

# MY HASTINGS

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## Blossom Festival Fun

AN EVENTFUL DISTRICT



### A FAMILY FIESTA

Join in the fun at the three-day Blossom Fest

### CELEBRATE OUR STORY

Hastings' 150th birthday commemorations continue

### LOOKING AHEAD

Save the Date for more exciting events to come



**HERETAUNGA**  
**HASTINGS** DISTRICT COUNCIL



# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Last month marked six months since Cyclone Gabrielle, and while there is still a long way to go in our recovery, it was an opportunity to reflect on the progress that has been made.

Ten of 16 bridges and crossings that were destroyed have temporary replacements and many kilometres of roads have been repaired to a state where people in our more remote communities have access.

In the most heavily impacted areas, there's still a lot of truck traffic collecting silt – as of August 15, 635,000 cubic metres had been collected.

For our people whose lives, properties and livelihoods have been upended by this event, the process to bring some certainty about their future continues – we are acutely aware of how stressful and difficult this is.

For the whole of our district, it has been a challenging winter. We are pleased that Spring is around the corner,

and it's been heartening to see some of our growers re-planting and we hope this year delivers a good season for those who are in a position to move forward.

For our community, Spring in Heretaunga Hastings means blossoms and the start of our annual events season, starting with our wonderful Blossom Festival.

Record numbers of our community came to the festival last year to enjoy three days of fun and entertainment, the highlight event being the Blossom Parade.

The parade has heralded the arrival of Spring since 1950 and it continues to bring families and our community together to enjoy the floats, bands, dancers and community groups.

With the festival now being three days – there's so much to enjoy with live acts and music, carnival rides, outdoor movies, and more.

There are also exciting events coming up celebrating Hastings' 150 birthday, along with other regional events on the calendar showcasing what Heretaunga Hastings and the wider Hawke's Bay has to offer.

**Kia kaha,  
Sandra Hazlehurst,  
Mayor of Hastings**

## Repair Café a hit

The newly established Repair Café Hastings is making its way around Heretaunga Hastings, and so far its pop-up events have been a hit.

Repair Café Hastings is one of 37+ Repair Cafés running in New Zealand, and they're all making a real difference in local communities.

Founder James Taylor is pleased to see all sorts of broken or damaged things coming through the doors and feels a real sense of achievement when they leave in a useful state again.

"We can take the lead on this and play a part in changing the throwaway/buy new culture that exists," he says.

"These events are free and can save residents from having to replace a pricey item and ultimately stop things from going to landfill. And you'd be surprised at what can be repaired."

Items needing repair can range from electrical appliances to furniture and bikes, a broom needing the handle re-attached to the base, or a jersey with a hole in it.

James encourages everyone to think about fixing something before replacing it with something new.

"You might not have the skillset to repair something – but someone from our team is likely to. So come along, basically, if you can carry it – bring it."

Supported by Hastings District Council's waste minimisation fund, the pop-up event details are shared on Repair Café Hastings' Facebook page.



SAVE THE DATE

## Cape Kidnappers Trail Run

28 October

Fun for all the whānau at this classic event running or walking over some of the most stunning landscapes in the country. Set on private land not usually open to the public it takes in windswept beaches, native forest, waterfalls, river gorges and stunning coastal farmland. Something for everyone with event distance options of 32km, 21km, 15km and 5km.

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

## Hawke's Bay A&P Show

18-20 October

Come and experience the annual event that brings Hawke's Bay's rural and urban communities together in a showcase of livestock, equestrian events and fun-filled family entertainment.

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

## Hawke's Bay Arts Festival

13-29 October

It's the most accessible and affordable festival ever this year. Following the devastating Cyclone Gabrielle, organisers have decided to reduce all standard ticket prices to \$25 and premium tickets to \$35.

Check out the exciting line-up at [www.hbaf.co.nz](http://www.hbaf.co.nz)

## Façade enhancement

The Rural Equities building at 120 Karamū Rd North has had a new paint job, highlighting the decorative features of this heritage building.

The enhancement was carried out with the support of Council's Façade Enhancement Scheme, which has contributed to many other buildings getting such upgrades in recent years.

