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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

What a wonderful summer we have had with our district and region well and truly back in business over the past couple of months!

Last month we celebrated Parks Week with open days at our stunning heritage buildings in our parks – Stoneycroft, Women's Rest, Keirunga Homestead & Cottage, Te Mākaramū (the former tea kiosk at Cornwall Park), Mackersey Family Pavilion, and Duart House.

Hundreds of people came along to visit the buildings, all of which apart from Stoneycroft are available for public bookings.

We also had thousands of people here enjoying a very successful Horse of the Year event at Tōmoana Showgrounds, Art Deco celebrations were back in full swing, Summer F.A.W.C! showcased our food and wine, and the Hawke's Bay BMX Club did a fantastic job hosting the National BMX champs.

Attracting visitors back to our region is an important part of our Cyclone Recovery but there is still much to do. Our council is in the process of carefully considering the fiscal management of investment in new projects as we prepare our 2024-2034 Long Term Plan.

In the previous Long Term Plan, council had a strong focus on supporting growth activity – investing in infrastructure for residential housing, and industrial and commercial development, to provide homes for our people and employment opportunities.

A lot has been achieved, but post-Covid and Cyclone Gabrielle, the economic environment is now very different and unpredictable.

When we started to develop the 2024-2034 plan we asked members of the community to share their views and aspirations and what was important for our district as we look forward together.

Those that took part told us that basic services need to be the first focus, particularly roads and water. Getting the district back on its feet after the cyclone was another key theme.

Rates affordability has increasingly become a key concern for our community – balancing the aspirations and the ability of our community to pay.

We will be releasing our draft plan and calling for public input in late April.

I encourage you to read the plan and give us your feedback with council required to finalise the plan before the end of the financial year on June 30.

Mayor of Hastings
Sandra Hazlehurst



Osmanthus Gardens Lantern Festival



A very special event is back on the calendar this month, after four years of being postponed due to first Covid, and then Cyclone Gabrielle.

The Osmanthus Gardens Lantern Festival was first held in 2009 and celebrates the sister city relationship between Hastings and the Chinese province of Guilin – that's been in place since 1981.

From Monday, April 8 to Sunday, April 14 the gardens will be transformed into a magical wonderland, where people can explore illuminated pathways, marvel at sparkling grass, and be captivated by the ethereal beauty of traditional Chinese silk lanterns and large lotus lanterns gracefully floating on the garden's lake.

Adding to the experience across the week will be classical music, dancers, and Tai Chi performances, contributing even more to the ambience to soak up and enjoy.



Classical singer Junfen Wang

Junfen Wang, who goes by the stage name "Yafen", is a top Chinese folk song soprano who has performed with a variety of Chinese orchestras in renowned national venues in China, as well as television broadcast performances.

Born and raised in Yixing, south of the Yangtze River, she later moved to live in

the north and is adept at singing both northern and southern folk songs.

Now residing in Australia, she loves to contribute to cultural exchange and co-operation and has toured previously in New Zealand and Australia.

When: April 11, 12 and 13 throughout the evening.



Tai Chi master Zhang Changnian

This year's event will also feature the talents of Tai Chi master Zhang Changnian, who is also Professor at the School of Martial Arts and Performance at Capital University of Physical Education and Sports in Beijing.

Zhang Changnian has performed Tai Chi all around the world, from the United States to France, Germany and the

Netherlands, and it's a real treat to have him here in Hastings, showcasing this martial art that embodies aspects of Chinese culture.

Through his performances, he will demonstrate the beauty that Chinese culture strives for – the combination of yin and yang, and the smooth flow.

When: Wednesday, April 10. Three performance times – 7pm, 7.50pm and 8.30pm.

