

# MY HASTINGS

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## A Festival for all to enjoy



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database launched

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# Town and country combine for showtime!

The Hawke's Bay A&P Show returns for its 160th year this month – presenting long-standing popular displays and activities alongside some new additions.

Tickets are on sale now to the iconic event from the Eventfinda website. Those who wish to purchase tickets on the day will need to do so via Eftpos with the removal of cash sales from the ticket office this year. Once inside, attendees will be able to use both cash and Eftpos to make purchases.

In recognition of it being a tough year for many in the region, particularly for those in the primary sector, members of the public can help families affected by Cyclone Gabrielle by sponsoring them for a day out at the show. For a donation of \$55, a family of four will receive entry to the show plus a hot dog and chips each. Sponsorship packages can be purchased at [hbap.co.nz](http://hbap.co.nz), and thanks to Mahons Carnival there will also be complimentary ride tickets for some of the severely impacted families.

Hawke's Bay A&P Society general manager Elisha Milmine said this year's show had a strong focus on community engagement and an emphasis on giving back.

"Alongside this core objective we will see the return of popular agricultural activities, spectator competitions and our highly attended education programme. It really is set to be a three-day extravaganza with something for everyone to enjoy."



There will be a wide variety of competitions on offer this year including design, make and model, pet competitions, dog trials, fencing, shearing, World Cup equestrian class, and many more.

A new addition this year is the community stage where 15-minute slots are open for performances – whether it be dance, kapa haka, choir, music groups or anyone with a talent that they would like to share. People can go to the A&P Society website to lodge expressions of interest to use the stage.

Another new addition to the 2023 line-up is a horticultural section that will showcase what this diverse sector has on offer in Hawke's Bay. It's also a great place to reconnect and chat with industry professionals after what has been a challenging year.

A family favourite, the farmyard area, allows event attendees to get up close and personal with a variety of animals and there's also hundreds of interesting and quality trade exhibits for shopping, an assortment of

carnival amusement rides plus a vintage machinery farming equipment showcase from years gone by.

Further to the spectator competitions and family fun, there is also a selection of corporate networking functions available, including the BWR Agri Business Womens' lunch, ANZ Bank Agri Business Breakfast and the Equestrian lunch. Further information and tickets for these functions are available at Eventfinda.

Don't miss the 160th year celebrations of the Hawke's Bay A&P Show

**18-20 October 2023**

Get your tickets at [eventfinda.co.nz](http://eventfinda.co.nz).

To stay up to date follow social media @HBSshow or visit [hbap.co.nz](http://hbap.co.nz) more details.

See you there!



SAVE THE DATE

## NZ Cider Festival

November 4, Tōmoana Showgrounds

Taste over 100 varieties of cider, from NZ's best cider makers. The 2023 Cider Award's winning ciders will be announced and ready to sample, along with all-day live music, local artisan food trucks and a dedicated kids' zone. It's an event for everyone!

Regional cuisine and a traffic-free venue create the perfect ambience for this family-friendly fun day out.

More info at [www.nzciderfestival.com](http://www.nzciderfestival.com)

## Taste Hastings

November 10, 5.30pm-8.30pm, Heretaunga St East

A night of food, wine and live music, it's a street party of epic proportions and a great warm-up for Mission Concert goes! The party includes 25+ pop-up wineries showcasing a wide array of Hawke's Bay wines, live music, food-trucks, live DJ and the Flock Events Street Lounge to chill-out in. We're taking over Heretaunga Street 'East Block' so you can kerb-hop without the traffic to taste your way down the street. Entry is free with wine sold by the taste and glass. Last year was huge so make sure you're there for 2023!

## Rose Sunday

November 12, gates open 11am, Frimley Park

Nothing says summer is coming to Hawke's Bay like the annual Rose Sunday event at Frimley Park. The Frimley rose garden has more than 5500 different rose varieties to admire as you ramble, with live music, coffee cart, ice-creams and kids' activities. This is a family-friendly event that can be enjoyed at all ages and stages – free entry.

## Urban BBQ Festival

November 18, 11am-6.15pm, Tōmoana Showgrounds

After a baptism of fire in 2020, and Covid chaos in 2021, Urban BBQ Festival is finally back for a second round of meat, music and BBQ mayhem.

