

My Hastings

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HEART OF HAWKE'S BAY



BRING ON SUMMER AT
SPLASH PLANET



FREE PARKING
IN THE CITY



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SUMMER SERIES

F.A.W.C!

FOOD AND WINE CLASSIC

Hawke's Bay New Zealand 6th - 15th Nov 2015

F.A.W.C!
LOVING IT



The Farmers' Market has moved outdoors, the community pools and Splash Planet are about to open, the night markets in the city are back on, the beaches are beckoning and our parks are in great order.

It is the perfect time to remind ourselves how lucky we are to live in one of the top sunshine regions in New Zealand, with plenty of outdoor space to enjoy it.

One of those spaces is the Hawke's Bay Regional Sports Park which has just presented its annual report to council. There is some very good news in there. The growth in numbers of our people using the park is fantastic; netball in particular has grown phenomenally. It is now the biggest participation sport in New Zealand, and Hawke's Bay is the fourth largest netball playing region in New Zealand. That

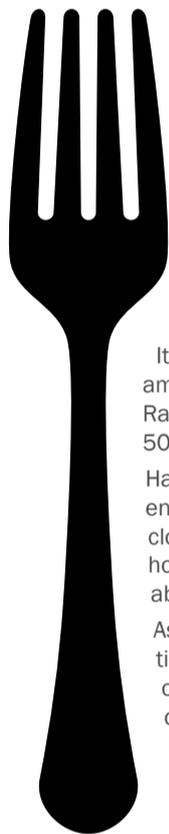
is in no small part down to the space and functionality available at the sports park. The one bug bear, the difficulty of getting so many vehicles and people into the park on winter Saturdays, has been solved with the second entrance completed, and I know users are much happier about that.

It is not all about mainstream sports though, for example the primary school cross country this year attracted 500 students from 50 schools, and this year's Tough Kids Day had 2000 entrants, up from 300 last year. The cycle skills course is being used by schools across Napier and Hastings, rugby league has made the park its home, there's a ki o rahi field, and the have-a-go days for 'recycled teenagers' are proving popular with the over 55s. Aside from sport – massive kapa haka events are held on a stage in the park at least once a year.

The plan behind the park was to build an exceptional facility that could be used by all residents and attract events from outside the region. It has worked: On any day of the week people can call in to watch some action, use the perimeter for a bit of a walk or run, or join in on some organised sport. The trust running the park, of which I am a trustee, is very pleased with the success and I urge those who haven't taken a close look at it to get along and make the most of what is, at the end of the day, your asset.

Mayor Lawrence Yule

Fantastic F.A.W.C!



As this issue of My Hastings is published there is just two sleeps to go until F.A.W.C! kicks off.

Summer F.A.W.C! runs from November 6 to 15, and showcases the very best of Hawke's Bay food and wine – and talent from all over New Zealand.

And this, the 4th Summer F.A.W.C!, is proving extremely popular, with 30 of the 79 events sold out and 3500 tickets sold three weeks prior to the first day.

It is no wonder; the talent this year is amazing, from Al Brown and Peta Mathias to Ray McVinnie and Nici Wickes. In all there are 50-plus food, wine and brewing events.

Half the events are in Hastings and its environs. While the tickets to many events close to home have already been snapped up, hopefully, if people are quick, they may still be able to get in on the action.

As this issue went to print there were still tickets available to the "First Course", the opening event at Black Barn, and on the last day, the "Superfoods High Tea" at Millhills Lodge, and plenty more in between.

Off the menu for late ticket buyers are some brilliant names, including first time F.A.W.C!

chef Josh Emmet – one of the chefs in charge of telling people they must "leave the MasterChef kitchen".

Josh will be appearing at Trinity Hill and is as excited about attending F.A.W.C! as his guests will be. "I spend a lot of time with family in Hawke's Bay and have heard a lot about F.A.W.C!. I am really looking forward to getting back down to the region and discovering what the festival is all about and having the opportunity to use all that great local produce."

Tickets also snapped up very quickly included those to "The Icons Dinner" at Elephant Hill on the first day, "Terroir" at Craggy Range Winery, "The Amazing Grace" brunch at the Farmers' Market, which at the time of going to press had a handful of tickets left and the ever popular Hawke's Bay Wine Auction.