LEST WE FORGET



ANZAC DAY

6.30 AM	Dawn Service, Hastings Civic Square Cenotaph
6.30 AM	Waimārama Memorial Hall
9.00 AM	Havelock North Cenotaph
9.30 AM	Clive Cenotaph
9.30 AM	Maraekākaho Hall
10.00 AM	Hawke's Bay Fallen Soldiers Memorial Hospital
11.00 AM	Rissington

Thursday 25 April 2024



Long Term Plan

Consultation on the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan will open later this month and the community is encouraged to give their feedback.

The plan sets the infrastructure work programmes and budget spend for the next year and forecasts the next nine years.

The rates for the next financial year (July 2024-June 2025) will be set based on the plan.

Council will be closely scrutinising costs and its work programme in a climate of rising interest rates, increased cost of materials for things like pipes and asphalt, higher insurance premiums, and recovering from Cyclone Gabrielle.

Work on the plan to date has included public workshops and on-line feedback channels, which have provided clear feedback on the need to 'stick to the basics'.

Those include managing three waters, maintaining a quality roading network, rubbish and recycling as well as repairing and replacing cyclone damaged roads and bridges.

Chair of the LTP Working Party councillor Michael Fowler said the working party is considering Council's infrastructure programme; both priorities and timelines.

"With hugely increased costs, we must very carefully cut our cloth. In Hastings we have invested heavily in infrastructure over the years, particularly for drinking water and the services that enable residential and commercial growth, but there is still a great deal that needs to be addressed," he said.

Public input into the Long-Term Plan will be called for in late April, with Council required to finalise the plan prior to the end of the financial year on June 30.



A GROWING DISTRICT

Research and Archives centre construction update

The new research and archives building on the corner of Hastings and Queen St is fast taking shape with the floor due to be laid in the next couple of weeks and outside walls and roof installed soon after.

The facility will house the Hawke's Bay museum collection of which MTG Hawke's Bay is the kaitiaki (guardian).

It is one of the most significant regional collections in New Zealand, comprising around 90,000 artefacts acquired over 150 years. At any one time, about 600 items are on display at MTG Hawke's Bay, with displays changed six to eight times over a year on average.

At the moment, items are housed in different locations, and they are being expertly sorted, packed, and labelled by the MTG Hawke's Bay collections care, and access team preparing for the move.

When built the centre will comprise a 'lighthouse' and a 'darkhouse'.

The lighthouse will be an education, research and workspace, while the darkhouse will provide secure, temperature and humidity-controlled storage, with a focus on the protection and preservation of the collection.

Items in the collection include: the complete archives of New Zealand's three most significant post-war textile designers William Mason, Avis Higgs and Frank Carpay, 6000 taonga tuku iho, which have been carved, woven, plaited, hewn, lashed and flaked, and handed down through

generations together with their rich stories, and a significant collection of written works by William Colenso, an important early New Zealand missionary, botanist, and Hawke's Bay resident, recognised for his contribution to botanical exploration, scientific inquiry, and cultural exchange.

The 'lighthouse/darkhouse' project has been funded with the assistance of \$5.79m from the New Zealand Lotteries Commission, and \$9m from the Manatū Taonga-Ministry for Culture and Heritage's Regional Culture and Heritage Fund. Hastings District Council and Napier City Council purchased the property for \$3.05 million, with a 50/50 split. Of the \$7.7 million construction cost, Hastings has contributed \$4.565 million while Napier has contributed \$3.135 million.

The development of the facility is being overseen by a Joint Working Group, comprising councillors and staff from Hastings District Council and Napier City Council, the Hawke's Bay Museum Trust, and Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi.



Youth Council 2024 appointed

Seventeen young people have been selected to represent Hastings' younger residents on this year's Hastings Youth Council, six of them returning from last year.

Council chair and Lindisfarne College student Chris Proctor, now in his second year on the council, said that since joining he had had incredible opportunities and gained valuable skills.

"All rangatahi have a unique voice to share, story to tell and perspective to bring that must be elevated and acknowledged.

