MY HASTINGS

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On the weekend
of October 7,
we opened our
beautiful Waiaroha
Heretaunga Water
Discovery Centre in

our city.

It was incredible to have so many people in our community come and see this special place, and we would love everyone to visit Waiaroha – you can explore the grounds at any time, the discovery building is open 10am to 4pm, Monday to Saturday, and it's all free.

After the Havelock North water contamination of 2016, our Council heard our community's call and made a commitment to upgrade our drinking water network to the highest standard to ensure that our drinking water supply is safe, secure, and sustainable.

The facility at Wairoha, along with the Frimley Park water storage and treatment and upgrades to seven small community water supplies along with other infrastructure improvements will ensure our drinking water supply is protected for current and future generations.

Another highlight last month was opening the newly redeveloped St Leonard's Park playground. This centrally located space will be very well used, it is now an appealing place to

spend time in – it's even got a handy coffee shop over the road.

Our young people are the future of our district, and it was once again a real pleasure to meet and hand out awards to a group of young people who have been put forward from their community for recognition.

The annual Youth Potential Awards are one way our council acknowledges our young people who are doing really well in their lives, sometimes in challenging circumstances. It was wonderful to meet them and find out more about their goals and aspirations.

It's now coming up nine months since Cyclone Gabrielle, and for our council finalising the Category 3 Voluntary Buy-Out Policy has been a critical step towards providing our most impacted residential property owners with options and a pathway forward – so that they can move on with their lives with some certainty.

We officially opened the buy-out office in Hastings on October 24 so this process could properly get underway for those who wish to explore this option.

We are so proud and grateful to our people who work tirelessly for others – thank you for all you do. One recent example was a wonderful event to support our growers who were hit by the cyclone – our thanks to the Evergreen Foundation and Tumu Timbers who helped make this happen.

Nga mihi, Sandra Hazlehurst, Mayor of Hastings

Splash Planet opens this month – online bookings a must



S plash Planet is set to open on November 20 after having had a big spruce up over the past few months.

Across the facility equipment and rides have been cleaned and tidied up, the gardens have been whipped into shape, the Flying Fox is in its new position with new platform by the brand new jungle adventure playground. The bumper boats and pirate fortress have a new deck ready to go, and the water blaster has seen a lot of action.

Ahead of opening, Hawke's Bay residents from

Dannevirke to Mahia can go online now to sign up for a residents' membership.

This gives access to discounted admission tickets in advance and on the day, for a one-off membership fee of \$25.

With a limit of 3000 people per day, and to avoid the long queues, a system of online ticket bookings has been introduced.

People can pre-book through the website to guarantee their access and get the best prices.

Go to www.splashplanet.co.nz to get all the information and pre-book tickets.



SAVE THE DATE

Community Carols on the Green

An evening of carol singing and entertainment. Sausage sizzle, children's activities and Santa.

When: December 3

Where: Havelock North Village Green

Property Brokers Christmas in the Park

Celebrate the festive season with this free event that features musical special guests, an array of food trucks, kids activities and things to do all day and night – including one of the best fireworks shows in Hawke's Bay.

When: December 9, gates open at 3pm

Where: Park Island, Napier

 $\textbf{More info:} \ christmas at the park.org.nz$

Carols in Cornwall Park

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.

When: December 16
Where: Cornwall Park

EVENTFUL DISTRICT

Lots to see and do in Hastings!



Urban BBQ Festival is back

BBQ lovers are in for a meaty treat this month when the Urban BBQ Festival returns to Tōmoana Showgrounds.

Once again there will be a full afternoon of demonstrations that will take your pitmaster skills to the next level.

Brisket, ribs, butchery, lamb... you'll see it done, learn the techniques and sample the finished product as well.

There will be BBQ supplies for sale, but the real stars of the show are the BBQ vendors. Local legends Black Betty Barbecue and Japanese-style robata grill masters Piku bring back their BBQ goodness.

Hastings pitmasters Bareknuckle Barbeque are in, along with OG BBQ pioneers BBQ Gourmet and their giant chargoal kattles

New on the scene Mac N Cheese specialist Mac Daddy joins the party, along with Gina's Truck, with a one-off

BBQ menu inspired by South America and the Caribbean.