More food vendors, more BBQ supplies, demos, tastings and a rocking line up of music and entertainment that will keep you by the pits all day long.

Taking place in the Waikoko Gardens, it's the perfect spot to spread out and enjoy an epic day of BBQ and good times.

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

FREE family friendly event

# Diwali Festival of Lights

**SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER**  
6PM - 9PM

Mitre 10 Regional Sports Park  
Percival Road, Hastings

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Welcome to the

# Hawke's Bay Arts Festival 2023

## Nau mai, haere mai ki te Ahurei Toi o Te Matau a Maui

This year has been an unimaginably tough one for our community and the last six months have created much hard work, loss, and personal suffering for many. The idea behind 2023's Festival is to bring us together in celebration of our community and to create as many opportunities as possible for people to be able to participate, take a break and find joy and happiness in the arts.

In the aftermath of Cyclone Gabrielle, Arts Inc. Heretaunga wanted to offer something back to our region, and our community, that we love. Thanks to the incredible support of Mills Family Trust, ECCT, the Hawke's Bay Foundation and our generous patrons, we're proud to not only be presenting a spectacular line up of events, but to be able to make this year's Festival the most affordable and accessible ever with standard tickets priced at an amazing \$25.

On top of that, we're able to offer some of this year's shows free of charge, including our sensational headline act 360 ALLSTARS, children's tickets to the

family show 'The Grumpiest Child in the World' and the Festival in Schools Programme which is completely free for students in 2023.

As part of the generous support of Mills Family Trust, the Hawke's Bay Foundation's Cyclone Relief Fund, and the Eastern and Central Community Trust we're working hard with community groups to release free tickets to those people who have been significantly impacted by the cyclone. Once these groups have been identified, a number of free tickets to all shows will be released in October to those who have registered online for our 'Festival for Free' waitlist (sign up at [hbaf.co.nz](http://hbaf.co.nz)).

This is a Festival for us all to enjoy. If you attend year after year, we can't wait to see you again and please, bring your friends and spread the word! We want this to be the biggest, and most attended Festival in its nine years running.

And if you've never been before, this is your year. We encourage you to take a look at the programme, be curious and try something new. Whether you're a lover of dance, of music, of comedy or of drama – there will be a show for you at this year's Festival.



"We can't wait to welcome you to the 2023 Hawke's Bay Arts Festival!"

Pitsch Leiser, Hawke's Bay Arts Festival Director



## Nāku te rourou, nāu te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi

As we gather for the Festival, let us be reminded of the profound meaning behind the whakatauki, "Nāku te rourou, nāu te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi" – "With your basket and my basket, we will thrive."

In the spirit of this ancient Māori wisdom, we come together, bringing our unique resources and contributions, uniting as one community. By sharing our collective strengths, we create a powerful bond that enables us to achieve extraordinary outcomes. As the flax strands are woven throughout the rourou, symbolising support and unity, we, too, have joined forces to make this festival more accessible to all.

Together, let us embark on a journey of celebration, culture, and harmony, where the impact of our shared efforts will resonate far beyond these festivities.



We'd love for you to join us on social media! You can follow us on Facebook @hawkesbayartsfestival or Instagram @hbartsfestival and please do tag us in any of your Festival posts. Or, head to [www.hbaf.co.nz](http://www.hbaf.co.nz) to join our email newsletter.

ALL THE INFO

To view the programme or book tickets, visit [www.hbaf.co.nz](http://www.hbaf.co.nz) for online bookings, or to book in person please head to the Hastings isite, Havelock North isite or the Napier Municipal Theatre Box Office.

## What's on FABULOUS THEATRE

### Tea with Terrorists

Friday 20 October  
Toitoi - Functions On Hastings

A rollercoaster ride of dark comedy and delicious storytelling, in Tea with Terrorists, Sameena Zehra shares stories from a life that straddles two very different cultures. Arguing with mullahs, being an atheist in a religious, liberal family, wandering outside the green zone in war torn Kabul, being stalked by a sheep in Coniston, and having tea with some terrorists in Kashmir.



### Sparrows of Kabul

Saturday 21 October  
Toitoi - Opera House

In an unforgettable music, spoken word and multi-media performance Australian poet, songster and diplomat Fred Smith and his band of Hawke's Bay musicians Anton Wuts (Keys) Tiffany Anderson (violin and vocals), Dave O' Hanlon (drums) and Matiu Whiting (Guitar), presents the extraordinary song cycle Sparrows of Kabul.