A bunch of exciting events were still up for grabs two weeks out however, in particular Martin Bosley's burger bar in Donelly St, Havelock North, the one night "burger bar of your dreams".

It is free, you just pay for what you eat and drink. Open from 4pm to 7.30pm, it is billed as a great place to grab a starter before heading off to other F.A.W.C! events, "or hang in for the long haul".

For lovers of seafood, there is the "Seafood Legacy" at Vidals on November 7, or "Seafood and Semillon" at Seleni Estates Winery on November 8, while for those who have always wanted to try a huhu grub there is the "Weird and Wonderful", also November 7, at Diva Bar and Restaurant in Havelock North.



Summer F.A.W.C!: Time for great food and great company in Hawke's Bay.

Thursday night (November 12) will be a big night in Hastings, with the F.A.W.C!-isation of the Hastings City Night Market. Hastings City Business Association is promising "even more diverse and delicious street food stalls, entertainment and arts and crafts".

Adding to the market atmosphere will be the "Roving culinary carnival", a free event starting off at the Common Room in Heretaunga St. After a cocktail and a canapé, ticket holders will follow live music and street performers to the Opera Kitchen for the main course, then through the night market, to the Little Black Bird Eatery for dessert.

To round out the massive food fest, in Hastings on the last Sunday there are four Hastings events, "The Good Ole Days, at Sacred Hill Vineyard, the Locavore's Lunch, Te Awa Winery, The Slider and Ale Sunday Session, at Delicious Tapas, and the "Superfoods High Tea" at Millhills Lodge.

Great leaders are growing here

Making sure our leaders of tomorrow have help to realise their potential is the aim of the annual Hastings Young Leaders' Conference.

The first conference, organised by Hastings District Youth Council, was held last year. The second one, held at Iona College in September, was upscaled to include more students.

The conference covered a range of topics for different age groups. Workshops included 'Facing adversity' aimed at students who may have more than the normal challenges to overcome, 'Leadership in the digital age', designed to help students identify the positive and negative that come with the internet, and 'Practical Leadership Skills' for students already in leadership roles in their schools or groups in the community.

It was not all serious stuff, however. Emcees K-Ci Williams and Malindi Wilson had them dancing on stage and doing press ups in return for chocolate, and they enjoyed a kick-around in the sun between sessions.



Growing up: Tomorrow's great leaders get a helping hand.

Help on-line

A treasure trove of contacts for youth is available on-line; covering everything from social and health services, to sports, recreation, church groups and education and training. Each listing has a brief description of service and contact details.

Also on the database is a list of charitable funders and scholarship providers, with information on what they provide, links to the funders website where applicable, and phone and email contact details.

Hastings District Council's social and youth development team has committed to keeping the list updated.

It is designed to be of use to youth service providers, such as mentors and school counsellors, although youth and parents can also access the list.



See: hastingsdc.govt.nz/youthdatabase



Time to make a Splash!

The water is in and warming up; a painting marathon is almost complete; the café food is being ordered; the gardener has been putting final touches to the grounds – and the staff has mushroomed from five to 80.

It is almost time for the summer season of Splash Planet to kick off – Monday, November 16 is the first day of the season.

Manager Peran Hutchings is expecting big numbers this year. The forecast is for the hottest and longest summer in nearly 20 years. An average of 100,000 people make use of the facility in a season, and he is not prepared to hazard a guess over what that number will be this summer.

“It’s going to be a long, hot summer; forecasted to be the hottest since 1997, so we’re expecting lots of people to be in here cooling off.”

There is a truckload of things to do at the theme park, from the obvious, swimming, to kayaking, bumper boats, train rides, go-karting, mini golf, volleyball, and the flying fox.

And then there are the slides, all five of the: the Master Blaster, the Sky Castle Screamer, the Sky Tunnel, the Super Cruiser and the Double Dipper.

For those who like their water warm or have littlies, there are the toddlers’ pools inside and out, and indoor heated swimming pools.

It takes a great deal of planning and co-ordination to get the near 15-acre theme park ready for its four month season. Hawke’s Bay’s sun punishes the paint work on everything from rides to the picnic tables so it’s a constant task to keep everything fresh.