Throughout the day festival goers can catch rocking tunes from Jack Knife Beat and Joe Cole, ride the Madd Fun bucking bronco and see some epic battles in the IPW wrestling ring.

Grab a tasty beverage from the Craft Bar, IPA Tent or Wine Garden, a massive portion of juicy BBQ, and strap in for the day.

The Urban BBQ Festival is an all-ages event, with under-14s' tickets free with an accompanying parent or guardian.

For ticket information and more go to www.urbanbbqfestival.co.nz

When: November 18, 11am-6pm

Where: Waikoko Gardens, Tōmoana Showgrounds

Rose Sunday at Frimley Park

This long-standing event is a local favourite — a relaxing, family afternoon in the showstopping rose gardens in Frimley Park.

The garden design is based on that of Kew Gardens in England and was first opened on November 26, 1967 and containing multiple varieties of roses to explore and enjoy. The event is hosted by members of the Hastings Rose Society who will be able to give visitors advice on growing great roses, and answer any questions. Bring the picnic blanket and relax amongst the blooms, enjoy musical entertainment from the Twin City Stompers Art Deco band from 11am to 3pm, facepainting, from 12pm to 3pm, iced treats to eat, and more. Free entry.

When: November 12, 11am to 3pm Where: Frimley Park rose gardens

Cenotaph Remembrance Service

On November 11 a remembrance service will be held at the Hastings Cenotaph to commemorate Armistice Day, and also the 100th anniversary of the cenotaph and Hawke's Bay Fallen Soldiers' Memorial.

The monument was dedicated on November 11, 1923, to the memory of the contribution of the Hawke's Bay soldiers who served and died during World War 1.

The structure was intended to be an exact replica of the Cenotaph at Whitehall, London, designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens and completed in 1920. Unfortunately the funding was insufficient for a replica, and although the design remained the same, the memorial was reduced in width.

Over 2000 people gathered on the afternoon of November 11, 1923 to witness the memorial being unveiled by the Mayoress Mrs G. A. Maddison, and the community is invited to join the commemoration celebrations this year.

When: November 11, starts 10.30am

Get your manu on!

Calling all those who want to "free the manu", the Mai Manu bombing competition to find Hastings' manu master is back.

Hosted by Hastings District Council and Mai FM, the competition is open to anyone over the age of eight-years-old, with three age categories to enter: Junior (8 to 12 years), Senior (13 -17 years), and Master (18+ years).

Pre-registration to take part in the comp is essential - keep an eye on the Aquatics Hastings website to book your spot.

Or you can just bring a picnic and come along as a spectator to watch the action – it's free and heaps of fun.

The giant inflatable obstacle course will be up all day.

When: December 2, pool open 10am-6pm. Competition starts 11am

Where: Havelock North Village Pool



Five years on - drinking water network upgrades nearly complete

ive years after embarking on an extensive programme of upgrades to Hastings' drinking water network, the final elements of the 2018 Drinking Water Strategy are nearly complete.

The strategy was created in response to the 2016 Havelock North water crisis - aimed at introducing additional water storage and UV and chlorine treatment to improve the safety, resilience and security of the entire urban and small communities drinking water

The \$95m work programme identified in the strategy has now been completed, with final testing and commissioning due by the end of 2023/early 2024.

When operational, the urban network will provide safe drinking water to 60,000 households.

Together the Waiaroha and Frimley facilities will supply 60,000 Hastings households with

drinking water (Waiaroha 20,000 households. Frimley 40,000

households).

As well as enabling effective water treatment, the 18 million litres between Waiaroha and Frimley, and 20 million litres in the Havelock North reservoirs will give the system resilience, ensuring there is drinking-water available in the event of a natural disaster.



Waiaroha

n October 7, the Waiaroha Heretaunga Water Discovery Centre on the corner of Hastings and Southampton streets was officially opened.

Complementing the water storage and treatment facility, the centre is a place of education – telling the story of the journey of water from mountains to the sea, imbued with Heretaunga whakapapa and mātauranga – genealogy and

Ngāti Kahungunu cultural tradition is woven through the development and forms part of the realisation of Waiaroha, which is the product of a partnership including talented engineers, architects, landscape designers, carvers, weavers and storytellers.