"We want rangatahi across Heretaunga-Hastings to back themselves and know they have the power, passion and resolve to truly move mountains. Something to fight for, something to hope for and something to believe in – now and in the future."

This year's Youth Council members are:

- Chris Proctor – Lindisfarne College, chair
- Bowen Steffert – Hastings Boys' High School, deputy chair
- Osiris White-Munroe – Hastings Boys' High School, chair advisor
- Taylor Bevan – Karamū High School
- Isabella Bradley – Hastings Girls' High School
- Bella Bridson – Karamū High School
- Benjamin Davis – Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu
- Apache Hānara-Ngaheue – Flaxmere College
- Peter Hannah – St John's College
- Swarleen Kaur – Iona College
- Theo King – Lindisfarne College
- Savannah Ogborn – Havelock North High School
- Phaizon Parkes – Hastings Boys' High School
- Milly Petrie – Karamū High School
- Keaton Pitcher – Te Kura
- Ariel Sajan – Karamū High School
- Sophie Webber – Woodford House

Want to know what youth services are available in Hastings?

Head to hastingsdc.govt.nz/youth-database where you can find educational resources, training opportunities, connect with like-minded individuals, unleash your creativity and discover volunteer opportunities and community projects.

IGNITING KIDS' CREATIVITY

LIFT OFF FESTIVAL

Lift Off is Toitōi's new, annual children's Festival for 3 to 13-year-olds, dedicated to igniting young imaginations and celebrating children's creativity!

Lift Off puts children at the centre, with heaps of high-quality events and activities to explore - performances; interactive, participatory, and immersive experiences; workshops; design projects; exhibitions; parades, and much more.

The Festival boasts a vibrant **schools programme (8-12 April)**, which includes a design-and-make project, called **Take Flight** culminating in a parade through Hastings CBD (11 April).

On Saturday 13 April, Toitōi will be completely transformed for **Whānau Day**, with theatre shows, interactive, backstage tours, roaming characters, immersive experiences, playmaking spaces, storytelling, and even a Club Kids with a

DJ so you can dance the day away! It'll be Toitōi like you've never seen it before.

Lift Off's headline show this year comes to us all the way from Australia! **Robot Song (April 16 and 17)** is an award-winning theatre production with cutting-edge digital technology, startling animatronics, and beautiful, original music.

Creative Me (15 - 19 April) rounds out the second week with creative workshops for ages 8 to 13, designed to ignite kids' creative curiosity, and nurture and develop creative skills.

There's also a way that you can get behind the Festival and contribute! **Lift Off 100s & 1000s Club** is a pay it forward programme, designed to leverage collective community support to ensure more tamariki in Te Matau-a-Māui Hawke's Bay can experience the positive impact of arts, culture, and creativity. Every ticket makes a difference and collectively we can give more children the opportunity to access creative experiences.

WE HAVE IGNITION!

WHĀNAU DAY



SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Enter a completely transformed Toitōi where exploration, discovery, and creativity overflow!

Whānau Day has everything that will ignite little imaginations, and the best part - most activities are free to just pop in and have a go, with only a handful of events you'll need to book and pay for.

EVENT	TIME	TICKETS
STORYFORT	10am - 4pm - every half hour	FREE - All ages
NAN'S PLACE	10am - 3pm	FREE - All ages
ENID THE PORTRAIT PAINTER	10am - 11.30am	FREE - All ages
THE ART ROOM	10am - 3pm	FREE - All ages
THE ASTRONAUTS	10am - 4pm	FREE - All ages
MUSIC ALLEY - MUSIC MAKING	10am - 12pm	FREE - All ages
MUSIC ALLEY - DJ KIDS CLUB	1pm - 3pm	FREE - All ages
BACKSTAGE BUCCANEERS	10am - 2pm - every half hour	Ages 8+ Bookings Essential
CREATIVE PLAY - LOOSE ENZ	10am - 4pm - every hour	FREE - All ages
FLUTTER - STRINGBEAN PUPPETS	2pm	\$10 - All ages Bookings Essential
THE MESSY MAGIC ADVENTURE	4pm	\$10 - All ages Bookings Essential



THE MESSY MAGIC ADVENTURE

Rollicking Entertainment's cult classic kids show delivers the best of circus, slapstick and magic in this very special adventure for primary school aged children and their families.

