

PLAYGROUNDS

New playgrounds were installed towards the end of last year at Puketapu Park and Queens Square.

Given the historic nature of Queens Square, being one of the oldest parks in Hastings, the new play equipment is in keeping with the traditional aspects of play and is of a scale appropriate to the small size of the park.

Hardwood materials have been used where possible in the design to compliment the age of the reserve, with the added benefit of being harder wearing.

Likewise, the Puketapu Playground has been designed with the context of the reserve in mind, with a flying fox, set in the rural nature.

There are a number of other exciting projects planned this year to improve the recreation facilities in our parks—keep an eye on Cobham Street Reserve, the CBD Skate+Park, and Flaxmere Park (which is set to get a Splash Pad by the end of the year).



We have great pleasure in announcing the grand opening to the public of projects that have been actively supported by Landmarks:



Roys Hill Reserve

to be opened to the public,
by Deputy Mayor Cynthia Bowers
on

Sunday 25 March 2012
11am—1pm

more details on invitation included

Stoneycroft

to be opened to the public,
by Mayor Lawrence Yule
on

Sunday 22 April 2012
11am—1pm

more details to follow



Coming up mid-year...

LANDMARKS PUBLIC FORUM -
Public Art

Date to be advised

LANDMARKS HISTORY TALKS

When: Second Tuesday in each month –
March to November

Where: Hastings War Memorial Library

Time: 5:30pm (gold coin gratuity)

Coming up....

13 March Robert Patullo - *'My family and their association with the AMP Societies in HB and Otago'*

10 April Guy Wellwood - *'Robert Wellwood, a Havelock North Identity'*

8 May Byron Buchanan - *'Stortford Lodge'*

12 June Mark von Daldelszen - *'the Gardiner family & Keirunga'*

We are privileged.....

The LANDMARKS TRUST continue an excellent avenue of public consultation, in conjunction with Council representatives, in major Hastings' projects.

Every quarter, meeting in a formal presentation forum, we discuss & recommend artistic, landscape and historic processes that are then forwarded for Council consideration.

Of course we don't win every preferred option, but we are privileged to be part of the process, and acknowledge that this is a rare occurrence in NZ's local government.

As LANDMARKS passes its 10th year, we are also grateful for the involvement that the Regional, Hastings District and Central Hawke's Bay's Councils now ask for our PUBLIC opinions and submissions on a broad swath of subjects.

2012/13 LANDMARKS EXECUTIVE TEAM

We welcome Susie Sturt to our team
this year

Lily BAKER
Anthea BAILEY
Joyce BARRY
Derek BURNS
Richard COLES
John DAVIDSON
Jane FITZGERALD
Kathryn INGRAM
Ewan McGREGOR
Moana MUNRO
Kim SALAMONSON
Susie STURT

New Commercial Centre Projects

Clive Township

Officers have been progressing plans for the proposed upgrade of the Clive commercial area. The overall landscape plan includes additional tree planting, renewed footpaths, new road reseals, new i-ways cycle paths and the town centre revamp. Town centre elements include a minor road layout alteration to create a safer, slower traffic environment, trees and new seats and bins from the Landmarks adopted town centre palette. The Draft Plans will be presented to the Landmarks Advisory Group for discussion and feedback.

Hastings CBD

Late last year Council requested officers to proceed with plans for a minor enhancement project for the 200 West Heretaunga Street block. With the deferral of the full upgrade until 2014, officers have met with retailers to discuss the installation of new bins, trees and a café dining area for Heaven's Bakery. Street works are programmed to commence mid to late March. They include up to six trees, four bins and the dining area.

The Landmarks approved dining area for Café Cornucopia was completed in time for Christmas. Feedback has been very positive and this café now forms one of the most successful activity hubs in the east end.

Havelock North CBD

The Havelock North Business Association has been formulating ideas for adding to the vitality of the town village green. Concept ideas include new tables and bench seating and potential design features to enhance the street lights. Draft designs will be brought to the Landmarks Advisory Group for feedback and endorsement.

Heretaunga Street West

The CBD upgrade of the 300 Heretaunga Street West block, including outdoor dining facilities for John's Bakery and Madeleines Espresso Café were successfully completed in September 2011.

The outdoor dining facilities, created by kerb extensions, are intended to add vibrancy, and help activate the area with al fresco dining that add to the typical retail focus. The creation of these areas has required the removal of on-street carparking spaces, however the benefits are clear to be seen already.

The creation of these areas requires the provision of a level of protection between the seating area and traffic, which is typically in the form of standard bollards or fencing. The Landmarks response to this however has seen the creation of an artistic fence, which mimics the leaf lights in the CBD.