Everybody is welcome at the Waiaroha site, with the outdoor features accessible all the time, while the indoor Te Whare Waiaroha experience is open from 10am to 4pm, Monday to Saturday.

Interactive games are dotted throughout the site, providing a chance to play while at the same time informing visitors about where our water comes from, how it moves through the aquifer and rivers to be then pumped up, treated and run through our taps. The start of the outdoor walk takes you through the misty climes and native bush of the mountains, accompanied by native birdsong, out past the rivers that trickle through the site, through wetlands and ending up as a waves that crash and ripple to the coastal part of the v where seagulls can be heard.

> Inside the whare, there's

> > and interactive

educational tools in a culturally rich environment including more stunning carvings, artwork and tukutuku panels.

Overlooking the area are two five-million litre water storage tanks, adorned with vertical fins that emulate the flows of the district's Tukituki, Ngāruroro, and Tutaekuri rivers.

These storage tanks are part of the water treatment process where, from a bore field two streets over from the plant, the water is extracted from the aguifer and piped to the facility where it first goes through UV reactors to rid it of any protozoa and is also chlorinated and fluoridated.

> It is then transported to the storage tanks after which it goes back through the plant before being pumped out to

The process is completely automated, the pumps operate at a level to suit demand and the smart technology means any issues can be fixed by the equipment itself or reported electronically to operating technicians.

The water is treated 24/7, at levels determined by the water quality.

This process and how it works is opened up at Waiaroha, where a large window allows visitors to see the inner workings of the treatment plant and find out more about what happens there.

The aspiration is for Waiaroha to be a place that inspires the community and future water engineers who can build on and find even better ways of looking after and managing this precious resource now and into the future.







Havelock North water mains and booster pump

In 2019, one of the first projects in the strategy – a 4.8km water main from Sylvan Road in Hastings to Napier Rd in Havelock North, via St Aubyn St, Windsor Ave, Howard St, St George's Rd and Crosses Rd was completed.

From Hastings' groundwater sources, treated drinking water will travel through the water main, and a booster pump station that was built at 15 Karanema Drive will provide the pressure to pump it to Havelock North households.

Small community water upgrades

Seven small community drinking water supplies have been upgraded – some with improvements to current sites using the existing water source, some in new sites with new water sources.

and the area grassed and returned to public access.

All supplies are being treated with UV light and will continue to be chlorinated. Depending on the source, some supplies also require filtration prior to UV treatment.

Filtration (where required) and UV light treat the water at point of contact, while chlorine keeps the water safe as it travels through the pipe network to homes, schools and businesses.

The seven community supplies and the number of connections to them are:

the senses; sight, sound, smell, touch and taste.

Haumoana/Te Awanga/Parkhill	820
Whirinaki/Esk	320
Te Pōhue	20
Waimārama	340
Clive	390
Waipātiki	75
Whakatū	150



Chlorine-removed taps

Our chlorine-removed water taps at Civic Square, Romanes Park, Flaxmere Library car park, Whakatū and Haumoana have also come about as part of the drinking water strategy.

TEWHARE OWHIRO EAST CLIVE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

In Heretaunga Hastings we do a good job of managing our wastewater. We consistently meet our Resource Consent conditions. We've even won awards for how we do it!

But... it's something we need to keep reviewing.



We want to know what you think we can do better?

For more information on the East Clive wastewater treatment plant visit hastingsdc.govt.nz/clivewwtp

You can share your thoughts to help us set priorities from Monday 30 October to Friday 24 November. Körero mai (speak up) online at myvoicemychoice. co.nz or visit one of Hastings' District libraries.

