergency housing have been vacated this year with people moved into homes) there is still much to do.

Our city centre is buzzing! We've enjoyed some wonderful events over the past few months such as the Blossom Festival and Taste Hastings, and with our entire Toitōi – Hawke's Bay Arts and Events Centre now fully open and up and running, there's even more to look forward to.

In the year ahead we will be turning our attention to the western side of the city, continuing our streetscape upgrades, and creating and encouraging opportunities for inner city living. There's increasing interest from new businesses keen to establish themselves in this part of the city, where there's potential for big changes and improvements in the next couple of years.

While there have been many projects and developments to celebrate this year, there's no doubt we have challenges ahead, including national reforms to Three Waters and Local Government.

As a council we are focused on what's best for our community, and with the diversity of talent and experience we have among our councillors we will be putting our best foot forward in the interests of our district.

In the meantime, with the easing of COVID restrictions we are so glad to be able to hold our Carols in Cornwall event this year – the perfect way to get into the festive spirit.

And there's lots of other exciting events lined up for summer for locals and visitors to enjoy.

Season's greetings to you and your whānau, I hope you have a wonderful Christmas, a Happy New Year and a fabulous summer.

Ngā mihi

**Sandra Hazlehurst**  
Mayor of Hastings

## Come meet Santa at Toitōi!



**toitōi**  
Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre

The team at Toitōi – Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre is looking ahead to the summer months, with an array of events and activities for everyone in the whānau in December and January.

Most importantly, though, for this time of year, local whānau can come meet Santa on Thursday and Friday evenings and Saturdays in December, in his grotto, which will be set up in the Tama Tūrangā Huata room, in Toitōi's Municipal Building.

Write and post your letters to Santa (either in English or te reo Māori), pop a gift under the Giving Tree for Women's Refuge, meet the big man and have a photo with him in Santa's Grotto, before he takes off to deliver treats to all the tamariki around Aotearoa. You can either take your photos on your phone, or get a polaroid snap for a koha.

Hana Koko is also welcoming tamariki and whānau to his low-sensory grotto, with no music and low lights, from 4pm till 7pm on Monday, December 12. Sensory-sensitive tamariki and whānau can also book a crowd-free spot with Santa from 10am till 2pm on Mondays, December 5 and 12.

**Santa will be in this grotto at Toitōi on Thursdays and Fridays in December, from 4pm till 7pm; and on Saturday, Dec 3, 10, and 17 from 11am till 3pm.**

**Bookings are essential for low-sensory sessions. For more information and to book, please phone 06 871 5289.**

## Carols in Cornwall

Cornwall Park will once again be filled to the brim with festive song and cheer this month with the welcome return of Carols in Cornwall.

This event had to be cancelled last year due to COVID restrictions, but happily can go ahead this year – an opportunity for the community to come together and get into the Christmas Spirit.

Bring your friends and family and gather in the beautiful surrounds of Cornwall Park for an evening of live musical performances, carol singing and more for all ages to enjoy.

There will be kids activities and plenty of fun to be had at the playground and splash pad.



Bring a picnic dinner, or grab something to eat from the food vendors that will be on site, and settle back to enjoy the entertainment.

**When:** Saturday, December 17, 4pm to 6pm

## Fiesta of Lights

This year's Fiesta of Lights will kick off on December 17 – lighting up Tōmoana Showgrounds Hawke's Bay with 56 dazzling light displays.

A favourite for all the family, 350,000 sparkling lights envelope lake-side walkways – taking visitors on a one-kilometre wonderland trail.

Rain or shine, the lights turn on at 9pm and the wonder begins for young and old - open every night, including Christmas night.

Food trucks and picnic tables are available and on New Year's Eve a fireworks display will delight and amaze.



**When:** Saturday, December 17, 2022 – Sunday, January 8, 2023. Open 9pm to 11pm every night.

**Where:** Showgrounds Hawke's Bay Tōmoana, Gate 3 Kenilworth Rd or Gate 4 Karamu Rd North. Free parking in the showgrounds.