Signs and shade canopies are removed out of season to protect them from the elements so they have to be pulled out of storage and re-erected.

The extensive gardens and lawns need continuous care to keep them in order, the pools, empty over the winter, have to be scrubbed and refilled, and then there are the new touches that make heading back to the facility after an off-season a real treat.

This year the mini-putt has been refreshed with a Alice in Wonderland theme – complete with the iconic cup and saucer, the Cheshire cat, a deck of cards character, and a “down-the-rabbit-hole” golf shot.

One of the must sees, especially for pre-schoolers, will be the transformation of one of the mature trees into a “fairy tree”.

The residents’ club card is again available. For \$17 a season the card holder and nine others can get into the pools (and take all the rides) for \$17 an adult and \$11 a child – a saving of \$11 per trip for an adult and \$7 for a child. To register see: splashplanet.co.nz, or get one from the Splash Planet office when it opens on November 16.

Of course many people have been asking what will be replacing the old Fantasyland Pirate Ship, lost to the actions of a pair of arsonists over the winter. Mr Hutchings plans to put a range of options to facility users over the summer to get their feedback, with the outcome of the consultation leading to a winter project to put in the new attraction.



Hot: Summer is coming and it’s going to be a goodie. Residents can jump online, splashplanet.co.nz, or head to the Splash Planet office once it opens, and get their residents’ concession pass.



HOW IT WORKS:

Coloured plates reading “Free parking, limit one hour”, or “Free parking, limit two hours”, will be placed over parking meters.

Council’s six off-street car parks will also be free, with a time limit of three hours.

Drivers who stay longer than the designated time limit will be ticketed.

There is no change to the management of leased parking and mobility parking.

From November 1 parking will be free in Hastings city centre for four months – but there will still be time limits.

Work on revitalising and invigorating the central city is firmly on the agenda of Hastings District Council and the Hastings City Business Association.

Free parking is one of the ways of attracting people into the city, to relax and enjoy the atmosphere, says Hastings District councillor Sandra Hazlehurst. “It’s about feeling welcomed into our beautiful city centre, rather than rushed and having to hunt about for coins.

“It’s also about having consistent parking rules across Hastings – whether you’re in Havelock North, the central city, or in the private shopping centres. Wherever you are, you’ll have free parking.”

The time limits have been retained to ensure people do not “hog” parks. It is important to retailers and customers that everyone has access to parking. Those who abuse the time limits will be ticketed.

It will initially be a four month trial, until the end of February, with council to decide then on whether parking charges will be reinstated, if there will be a further trial, or if ratepayers will be asked if it should be made permanent.

Business association general manager Susan McDade said the move put the central city on a par with other retail centres that provide free parking for their customers.

“It is a positive sign for our central business district that the council has committed to revitalising the central city as a priority over the next few years. While the free parking is not a silver bullet it is a step in the direction to make us not only the most beautiful city but the most liveable city as well.

“Our retailers and cafes are really happy to have this four month free parking trial to give them a much needed boost in the crucial Christmas period. The business association will be surveying the businesses and the public to evaluate the trial.”

Events in the city, especially in central city mall, Civic Square and the newly finished Albert Square, are also livening up the city atmosphere. The action started off with a week of live daily live concerts in the second week of October and now artists on stage at lunchtimes on Fridays and Saturdays for the rest of the summer.

In the wake of a symposium on the central city in August, other initiatives on the drawing board include encouraging inner city living above shops, drawing retail into a tighter area, actively marketing the outskirts to businesses suited to the edges of retail, and continuing to ask retailers and residents to put forward their ideas for spicing up the city.

McDade says the council’s support for the city centre is very encouraging. “I see tangible actions coming out of the symposium. We are partnering with council on numerous activities designed to bring people into the city. Watch this space.”



COUNCILLOR MALCOLM DIXON



COUNCILLOR MICK LESTER



COUNCILLOR ROD HEAPS



COUNCILLOR SANDRA HAZLEHURST



COUNCILLOR SIMON NIXON



COUNCILLOR TANIA KERR



COUNCILLOR WAYNE BRADSHAW

Hastings City Art Gallery

Open every day from 10am to 4.30pm FREE ENTRY
Phone (06) 871 5095 or email: hastingsartgallery@hdc.govt.nz

7 NOVEMBER

Te Kāhui Maunga Kura Toi - Floor talk and catalogue launch

Hear Curator Chris Bryant-Toi and featured artists speak about their Māori art transformation with Te Wānanga o Aotearoa. No charge, 11am.