### Heartbreak Hotel

Thursday 26 October  
Toitoi - Functions On Hastings

This one is for the young hearts, the old hearts, and the broken hearts.

Join Karin McCracken as a woman navigating heartbreak and Simon Leary as all the ex-loves in a show studded with lo-fi covers of classic breakup songs, bad tinder dates and attempted fresh starts.



### Skin Hunger

Friday 27 October  
Toitoi - Functions On Hastings

Prepare to laugh and cry in this brilliant and utterly compelling theatre piece written and performed by Tatiana Hotere, winner of several 2022 Auckland Fringe awards including Outstanding Performance.

Raw, passionate, sexy and heartbreakingly funny, Skin Hunger explores the intersection of grief, faith and sexuality in a brave and sensitive way.

### Upu

Saturday 28 October  
Toitoi - Opera House

Following critical acclaim as a major new production for Silo Theatre in the 2020 Auckland International Arts festival, and a sell-out season in Wellington at the Kia Mau First Nations Festival in June 2021, the

wealth and power of Māori and Pasifika literature is brought to roaring theatrical life in Upu. Featuring Nora Aati, Mia Blake, Ana Corbett, Nicola Kāwana, James Maaeva, Shadon Meredith, Maiava Nathaniel Lees.



# MUSIC FOR ALL TASTES

## Back to Black

Friday 13 October  
Toitoti - Opera House

One show only celebrating the famous songstress Amy Winehouse and her unmistakable voice to mark her 40th birthday, featuring some of this country's finest musicians.

Enjoy a stellar collection of her extraordinary original compositions from her first album Frank and her chart-topping sophomore album Back to Black, along with her favourite classics and deep cuts performed live.

## CMNZ Series – Reimagining Mozart

Saturday 14 October  
Waiapu Cathedral of St John the Evangelist

This stunning new arrangement of Mozart's Requiem by Robert Wiremu is brought to life by the internationally celebrated VOICES New Zealand Chamber Choir and instrumental ensemble under the direction of Dr Karen Grylls.

## Second-Hand Time & Voices at the End

Sunday 29 October  
Blyth Performing Arts Centre

Two of New Zealand's most respected musicians, Arts Foundation Laureate Michael Houston, regarded as New Zealand's leading concert pianist, and internationally acclaimed composer John Psathas, join forces for an extraordinary programme in which they explore some of the most pressing issues confronting our world today.



## Birds of NZ

Friday 20 October  
St Matthew's Anglican Hall

Transport yourself to another world as Hawke's Bay's Machine Wreckers weave their sonic, dreamlike musical pieces, along with artworks and stop motion animation, paying homage to the unique and enchanting melodies of the native birds of Aotearoa.

Relax back in and join an immersive show like no other.

## Theia X TE KAAHU Girl in a Savage World

Sunday 22 October  
Toitoti - Opera House

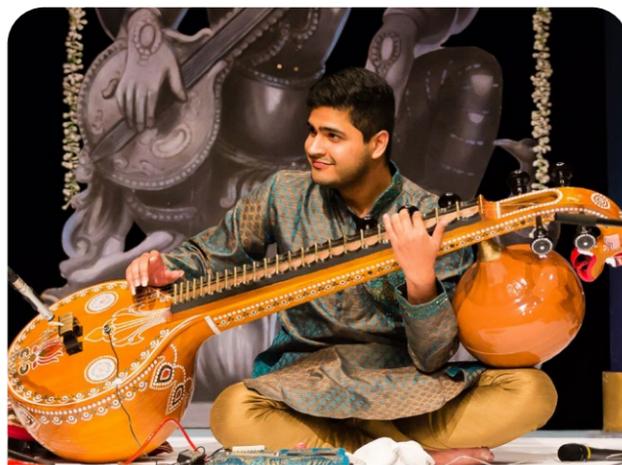
Fresh from touring in the US and Canada, Taite Music Prize winner and celebrated singer-songwriter Theia presents a special performance of reimagined songs from her critically acclaimed alt-pop catalogue, alongside dreamy waiata from her award-winning reo Māori project TE KAAHU.