**Entry:** \$7 individual, under-three free.

**Go to [www.fiestaoflights.co.nz](http://www.fiestaoflights.co.nz) for more information.**  
Hastings District Council is proud to support the Fiesta of Lights



## Christmas decorations, lights and more

Across Hastings, signs of Christmas are well and truly here with the annual decorations installed to bring some festive cheer.

New this year is an LED Christmas tree at the Warren St roundabout to accompany the regular ones in the city centre mall, Havelock North and Flaxmere.

The giant reindeer are back in Albert Square, and also at Albert Square from December 3 to December 22, a Santa's workshop-themed projected light display is on display from 7.30pm to 11pm each night.

The Hastings City Business Association has brought the festive fun to Hastings city centre with a 'Santa's Hastings Holiday' competition running until Sunday, December 18.

When out and about people can find Santa in eight different shop windows around town, then tell the Business Association what he's up to and what they want for Christmas and go in the draw to win their wishlist to the value of \$1000.

Forms to enter are available in participating shops, or enter online from the Business Association website, [www.hastingscity.co.nz](http://www.hastingscity.co.nz)

Paper forms can be posted in Santa's mailbox located in the city centre mall by the fountain.

There's also a chance to win instant spot prizes by scanning the QR codes on the Santas.

## Reduce waste this silly season

While it is a wonderful time of year, the holiday season can be pretty wasteful.

It's estimated that Kiwis send an extra 50,000 tonnes of waste to landfill the week after Christmas, which is an increase of about 30 per cent.

Here are some top tips from Hastings District Council's waste minimisation team:

- Gift thoughtfully
- Make your own gifts: bake, sew, knit, weave, build, paint...
- Buy gifts that people actually want. Ask them!
- Shop second-hand, check out the op-shops or the online re-sale marketplaces.
- Buy locally made and up-cycled products. The Re-new Market on December 17 is the perfect place to check out.
- Give experience vouchers instead of things. And think local....
- Ditch the wrapping paper. Did you know that most wrapping paper can't be recycled? Use things you have like; fabric, scarves, tea towels, paper bags or pre-used gift wrap that you've saved up. Check out Furoshiki: The art of Japanese fabric wrapping.



- Looking for a fun educational gift? Worm farms eat your food scraps and provide the best fertiliser around!

### Food for thought

Food and Christmas go hand in hand. But all too often this leads to overbuying and food going to waste. The best thing you can do to reduce food waste is plan what you're going to eat, write a shopping list and stick to it. Have a think about recipes that can use up those leftovers and make sure you have plenty of space in your fridge and freezer.

For more great ideas and leftover recipe ideas check out [lovefoodhatewaste.co.nz](http://lovefoodhatewaste.co.nz)

**More recycling than your crates can handle? Bring your excess to one of our transfer stations.**



# Christmas and New Year hours

## Hastings District Libraries

(including Hastings, Havelock North and Flaxmere)

**December 24** 10am to 3pm

**December 25** CLOSED

**December 26** CLOSED

**December 27** CLOSED

**December 28** 9am to 5.30pm

**December 29** 9am to 5.30pm

**December 30** 9am to 5.30pm

**December 31** 10am to 3pm

**January 1** CLOSED

**January 2** CLOSED

**January 3** CLOSED

**January 4** 9am to 5.30pm

## Camberley Community Centre, Kiwi St

CLOSED FROM 3PM DECEMBER 24 TO 8AM JANUARY 9, 2023

## Flaxmere Community Centre and FlaXrock Gym, Swansea Rd

CLOSED FROM 3PM DECEMBER 24 TO 8AM JANUARY 9, 2023

## Hastings Sports Centre, Railway Rd

CLOSED FROM 3PM, DECEMBER 22, 2022 TO 8.30AM, JANUARY 9, 2023

## Rubbish and recycling

This year there will be **NO changes** to the Council kerbside rubbish and recycling collections since the dates for Christmas and New Year fall on a weekend. Please remember to place your recycling crates out at the kerbside by 7am as usual to ensure collection.