Go to [www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/hastings/projects/façade-enhancement-scheme](http://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/hastings/projects/façade-enhancement-scheme) for more information on what council support is available to upgrade the exterior of inner city buildings.



Before



After

**HASTINGS**

**BLOSSOM**

**FEST** 2023

**A three-day extravaganza jam-packed  
with free events and activities!**

**22-24 SEPT**

- + Hastings Blossom Parade**
- + outdoor cinema**
- + live performances**
- + blossom breakfast**
- + carnival rides**
- + much more**
- + ALL FREE!**



[hastingsblossomfest.co.nz](http://hastingsblossomfest.co.nz)

Show us what 'Our Hastings' means to you at the

# Hastings Blossom Parade 2023!

Saturday 23 September, 1pm

**The countdown to the 2023 Hastings Blossom Parade is on.**

Arts Inc. Heretaunga in conjunction with Hastings District Council is once again proud to bring you this year's parade, which has now been part of the fabric of Hastings since 1950. Each year, we love to see generations of families enjoying the decorated floats, bands, dancers and community groups. It's a day to share with smiles and laughs aplenty, and is always a true celebration of our multi-cultural community.

After a challenging start to the year, let's come together and make 2023 the best parade yet!



## Our Hastings: 2023 Blossom Parade Theme

This year's theme, 'Our Hastings' feels like the perfect fit in the year that the Hastings District commemorates 150 years of the township. 'Our Hastings' gives businesses the opportunity to demonstrate the special part they play in making up the fabric of our city and wider district.

"The possibilities are endless with the theme of 'Our Hastings'" says Lyn Mackie, Blossom Parade Director at Arts Inc. Heretaunga, who is in her 25th year of organising the Parade.

"Celebrate your culture, community, or history within the District. Represent a special landmark, area, or building through your float, or bring back cherished memories and stories from Hastings to life. Or, gather your friends and whānau and cheer the Parade on!

"Whatever way you do it, being part of this iconic event that brings joy to the community year after year will leave a lasting impression."



## There's still time to register to be part of the 2023 Blossom Parade!

Calling all businesses, clubs and community groups, here is your chance to celebrate 'Our Hastings' and showcase your organisation free, in front of over 20,000 spectators as part of an iconic Heretaunga Hastings celebration!

There are a number of ways to be involved in one of the biggest FREE events on the Hastings calendar:

- Build a float as a business or community organisation
- Decorate a car, motorbike, bicycle or pram to promote your organisation
- Be part of a performance/dance group
- Encourage your school, sports team or social club to participate
- Form a marching band
- Dress up with your friends and family and join the parade
- Sponsor an entry

As well as a lot of fun and laughter there is also a lot of time and energy that goes in to preparing an entry for the parade, be it building a float, decorating a vehicle, rehearsing a routine or piece of music.

Once again this year we are excited to be able to recognise these efforts and are able to offer substantial cash prizes with five different entry categories to choose from.

	WINNER	RUNNER UP
<b>Best Float</b>	\$1,500	\$500
<b>Best Performance</b>	\$1,500	\$500
<b>Best Blossom Use</b>	\$1,500	\$500
<b>Most Unusual</b>	\$1,500	\$500
<b>People's Choice</b>	\$2,000	N/A

If you would like to participate entries are still open and you can fill out an entry form using any of the options below:

Web: [www.artsinc.co.nz](http://www.artsinc.co.nz) Phone: 878 9447 Email: [info@artsinc.co.nz](mailto:info@artsinc.co.nz)

We will be happy to receive your entry and provide any advice or even offer you some financial support to build your entry if you are a community group (limits apply).

**"This year's Blossom Parade promises to be a fabulous outing for the whole whānau as our community comes together in one of the biggest cross-cultural events in Hawke's Bay.**

**"After such a challenging start to the year we all need a lift and the joy and happiness that this event brings will be just the tonic! So come and join in the fun, we look forward to seeing you."**

**Arts Inc Heretaunga, Chair - Andy Heast.**



## Pedal Power at the Blossom Parade

By Neill Gordon

The whole wide cycling world will be represented in a flotilla of amazeballs bikes in the 2023 Blossom Parade.

