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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Last month our Council adopted the draft Long Term Plan 2024-2034, which is now out for community consultation.

In the previous Long Term Plan our Council had a strong focus on supporting growth activity – investing in quality infrastructure for safe drinking water, residential housing, and industrial and commercial development, to provide for growth and generate better outcomes for the community.

We are proud of what has been achieved, but post-Covid and Cyclone Gabrielle, the economic environment is now very different and challenging.

The cyclone was an event like no other we have experienced before – it resulted in a national State of Emergency and Heretaunga Hastings was the hardest hit in the region – the cost burden on our ratepayers to rebuild and recover is enormous.

We've spent \$155m on the cyclone response and recovery to date to rebuild damaged roads and bridges, and we've committed \$50m to the Category 3 properties' Voluntary Buy Out programme so people can live safely in the future.

Of the 25 per cent rate increase we are proposing for the coming year, eight per cent has been targeted for the ongoing cyclone recovery.

We must rebuild our transport network to support our region's economic and social wellbeing.

The financial impact of ongoing high inflation, insurance cost increases, high interest rates, and the rising cost of labour and materials such as pipes and bitumen is also significant.

We have looked very closely at where we can make savings, possibly pausing some projects so we don't have to borrow too much too quickly. This includes investment in our city centre and parks and on walking and cycling paths – areas where Council has invested significantly in recent years.

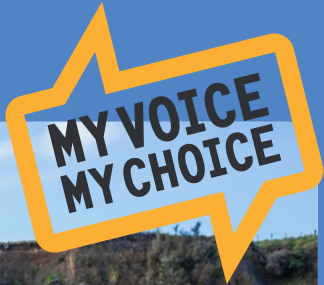
We are very aware that rates affordability is a concern for our community, and we have tried to balance what needs to be done to ensure our infrastructure and services are sound and sustainable, with the ability of the community to pay for it.

Working in partnership with Central Government, we will continue to seek funding to help finance the costs we are facing to rebuild our infrastructure.

We want to hear what you think about the plan. Whether you agree or disagree, or have different suggestions, please let us know. We look forward to your feedback.

Mayor of Hastings
Sandra Hazlehurst

Have your say on the Long Term Plan



the costs

the impacts

the issues



The community has until May 27 to give feedback on the 2024-2034 Draft Long Term Plan.

The plan proposes a rate increase of 25 per cent for the 2024/25 year, eight per cent of which would be used to help fund the significant work required to repair and rebuild from Cyclone Gabrielle, the remainder to deliver core services.

It is proposed that the rate increase would reduce to 15 per cent in the second year (six per cent targeted for cyclone recovery) and 10 per cent in the third year.

From years four to 10, the rating increase would reduce to four per cent in the greater urban area, and to seven per cent in the rural area.

The plan also includes information on growth planning and development contributions (paid by developers to fund growth), where savings are being made (including delaying non-essential projects and closing Frimley Pool), and funding and debt management.

To read the Consultation Document and the Draft Development Contributions policy, and to have your say, either go online to myvoicemychoice.co.nz or you can find copies at Hastings' libraries (Hastings, Havelock North, Flaxmere) or at Council's customer service centre at Lyndon Rd.



Feedback on Waimārama Beach safety

People have until May 10 to have their say on vehicle access to Waimārama Beach. This consultation follows pre-engagement undertaken before Christmas to gather the priorities and concerns of community and beach users on the use of vehicles on the beach.

During the earlier engagement residents were fairly evenly split between keeping the current rules and extending the vehicle ban area.

Collating all the feedback and suggestions, Council has arrived at four options for the community to consider: Keep the current vehicle ban in place between Labour weekend and April 1, extend the ban in the same location to all year round, extend the ban area to the north all year round including Tiakitai Rd access, or extend the ban to the north excluding the Tiakitai Rd access all year round.

This information will be used by councillors to help them with their decision-making. The community input will be considered alongside other information, including from entities such as emergency services, mana whenua, environmental agencies, and Hawke's Bay Regional Council. This is not a vote.

If the decision is to expand the ban area, implementing the change is likely to require a further process to formalise it.