Sat 13 - 4pm
Tickets \$10 + booking fees



A bat who is afraid of the dark encounters a glow worm who thinks she is a star. Experience the magic of puppetry in this empowering and delightful show for young audiences.

Fri 12 - 10am & 11.30am
Sat 13 - 2pm
Tickets \$10 + booking fees

FLUTTER - STRINGBEAN PUPPETS

CREATIVE ME WEEK

PUPPET MAKING AND PERFORMING

A fun and hands-on puppet making workshop.

Mon 15 – Wed 17, 12pm – 5pm
Ages 8-12 years

\$140 + booking fees (includes a ticket to Robot Song)

Must attend all three days of the workshop



MAKE A PLAY IN 3 DAYS!

You will undergo actor training, be given a script, learn your lines, try on costumes, rehearse and perform your masterpiece for whānau and friends.

Wed 17 – Fri 19, 10am – 4pm
Ages 8-12 years.

\$195 + booking fees (includes a ticket to Robot Song)

Must attend all three days of the workshop



FIND YOUR VOICE

Learn what's so special about opera and how to tap into your big hearts and imaginations to find your unique opera voice.

Tues 16 & Wed 17, 10am – 2pm
Ages 8-12 years.

\$140 + booking fees (includes a ticket to Robot Song)

Must attend both days of the workshop

DANCE DAY - FRIDAY 19 APRIL

Jazz Class, Sophie Jean Dance School
9am – 9.45am, 6-9 year olds

Contemporary Class, Sophie Jean Dance School,
10am – 11am, 10-13 year olds

Hip Hop Dance Class, Rezzpect Dance Academy,
11.30am – 12.15pm, 5-8 year old

Hip Hop Dance Class, Rezzpect Dance Academy
12.30pm – 1.30pm, 9-12 years olds

\$8 + booking fees

Under 8 years must be accompanied by a caregiver.



robot song



Headlining the festival programme is award-winning, Australian theatre production, Robot Song.

When eleven-year-old Juniper May receives a petition signed by her entire class stating that she is 'the most hated person in the school' her life is thrown into turmoil. She stops eating, refuses to return to school and her parents become increasingly desperate. Finally, her parents resort to the only thing they have left, a giant singing robot.

A genuine family show, Robot Song is designed for young people aged 8 to 12 and their families. It features cutting-edge digital technology, startling animatronics and a beautiful original musical score.

"Laugh out loud hilarious, gorgeously told and superbly crafted, a must see." Fiona Parker, ABC.

Tues 16 – 3pm

Wed 17 – 10am & 2pm

Child 14 & under \$13, Adult \$20, whānau (4) \$60 + booking fees



100's & 1000's CLUB



Every day we see the positive impacts that arts, culture and creativity have on our community.

So, to ensure more tamariki in Matau-a-Māui Hawke's Bay can experience these impacts we've created the **Lift Off 100s & 1000s Club**, a pay it forward ticket programme, designed to leverage collective community support.

Its super easy to donate! **\$10 = 1 ticket donation** and you can support with as many tickets as you like. Whether it's as an individual, whānau or business, one ticket or 100 tickets, your support will enable more young people to participate in creative experiences.

Tickets will be directed to schools and community groups, with specific emphasis on those affected by the cyclone and with barriers

to access. If you have a specific school in mind, you can also tag them when donating.

Donors will be acknowledged on our thank you screens and website, or you can donate anonymously. After the festival, all donors will receive a report on the collective impact of donations made.