FROM 11 NOVEMBER

Word and Deed: Art, Memory and the First World War

Wellesley Binding, David Guerin and Bridget Sutherland

14 NOVEMBER

Floor Talk with Artists Wellesley Binding, David Guerin and Bridget Sutherland

No charge, 11am.

UNTIL 22 NOVEMBER

Te Kāhui Maunga Kura Toi - 30 Years of Contemporary Māori Art from Te Wānanga o Aotearoa

Te Kāhui Maunga Kura Toi brings together the work of 50 artists, carvers, weavers and multi-media artists from Te Wānanga o Aotearoa.

UNTIL 22 NOVEMBER

NZ Māori Artists and Writers 1973 to 1993

The exhibition by John Miller, one of New Zealand's finest documentary photographers, captures and documents the many hui and wānanga of the New Zealand Māori Artists and Writers organisation.

FROM 28 NOVEMBER

The Endling: Paula Taaffe

Featuring as cast of handmade creatures, this animation is part poem, part call to action.

Harcourts Hawke's Bay Arts Festival

The Famous Spiegel tent, Havelock North Domain

UNTIL 8 NOVEMBER

Catch the last days of the inaugural Harcourts Hawke's Bay Arts Festival in the beautiful 'tent of mirrors'. Go to hbaf.co.nz for more

F.A.W.C! Featured Events

Some of the amazing F.A.W.C! events happening in the Hastings District

6 NOVEMBER

F.A.W.C! Summer Series - First Course

Black Barn Market Round

A new look for the F.A.W.C! Summer Series Launch Party sees a move into the market round at Black Barn Vineyards. "The First Course" is just that, a teasing taste of what is to come over the next ten sumptuous days.

7 NOVEMBER

F.A.W.C! Art in the Olives

Drop into Telegraph Hill Olives for Art in the Olive Grove, meet the local creative talent in Hawke's Bay and view some of their works in this unique and picturesque setting. Music, wine and activities for the family onsite. Gold Coin Donation

8 NOVEMBER

F.A.W.C! The Amazing Graze @ the Hawke's Bay Farmers Market

Hawke's Bay A & P Showgrounds

Be hosted by Ray McVinnie at an authentic, relaxed, alfresco luncheon served in the midst of our busy iconic Farmers' Market. You'll gather up in the Market to meet Ray before making your way around the stalls for a good old fashioned forage. Stop, chat and taste with the local producers before selecting their wares for your lunch menu.

12 NOVEMBER

F.A.W.C! Roving Culinary Carnival with Hastings Food Trio

Start at The Common Room, Heretaunga Street
A magical night of feasting and festivities awaits at this roving culinary carnival. Follow the live music and street performers for a progressive dinner to Hastings City's three best eating and drinking establishments; The Common Room, Opera Kitchen and Little Black Bird.

14 NOVEMBER

F.A.W.C! A Jedi Night at Zeppelin

May the food and wine be with you... Once upon a time in a small winery not so far away...
Tonight is an evening of food and wine, but not as you know it. Presented by the gregarious Roland Norman, Wine Scientist, who will wax lyrical about some of the stranger winemaking techniques whilst pouring you some of his magnificent Tukipo River Estate wines for tasting.

For more F.A.W.C! events go to fawc.co.nz

EVERY SUNDAY

Hawke's Bay Farmers' Market

Waikoko Gardens, Hawke's Bay A&P Showgrounds
Kenilworth St, Hastings

Whether you're a local stocking your spring larder or a visitor keen to sample the best seasonal produce the Bay has to offer, the Hawke's Bay Farmers' Market is a 'must do' attraction every Sunday.

EVERY THURSDAY

Hastings City Night Market CBD Mall

With a fabulous selection of interesting stalls and street food, free live entertainment, this is a 'must do' event for all the family. Come along to the night market every Thursday to experience something different, 5pm-9pm.

7 NOVEMBER

St Columbas Fair, Havelock North Domain

The annual St. Columbas church is back! With great bargains, lots of activities for the young and old and plenty of delicious food on sale, the St. Columba's 2015 Fair is not to be missed!