Markers have been placed on the beach to show where the various option areas start and finish, and there is also a map available at myvoicemychoice.co.nz where you can give feedback.

NOMINATIONS CLOSING SOON 10 MAY

Tell us who deserves recognition

NGĀ TOHU HŌNORE Ā-HAPORI

CIVIC HONOURS AWARDS 2024

HERETAUNGA HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL

hastingsdc.govt.nz/civic-awards
06 871 5000

FOR CHILDREN AGES
3 MONTHS
- 5 YEARS

New programme at Aquatics
Hastings Clive War Memorial Pool



Aqua Tots!

Introducing Aqua Tots - an opportunity for young ones to dip their toes into the world of swimming! Our relaxed drop-in sessions are designed to nurture water confidence and fundamental swimming skills. With a combination of entertaining games, music, bubbles, floating mats, and occasional instructor guidance in the water, children can start their aquatic journey in a fun and relaxed environment.

Every Tuesday and Thursday, 9am - 11am.

Dates align with school terms.

\$6 per swimming adult. Children under 5 go free.

Each swimming adult can accompany up to two children under 5 years.

No registration required. Drop in anytime during the session and stay as long as you wish.

Clive War Memorial Pool
Farndon Park, 15 Farndon Rd, Clive
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aquaticshastings.co.nz



Attention dog owners! Are your contact details up to date?

Have you made any changes in your dog's life, such as moving to a new home, rehoming, or unfortunately losing your beloved pet? It's important to keep your dog's details up to date.

Don't delay, visit hastingsdc.govt.nz/dogdetails or scan the QR code now to update your information.



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What's on... May 2024

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 sites or at toitovenues.co.nz.

The Elton John Experience

SATURDAY 4 MAY | 8PM

Aotearoa's number one Elton John tribute show will come to Toitoti this May, with a spectacular showcase which celebrates his extravagance and musical genius. Backed by an exceptional band and starring the tremendously talented Michael Stodart, get your tickets now for a powerhouse performance! Tickets from \$45 (plus fees).

1999 The Ultimate Prince Experience

FRIDAY 10 MAY | 8PM

A showcase of the genius, innovation, and grandeur of the one and only Prince is coming to Toitoti this May! It'll be an immersive experience, which pays tribute to one of the greatest musical pioneers of our time and the World's Sexiest Vegetarian in 2006. Don't miss out! Tickets from \$60 (plus fees).

Assembly Room Tunes - Hawke's Bay Brass

MONDAY 13 MAY | 10.30AM

Join us for our monthly, day-time concert, set in the historic Assembly Ballroom. Each month these toe-tapping concerts will feature a different performance and in May, we're delighted to present legendary, local talent, Hawke's Bay Brass. Enjoy morning tea on arrival, connect with friends new and old, and delight in the wonderful music. Tickets \$28 (plus fees).

Heath Franklin's Chopper - Not Here To F*ck Spiders

THURSDAY 16 MAY | 7PM

This May, Aotearoa's most wanted comedian is back after three years off...and he's not here to f*ck spiders! Heath Franklin, aka 'Chopper', is a cultural comedy icon whose sharpie tattoos, handlebar moustache, and aviator sunnies have become synonymous with a brutish comedy character many of us will know best from 7 Days. Tickets from \$42 (plus fees).

CMNZ Series - Mai Te Uira

FRIDAY 17 MAY | 7.30PM

Prepare to be moved, enchanted, and inspired as Chamber Music New Zealand bring the sounds of renowned musician, producer, and innovator, Tiki Taane (Ngāti Maniapoto) and visuals by multidisciplinary artist, Kereama Taepa (Te Arawa, Te Āti Awa) to Toitoti. Grounded in a karakia which references the atua and whakapapa of toi Māori, Mai Te Uira is a creative mix of music and digital animation. Tickets from \$32 (plus fees).

Showquest Hawke's Bay

FRIDAY 24 MAY | 7PM

Showquest is back for 2024! Students will design, produce, and perform their stories in a powerful night of celebration. Young designers will then follow the performances with a show-stopping, wearable-art showcase. Join friends and whānau in supporting local, emerging talent on the Toitoti stage! Tickets \$27 (plus fees).

