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Summer fun in Hastings!



CYCLONE COMMEMORATION

Marking one year on

KEIRUNGA HOMESTEAD MAKEOVER

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

What a beautiful Hawke's Bay summer we have been having, I hope everybody had a wonderful Christmas and New Year break with friends and whānau.



It's been great to see so many people out and about enjoying our district over the past month – after the events of last year we are back open for business.

Splash Planet has been very popular, we're looking to have record numbers of visitors through this season enjoying all the fun features – new and old.

This month we are holding our annual Hawke's Bay earthquake commemoration on Saturday, February 3, at 10.30am in the Hastings city mall (by the clock tower). This is always a special occasion to remember and reflect on this day that changed the lives of many in 1931.

Also this month we will be marking one year on from Cyclone Gabrielle. Councils around the region will be holding their own commemorative activities, and in Hastings we will hold a public civic service on February 14, 11.30am at Civic Square in Hastings, which is open for all to attend.

This will be an opportunity to come together and acknowledge those who lost their lives, those who were otherwise impacted and the volunteers, agencies, businesses and first responders who have put in tireless mahi to support their community.

Looking ahead, 2024 is going to be calm and bright – we are making good progress with the cyclone recovery, which will continue to be a big focus this year along with our other priorities including homes for our people, city centre revitalisation and overall economic wellbeing for our people to prosper.

There's no getting away from the fact the coming year brings very real financial constraints and our council will be working closely with our partners and community on our investment decisions.

What is certain is that we are not going to stop pursuing our vision to make Heretaunga Hastings an even more amazing place.

Mayor of Hastings
Sandra Hazlehurst

Cyclone commemoration

This month marks one year on from Cyclone Gabrielle. Across the region communities will be remembering, reflecting and commemorating the anniversary in different ways.

In Hastings, alongside community activities, Hastings District Council is offering the general public the opportunity to join a community commemoration service to be held at Civic Square on Wednesday, February 14 at 11.30am.

Part of this service will include taking a minute's silence at midday to acknowledge the significance of the event.

Hawke's Bay Together in Black and White

To show our solidarity and support for our region, we encourage you to wear your heart on your sleeve by once again dressing in Hawke's Bay colours (black and white) on February 14.

This initiative received overwhelming support when it was launched in March last year and we hope to show the same solidarity again.

How can you get involved?

- Dress in black & white on February 14
- Decorate the town black and white; store windows, shop fronts, letterboxes (anywhere visible!)
- Tell your friends, family, colleagues and customers so they can wear their Hawke's Bay colours too.

For more information hawkesbaytogether.co.nz



Keirunga Homestead gets makeover

A recent refurbishment of Keirunga Homestead has secured the heritage building for the future, and made it more suitable for community hire.

During the Reserve Management Plan process in 2020, the Keirunga Arts Society asked Council to update the building that is protected under the District Plan to enable it to be used by the community, as well as continue as a creative hub.

Built in 1907 the building was originally owned by Reginald and Ruth Gardiner, until Charles Tanner bought it in 1910. It changed hands again in 1929 when George Nelson and wife Elizabeth purchased the building and land and began the transformation of the surrounding grounds into a stunning park inspired by George's love of Kew Gardens in England.

Architecturally the building embodies the Arts and Crafts style – defined by simple design, beauty and stunning craftsmanship.

In 1966, the Keirunga Gardens Society was founded – with Elizabeth Nelson as patron, and the society has leased the homestead and nearby cottage ever since.

A new history board detailing the fascinating story of this building and surrounds has been installed outside the homestead and people can enquire about booking the space with the Arts Society.

On this month



Outfield

Outfield Festival is back – the one-day, family-friendly independent festival with a line-up of musical acts, food and art, nestled in the rolling Te Awanga hills.

The 2024 edition presents an eclectic mix of more than 25 exceptional performers and rising stars, and much more.

