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Welcome to the quarterly Community Plan newsletter updating you on what's happening across the district.

From the coast to the city to the rural heartland, Hastings District is incredibly diverse and community plans are a great way to capture the unique attributes and aspirations of our neighbourhoods.

COVID-19 brought home to us all the importance of community, of networking and supporting each other and in Hastings the strength of support shown for others was outstanding.

As life resumed to normal following the lockdowns of the past year our communities got busy progressing their plans, proudly supported by Hastings District Council.



**Sandra Hazlehurst**  
Mayor, Hastings District Council

# WAIPATU *update*

The Waipatu community celebrated the official opening of the new safety improvements on State Highway 51 on June 27 at Waipatu Marae. This has involved installing new footpaths and lighting and speed calming measures. After the formal ceremony, attendees enjoyed some kai (fish and chips) and entertainment.



# RAUREKA *update*



A BestStart Whānau Wellness Day was recently held in Ebbett Park in June.

This was an opportunity for BestStart to promote health and wellbeing for all whānau in the Raureka community through:

- Improving whānau knowledge of health and support agencies with the community
- Promoting participation/regular attendance at an ECE Centre
- Promoting whānau wellness for all.

This event was well supported by a number of Safer Hastings partner agencies on the day as well as the community.



Sadly after a number of years of being unoccupied, other than recently being used as a Koha Shed for the Raureka Community Trust, the Westend Tennis Clubhouse is set down to be demolished.

This club has been in existence in Ebbett Park since the 1930's, however due not only to the building being vacant but repeatedly vandalised and frequently being broken into, the decision has been made to demolish it.

# FLAXMERE *update*

The popular Flaxmere Night Market will resume in October 2021, so if you missed out on the previous markets you have more chances to check out the action in the Flaxmere town centre.



Photos: Roshan Uelese



Poly Active has moved to the Flaxmere Community Centre and is running 11 classes per week with up to 60 people attending each class.

Consultation has begun for the new skate park in Flaxmere Park. The Flaxmere School Cluster Group has established a tamariki

student group with two representatives from each school. This group was invited to consult on their ideas for the new skate park and were asked to take their great ideas to their school skaters to get feedback. Last month the group went to Council and presented their findings to the team, who were very impressed, and next concept plans will be drawn up based on the mahi so far.

HDC is supporting the Combined Adolescent Challenge Training Unit (CACTUS) programme that has

started at Flaxmere College, with 20 students and 12 adults taking part. This youth initiative allows Police to build positive relationships with rangatahi, their whānau and partners in the community. They meet three times a week at the college between 6.30am and 7.30am.

The Hoops in Parks project was launched in June with special guests Tall Black captain Tom Abercrombie, Hawks and Tall Black Derone Raukawa and Ethan Usbatch and Tall Fern squad member Tayla Dalton. Hoops in Parks is a collaboration between HDC, Basketball NZ, Basketball Hawke's Bay and Sport Hawke's Bay.

Three additional new courts are planned for Flaxmere Parks in the near future.

At the debrief of the launch Basketball NZ surprised HDC by presenting them with a signed singlet from Tom Abercrombie. This has since been framed and sits proudly alongside the Flaxmere Legends shirt hanging in the foyer of Flaxmere Community Centre.

The Flaxmere Planning Committee is currently doing a recruitment drive to grow their membership.



# MARAEKĀKAHO *update*

A large number of locals attended the LTP information evening held in the Maraekākaho Hall in April. Focus MKK submitted to the LTP for a new five-year community plan (the current plan finishes in 2022) and funding support for community threshold signage and planting to support traffic calming measures.



# MAHORA *update*

Community engagement is soon to commence on the Mahora Community Plan. The next step is to establish a core community group to determine the process and timeframes and identify the best methods of engagement.

# CAMBERLEY

## update

Nourished for Nil continues to grow at the Camberley Community Centre. Operating weekly on a Monday the volunteers and community are enjoying the service.

Community engagement on the Camberley Masterplan – Te Manu Rongo o Camberley will start in September. This is an opportunity for whānau to identify what they want Camberley to look like in the next 10 to 20 years, and what services and facilities they want to see.



# CLIVE

## update

The first Clive Community Garden planning is underway, with a working group now formed. Community gardens are a great way to gather like-minded people to create a shared space where everyone is welcome to care and contribute. There are many benefits including increasing access to fresh fruit and vegetables, boosting physical activity through garden maintenance activities, and social interaction ... to name a few.