The Big Sing 2024

WEDNESDAY 29 MAY | 7PM

The Big Sing is an annual Choral Showcase featuring 22 student choirs from East Coast secondary schools. Come along and support over 500 local rangatahi at the Gala Concert. Tickets from \$20 (plus fees).

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



Arts Inc. Heretaunga

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



Art Hawke's Bay - Artfully Yours

NOW - 11 MAY

Our annual exhibition with art groups and artists from across the Hawke's Bay region. All submissions are for sale, with painters, printmakers and sculptors competing across several categories, including a school's category.



Creative Fibre Hawke's Bay - Textile Rhapsody - a fusion of fibre and form

13 MAY - 25 MAY

This is a biennial exhibition showcasing the skills of our members across a range of fibre crafts. Many exhibited items are available for sale along with a range of non-exhibited items.



Hawke's Bay Art Guide Exhibition

27 MAY - 8 JUNE

Showcase exhibition and launch of the 2024 Hawke's Bay Art Guide. The work of our region's creatives all in one stunning exhibition. Grab your family and friends, immerse yourself in creativity and get a taste of this year's November Art Trail!



Walking with Artists with PickPath

ONGOING

Starting from Arts Inc. Heretaunga Community Arts Centre, walk the streets of Hastings CBD and enjoy this immersive audio tour of our public art by painter John Eaden. The audio guide is available through the free downloadable PickPath app.



Events & Activities in the Hastings District

Repair Café Hastings

SUNDAY 12 MAY | 1PM-4PM | CLIVE RUGBY CLUB, 27 FARNDON ROAD

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, baking and repairs.

Hastings District Landmarks Trust History Talk

TUESDAY 14 MAY | 5.30PM | HASTINGS LIBRARY

Justin Mathews of heritage architects Matthews & Matthews will present 'Municipal Chambers Building: Returning the light and life of a community' a talk about restoring and revitalising a place of cultural and heritage significance. Gold coin donation.

Hastings Choral Society's - Karl Jenkins Requiem and The Peacemakers concert

SUNDAY 19 MAY | 2PM | TAIKURA RUDOLPH STEINER SCHOOL HALL, 505 NELSON STREET NORTH

Karl Jenkins is one of the most prolific and performed composers in the world today. He was awarded a CBE by the Queen in 2010 and features in Classic FM's Hall of Fame. Tickets at the door, cash only. \$30 adult and \$5 child.

Special Days This Month

5 May | Cinco De Mayo
6 May | NZ Sign Language Week begins
10 May | Eid al-Fitr
12 May | Mother's Day
14 May | Girit Day
17 May | Pink Shirt Day
23 May | Vesak - Buddha Day
26 May | Gagana Samoa - Samoa Language Week begins

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.

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

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

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

NOW - 6 JUNE

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.



Kelekele Mo'ui (Living Soil) - Kalisolaite 'Uhila

3 MAY-18 AUGUST

Kelekele Mo'ui (Living Soil) centres on a live performance by artist Kalisolaite 'Uhila. Developed following a residency in Heretaunga Hastings in mid-2023, the work responds to the ways in which people live off and labour on the land.



Art for Tots

MONDAY 6 MAY | 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.



Hastings District Libraries

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



Nerdvana

1-5 MAY

Nerdvana is a FREE multi-day programme for adults, curated to celebrate all things nerdy. We embrace all things geeky, pop-culture, sci-fi, gaming, and more. Get amongst it. Get your geek on. Pick up a guide from your library or check out the programme online.



Late Night Which Craft

THURSDAYS | 5PM-7PM | HASTINGS LIBRARY

Channel your creativity and join a community of crafters every Thursday evening. Bring whatever you want to work on, whether you're painting miniatures, doing needlework or something else. There are outlets for plugging in your sewing machine or hot glue gun.



Book Sale

23-25 MAY | HASTINGS LIBRARY

Friends of Hastings District Libraries fundraising event. Bring a bag, cash sales only.



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.

Hawke's Bay Region - Intermediate & Secondary Schools Chess Tournament

FRIDAY 10 MAY

Play against other Year 7-13 chess players to be crowned the Hastings Region Intermediate and Secondary School Chess Champion! Register online before Tuesday 7 May.



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