Our goal is to see **one thousand tickets distributed throughout the community**. Every ticket makes a difference and collectively we can give more children the opportunity to access creative experiences.

To support and donate visit toitoivenues.co.nz

For tickets, go to toitoivenues.co.nz

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Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre

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Roading update

Work to rebuild the transport network following Cyclone Gabrielle continues – see below an update on some larger scale projects. You can keep up to date on all the latest information at hastingsdc.govt.nz/cyclone-gabrielle/roading-recovery/

Puketapu



A new crossing to improve safety on Puketapu Rd to access the school is substantially complete.

The contract for the permanent replacement of the Puketapu Bridge has been awarded, with construction due to start by May 2024.

This will require the temporary relocation of power lines (scheduled for early May) to enable site establishment work to take place. It is expected that the new bridge will open in May 2025.

The new bridge has been designed using best-practice modern design standards to be more resilient to flood events. It will have two lanes and a pathway for people walking and riding bikes.

To address safety concerns about the vehicle speeds on the new bridge, safety improvements will be made to the Vicarage Rd/Dartmoor Rd intersection. Additional safety improvements are also planned for the Puketapu Rd/Dartmoor Rd intersection, while improvements have been substantially completed around Puketapu School.

Watch a virtual flyover of the proposed new Puketapu Bridge at hastingsdc.govt.nz/cyclone-gabrielle/roading-recovery/permanent-bridge-rebuilds/puketapu/

Kererū



Access to the construction site is mainly from the Maraekākaho side of the gorge.

A temporary solution to replace the cyclone-damaged culvert on Kererū Gorge Rd was not possible due to the complexity of the site and the extent of the damage. The ongoing disconnection for the community has meant the rebuild here has been prioritised. It is the first of the major culvert/bridge rebuilds to get underway.

Construction of the new large multi-plate culvert was set to begin late last month and once this is complete the road will be rebuilt on top of it.

The project is expected to be completed by the end of the year (weather and ground conditions permitting).

A community meeting was held in February to present the design and timeline of the work.

While Kererū Gorge is closed, residents have a lengthy detour using Salisbury Rd. Maintenance, safety and the resilience of Salisbury Rd over winter are key concerns. Efforts are being made to keep the road in the best condition possible, which includes grading and rolling once a fortnight.

A section of broken chip seal has been asphalted and road safety improvements are being implemented, including installing edge marker posts and curve warning signs.

Slips



Of the more than 800 slips affecting the transport network as a result of the cyclone, the 212 large and more complex slips still needing repair require complex engineering solutions. 32 of those are on the following Puketapu Roads:

- Dartmoor Rd (10)
- Puketitiri Rd (17)
- Glengarry Rd (5)

The large-scale slips are being repaired under the \$800m prioritised programme of recovery work to be delivered over the next seven to 10 years.

Work on slips along Dartmoor Rd is underway, including diverting the Tutaekuri River.

Designs for major slip repairs on Puketitiri and Glengarry Rds have been completed with contracts expected to be awarded for these in mid-2024.

See more information on the larger slips here hastingsdc.govt.nz/cyclone-gabrielle/roading-recovery/slips/

Tutira

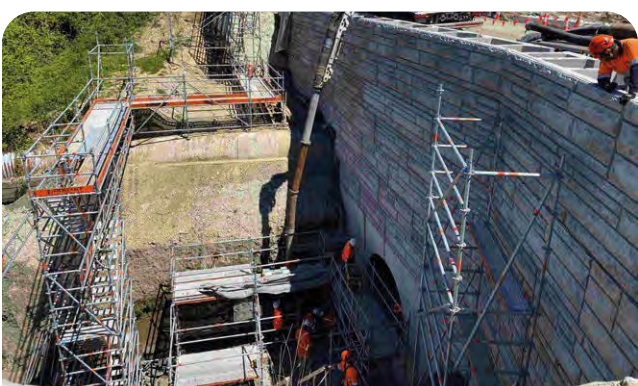
The construction of a new culvert to replace the severely damaged Crystal Twin culvert on Matahorua Rd is underway. The project has taken significant planning given the damage included a 35 metre gap in the road and major drop-outs and slips. Construction of the new, larger culvert with a new road built over it is expected to be completed mid-2024.