## Save the date!

### Nest Fest

Nest Fest is set to take over Tōmoana Showgrounds Hawke's Bay again this summer – celebrating the start of 2023 by bringing together close on 30 acts, headlined by Action Bronson, for a day of great music and indie cool vibes.

**When:** Saturday, January 14

**More info and tickets:** [www.nestfest.co.nz](http://www.nestfest.co.nz)

### L.A.B

L.A.B and Ocean Alley, plus supporting acts, will be bringing you the best in live music and summer tunes this January at the Tōmoana Showgrounds Hawke's Bay.

Promising their full outdoor lighting and visual experience alongside their unmatched live show, there will be special guests joining them and camping and return bus tickets are available to purchase.

**When:** Saturday, January 21

**More info and tickets:** [loop.flicket.co.nz/](http://loop.flicket.co.nz/)

# 2022 - Year in review



It's been another busy year as we continue with our work programme to achieve the aspirations set out in our Long Term Plan 2021-2031.

Here's a snapshot of some of the activities and achievements of 2022.

The Ōmāhu Rd/  
Chatham Rd  
roundabout



## Economic Powerhouse

- Despite the pressures of COVID, non-residential investment increased throughout the year driven by the construction and horticulture industries.
- Industrial zones at Ōmāhu, Irongate and Whakatū continued to be developed, and roundabouts at Henderson, Ōmāhu, Maraekākāho, and Irongate Roads were built to support the industrial parks.
- Foodstuffs gained resource consent to build a new New World supermarket in Flaxmere.
- Council was involved in a wide range of job creation and business support initiatives including: Focus on Business breakfast series, Rebel Business School, Sustainable is Attainable, Edmund Hilary Foundation fellows, Pick the Bay expo, and the Building Futures programme.



## Homes for our people

- The Tarbet St housing development infrastructure in Flaxmere was completed and whānau started moving into new public houses.
- Infrastructure works for 150+ houses across three sites in Flaxmere – 244 Flaxmere Ave, 30 Swansea Rd and 72 Caernarvon Drive – either got underway or was well-advanced. The housing developers for these projects were set to be confirmed this month.
- Council secured \$18.5m of Central Government infrastructure funding for roading and water services to enable about 4000 new homes across the district.
- Council began consultation on a proposed change to the District Plan - Plan Change 5: Right homes; right place. The aim is to make it easier to build more houses in existing residential zones to provide for the growing population at the same time as preventing sprawl onto productive growing land. The Hastings Residential Intensification Design Guide (2020) is a key part of this to ensure houses are well designed.
- A Future Growth Unit was established to manage the need for housing while protecting the fertile Heretaunga Plains soils.



## Getting around

- The Tauroa Reserve boardwalk was completed providing safe cycle and pedestrian access to Te Mata Peak.
- Supporting active transport, the building of a shared path along Middle Rd was finished.
- A new roundabout at Ōmāhu Rd/Chatham Rd was also completed and over the year there was a steady programme of road safety improvements and road renewals – rural and urban.



## Rural Living

- The bridge strengthening programme continued, with Rissington Bridge completed this year, investigations complete on 74 bridges, and work started on Peach Tree Gully Bridge on Waimārama Rd.
- There was significant investment in rural road and pavement resealing.
- With the added assistance of Central Government funding, a large amount of rural hall maintenance work was undertaken.
- The Waipātiki Beach Community had a permanent recycling station established, adding to other stations at Maraekākāho, Pukehomoamoā, Poukawa, Waimārama, Blackbridge and Tūtira.

## Our natural treasures



- Council's programme of drinking water upgrades made significant progress. The water storage and treatment facility at Frimley was near completion and commissioning (set to open in the next two months), and the building of two Waiaroha water storage tanks and treatment plant in the city centre was well advanced by year's end.
- Six small community water treatment plants were in full production, and construction for the final small community facility at Whakatū was well advanced.
- A plan change that acknowledges and protects the significance and value of the Eastern Face of Te Mata Peak was adopted that will prohibit any new buildings being built from Waimārama Rd to the top.