The monthly Clive Community Market has gone from strength to

strength. The organising team has been inundated with stall holder requests to join the market and are now fully booked through until December. Stalls include recycled vintage jewellery, natural skincare, plants, antiques and collectables, mosaics, Prenzel, dried flowers, natural wool products, candles and organic soap. The market is being publicised on the Clive Community Market Facebook page.

Clive's Stars in Their Eyes will return this year from September 2-4. Talented and brave local adults take the stage as your favourite stars and sing songs you remember, raising fund for local children's music.





# TE PŌHUE *update*

Construction will soon begin on Harapaki, Meridian Energy's \$395 million wind farm situated on the Maungaharuru Range in Te Pōhue.

This will be New Zealand's second-largest wind farm with 41 turbines generating 176 MW of renewable energy, enough to power over 70,000 average households. The

construction will take around three years and is expected to create 260 new jobs.

Ongoing consultation and progress reports will continue between Te Pōhue residents and Meridian Energy.

The new Te Pōhue water reservoir and treatment plant has now been supplying the community for four months.



# MAYFAIR *update*

Trial traffic calming measures – rubber speed cushions and a rubber raised platform pedestrian crossing – have been installed on Willowpark Rd North at Mayfair School and Bill Mathewson Park frontages.

Mayfair School principal Ricardo Fox said it was fantastic to have the trial underway to keep local students and whānau safe.

“There have been many ‘near misses’ during my time at Mayfair School – it’s amazing seeing the community vision coming alive.”

A community consultation meeting on the feasibility of a Community centre/hub at Mayfair was held on May 25. Council officers are now analysing this information to report back to the community and Council.



# CAPE COAST *update*

The Cape Coast community group is reviewing its Community Plan and will be creating an action list with any outstanding items. Group members have distributed the new Cape Coast Community Resilience Plan to all households in the community.

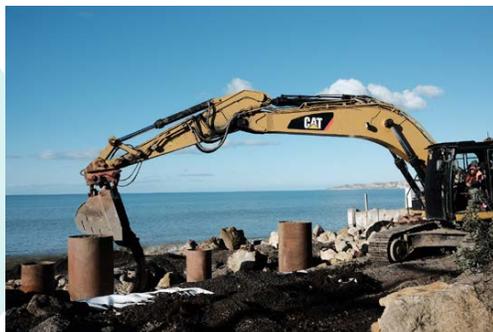
Two new information kiosks were officially opened in late July as part of the Cape Coast Art & Heritage trail. The kiosks are located on the Haumoana side of Black Bridge, and at Clifton Beach. They showcase coastal historical information, and bookend the small information stands that are dotted along the Coastal cycle path.

The long awaited revetment sea wall has been completed on the Cape View Corner, at the inter-section of East Road and Clifton Road in Haumoana.

The 100-metre limestone wall has been built to protect this vital road link, and power and water lines, from ongoing erosion.

Plans for a unique Seafood Restaurant to be built above this revetment wall are still underway, and consent applications are expected before the end of the year.

In Haumoana 14 new residential sections are being prepared on East Road, alongside a development completed two years ago on Cape Grove Road. On Clifton Road in Te Awanga, Greenstone Developments is preparing 46 sections for sale, in the first stage of more than 80 sections in a subdivision that will be known as Te Awanga Downs.



Plans are being developed to expand and enhance the children's playground alongside the Te Awanga Community Hall. This work will be completed in conjunction with a new toilet block to be built on the Wellwood Road side of the Hall, and the removal of the existing toilet block.

Tsunami warning signage has now been erected in key locations of Haumoana and Te Awanga. This signage provides evacuation instructions for residents and visitors, and is in addition to Emergency information brochures delivered to all households on the Cape Coast earlier this year.



# WHAKATŪ *update*

Council and the community are working through two projects. The first is the road upgrade for the residential zone of Whakatū that includes Station and Railway Roads. In the concept stage, the aim is to improve safety for both pedestrians and vehicles, and it has been initiated by the residents. Funding for the project still needs

to be approved. The second project is an upgrade to Ngaruroro Reserve - initiated by Council. The upgrade would include a new storage facility, a barbecue and covered area and an upgrade to the existing basketball court.

In addition to these two projects, the Whakatū 2020 plan is currently being reviewed.



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