Kids on bikes, dogs on bikes, unicycles, trick bikes, e-tricycles . . . you name it, they'll be wheeling through the beautiful streets of Hastings on Saturday September 23.

Expect to see 30 or more dazzling decorated bikes and riders from the historic contraptions which once dominated street traffic to the bikes of the future – the latest zippy e-powered fun machines.

The flotilla is being organised by cycling advocacy group Bike Hawke's Bay. If you're keen to be involved make contact via their website: [bikehawkesbay.org.nz](http://bikehawkesbay.org.nz)

There is a long history of pedal-powered fabulousness in the Blossom Parade. Photographs from the 1960s show clowns on 10-foot high tall bikes, bathtub bikes and hospital bed bikes. Whether the modern cycling community can match the hysterical historical hijinks remains to be seen.



Pictured above: Lyn Mackie.

## Five minutes with Blossom Parade Director Lyn Mackie

**Lyn will be a familiar face to many, having run the Blossom Parade for 25 years! We've pulled her aside for a quick chat, to find out how the Parade has changed over the years, and the impact it has on Hastings.**

**Looking back at 25 years of organising the Blossom Parade, what stands out as your proudest achievement?**

The fact that every year we have the Parade, people always say, "that was the best yet!" Both participants and spectators get a buzz from the Parade Day and that's a nice feeling for everyone.

**How has the parade evolved and changed over 25 years?**

It has become more of a true reflection of our community. Rather than the big floats of the past, we have more of a multi-cultural carnival type celebration with more vibrancy, noise and groups participating now.

**What do you think the Blossom Parade means to the people of Hastings?**

It is and has always been a free iconic community event for the whole family. A day to come into Hastings and be entertained, enjoy a day in the sun – celebrating spring and looking forward to summer.

**Do you have a favourite float that you remember from years past?**

That is a really hard one. I think the Kamibay float last year was outstanding in that it was reminiscent of former floats but that it used recycled egg cartons and promoted sustainability. The Thai Buddhist floats have always been outstanding as have those of the Philippine community. I always love the entries from our Pacific Island community with their singing, drums and energy, as well as the amazing floats year after year from Kevin Watkins. Not to forget the noise and contrasting dignity from Falun Dafa. Wayne Clarke and his steam engine that has been in every parade for at least 35 years... I could go on. I REALLY can't pick just one!

**What do you hope to see in the future of the Parade?**

I would hope that it would continue on and that more and more groups would become involved as a way of sharing and letting people know about what activities make up our community in the Hastings District. I'd love for it to widen out even further, to share a day of great community spirit for everyone.

## What you need to know

### TIMETABLE:

**10am:** Live entertainment is on the corner of Karamu & Heretaunga St, rides are in Albert Square.

**1pm:** Blossom Parade starts on the corner of Lyndon Rd and Warren St (see map for more information)

**3pm:** Prize giving at Civic Square (outside the (approx.) Hastings City Art Gallery)

### SEATING FOR THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED:

There will be a limited allocation of seating for the elderly and disabled on the corner of Queen St and Market St North (opposite Kiwibank). Bookings are essential. Please phone Lyn on 878 9447 to reserve a seat.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We are always looking for more volunteers, either to dress up in costume (need to be lively!) or to help with traffic control (manning the traffic barriers). Thank you - call Lyn on 878 9447.

### FREE PARKING:

Parking will be free in the central city surrounding the parade route for the day.

## Hastings Blossom Festival Lunchtime Concerts

September 2023 - 12-1pm

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - The Choralairs

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> - Kathy Fletcher with Students and Family

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> - Woodford House

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> - Bay Cities Symphonic Band, Ensembles, and Solos

Bring your lunch and join us in the iconic St Matthew's Anglican Church to enjoy beautiful, inspiring music and a wealth of local talent.

Koha entry to each Lunchtime Concert.

St Matthew's Anglican Church  
Corner King Street South & Lyndon Road West,  
Hastings



The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

## Seeking Stories!

**Do you have a great memory or story from a Blossom Parade of the past?  
Do you have any special photos of yourself in a Parade way back when?  
Or maybe there's a float that's stuck in your mind?**

We'd love to gather your stories about the Blossom Parade, to share with the rest of Hastings on our social media pages! If you'd like to take part, email your photos or memories through to [info@artsinc.co.nz](mailto:info@artsinc.co.nz).