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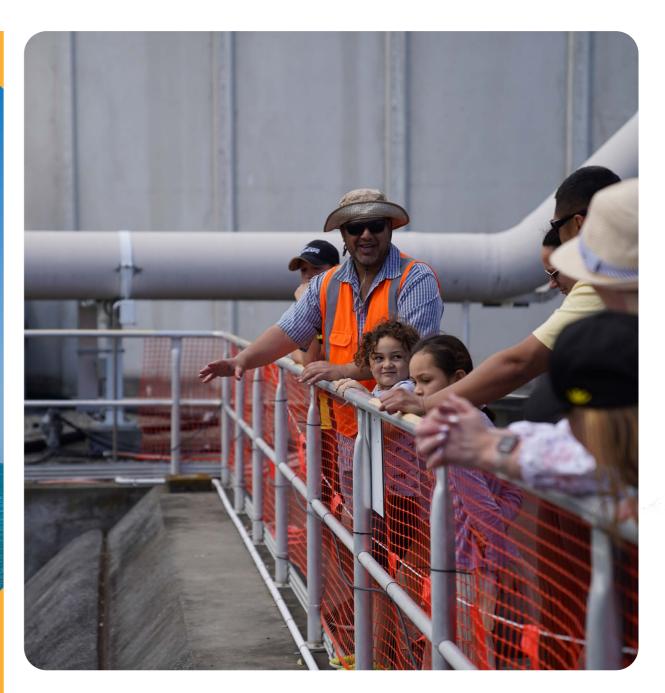
New online portal for faster and easier building consents

From early December this year, residents will apply for a building consent through Objective Build, a new service designed to create consistency, transparency, and quality in building applications.

This new system has been built after interviews with more than 100 builders, architects, designers, and industry professionals across New Zealand to ensure it meets their needs.

It improves the ability to re-use information across applications, clearly see the status of a building consent application, action required updates, and manage a building consent throughout the lifecycle.

The platform will connect seamlessly to our council system. We're currently getting everything sorted and will share more information over the coming weeks.



Wastewater treatment plant open day

The annual East Clive wastewater treatment plant open day is coming up – a chance to get a behind-the-scenes tour of the plant and how it works.

Taking place on Saturday, November 18, from 10am to 3pm, people will follow the process of how the 35,000 to 70,000 cubic metres of mostly liquid matter that goes through the treatment plant every day is treated.

Built in 2008/09, the plant was a first of its kind in New Zealand for its innovative biological (using bugs that naturally occur in people's digestive system) trickling filter process, which has the advantage of producing no "sludge" to dispose of to landfill.

At the open day, visitors will get to watch a video showing the way the bugs in the trickling filters work, and see samples of the treated wastewater. This unique plant has been recognised both nationally and internationally for not only introducing this technical solution but for the way it has met the cultural and spiritual aspirations of tangata whenua.

Through the Hastings District Council: Tangata Whenua Joint Wastewater Committee, formed in late 2002, tangata whenua were part of the decision-making around the plant's design.

One of the unique features to come of that was the creation of the Rakahore Channel – a collection of rocks the treated human waste flows over for spiritual cleansing and reconnection with papatuanuku, before it is piped 2.7km offshore and discharged into the ocean.

Registrations are required to take part in the tour – go to the Hastings District Council website hastingsdc.govt.nz/tpopenday.

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Drop off your hazardous household waste FOR FREE. Sunday 26 November.

Please book online. Go to www.hastingsdc.govt.nz or www.napier.govt.nz. Search for HazMobile.

FROM THE HOME, GARDEN OR GARAGE

BATTERIES / FUEL / USED OIL FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS / GAS CYLINDERS POOL CHEMICALS / FERTILISERS / BLEACH CLEANERS & DISINFECTANTS / GARDEN CHEMICALS

PLEASE, NO

AMMUNITION X ASBESTOS
MEDICAL (E.G. SYRINGES)
E-WASTE (ELECTRONIC WASTE)
COMMERCIAL WASTE



















Youth Potential Awards

Eight young people were recognised for their diligence and resilience in the face of adversity at this year's Hastings District Council Youth Potential Awards, held in the council chambers. The awardees were nominated by local services providers, youth groups, marae and schools and were recognised for their commitment, resilience, talents and service to others. Well done to all the recipients.

PICTURED: Back from left, Maata Dzilic, Praise Lanii losefo, Apache Hanara Ngaheu, Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst, Maddison Jury, Isabelle Holm, Akaia Edwards

Front from left, Eru Heke, Aaliyah Mitchelle



Hastings' most recent redeveloped playground has opened, with equipment designed to reflect the rural activity of the nearby saleyards.