The washout of the Crystal Twin culvert left a 35 metre gap in the road (March 2023)



September 2023



February 2024



March 2024

Other rebuilds (bridges and large culverts)

Plans and investigations into the repairs of McVicars culvert and Kahika No.1 culvert are ongoing.

General culvert cleaning and repairs

Contractors are working through the clearing and repair of culverts across the district. Of the approximately 13,000 culverts across the Hastings District Council network that required inspection post-cyclone, more than 2,200 required cleaning/unblocking, and almost as many again required at least some repair. This work is ongoing.

Roads

We are aware that silt recovery and construction work is having an impact on already fragile roads. While we have asked contractors to review and remedy some of the issues raised for specific roads (where possible) and monitoring continues, some of these issues will be ongoing.

We encourage residents to report any issues requiring maintenance either by phone 871 5000 or via the council website at hastingsdc.govt.nz/contact-us/fault-repair/

Reporting issues will ensure this work is allocated to available contractors as a matter of priority. In the event of road accidents or dangerous driving call the Police.



New membership options for pool and gym

Aquatics Hastings and Flaxrock Gym have recently launched a range of membership options tailored to fit your lifestyle and needs.

With three membership tiers, there's something for everyone.

Aquatics Membership: Ideal for regular pool users, this membership gives you access to the swimming facilities across all Aquatics Hastings pools; Flaxmere, Clive War Memorial Pool and summer pools Frimley and Havelock North Village. Priced at \$14 a week for adults and \$10 a week for children.

FlaXrock Gym Membership: If pumping iron and breaking a sweat is more your style, FlaXrock Gym membership is the perfect fit. Gain unlimited access to gym facilities and invigorating fitness classes. For only \$9 a week, achieve your fitness goals in a supportive and dynamic environment.

Full Access Membership: Get the best of both worlds with the Full Access membership, combining the perks of Aquatics and FlaXrock Gym memberships. Dive into the pool, hit the gym, and join motivating aqua and studio classes –all under one comprehensive membership. Priced at \$16 a week, it's the ultimate package for those seeking variety and versatility in their fitness routine.

Getting started is easy, visit aquaticshastings.co.nz to sign up. Select the membership type that suits you best. The friendly teams at any of the facilities will be able to assist you every step of the way, so drop by to find out more.



Dive into Success: Aquatics Hastings Learn to Swim programme

Learning to swim is not just a valuable skill; it's a life-saving one.

Aquatics Hastings is committed to providing excellent swimming lessons for children of all ages. The Learn to Swim programme, held at Flaxmere and Clive War Memorial Pools, is designed to build confidence, develop essential water skills, and foster a love for swimming from an early age.

The programme caters to both pre-school and school-aged children, ensuring that every young swimmer receives the attention and instruction they need to thrive in the water. With classes available throughout the week, including after school and Saturday mornings, finding a convenient time to fit swimming lessons into your family's schedule has never been easier.

Classes run during the school term, with terms typically spanning 10 weeks, providing ample opportunity for skill development and progression.

To streamline the payment process and ensure uninterrupted participation, lesson fees are conveniently deducted via direct debit. At just \$14 per child per week, lessons offer exceptional value for money, making quality swimming education accessible to all families.

Aquatics Hastings has recently launched an online booking platform, allowing you to view available lesson times and reserve your preferred available slot.

Simply visit aquaticshastings.co.nz, review the lessons timetable, and select the pool and suitable level for your child. If you require assistance or have any queries, the dedicated team is always on hand to provide guidance and support, just call in to one of the facilities to talk to the team.