- The Toitū – Hawke's Bay Arts and Events Centre project reached its finale with the re-opening of the Municipal Buildings, and businesses on the ground floor.
- Upgrades, including new paving, planting and street furniture were completed on Heretaunga St 300 East and the Heretaunga St East 100 block and Heretaunga St West 300 block.
- As part of Council's COVID response, an action plan was launched to further revitalise the city centre and this saw the running of two popular events – the Matariki Festival and The Big Apple Project. Free parking was also offered in central city Hastings for the month of July.
- Taste Hastings drew a large crowd to Heretaunga St East – a street party to enjoy sampling wines from more than 20 Hawke's Bay wineries.
- Council supported Rush Munro's to move their retail outlet to Albert Square, after their previous premises was sold.
- The detailed design phase of a new Hawke's Bay Museum and Storage Facility to be located at 307 Queen St East neared completion.
- Consultation began on a proposal to transform the former Hawke's Bay Farmers Cooperative Association buildings on 206 Queen St West and 223 Heretaunga St West into quality inner-city apartments alongside a pedestrian laneway and pocket park.
- Events and installations continued to spring up in the city centre, such as a very successful two-day Blossom Festival, Hop into Hastings Easter event at Albert Square, and a flock of flamingos making a temporary home in the central city mall fountain.
- Christmas decorations and activations were installed around the city to spread the Christmas cheer and draw people into the city.

## Pathways for our people

- A Serve the Bay event was held to support the hospitality industry, and a Pick the Bay expo as well as pop-up information events held to support apple harvest worker needs.
- Mahi for Youth employer connectors supported the Building Futures training programme.
- Council launched its new Youth strategy.
- Single and multi-year grants totalling circa \$300,000 were allocated to wide spectrum of community groups.



- Hastings was accredited as a Welcoming Community, and several multicultural events were celebrated including Fiafia Day and Samoan Independence Day.

## Enhancing where we live



- Multiple events were held at Toitū – Hawke's Bay Arts and Events Centre within Covid restrictions, and Hastings City Art Gallery visitor numbers increased year-on-year.
- The Te Waka Tākaro play trailer was launched, and the portable pump track made a few outings proving a hit with kids in parks.
- New full basketball courts completed at Ron Georgi III and Flaxmere Parks, and multiple playground upgrades were either underway or completed.
- The draft Frimley, Eskdale and Havelock Hills Reserve Management Plans were consulted on in advance of hearings being held.
- Council entered an agreement to purchase Tōmoana Showgrounds from the Hawke's Bay A & P Society to help preserve this site as a green space for the future.
- The Te Pōhue Community Plan was finalised and presented to community.
- The brand new Flaxmere Skate Plaza at Flaxmere Park is set to officially open later in December.

## Awards

Over the year Hastings District Council has received a number of accolades and awards across a range of projects...

### TAITUARA AWARDS 2022

- Datacom Award for Transforming Service Delivery – Winner, Toitū – Hawke's Bay Arts and Events Centre
- Beca Award for Placemaking – Winner, It's Flaxmere's Time

### LGNZ EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2022

- Kāinga Ora Homes and Communities EXCELLENCE Award for Social Well-being – Highly commended, It's Flaxmere's Time

### IPWEA EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2022

- Excellence Asset Management Award, and Best Public Works Project in the under \$2m category – It's Flaxmere's Time
- Excellence in Road Safety – Tauroa Rd boardwalk and shared path (Highly commended)

### HAWKE'S BAY HERITAGE AWARDS 2022

- Heritage New Zealand Pouhure Taonga Seismic Strengthening Award – Toitū Hawke's Bay Arts and Events Centre Opera House
- Hastings District Council Public Realm Saved and Restored Award – Toitū Municipal Buildings

### RECREATION AOTEAROA NZ AWARDS 2022

- Active Park of the Year – Flaxmere Park (Finalist)

**Get to know our local water restriction levels.**

**KNOW – our – WATER**

THE WHYS & THE WAYS OF HAWKE'S BAY WATER CONSERVATION

Visit your local or regional Council website for ways to conserve water this Summer

## Time to think about conserving water

With summer upon us, Hastings and Napier residents are being urged to use less water to help reduce the possibility of lengthy shortages and restrictions.