# Blossom Festival fun for all

## Friday, 22 September

Make your way to "Blossom Lane", aka the Municipal Building Laneway, for a magical start to the weekend. The bars and restaurants will be blooming with cocktails and dining delights, while live music from divine diva Margot Pierard sets the scene.

## Saturday, 23 September

The Hastings city centre will be fiesta central with a free "Blossom Breakfast" bowl of delicious apple crumble (first in, first served), free carnival rides, and a stage packed with live performances all day. Headlining the day is the famous Hastings Blossom Parade with all its culture, colour, and entertainment.

Don't miss the "Kids Creative Corner" in Landmarks Square where they can have fun with all kinds of arts and crafts, including flag-making to wave and cheer as the Blossom Parade passes by.

The family fun continues in the Hastings City Mall with free rides on the Party Train Express, face painting, balloon animals and more.

## Blossom Stage Programme

Saturday 23 September  
10am-6pm

### REZPECT DANCE GROUP

Back from representing New Zealand at the Hip Hop World Championship in Phoenix, Arizona, Heretaunga Hastings' own homegrown hip-hop dance troupe are set to impress with their expert moves.

### HEIDI & SEAN SHOW

A thrilling combo of comedy, basketball, juggling, fire eating, whip cracking – and a 10-foot unicycle. This duo delivers a hilarious show to delight all ages.

### KAHURANGI DANCE COMPANY

Always a crowd-pleaser, these stunning performers are storytellers as well as talented kapa haka practitioners. On any stage they are spell-binding, sometimes humorous, and always entertaining.

### HAWKE'S BAY SOUL CHOIR

Enjoy Hawke's Bay's liveliest choir spreading cheer and soulful sounds to lift the spirits.

### RIQI HARAWIRA

Talented Māori artist and 2022 Waiata Māori Awards-nominated Best Male Solo Artist Riqi Harawira (Ngāpuhi, Te Aupōuri, Te Rarawa) shines through his music, with his unique blend of old-school melodies with modern twists captivating listeners.



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### GLITTER BOOMB AERIALS TROUPE

Aerialist and trapeze artists, Glitter Boomb Aerials Troupe will keep you on the edge of your seat with a show that promises to surprise and delight.

### BATTLE-SKA GALACTICA

Wellington band Battle-Ska Galactica are purveyors of unique high-energy ska music.

Made up of some of the Capital's most accomplished musicians, Battle-Ska Galactica deliver a highly entertaining show every time they step in front of an audience, taking the crowd with them on an up-tempo ride that leaves everyone invigorated and a little bit puffed!

### HANDS OFF

With years of experience in the music industry, Hands Off know how to deliver an unforgettable show. Entertaining audiences with their high-energy covers of the greatest hits of all time. They will rock your world, with classic rock to pop, funk, soul, and everything in between!

## Sunday 24 September

### OUTDOOR MOVIE – 'THE GREATEST SHOWMAN'

The free carnival rides continue, before the free outdoor movie begins in Civic Square (2pm) where you're invited to step right up to "The Greatest Showman" movie experience. Be sure to bring your picnic blanket or chair to lounge around and enjoy the entertainment on and off the screen as we bring The Greatest Showman to life amid a fabulously immersive afternoon. Food Trucks onsite.



# 150th Hastings anniversary commemoration continues

This month the commemoration of Hastings city's 150th birthday continues with a variety of events giving an insight on the history of our place.

More info at [www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/150-years](http://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/150-years)



## MICHAEL FOWLER HISTORY TALK Sunday, Sept 10, 2-3pm

Westerman's Building, Corner Heretaunga Street East and Russell Street

As one of the first major buildings to be built after the 1931 earthquake, the iconic Westerman's Building is a prime example of Spanish Mission design. The premises was once the premier retail outlet in Hastings and is considered a much-loved landmark with its ornamental façade and beautiful decorative features. The building is at the heart of Hastings CBD which developed at pace from the 1930's onwards.