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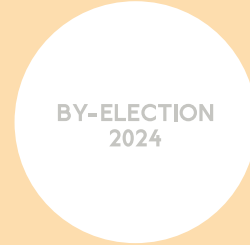
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What's on... April 2024

Te Whare Toi o Heretaunga Hastings Art Gallery



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P. (06) 871 5095 or E. hastingsartgallery@hdc.govt.nz
hastingscityartgallery.co.nz

Can you see us now?: Jasmine Togo-Brisby NOW - 16 JUNE

FREE

An elaborate sculptural installation by Jasmine Togo-Brisby, a celebrated South Sea Islander artist of Ni-Vanuatu ancestry. The work explores empathy and resistance across time, space, and genealogies.

Foundations and Additions: Plans for the Heretaunga 100 Block

FREE

NOW - 16 JUNE 2024

Bringing together hand-drawn plans for a cluster of Art Deco buildings in central Hastings, this exhibition presents a sample of the original architectural features and evolution of the Heretaunga streetscape.

Live Performance: Kelekele Mo'ui (Living Soil)

FREE

WEDNESDAY 1 MAY | 10AM-4.30PM

This live performance by artist Kalisolaite 'Uhila, responds to the ways in which people live off and labour on the land. It explores the significance of soil for giving life and sustenance. 'Uhila's performance will take place over six-and-a-half hours across the entrance and foyer to Te Whare Toi o Heretaunga Hastings Art Gallery in Civic Square and Holt Gallery.

Art for Tots

FREE

MONDAY 8 APRIL | 10AM-12PM

Art for Tots is a fun, art-making experience for under-fives. Play and creativity is encouraged by our education team with playful art conversations or whimsical storytelling. During this two-hour session, whānau can drop in and out as suits.

Kids Drop-In Art Days

THURSDAYS MARCH TO AUGUST | 3.15PM-4.45PM

Drop into the Gallery on Tuesdays and Thursday during the April school holidays with your tamariki for fun, free, art activities related to our current exhibitions. Join us anytime between 10am-3pm.

FREE

Hiko Haere - Go for a Walk

FREE

SATURDAY 13 APRIL | 11AM-12.30PM

Join us for a tour of Hastings' Art Deco buildings with Charles Ropitini, as part of the Foundations and Additions: Plans for the Heretaunga 100 Block exhibition.

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.

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.

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

FREE

MONDAYS | 3PM-4PM

Events & Activities in the Hastings District

Landmarks History Talk

TUESDAY 9 APRIL | 5.30PM | HASTINGS LIBRARY

Join Laurie McCallum to hear about Desert Gold and the Gray Family 1911-1946. Mare Desert Gold was the top racehorse in Australasia in her time and Laurie's grandfather assisted in her training.

Volunteering Hawke's Bay Drop-in Session

WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL | 12.30PM-1.30PM | HASTINGS LIBRARY

Join us for a chat about all things volunteering. If you'd like to volunteer, have questions about what is involved or how to get involved, then this is for you.

A Day On The Green

SATURDAY 13 APRIL | 1PM-4PM | HAVELOCK NORTH VILLAGE GREEN

Indulge in delicious treats from food trucks, bounce in bouncy castles, race around the mega bounce obstacle course, get your face painted, and explore fire trucks up close! Entry is free with proceeds from the activities & entertainment going to the Havelock North Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Keirunga Artists Autumn Exhibition

13 APRIL | 10AM-4PM | HAVELOCK NORTH FUNCTION CENTRE

View and buy beautiful art created by talented local artists. Selector Kate MacKenzie.

Repair Café Hastings

SUNDAY 14 APRIL | 1PM-4PM | ST COLUMBA'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HAVELOCK NORTH

Repair Café Hastings is a monthly community event, where skilled volunteers fix small broken household items. Repairing clothing, textiles, household items, electrical, fashion jewellery, toys, knife sharpening, small furniture, selected IT/computers. Koha for hot drinks, food & repairs.