Situated in St Leonard's Park, it's the final of the three Raureka parks to receive an upgrade as part of Council's adopted Raureka Parks Reserve Management Plan.

During the reserve management plan consultation process the community identified the need to upgrade the park to encourage visitors to stay for longer, and also to provide safe access for visitors given the busy nature of Southampton Street.

The upgraded park is fully fenced and

features a dual toilet, off-street carparking and an upgraded playground, shade sails and picnic tables.

This area of parkland is where the Mākirikiri and Mākaramū rivers were spring fed.

The springs have dried up or were redirected, and what is now the park was once used as a metal quarry to build Hastings and was also a rubbish dump for a lot of the post-1931 earthquake debris.

The district's agricultural sector has been recognised in the play equipment, which includes a custom stock truck, farm scene module and cow rocker to recognise the adjoining Stortford Lodge saleyards that have been in operation for 120 years.

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What's on... November 2023

Camberley Community Centre

703 Kiwi Street, Camberley | FREE ENTRY hastingsdc.govt.nz/camberley-community-centre

Check out a wide range of fun classes to exercise the body and stimulate creativity.

Nourished for Nil

MONDAYS | 3PM-4PM

Hastings Sports Centre 503 Railway Road | P. (06) 878 0051 hastingsdc.govt.nz/hsc



For information on programmes and classes please see Hastings Sports Centre and Sports Hawkes Bays websites or contact the Hastings Sports Centre on 06 878 0051.

Hastings City Art Gallery

201 Eastbourne Street East, Hastings | FREE ENTRY P. (06) 871 5095 or E. hastingsartgallery@hdc.govt.nz hastingscityartgallery.co.nz

'Amui 'I Mu'a – Ancient Futures: Dagmar Vaikalafi Dyck and Sopolemalama Filipe Tohi



NOW - 5 NOVEMBER 2023

Dyck and Tohi explore pathways between the past, present, and future in Tongan arts. This exhibition surveys the individual work of Dyck and Tohi from the 1990s–2020s and sits within an ongoing research project.

Comfort Zone: Sorawit Songsataya



UNTIL 25 NOVEMBER

Focusing on the kōtuku and their only nesting grounds in Aotearoa New Zealand, Comfort Zone explores the limits of human understanding, and the distances we put between ourselves and other species.

Mai i te kei o ngā waka ki te ihu o ngā waka: Jeremy Leatinu'u



UNTIL 25 NOVEMBER

Leantinu'u presents three haerenga (meaning journey, trip, parting) exploring contrasting yet interlinked stories of migration.

Vital Machinery: Conor Clarke, Selina Ershadi, Janet Lilo, Meg Porteous, and Louise Menzies



UNTIL 25 FEBRUARY 2024

Vital Machinery explores intersections in the practices of five Aotearoa women artists working across photography and moving image. In this exhibition, the camera has been engaged as a technology and an extension of the body and thought process.

Art for Tots

MONDAY 6 NOVEMBER | 10.30AM-11.30AM

Art for Tots runs on the first Rāhina (Monday) of each month. A fun art experience for under-fives. Koha entry – please contact us on (06) 871 5095 or email hastingsartgallery@hdc.govt.nz

Exhibition tour: Vital Machinery SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER | 11AM



Join the exhibiting artists in conversation with curators Sophie Davis and Lucy Hammonds as they discuss the exhibition. Free, no booking required.

Arts Inc. Heretaunga

106 Russell Street South | FREE ENTRY artsinc.co.nz



Kaihōpara - Bachelor of Māori Visual Art

NOW - 25 NOVEMBER

A living exhibition celebrating Toimairangi Tauria that encompasses the diverse art-forms and explorations that our tauira have developed and traversed through this difficult year. You are welcome to view the artwork on the walls or come in and watch the work in progress and have a korero.

Toitoi - Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre

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

Please refer to the Toitoi website for information on upcoming programmes and events: **toitoivenues.co.nz**. Tickets can be purchased at the Hastings or Havelock North isites or at **toitoivenues.co.nz**.

Waiting for Waiting for Godot

THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER | 7.30PM | TOITOI – ASSEMBLY BALLROOM

This is not Waiting for Godot. This is Waiting for Waiting for Godot: a comedy about boredom that's anything but boring. Don't wait around! This Michael Hurst directed; 'delectable' piece of theatre is not one to be missed. Tickets from \$37.38.