No Cover Charge but there is a limited capacity of 100 people. RSVPs Essential to Emma Buttle [marcomms\\_eb@hdc.govt.nz](mailto:marcomms_eb@hdc.govt.nz)

## HASTINGS RECOLLECT – DIGITISING 150 YEARS OF LOCAL HISTORY Tuesday, Sept 12, 5.30pm

With Hastings Landmarks Trust and library historian Veronica Hogan. Hastings District Libraries is digitising historic community archives and making it easily accessible online. Learn about ReCollect and how to use it, while we showcase 150 years of Hastings history. **Entry by gold coin donation.**

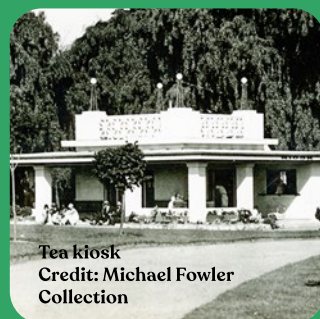
## FOTOFEST Friday, Sept 15-25

The annual Photography Festival event, incorporating the theme of the 150th commemoration of Hastings township - including national exhibitors, workshops and talks. **More info at [www.fotofest.nz](http://www.fotofest.nz)**

## MICHAEL FOWLER HISTORY TALK Sunday, Sept 17, 10-11am

Cornwall Park Tea Kiosk, parking on Roberts Street, Hastings

A fascinating talk with Michael Fowler about the early years of Hastings from the sale of the first sections in 1873 (in Francis Hicks' 100 acre block), to the break-up of the larger Riverslea block from the late 1870s to form the earliest stages of modern Hastings. Learn how the railway grew the town, but its location later became a hindrance. Plus, learn what Francis Hicks thought when he visited Hastings in 1911 - for the first time since leaving in 1873.



No Cover Charge but there is a limited capacity of 50 people. RSVPs essential to Emma Buttle [marcomms\\_eb@hdc.govt.nz](mailto:marcomms_eb@hdc.govt.nz)

## HAVELOCK NORTH FUNCTION CENTRE 25TH BIRTHDAY OPEN DAY Sunday, Sept 17, 11am-3pm

Archival displays showing how Council and community worked together to create this wonderful community facility. A chance to reminisce over light refreshments and then to hear a talk by local historian Michael Fowler at 2pm. Keirunga Artists' Exhibition will be open plus a display by the Havelock North Potters. At 5.30pm the Hawkes Bay Jazz Club's monthly concert will take place.

[www.havelocknorthfunctioncentre.org.nz](http://www.havelocknorthfunctioncentre.org.nz)

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# What's on... September 2023

## Hastings District Libraries

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



### Karawhiua Māori Language Challenge

NOW – 30 SEPTEMBER



Karawhiua! Kōrerohia, pānuitia, whakarongo atu ki te reo Māori!

Karawhiua is a Māori language challenge for ALL ages. Weekly prizes are up for grabs; the more challenges you complete, the more chances you have to win! Complete four or more challenges and be in the draw to win the Grand Prize.

### Landmarks History Talk – Hastings Recollect, digitising 150 years of local history

TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER | 5.30PM – HASTINGS WAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

With Hastings Landmarks Trust and library historian Veronica Hogan, Hastings District Libraries is digitising historic community archives and making it easily accessible online. Learn about ReCollect and how to use it, while we showcase 150 years of Hastings history. Entry by gold coin donation.

### New Zealand Chinese Language Week Trilingual Storytime

TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER | 10AM – HASTINGS WAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY



Ever read a story in two languages? How about three? Come and celebrate Chinese Language Week with trilingual story "Weka's Waiata" and lantern making.

### Spring school holidays

23 SEPTEMBER – 8 OCTOBER



A wide range of activities for children and teens. Pick up a brochure from the library or visit [hastingslibraries.co.nz](http://hastingslibraries.co.nz).

## 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](http://hastingscityartgallery.co.nz)

### 'Amui '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.

### 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



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

### Artist kōrero: Jeremy Leatinu'u

SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER | 11AM



Join artist Jeremy Leatinu'u as he discusses his art practice, in particular his developing practice of directing short art films.