## When Poetry and Song Collide

Sunday 22 October  
Toitoti - Functions On Hastings

Charlotte Yates, performing alongside the legendary Julia Deans and soulful Sandy Mill, takes us through the intriguing backstory to the four albums she created with poetry from NZ literary titans James K Baxter, Hone Tuwhare, Witi Ihimaera and Katherine Mansfield.



## Shades of Shakti

Thursday 26 October  
Toitoti - Opera House

Shades of Shakti is a true East-meets-West collaboration, bridging the gap between traditional Indian music and jazz. This mesmerising show features music from both Ravi Shankar's East Meets West album and John McLaughlin's famous group Shakti, from which the group drew initial inspiration.



## Gráda

Friday 27 October  
Toitoti - Opera House

Irish supergroup Gráda has reunited in 2023 to tour Ireland and New Zealand presenting a live show exuding energy and improvisation. Rooted in traditional Irish music with influences from folk, jazz, world music and Americana, the band promises to bring down the house with their toe-tapping energy and vibrant spirit.

## Jenny Mitchell and the Mitchell Twins

Sunday 29 October  
Toitoti - Opera House

Bringing their award-winning folk/alt-country sound along with a full band featuring storytelling, fiddle and family harmonies from Jenny and her sisters, enjoy a night of soulful songs wrapped in wisdom and wit.



## 360 All Stars – FREE SHOW

Saturday 14 October  
Napier Municipal Theatre

Sunday 15 October  
Toitoti - Opera House

BMX, basketball, breakdancing, acrobatics, drumming and more; the international smash hit 360 ALLSTARS visits the Festival as part of their 10 year anniversary World Tour!

A magnificent, colourful & astonishing production from Australia, suitable for the whole family from five to 95-year-olds.



## Picnic Cinema – Showmeshorts

Sunday 15 October, 4pm  
Civic Square, Hastings

An annual collection of short films for children and their families to enjoy together. Join the Prime Minister's daughter at parliament buildings. Discover a floating world in danger. Meet an eccentric boy with a love of crows, a space dog and a spider. Learn together to shoot for the moon!

## The Grumpiest Child in the World

Monday 23 October  
Toitoti - Functions On Hastings

**FREE for Children (with a paying Adult)**

Natalie Bridging is a world-class grump (according to her mum). Wanting to stand out, she's hōhā with feeling average, ordinary and middling so she sets out on "probably the most amazing adventure ever!"

Her magical journey takes her down an awa, up a maunga, meeting strange and wondrous beings along the way. Characters who in the beginning frustrate and anger her might turn out to be new friends.

# SHOW STOPPING DANCE



## Kahurangi! Ahakoa He Iti, He Pounamu!

Thursday 19 October  
Toitōi - Opera House

Kahurangi NZ Māori Dance Company combine song, powerful dance, music and theatre into an enthralling show. International guest artists Red Thunder Next Generation – First Nations Dance company from Canada, and Te Vaka o Takitumu Cultural Group from the Cook Islands are also taking to the stage.

## Arawhata

Friday 20 October  
Toitōi - Opera House

In a joyful celebration of diversity, Wellington Ballroom brings you Arawhata! This one-of-a-kind show captures the essence and experiences of queer, indigenous people of colour, fusing the art form of underground ballroom with the cultures which flow through the performers' veins.

A free community workshop will be held on October 21 in the Assembly Ballroom.



## Ko Au: Malosi

Friday 27 October & Saturday 28 October  
St Matthew's Church

From the creators of last year's Festival gem Ko Au, comes Ko Au: Malosi, a powerful collaborative piece created and directed by Seidah Tuoai and Joshua Mitikulena, and featuring Pasifika creatives from Aotearoa, Australia and the USA.

Seidah, a Samoan hip hop dancer who combines street with tradition, has some treats in store for audiences at her show Ko Au: Malosi.

"I've always enjoyed listening to other people's stories. The whole concept of Ko Au: Malosi is to show joy, strength and hope through dance. The dancers performing will all have different versions of what joy is, and what hope means to them, and I'm looking forward to extracting that when we workshop the show's choreography."

A unique fusion of dance, music and spoken word, Ko au: Malosi is a reflection of Seidah's own identity, deeply connected to her cultural heritage, and will explore the themes of inner strength and resilience.

It'll be the first time Seidah's original dance form, 'Popping Pulatasi,' is performed as part of a live, full length show. A combination of street dance and traditional Suva Samoa, the movement tells her story of acceptance and cultural identity.