There are simple things everyone can do to help manage demand on the water supply over the months ahead, and these are outlined in a campaign that's been launched by the Hastings District, Hawke's Bay Regional and Napier City councils.

By working together and all doing our bit we can conserve thousands of litres of water every day in the urban areas.

### Did you know:

- Taps can use six to 12 litres of water every minute, depending on the flow
- An average toilet flush uses five to 12 litres of water
- A dripping tap can waste up to 33 litres of water per day
- Typically 70 per cent of household water is used in the laundry and bathroom (every minute in the shower uses 14 litres of water)
- Sprinklers can use as much water in one hour as a family uses in one day

- On average New Zealanders use 227 litres of water per day.

### How can we conserve this precious resource?

It all comes down to taking small actions – fix that leaking tap, only do full loads of washing, don't let the water run when you're brushing your teeth, take shorter showers, lift the lawnmower blade up a notch so the grass doesn't dry out so fast and use mulch in the garden to reduce evaporation and lessen the need for sprinkler use.

By making small changes as individuals, Hawke's Bay people can make a big difference collectively when it comes to conserving water.

Keep an eye out over the coming weeks for more information and tips, and do your bit to reduce and conserve.

If and when restrictions are introduced, follow the advice at the four restriction levels to help ensure there's enough for everyone.

## Hastings District rating valuations delayed

Districtwide property revaluations are currently being audited and the updated rating valuations for Hastings will now be sent to property owners in early 2023.

Revaluations of all properties across the district were due to be finalised this month. However, the Office of the Valuer General (OVG), the government body that oversees all rating valuations, has determined that Quotable Value (QV) should take more time to work on the district's updated rating valuations before they are set to be finalised and released to the district's property owners.

Due to a range of factors, including complexities arising from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, changing regulatory requirements, and the district's fast-moving residential property market, the Officer of the Valuer-General is stepping through the audit process with council's valuers before releasing the

audited valuations to ensure greater accuracy of the district's rating valuations.

Updated valuation notices are expected to be sent out to property owners in early 2023. The new valuations will be used to calculate rates for the next three years, beginning on 1 July 2023.

### WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF THE DELAY?

Given updated valuations do not affect rates until 1 July 2023, there are no flow on impacts in this regard. The council will still be able to determine its rates distribution for the Annual Plan 2023/24.

### REMINDER:

- Changes in rating valuations don't necessarily impact rates charged to property owners, unless the change is significantly higher or lower than the districtwide average.
- The new values will be based on the most likely selling price if the property had sold on the valuation date, which was 1 August 2022, and will be used to form rates for the 2023/2024 rating year. They are solely used for the purpose of determining that the equitable share of rates are distributed fairly across property owners in the district, and are not intended to be used as market valuations.

If owners do not agree with their new rating valuation once it has been finalised, they will still have a right to object. These details will be posted alongside the new rating values next year.



## Picnic Cinema in the Bay

Grab your friends and whānau, pack the picnic hamper and head down to Havelock North Village Green this month to catch a movie in the great outdoors.

Picnic Cinema is presenting outdoor films on their big LED screen around the Bay in the weeks leading up to Christmas, including a schedule of five blockbusters and classics in the heart of Havelock North.

Weather permitting they will be running from December 8 to 11. Go to the website [www.picnic-cinema.co.nz](http://www.picnic-cinema.co.nz) for all the info and to book tickets.

## HAVE YOUR ELECTRONICS REACHED THE END OF THEIR LIFE?

**ELECTRONICS**

**FEES APPLY**

You can now bring your electronic waste to our Henderson Road Transfer Station for recycling.

Visit [www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/waste](http://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/waste) for more information.

**MAKE LANDFILL YOUR LAST CHOICE**

# What's on at Toitōi over summer

**toitōi**  
Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre



## The World of Musicals

Are you a sucker for a sing-along? Does nothing quite get you going like the thought of all your favourite musical hits, mashed into one glorious show? Then make sure you get your spot in the crowd to see The World of Musicals, which will debut in Aotearoa for the first time this Christmas!