When: February 10, 2024

Where: 35 Gordon Rd, Te Awanga

More info: outfieldfestival.co.nz

SAVE
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International Cultures Day

Come and celebrate our district's rich cultural diversity with performances, food from around the world, crafts and community stalls – all within the beautiful setting of Cornwall Park.

When: Saturday, March 2, 10.30am to 4pm

Where: Cornwall Park



What's on... Feb 2024

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: Recycled Paper Flowers Workshop

THURSDAY 29 FEBRUARY | 5.15PM–6.45PM
HASTINGS LIBRARY

Come along for a fun creative evening. Enjoy a glass of wine and craft a bouquet of flowers from old maps and books. No experience necessary. All materials provided. 18+. Tickets \$5 (plus fees) from Eventfinda. Space is limited.

Multicultural Women's Group Course – Online & social media skills

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS, 21 FEBRUARY–10 APRIL
3.30PM–5PM | HASTINGS LIBRARY

Classes are open to women from local ethnic communities and tailored to the needs of the group. Classes are one hour long with additional time for social interaction and light refreshments. To register, talk to us at the library or fill in the online form at hastingslibraries.co.nz. Space is limited.

Toitoti – Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre

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

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.

Russell Howard Live

SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY | 8PM | TOITOI – OPERA HOUSE

Russell Howard, "one of the world's top comedians" (Sunday Times) is on his way to Aotearoa in 2024. As we reel from one global crisis to the next, join Russell, 'the uplifting Comedy King', as he puts the world to rights in his own uniquely hilarious way. Tickets from \$92.15.

Art Deco

15-17 FEBRUARY, TIMES VARY | TOITOI – CEDRIC'S, OPERA HOUSE & ASSEMBLY BALLROOM

Some things seem better looking back, and what better opportunity to indulge in a nostalgic trip back in time than during Art Deco 2024! Join us to celebrate at Toitoti and indulge in a variety of events, from savouring the finest cocktails and music at The Devil in a Little Green Bottle, to revelling in a brand-new and far from frivolous cabaret, From Berlin with Love, or jiving the afternoon away at the Toitoti Tea Dance. Tickets from \$63.50.

Tutus on Tour

SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY | 7PM | TOITOI – OPERA HOUSE

Treat yourself or someone who loves to dance to an evening where they can watch the best ballerinas in the country jeté across the stage. Featuring excerpts from former Artistic Director Russell Kerr's beautiful production of Swan Lake, ahead of the company's full-length Swan Lake season in May 2024. Tickets from \$31.94.

The Michael Jackson HIsTory Show

WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY | 8PM | TOITOI – OPERA HOUSE

Don't miss out on an experience which is the closest thing to Michael Jackson's creative genius and talent! Accomplished impersonator Garth Field will lead an incredible performance which spans Jackson's early days, his ground-breaking theatrics in the '80s, and his continued domination of pop culture into the 21st century. Tickets from \$69.04.

Manioro

THURSDAY 29 FEBRUARY–SATURDAY 2 MARCH, TIMES VARY | TOITOI – FUNCTIONS ON HASTINGS & OPERA HOUSE

Manioro is a 3-day festival for Takatāpui, Pasifika Rainbow+, MVPFAFF+ and LGBTQIA+ people and whānau. The event is designed to create safe spaces for these communities, so they are free to be heard, seen, and realise their full authentic selves. Ticket prices vary, please email info@neverthelessnz.com for more info.

Arts Inc. Heretaunga

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

Gary Waldrom, John Lancashire and Angus Walker

5-17 FEBRUARY

This glorious group exhibition showcases the painterly talents, mutual admiration and artistic camaraderie of three highly lauded local painters: Gary Waldrom, John Lancashire and Angus Walker.

Marie Clare and Lisa Marie Clare Retrospective

19 FEBRUARY–2 MARCH

This retrospective exhibition lovingly celebrates the lives and dual artistic visions of mother and daughter Marie Clare and Lisa Marie Clare.