Sophie Jean Dance Company - Night at The Museum

SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER | 12PM & 6PM | TOITOI – OPERA HOUSE

Step into a world where art comes to life, history unfolds through graceful movements, and imagination knows no bounds. Join us for an enchanting evening of dance at Sophie Jean Dance Company's end of year recital. Tickets from \$17.66.

SoundCheck Aotearoa Professional Respect Training



MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER | 12PM | TOITOI – SHAKESPEARE ROOM

In partnership with Toitoi, SoundCheck Aotearoa presents Professional Respect Training for the Hawke's Bay music community. SoundCheck Aotearoa workshops offer free sexual harm prevention and response training. Registrations required at soundcheckaotearoa.co.nz/ training-events

Bill Bailey – Thoughtifier

MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER | 8PM | TOITOI - OPERA HOUSE

The whisper is on the wind! Bill Bailey's biggest and most extensive tour of Aotearoa is soon to begin.

The only question is: do you have your tickets? Take a jaunt through the error-strewn, crumb-festooned, and sometimes magnificent history of human thought. Tickets from \$89.90

Flaxmere Community Centre



80 Swansea Road, Flaxmere | FREE ENTRY nastingsdc.govt.nz/flaxmere-community-centre

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Hastings District Libraries

FLAXMERE LIBRARY – Swansea Road HAVELOCK NORTH LIBRARY – Te Mata Road HASTINGS LIBRARY – Cnr Eastbourne and Warren Streets hastingslibraries.co.nz

Wine Books & More Book Lovers Night

WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER | DOORS OPEN 6.15PM FOR 6.30PM START | HAVELOCK NORTH LIBRARY

Join us for a relaxed evening presentation of new and upcoming books. The evening will include book selections from library staff and guest speakers, and an interview with guest author Harry Averill. Tickets are \$5 and available on Eventfinda.

Geeks Guild Board Games and D&D



HASTINGS WAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Board Games – Second Saturday of every month 10:30am – 3:30pm

D&D - Third Saturday of every month 12-3pm

Repair Café

SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER | 1PM-4PM | HASTINGS WAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Bring along your small broken household items, clothing and bikes to be repaired by the team of dedicated volunteers. Koha for hot drinks, baking and repairs. Visit Eventfinda or Facebook to learn more: Repair Café Hastings.

Fiafia Day

Welcome.



SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER | 12PM-4PM | CIVIC SQUARE, HASTINGS

Brought to you by the Hastings District Libraries and working alongside local Pasifika communities, Fiafia is being held as an extension of the nine Pasifika language weeks we celebrate throughout the year. Fiafia will complement all of these and bring a touch of Pasifika to Hastings with cultural performances, activities and information about our Pasifika peoples and nations. All

Events & Activities in the Hastings District

Punjabi Language Week Celebration – My Language My Identity



MONDAY 5 NOVEMBER | 2PM-5PM | TOITOI – ASSEMBLY BALLROOM

Learn about the Punjabi language and pure Punjabi Cultural performances.

Taste Hastings



FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER | 5.30PM-8.30PM

A night of food, wine and live music, it's a street party of epic proportions. Includes 25+ pop-up wineries showcasing a wide array of Hawke's Bay wines, live music and food trucks. Entry is free with wine sold by the taste and glass. You can pre-purchase a pass for \$15 which includes 4 tasting tokens and a glass to keep. Tokens and glasses are available to purchase on the day or pre-purchase at bit.ly/taste-hastings-nz.

Rose Sunday



SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER | 11AM-3PM | FRIMLEY PARK

Kids activities, ice cream and coffee cart, plus expert advice from NZ Rose Society members and live music from the Twin City Stompers. Bring a picnic and enjoy the beautiful surroundings with your family.

Special Days this Month

 $2\,\mbox{Nov}$ | El Día de los Muertos – Day of the Dead

3 Nov | Gumboot Friday

5 Nov | Guy Fawkes

12 Nov | Diwali

25 Nov | White Ribbon Day

27 Nov | Guru Nanak Jayanti