

HASTINGS BLOSSOM FEST 2024

Saturday 21 September

An extravaganza of free events and activities including the iconic Hastings Blossom Parade.

ALL
FREE

Blossom Alley

Running the stretch of Heretaunga Street East from Karamū Rd to Hastings St, 10am–3pm.

A full line-up of live entertainment on stage all day with local and national artists, hosted by The Breeze, Hawke's Bay.

Blossom Stage Line-up

Rezept Dance Academy | 10am

Get ready to be blown away as this hip-hop dance troupe dazzles with their next-level moves.

Kahurangi Māori Dance Theatre | 10.45am

Māori performing artists ready to thrill audiences with their unique blend of Māori song, dance and heritage.

Hawke's Bay Soul Choir | 11.30am

Feel the rhythm, embrace the harmony—experience the soul.

Naked Gun Band | 12.15pm

Classic hits from Hawke's Bay's legendary cover band.

Blossom Boogie Comp with Nerida & Jett | 2.15pm

Join Nerida and Jett, Kiwi internet dance sensations for a mass dance lesson. Get the kids centre stage to learn some sweet street/hip-hop dance moves followed up with some line-dancing for mum and dad so the whole family can really shake their tail feathers. Awesome prizes up for grabs. See you on the dance floor!

Blossom Photo Booth | Rush Munro's Ice Cream

Capture the fun and make memories at the Blossom photo booth— smile, snap and share with your friends.

Blossom Alley East

Located near Hastings isite, featuring the Flock Events Blossom Lounge and food trucks for a tasty bite.

Cherry Bomb Aerialist | 10.15am

Blossom and Disney Princess themed aerial acrobatics, featuring breathtaking, gravity-defying routines.

Project Prima Volta | 11.15am

Vibrant performance featuring a talented group of 35 high school singers delivering an exciting mix of group pieces, duets, and solos.

Bay Cities' Symphonic Band | 12.15pm

Enjoy a lively mix of musical favourites from Hastings' community ensemble that will keep you tapping your feet and smiling throughout.

Landmarks Square

Kids Creative Corner | 10am–4pm

Fun for kids of all ages with all kinds of arts and crafts, including flag-making to wave and cheer as the Blossom Parade passes by. Supported by Hastings District Libraries.

Live Performances

Matiu Te Huki - Rainbow Warrior | 11am

Engaging performance for kids of all ages with live music, humour, Māori storytelling, and audience participation as we explore the ancient twist on the story of Māui and the Sun— "Did Māui really hit the Sun?"

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Basketball Jones | 1.30pm

One-man show, mixing freestyle basketball, circus skills, comedy and plenty of audience participation.

Family Fun Zone

CBD Mall | 10am–4pm

Play all day on the inflatables, ride the Party Train Express, face painting, and more.

Carnival Rides

Albert Square | 10am–4pm

Mahons Amusements fun-filled carnival rides hit Albert Square. If you're looking for a thrill, try the Rockin' Tug, or take a spin on the Sizzler. The Dragon Wagon and Flying Chairs are loved by kids of all ages and Cup and Saucers offers a gentler ride for the little ones. Rides are free and suitable for various ages and stages.

Hastings Blossom Parade

Starts at 1pm

Headlining the day is the famous Hastings Blossom Parade with all its culture, colour and entertainment. This year's parade is themed 'Regeneration: Spring Back Hastings!', the floats and displays will show what Hastings means to those taking part.

Check the parade route on the website to plan your viewing spot.

Hastings' eateries and bars are blooming with Blossom themed cocktails and delightful dining deals all weekend from Friday to Sunday. Participating venues include Brave Brewing, Hastings Distillers and more. For full listings check the website.

Food and drink at own cost.