Walking with Artists with PickPath

ANYTIME | STARTING FROM ARTS INC. HERETAUNGA

This immersive audio guide is available through the free downloadable PickPath app. Walk the streets of our CBD and receive a guided tour of our public art by painter John Eaden, who interviews the artists themselves along the way.

Te Whare Toi o Heretaunga Hastings Art Gallery

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

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

NOW – 25 FEBRUARY

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

Empty Vessels: Matthew Galloway & Desert Narratives: Mohamed Sleiman Labat

NOW – 10 MARCH

Exploring the shifting political grounds of global food production, these exhibitions are part of an ongoing conversation between Aotearoa New Zealand artist Matthew Galloway and Sahrawi Western Saharan artist Mohamed Sleiman Labat. The two, who have vhad ongoing exchanges since meeting in 2016, present different perspectives on Aotearoa's reliance on phosphate rock from Western Sahara.

He Whare Ātaahua: Jade Townsend

NOW – 1 APRIL

He Whare Ātaahua is an installation by Jade Townsend which combines different traditions of painting, adornment, and decoration. The exhibition title, meaning 'a beautiful house', speaks to Townsend's interest in layering cultural ideas of aesthetic beauty and finding meaning within our environment.

Art for Tots

5 FEBRUARY | 10AM–12PM

Art for Tots is a fun, art-making experience for under-fives, which takes inspiration from current exhibitions at the Gallery, as well as from the environment and wider community. 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.

Artist Talk by Selina Ershadi and her mother Azita Chegini

SATURDAY 24 FEBRUARY | 11AM

Join us to hear artist Selina Ershadi and her mother, Azita Chegini in conversation as they discuss their collaboration in creating Amator, a film which features in the exhibition, Vital Machinery. Ershadi will also speak to her creative practice, as an Iranian-born, Tāmaki Makaurau/Auckland-based, interdisciplinary artist, who works within a lineage of experimental, essayistic, and poetic film forms.

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.

Tai Chi

STARTING BACK WEEKLY ON THURSDAYS
FROM 1 FEBRUARY | 9.30AM

Kiwi Seniors

STARTING BACK WEEKLY ON TUESDAYS
FROM 13 FEBRUARY | 9.30AM

Tumbling Tots

STARTS BACK WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY
9.30AM–10.30AM AND 10.45AM–11.0:45AM
\$5.00 per child – please register online.

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.

Repair Café Hastings

SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY | 1PM–4PM

Bring along your small broken household items, bikes, scooters, clothing/textiles, fashion jewellery, electrical, toys, knife sharpening, small furniture, and selected IT/ computers to be repaired by the team of dedicated volunteers. Koha for hot drinks, baking and repairs. Visit Facebook or Eventfinda to learn more.

Nourished for Nil

MONDAYS | 3PM–4PM

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.

Events & Activities in the Hastings District

Hawke's Bay Farmers Market

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

Earthquake Commemoration

SATURDAY 3 FEBRUARY, 10.30AM, HASTINGS CITY CENTRE MALL NEAR THE CLOCK TOWER

Join us as we come together to commemorate the 1931 Hawke's Bay Earthquake and hear stories of how the event reshaped Hastings. Wreaths will be laid at the clock tower in memory of the lives lost in the earthquake with the clock tower bell ringing at 10.47am, the exact time the quake struck our region.

Pop-up Fun: Bumper Cars & Minigolf

4–8 FEBRUARY | 10AM–5PM (INCLUDING WAITANGI DAY) | HASTINGS CBD MALL (BY THE CLOCK TOWER)

Enjoy FREE summer fun in Hastings CBD! Try your skills on the bumper cars and challenge your family to a round of minigolf. Both activities are for all ages and did we mention, FREE! Proudly brought to you by Hastings City Business Association and Hastings District Council. Discover more: hastingscity.co.nz.

Special Days this month

6 February | Waitangi Day
10 February | Lunar New Year
15 February | Parinirvana

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