**December 7, 7.30pm, from \$62.50**

## Promise & Promiscuity – A New Musical By Jane Austen

Hold onto your bonnet and broly because a one-woman show of Bridgerton proportions is on its way to Toitōi!

Promise and Promiscuity, and its star Penny Ashton, has your dose of period etiquette ripe with double entendres and wit - it's a night of song, dance and cross-stitch you won't want to miss!

**December 6, 7.30pm, \$35**

## Jimmy Carr – Terribly Funny

Star of the UK's most-streamed Netflix comedy special of 2021, Jimmy Carr is back on the road with brand new material.

This show contains jokes about all kinds of terrible things. Terrible things that might have affected you or people you know and love. But they're just jokes - they are not terrible things.

Having political correctness at a comedy show is like having health and safety at a rodeo. Now you've been warned, buy a ticket!

**January 31, 7pm, from \$89.90**

## New exhibition opens at Te Whare Toi

Connections between people, place and imagination are examined in a new exhibition by Wellington-based Ngāti Kahungunu artist Hemi Macgregor at Te Whare Toi o Heretaunga – Hastings City Art Gallery, and locals will have the chance to hear from the artist himself later on this month.



Hemi Macgregor, Wainui-atea, 2022.  
Photo: Cheska Brown

Macgregor, who has exhibited widely across Aotearoa, including in landmark Auckland Art Gallery exhibition, *Toi Tū, Toi Ora*, explores the stories of environment within Te Ao Māori and the ways our lives are set within the natural world.

The works within his Hastings exhibition, which opens on December 17 and is called *Waiora*, explore the textures and patterns of his mother's raranga (weaving) practice through paintings and relief sculptures, balancing positive and negative space, tonal shifts, and layered movement.

These elements in Macgregor's work call to foundational pūrākau (narratives) and expansive natural events as they are held within Mātauranga Māori (traditional Māori knowledge). *Waiora* acknowledges atua (gods), whenua (land), and our personal journey within these interconnected foundations for daily life. The stories told through this exhibition speak to the significance of the dynamic relationship

between people, place, and imagination.

Each work reflects a dynamic environment and a space which is both precise and poetic, or tangible and intangible. Painted gestures move like light on water and are then woven into layered, structural pattern.

*Waiora* includes Macgregor's large-scale installation *Te pōtangotango* and others which draw connection to events like the night sky, the shifting tide, the coming of spring and the surrounding shifts which might even connect us to our sense of place in the world.

**Join us at the Gallery to celebrate the opening of *Waiora*, from 5.30pm on Friday, December 16. To hear more about these works and Hemi Macgregor's artistic practice, join us at Te Whare Toi o Heretaunga for a floor talk at 1.30pm on Saturday, December 17. Both events are free with no booking required.**

## Art for Tots

The last Art for Tots session is being held at Hastings City Art Gallery on December 5, but the popular series will be on again from March next year.

A fun art experience for under-fives, Art for Tots includes playful art conversations or whimsical storytelling and hands-on art making.

It's a fabulous activity to keep little hands and minds busy on a Monday morning, with the opportunity to catch the latest gallery exhibitions at the same time.



Sessions are held on the first Monday of each month from 10.30am to 11.30am and will resume next year from March 6.

**Koha and booking required. To book contact Hastings City Art Gallery on (06) 871 5095 or email [hastingsartgallery@hdc.govt.nz](mailto:hastingsartgallery@hdc.govt.nz)**

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## Hastings District Libraries



HASTINGS LIBRARY – Cnr Eastbourne and Warren Sts  
 FLAXMERE LIBRARY – Swansea Road  
 HAVELOCK NORTH LIBRARY – Te Mata Road  
[www.hastingslibraries.co.nz](http://www.hastingslibraries.co.nz)

### Summer Sparks

5 DECEMBER 2022 – 29 JANUARY 2023

HASTINGS DISTRICT LIBRARIES

Challenge yourself this summer and be in to win great prizes! Pick up a challenge sheet from the library or visit the website

### Discover a StoryWalk® this summer!

NOW TO 8 FEBRUARY 2023

StoryWalks® will be up along Palmbrook Reserve in Havelock North and Cornwall Park in Hastings all summer long. Stories will be changed throughout the summer holidays, for all park and story lovers to discover.