"For me, Ko au: Malosi is more than dance; it's a showcase of memories and emotions. The show is a live installation work, structured like a church service, performed in St Matthews Church." The white costumes that will be worn by the dancers connect to the Samoan tradition of White Sunday, a core childhood memory for Seidah.

"Hawke's Bay has gone through something big this year and our aim is to connect the members of the audience back to their own joy and purpose, whether that be through the dance, the words, the music, or through seeing the beauty of St Matthews."

Read the full interview with Seidah at [www.hbaf.co.nz](http://www.hbaf.co.nz)

# HAVE A LAUGH

## Rise of the Olive

Sunday 15 October  
Toitōi - Opera House

Join the world's only surreal, sketch, award-winning circus troupe on a wild ride featuring a host of high calibre, left-field skills and comedy; 3D glasses and morph suits make a comeback, there's a heart stopping innovative aerial rope act, and more...

## Wilson Dixon: Put the Gun Down, Jethro

Sunday 21 October  
Toitōi - Functions On Hastings

Comedian Wilson Dixon is known to many as the greatest country singer Cripple Creek, Colorado has ever produced, as well as the only country singer Cripple Creek has ever produced. He's returning to New Zealand with his latest tour with new songs and stories about his "problematic" family.



# CONTEMPORARY ART & TOURS

## Ha-Wai-Ki-Nui

2-28 October

Hastings Community Arts Centre

A collaborative exhibition curated by Darryl Thomson, Michelle Mataira and Mark Anderson, bringing a stunning selection of work from over 30 local, national and international artists.

Through painting, sculpture, weaving and mixed-media you are invited to immerse yourself in a contemplative journey which aims to reposition our emotions about water. This powerful exhibition takes over the gallery space for the entire month of October.

## 'Amu'i Mu'a - Ancient Futures

Running through to 5 November  
Hastings City Art Gallery

Dagmar Vaikalafi Dyck and Sopolemalama Filipe 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 exploring the legacies of late-18th and early-19th Century customary Tongan art practices.



## Hawke's Bay Art Trail

14-15 October

Across Hawke's Bay

Hawke's Bay's artists are throwing open the doors of their studios to welcome you in!

Hawke's Bay Art Trail maps are available online and from sites, libraries, cafés and all usual outlets. Use these in conjunction with the Hawke's Bay Art Guide which is available year-round.

## Listen For Your Words

Festival duration

Toitoti Laneway

For the 2022 Hawke's Bay Arts Festival two researchers sat in a small writing room outside the Hastings City Art Gallery interviewing anyone who came along on the subject of Home. This year, the stories collected will be posted up in a laneway at Toitoti for all to read throughout the duration of the Festival.

Listen For Your Words is a collaborative work led by Jess Soutar Barron with support from Creative Communities Hastings.

## Nuit Blanche - Art After Dark

Saturday 14 October, 6pm

Napier CBD

Get ready for a street party like no other when Nuit Blanche returns to light up Napier City! For one evening only, a celebration of contemporary art takes over the Arts Quarter, transforming its streets and secret spaces with remarkable works and unique performances.

For more info check out [hbaf.co.nz](http://hbaf.co.nz)

## Walking with Artists - An immersive audio guide

Saturday 14 October

Hastings

Our streets are full of creativity, and every artwork has a story.

Fire up your smartphone to download 'Pickpath' for a brisk tour of Hastings' sculptures and murals, featuring special interviews with the artists themselves.

## The People's Oracle

Sunday 15 October, 2pm to 6pm

Albert Square, Hastings

The prophetic People's Oracle is coming to town! The Oracle, a great big, towering wall of dusty yesteryear appliances, is calling everyone to share their Life Lessons.

What's your greatest insight? Perhaps: Always water your house plants? Never give up trying? Eat chocolate at least once a day? Never give up trying? Come see the Oracle's quirky 1950s typist Assistant and entrust your wisdoms to her for feeding into the Oracle.