8 NOVEMBER

Christmas at the Races

Hastings Racecourse, 200 Prospect Road, Hastings
Relax on a Sunday for an afternoon of Racing at its best. This is an occasion not to be missed with live entertainment, fine food, thrilling thoroughbred action and all the joys of Christmas! General Admission \$10, visit hawkesbayracing.co.nz for more info.

8 NOVEMBER

Mitre 10 Mega Walk

Various locations throughout Hawke's Bay
Whether you do the Mega 28km walk/run from Mitre 10 Hastings to Mitre 10 Napier or the various shorter distances starting along the Rotary pathways, this family event is a great way to raise money for Canteen.

10 NOVEMBER

November Landmarks History Lecture

Hastings War Memorial Library
Come along and listen to Ian Bamby talking on the rural transport industry in the 1950s and 60s at this free event. 5.30pm.

10 / 24 NOVEMBER

Flaxmere Book Chat Group

Flaxmere Library, 16 Swansea Road, Flaxmere
All welcome to this Free book club 10.30 - 11.30am.

13-15 NOVEMBER

Sculpture in the Gardens

Keirunga Gardens, Havelock North
Join the Keirunga Society in their historic Homestead Gardens to view their special sculpture installations created especially for this event.

15 NOVEMBER

Taikura Fete

Taikura Rudolph Steiner School, 505 Nelson St North
With over 120 extra-ordinary activities and stalls, find a treat for yourself and your family amongst the fabulous atmosphere of Taikura Fête. Free admission 10am to 3pm.

15 NOVEMBER

Harold's Fun Day and Picnic in the Park

Sports Park Hawke's Bay

A low cost family day based around health and well being and experiencing new activities. Featuring numerous sporting codes including archery, Cross Fit, Athletics, golf and 'My School Rules' - an interschool competition to prepare a healthy and low cost lunch box.

15 NOVEMBER

Peak Trail Blazer Te Mata Peak

The Peak Trail Blazer - \$500 Cash for the Fastest Dash! The 6th annual Peak Trail Blazer is home to the Rod McDonald Wines King of the Peak, Hawke's Bay Orthodontics Queen of the Peak and the prestigious Hall of Flames sub-60 minutes club. One Peak, two trails - the choice is yours.

18 NOVEMBER

Publishers Book Expo Havelock North Library

Hear about the latest and greatest books from Random, Penguin, Hachette and Allen & Unwin publishers. Special guest author is Tina Clough, Running Towards Danger, The Girl Who Lived Twice. Tickets \$5.00 available from the Havelock North, Flaxmere and Hastings Libraries.

21 NOVEMBER

The Village Street Carnival

Havelock North Village

For one action-packed day the folk in the Village are closing their roads and taking the Village out onto the street for their biggest day of the year. It's going to be huge. It's going to be fun. And it's a party you'd be crazy to miss.

21 NOVEMBER

Battle of the Bay Bay City, Omaha Road, Hastings

A hip hop dance competition open to crews and dancers from within the Hawke's Bay and Bay of Plenty Regions. \$10 per person / under 5 free, 5pm.

21 NOVEMBER

Hawke's Bay Showing Championships

With a full range of horses in hand and mounted classes this qualifier for Horse of the Year is a great opportunity to get up close to some equine action.

25 NOVEMBER

The Great Splash Planet Treasure Hunt

Splash Planet, 1001 Grove Road, Hastings
Come down and meet the Splash Planet characters while you explore and be in to win spot prizes. Splash Planet is a great place for your under fives and 3 years and under go free! For more information on this pre school event, check out hdc.govt.nz.

Staples Rodway Challenge

21 NOVEMBER

The event is now regarded as one of the most popular sporting events in the region. It takes in some of the Bay's most stunning landscapes on a course that is mainly on private land and includes windswept beaches, native forest, waterfalls, river gorges and stunning coastal farmland. The area includes world renowned five-star Lodge "The Farm", Cape Kidnappers Wildlife Reserve and passes through the largest gannet colony in the world. The course is 32km starting and finishing at Clifton Bay Café. Go to staplesrodwaychallenge.nz for more information including how to enter.