### Library Lock in: VR, pizza & boardgames

18 JANUARY, 6PM – 9PM

HASTINGS LIBRARY

The ever-popular annual Lock In is back! Join us after hours to celebrate, or commiserate, the end of the summer holidays with pizza, board games, and VR! For ages 13-18. Registration required.

### Harry Potter Book Week

26 JANUARY – 2 FEBRUARY 2023

HASTINGS, FLAXMERE AND HAVELOCK NTH LIBRARIES

The World of Witchcraft and Wizardry comes alive at the Hastings Libraries of Magic! Drop in anytime over the week to enjoy a magical experience or register online for the special events.

Pick up a Summer Holidays guide from your library or go to [www.hastingslibraries.co.nz](http://www.hastingslibraries.co.nz)

## Camberley Community Centre



703 Kiwi Street, Camberley

[www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/camberley-community-centre](http://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/camberley-community-centre)

CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS from Dec 24, 3pm to Jan 9, 8am

### Sit and Be Fit

TUESDAYS | 1:00PM – 1:45PM

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

### Kori Tīnana Mo Ngā Kaumātua Programme (Group Exercise Programme)

FRIDAYS | 9:00AM – 10:00AM

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

### Line Dancing

MONDAYS | 11:00AM – 11:45AM

### Nourished for Nil

MONDAYS | 3:00PM – 4:00PM

## Flaxmere Community Centre



30 Swansea Road, Flaxmere

[www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/flaxmere-community-centre](http://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/flaxmere-community-centre)

CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS from Dec 24, 3pm to Jan 9, 8am

### Tai Chi For Beginners

MONDAYS | 9:00AM – 9:45AM

Entry level Tai Chi helps improve balance, and coordination.

### Kori Tīnana Mo Ngā Kaumātua Programme (Group Exercise Programme)

WEDNESDAYS | 9:00AM – 9:45AM

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

## Hastings City Art Gallery



201 Eastbourne Street East, Hastings | FREE ENTRY

P. (06) 871 5095 or E. [hastingsartgallery@hdc.govt.nz](mailto:hastingsartgallery@hdc.govt.nz)

[www.hastingscityartgallery.co.nz](http://www.hastingscityartgallery.co.nz)

### EXHIBITIONS

#### Icebound: Jonathan Kay

UNTIL 29 JANUARY 2023



Icebound is a photographic exhibition contemplating the fragility of our landscapes through surveying two Te Waipounamu glaciers - Haupapa/Tasman and Te Moeka o Tūawe/Fox. Kay explored these glaciers as a way of making sense of the environments impacted by climate change in Aotearoa.

#### Urns for Unwanted Limbs and Other Things: Virginia Leonard

UNTIL 5 FEBRUARY, 2023



Virginia Leonard works with clay, resin, and oozing glazes to create brilliant ceramic sculptures. Leonard's layering adds a voluptuous tension to her work which is organic and revolutive but also vital, evolving, and honest

#### Waioara: Hemi Macgregor

UNTIL 12 MARCH 2023



Waioara acknowledges stories of environment and the ways our lives are set within it. Macgregor's painted and sculptural works carry a visual language which explores elements foundational to pūrākau (narratives) and mātauranga (knowledge) Māori.

### EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### Artist Floor Talk: Hemi Macgregor

17 DECEMBER | 1.30PM



Join us to hear artist Hemi Macgregor (Ngāti Rakaipaaka, Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāi Tūhoe) discuss his artworks featured in Waioara exhibition. Free, no booking.

#### FREE Kids Drop-In Art Days 2023

17, 19, 24 & 26 JANUARY | 10AM - 3PM



Been wondering what the kids drop-in days at the gallery are all about? Come find out these school holidays! Get in quick for a day of crafty activities and pick up a free pukapuka mahi for extra holiday entertainment while you're here. Free, no bookings required however this runs on a first in, first served basis - so early bird gets the craft!