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## Arts Inc. Heretaunga

106 Russell Street South | FREE ENTRY  
[artsinc.co.nz](http://artsinc.co.nz)



### Hawke's Bay Year 12 Art Students – 2023 Art Exhibition

NOW – 16 SEPTEMBER



A diverse and dynamic multi-media exhibition by local Year 12 art students.

### Re:Make – Pallet Cleanser

19 – 30 SEPTEMBER



Hawke's Bay artists respond to the challenge of artistically reimagining, repurposing and upcycling the humble and neglected pallets from around town.

## Heretaunga Women's Centre

Women's Rest Building,  
Cnr. Russell & Eastbourne Streets  
[www.heretaungawomenscentre.nz](http://www.heretaungawomenscentre.nz)

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

### Harcourts Hawke's Bay Women's Triathlon – Mitre 10 Sports Park

SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER | REGISTRATION FROM 8.30AM

A celebration of goals, challenges, and incredible support along the way, this women's only event is designed specifically for first-timers. All entry fees go directly to the Heretaunga Women's Centre. Entry \$10-\$60

## 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: [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).

### Te Kuia me te Pūngāwerewere

MONDAY & TUESDAY 11 & 12 SEPTEMBER | 1PM-1.30PM

Inspired by the beloved children's story 'The Kuia and the Spider' by Patricia Grace, come and experience the untold story of the Kuia and her relationship with Pūpai, the spider, told in te reo Māori. Tickets \$5.62

### Breakfast with Mike King

WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER | 7AM

Join us for breakfast with Mike King during Mental Health Week (18-24 September). For years King has been known as the iconic Kiwi entertainer, but these days he is better known for his work as a prominent mental health educator and motivational speaker. Tickets from \$42.50

### Babbu Maan Live in Hastings

SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER | 7PM

Your favourite Punjabi singer, songwriter and all-round entertainer, Babbu Maan is coming to Heretaunga this September! Babbu Maan has performed in shows across the globe and is a winner of multiple World Music Awards. Tickets from \$72.73 for adults and from \$31.23 for children.

## Flaxmere Community Centre

30 Swansea Road, Flaxmere | FREE ENTRY  
[hastingsdc.govt.nz/flaxmere-community-centre](http://hastingsdc.govt.nz/flaxmere-community-centre)



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

## Camberley Community Centre

703 Kiwi Street, Camberley | FREE ENTRY  
[hastingsdc.govt.nz/camberley-community-centre](http://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](http://hastingsdc.govt.nz/hsc)



Fun fitness programmes for all ages.

## Events & Activities in the Hastings District

### Hawke's Bay Farmers Market

EVERY SUNDAY | 8.30AM – 12.30PM

WAIKOKO GARDENS, TŌMOANA SHOWGROUNDS

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

### Keirunga Artists Spring Exhibition – Havelock North Function Centre

16 – 24 SEPTEMBER | 10AM-4PM

View and buy beautiful art created by talented local artists. Guest exhibitor is local multi-media artist and sculptor Karyn Whitney. Enter a raffle for a gourmet gift basket and make your choice for the people's choice award. Opening night Friday 15 September, 5.30pm.

### Havelock North Function Centre 25th Birthday OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER | 11AM – 3PM

Enjoy archival displays showing how Council and the community worked together to create this wonderful community facility. Reminisce over light refreshments and enjoy a talk by local historian Michael Fowler at 2pm.

### Hastings Blossom Festival Lunchtime Concerts

ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH, 200 KING ST

18-21 SEPTEMBER | 12PM-1PM

Bring your lunch and join us in the iconic St Matthew's Anglican Church to enjoy beautiful, inspiring music & a wealth of local talent. Koha entry

### Special Days this Month

- 3 September | Tongan Language Week Begins
- 8 September | International Literacy Day
- 10 September | World Suicide Prevention Day
- 11 September | Te Wiki o te Reo Māori / Māori Language Week
- 15 September | Rosh Hashanah
- 17 September | NZ Chinese Language Week
- 18 September | Mental Health Awareness Week
- 19 September | Women's Equality Day / Suffrage Day
- 23 September | Bi Visibility Day / International Day of Sign Language
- 24 September | Yom Kippur