# READERS & WRITERS

The Hawke's Bay Readers and Writers Festival kicks off on Friday October 27 and promises to be a weekend packed full of fascinating conversations on storytelling and the burning issues of the day. Events this year include:

## Friday 27 October

Havelock North Function Centre

**Bestsellers Breaking Barriers:** Dr Monty Soutar ONZM, Michael Bennett, Whiti Hereaka.

**There's a Cure for This:** Dr Emma Espiner, Noelle McCarthy.

For details and to book tickets head to [www.hbaf.co.nz](http://www.hbaf.co.nz)

## Saturday 28 October

Havelock North Function Centre

**Nourished Inside and Out:** Pip Cameron, Helen Lehndorf, Nigel Olsen.

**Wild Life:** Nicola Toki, Jesse Mulligan.

**Rewriting History:** Dr Monty Soutar ONZM, Cristina Sanders, Catherine Robertson.

**Beautiful Pages:** Deborah Coddington and Jane Ussher, with Lizzie Russell.

Flaxmere Library

**New Voices:** Josie Shapiro, Airana Ngarewa, Nafanua Kersel, Whiti Hereaka.

## Sunday 29 October

Havelock North Function Centre

**Bookshops are Magic:** Deborah Coddington, Ruth Shaw, Olivia Spooner, Lou Ward.

**Peck-cha-kucha:** Catherine Chidgey, Marty Smith.

**Gliding from There to Here:** Roger Hall, Joe Bennett, Catherine Robertson.

The Cottage, Keirunga Gardens

**Plants and Portals Writing Workshop:** Helen Lehndorf.

2023



Hawke's Bay  
Readers &  
Writers

27-29 OCTOBER



# EXCITING NEWS FOR HAWKE'S BAY YOUTH!



Introducing our new

## Youth Services Database

Find a comprehensive list of all youth service providers in Hawke's Bay.



From leadership programs to workshops, and more, Youth Connect opens up a world of possibilities to help you unlock your full potential!



Connect with like-minded individuals who share your passions and interests. Build new friendships and unleash your creativity in a supportive network of rangatahi.



Access educational resources, training modules, and exclusive content designed to boost your skills and knowledge.



Discover volunteer opportunities, community service projects, and initiatives that allow you to contribute to causes close to your heart.

It's YOUR go-to destination for all things related to youth!



Scan the QR code or visit [hastingsdc.govt.nz/youth-database](http://hastingsdc.govt.nz/youth-database)

## Welcoming survey

As part of its involvement in Immigration New Zealand's Welcoming Communities programme, Hastings District Council is asking newcomers to the district what makes them feel welcome here.

The Welcoming Communities survey is open until November 1 and is targeted at people who have moved to Hastings in the past five years – either from another country or somewhere else in New Zealand.

This includes recent migrants, former refugees, and international students.

The survey can be taken online, or at the Hastings library, and is intended to determine where people have come from, why they decided to move here, what made them feel welcome and if they faced any barriers or difficulties getting settled in.

This information will help council work alongside our communities and improve accessibility and inclusion for everyone who now calls Hastings home.

Go to [www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/welcoming-communities](http://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/welcoming-communities) to take the survey online.



## Welcoming Communities survey

For new residents to Hastings District

The Welcoming Communities - Te Waharoa ki ngā Hapori programme wants to know what makes people feel welcome in Hastings.

Take our quick survey to share your experience of being a newcomer in Hastings District.



Scan here or visit: [hastingsdc.govt.nz/welcoming-communities](http://hastingsdc.govt.nz/welcoming-communities)



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# What's on... October 2023

## Hastings District Libraries

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

### Late Night Which Craft – DIY Fascinator workshop

THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER | 5PM-7PM  
HASTINGS WAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Come along for a fun creative evening and take home your very own fascinator in time for Melbourne Cup day. No experience necessary. All materials provided. Tickets \$5.00 available on Eventfinda. Limited spaces.

### Who Killed Bartholomew Boddy? A Murder Mystery Occasion

TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER | 6PM-8PM  
HAVELOCK NORTH LIBRARY

Dress up in your 1920/30s finery and team up to bribe, blackmail, and form alliances as you narrow down the suspects. Based on the classic Cluedo format, with a few devious twists.

Limited spaces available. Registration required. For Adults 45+

### Halloween Hullabaloo

TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER | 4.30PM-7.00PM  
HASTINGS WAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Join us for Halloween festivities at Hastings Library!