## Arts Inc. Heretaunga



106 Russell Street South | FREE ENTRY

P. (06) 878 9447 or E. [info@artsinc.co.nz](mailto:info@artsinc.co.nz)

More info: [www.artsinc.co.nz](http://www.artsinc.co.nz)

## Hastings Sports Centre



503 Railway Road P. (06) 878 0051

More info: [www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/hsc](http://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/hsc)

CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS from Dec 22, 3pm to Jan 9, 8.30am

### Hastings Kiwi Seniors

TUESDAYS | 10.30AM – 12.00PM \$5 per session

### Tai Chi for Beginners

THURSDAYS | 1PM – 1.45PM

### Tumbling Tots

EVERY WEDNESDAY | 26 OCTOBER – 14 DECEMBER  
 9:30AM - 10:15AM Skill Based session. 10:30AM - 11:30AM  
 Free Play session. \$5 per child per session

## Heretaunga Womens Centre



Women's Rest Building, Cnr. Russell & Eastbourne Streets

P. (06) 878 5401

More info: [www.heretaungawomenscentre.nz/](http://www.heretaungawomenscentre.nz/)

## Toitōi - Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre



101 Hastings Street South

P. (06) 871 5289 or E. [info@toitovenues.co.nz](mailto:info@toitovenues.co.nz)

Please refer to the Toitōi website for information on upcoming programmes and events: [www.toitovenues.co.nz](http://www.toitovenues.co.nz) or @toitovenues on both Facebook and Instagram. Buy your tickets at the Hastings iSite or at [toitovenues.co.nz](http://toitovenues.co.nz).

### Promise & Promiscuity – A New Musical By Jane Austen

6 DECEMBER | 7.30PM – 9PM

Hold onto your bonnet and broly dear reader, because a one-woman show of Bridgerton proportions is on its way to Toitōi! Promise and Promiscuity, and its star Penny Ashton, has your dose of period etiquette ripe with double entendres and wit - it's a night of song, dance and cross-stitch you won't want to miss! \$35 Tickets

### The World of Musicals

7 DECEMBER | 7.30PM

Are you a sucker for a sing-along? Does nothing quite get you going like the thought of all your favourite musical hits, mashed into one glorious show? Then make sure you get your spot in the crowd to see The World of Musicals, which will debut in Aotearoa for the first time this Christmas! Tickets from \$59.90

### Jimmy Carr – Terribly Funny

25 JANUARY 2023 | 7PM – 8.30PM & 9.30PM – 11PM

31 JANUARY 2023 | 7PM – 8.30PM

The countdown to Carr is on! Terribly Funny - a show full of jokes about terrible things - is on the way to Aotearoa in January 2023, just in time for a spicy Jimmy Carr summer. He's a comedian so nice we've booked him thrice! Tickets from \$89.90.

## 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: [www.hawkesbayfarmersmarket.co.nz](http://www.hawkesbayfarmersmarket.co.nz)

### EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

### Carols in Cornwall Park

17 DECEMBER – 4PM-6PM



This popular annual event will be a perfect lead-in to the week before Christmas! There will be an exciting line-up of talented performances as well as sing-along carolling lead by Deco Brass Band. Bring a picnic, enjoy the live music, sing some carols and get into the Festive spirit. Kids activities, food vendors and much more... this event is not to be missed!

### Nest Fest

14 JANUARY

SHOWGROUNDS HAWKE'S BAY TŌMOANA, KENILWORTH ROAD, HASTINGS

Headlined by Action Bronson, up to 30 acts will take to the stage for a day of great music and vibes. [www.nestfest.co.nz](http://www.nestfest.co.nz)

### Santa's Hastings Holiday

21 NOVEMBER – 18 DECEMBER

HASTINGS CBD

Find Santa in eight different spots around town and jot down what activities he's doing, along with what you want for Christmas for your chance to win your Wishlist to the value of \$1,000! PLUS, scan any Santa QR code for a chance to win an instant spot prize from local businesses, including a BIG prize that changes each week. Discover full information at [hastingscity.co.nz](http://hastingscity.co.nz)