Nagar Kirtan Sikh Parade

SUNDAY 14 APRIL | 1PM-4PM | ST COLUMBA'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HAVELOCK NORTH

Celebrating the birth of Khalsa Panth (the worldwide community of Sikhs), the parade starts on Eastbourne Street and proceeds through Hastings, Heretaunga, Russell, Queen, and Market Streets.

Special Days This Month

1 April | Easter Monday
20 April | First Day of Ridván
22 April | Earth Day & Passover begins
25 April | ANZAC Day

Toitoti - Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre

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

Delaney Davidson

FRIDAY 5 APRIL | 7.30PM

Singer-songwriter, Noir protagonist, promotional coyote, one-man band, production Svengali and one of the most distinctive figures in Aotearoa's musical landscape, Delaney Davidson is coming to Toitoti. Join us for the exclusive launch of Davidson's album, Out Of My Head, where he'll be joined by a string ensemble. Tickets from \$16.38.

Assembly Room Tunes

MONDAY 8 APRIL | 10.30AM

Join us for our monthly, day-time concert, set in the historic Assembly Ballroom. With Anton Wurts on sax, James Lowe on trumpet and David Selfe on piano, this month's show will jump from Ellington to Monk, and from Benson to Garner, while you're sat in the coolest spot on a Monday morning, enjoying morning tea and a show! Tickets \$30.20.

Arts Inc. Heretaunga

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



HB Woodturners Guild

2-13 APRIL

Annual HB Woodturners Guild exhibition and sale of beautifully crafted and delightfully practical wood items. Featuring in-gallery demonstrations from members, all items may be taken home upon purchase.

Camilla Samper - 'Camilla and Friends'

2-13 APRIL

Nature is my biggest inspiration. My life in Haumoana, close to the sea, is surrounded by butterflies, fish, birds, flowers, and the beautiful colours of the sky that can change so wonderfully from one moment to the next. Nature is my source of joy and pleasure, which I would like to share through my paintings.

Joanne Black - 'He Hokinga Mai / Bringing My Art Home'

15-17 APRIL

Often depicted alongside women throughout art history, Artist Joanne Black presents a series of paintings that explore the symbolic meaning and the use of mirrors in art.

Taikura Rudolf Steiner High School - 'Taikura Upstairs'

APRIL 15-27

Enjoy the dynamic visual art and craft work of high school students from Taikura Rudolf Steiner School from mid-2023 to the beginning of 2024.

Walking with Artists with PickPath

ONGOING

Walking with Artists is an audio, guided public art tour by painter John Eaden. Starting at Arts Inc Heretaunga, this immersive audio guide is available through the free downloadable PickPath app.

Hastings District Libraries

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

An Evening With Tina Clough & Karen McMillan

TUESDAY 9 APRIL | 6.30PM-8PM | HAVELOCK NORTH LIBRARY

Come and hear from authors Tina Clough & Karen McMillan as they discuss their books and writing lives. Books available for sale on the night.

Late Night Which Craft Rag Rug Workshop

THURSDAY 18 APRIL | 5.15PM-6.45PM | HASTINGS LIBRARY

Create your very own rag rug made from upcycled t-shirts while enjoying a glass of wine. You can even bring your own pre-loved (and freshly washed) t-shirts to work into your rug. No experience necessary. All materials provided. Tickets \$5, plus fees, from Eventfinda. 18+

Wonderfully Awesome and Totally Unboring School Holidays

13-28 APRIL

Pick up a guide today from your library or go to hastingslibraries.co.nz for more information.

Nerdvana - SAVE THE DATE

1-5 MAY

It's back! A multi-day programme for geeks, gamers and nerds! Embrace your inner nerd and enjoy activities for adults including D&D, VR, board games, escape rooms and more. See the full programme at hastingslibraries.co.nz.

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