## Events & Activities in the Hastings District

### Hawke's Bay Farmers Market

EVERY SUNDAY | 8.30AM – 12.30PM  
WAIKOKO GARDENS, TŌMOANA SHOWGROUNDS  
hawkesbayfarmersmarket.co.nz

### Repair Café – Clive

SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER | 1PM-4PM

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

### Aramex Kiwi Walk & Run Series

SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER | NAPIER

Calling wine lovers of all fitness levels! Walk or run the stunning Vineyard Trail, Hawke's Bay. This event alternates between Hastings and Napier and this year the stunning course treks across four different types of terrain including two vineyards (Church Road & Mission Estate), with great 360-degree views of Hawke's Bay. Plus, enjoy some yummy kiwi treats along the way. Entries open online now [kiwiwalkrun.co.nz](http://kiwiwalkrun.co.nz)

### Diwali Festival of Lights

SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER | 6PM-9PM  
MITRE 10 REGIONAL SPORTS PARK

The Hindu Council of Hawke's Bay invites you to celebrate Diwali Festival of Lights. Live music and performances, family activities, food and craft stalls.

### Special Days this month

1 October | Tuvalu Independence Day  
10 October | Fiji Independence Day  
19 October | Niue Independence Day  
22-28 October | Tokelau Language Week  
20 October | Hawke's Bay Anniversary  
23 October | Labour Day

## 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

Fun fitness programmes for all ages.

For information on programmes and classes please visit Hastings Sports Centre and Sports Hawkes Bay websites or contact us 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](mailto:hastingsartgallery@hdc.govt.nz)  
hastingscityartgallery.co.nz

### 'Amu'i Mu'a – Ancient Futures: Dagmar Vaikalafi Dyck and Soplemalama 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 26 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 26 NOVEMBER

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

### Art for Tots

MONDAY 2 OCTOBER | 10.30-11.30AM

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](mailto:hastingsartgallery@hdc.govt.nz)

### Kids Drop-in Art Days

TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER AND THURSDAY 5 OCTOBER | 10AM – 3PM

Come along to the gallery and get creative with fun, free art activities related to our current exhibitions! Every Tuesday and Thursday in term time school holidays. No booking required.

### Tale of Two Queens: Dr Billie Lythberg

SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER | 11AM

Dr Billie Lythberg discusses Tongan decorated barkcloths from the Hawke's Bay Museums Trust Collection. No booking required.

## Flaxmere Community Centre

30 Swansea Road, Flaxmere | FREE ENTRY  
hastingsdc.govt.nz/flaxmere-community-centre

Fun and fitness for all ages and abilities at regular weekly classes.

## Arts Inc. Heretaunga

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

### Hawke's Bay Arts Festival Exhibition "Ha-Wai-Ki-Nui"

2 – 28 OCTOBER

Immerse yourself in a stunning selection of work from 40 local, national, and international artists. This exhibition seeks to redress the trauma bestowed on our region by recent severe weather events with a kaupapa to restore the sacredness of water and its essential place in our lives. Water is a gift. Without water, we are nothing.

## Heretaunga Women's Centre

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

Please register to attend any of the workshops by calling 06 878 5401 or email [admin@hwc.nz](mailto:admin@hwc.nz)

### 'Understanding Our Hormones' with Dr Samantha Newman

THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER | 12PM-1PM

As women our hormones influence how we feel at different ages, life stages, and throughout the month. Dr Samantha Newman from Female GB will look at the roles of hormones, and more importantly how they make us, as women feel.

### Healthy Aging with Maria Pearson owner of Women's Fitness Studio

THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER | 12PM-1PM

Join Maria to find out how our bodies change as we age, and what we can do about it (through physical activity/exercise) so we can stay independent, confident, and strong. The Women's Fitness Studio is a gym offering resistance machines and a range of exercise classes for women of all ages.

## Toitotoi - 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 Toitotoi website for information on upcoming programmes and events: [toitovenues.co.nz](http://toitovenues.co.nz). Tickets can be purchased at the Hastings or Havelock North sites or at [toitovenues.co.nz](http://toitovenues.co.nz).

### Hawke's Bay Arts Festival

FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER – SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER  
TOITOI – OPERA HOUSE

Things look a little different for the 2023 Hawke's Bay Arts Festival, as the Arts Inc. Heretaunga team are doing all they can to ensure that this year's Festival is one for us all to enjoy. This is a two-week line-up of brilliant events, which you won't want to miss. Tickets from \$25-\$35

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