

WHAT'S ON

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Friday 1st May

Nerdvana26 Props & Photo Ops

Step into the world of props, costumes, & creativity. Explore a display of fandom-inspired props up close, then jump into the action at the interactive photo booth.

Check out the craftsmanship behind the pieces, strike a pose, & capture a Nerdvana moment with themed props & backdrops. Perfect for browsing, snapping photos, & soaking up the atmosphere.

Suitable for all ages.

Hastings War Memorial Library, Civic Square, Hastings

10.00am - 5.00pm

Free admission

Nerdvana26 Sub Box: Nerdvana Edition

It's back - the grown-up nerd edition! The popular Sub Boxes return for Nerdvana in a special 16+ release. Perfect for anyone curious about sci-fi or fantasy or for readers who love a bit of surprise. This box takes the guesswork out of choosing your next read. Inside, you'll find two library books, a hands-on geeky project & a selection of fun extras to enjoy.

Suitable for ages 16yrs+. Spaces limited - visit the website for more details.

Hastings War Memorial Library, Civic Square, Hastings

10.00am - 5.00pm

Free admission

Nerdvana26 The Rest Point

Need a breather? Drop into the rest point, a calm, low-key space to unwind between events. Colour in, read a book, work on a puzzle, or simply take a moment to recharge before diving back into the action. No pressure, no schedule, just a place to slow things down for a bit.

Suitable for all ages.

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Nerdvana26 Bit & Beyond

Step back in time & relive the golden age of gaming! Explore the Retro Gaming Station, featuring classic consoles on display & a selection you can jump in & play. From pixel-perfect platformers to iconic button-mashers, rediscover the games that defined generations. Whether you're chasing nostalgia or trying retro titles for the first time, this relaxed, hands-on space is all about celebrating the joy of old-school gaming. Press start, have fun, & embrace the throwback vibes.

Suitable for all ages.

Hastings War Memorial Library, Civic Square, Hastings

10.00am - 5.00pm

Free admission

Nerdvana26 Show Us Your Fandom!

Calling all artists, doodlers, & fandom enthusiasts! We're putting together a fan art display & want your creations in the mix. Whether you're into fantasy, sci-fi, anime, comics, games, or something wonderfully niche, this is your chance to show off what you love.

Artwork can be in any style or medium, as long as it's no larger than A4. Keep submissions library-appropriate. No nudity & appropriate language only (keep it PG, folks).

Drop your fan art into Hastings library by 27/04/26, with your name or artist handle if you'd like it credited. All skill levels welcome, if you love a fandom & made a thing about it, they want to see it.

Hastings War Memorial Library, Civic Square, Hastings

10.00am - 5.00pm

Art For Tots

Art for Tots is a fun, art-making experience for under-fives, which takes inspiration from current exhibitions at the Gallery, as well as from the environment & wider community. Play & creativity is encouraged by the Education Team with playful art conversations or whimsical storytelling.

During this two-hour session, whānau can drop in & out as suits. Art for Tots sessions are now on the first Friday of every month. No booking required.

Hastings Art Gallery, 201 Eastbourne St East, Hastings

10.00am - 12.00pm

Friday 1st May

Indy Nights - Late Night Shopping

A growing group of Napier's independent retailers, galleries & hospitality venues are opening late to create a relaxed, early-evening atmosphere in town.

Take the whānau into town, wander through shops, fashion & art, grab a bite, enjoy good vibes & a little life after 5.

Expect the odd art opening, live moment, special release or in-store surprise along the way. Experience what makes Napier's independent scene special.

See who's participating in the discussion tab or head to <https://napiercbd.co.nz/indy-night/>

Napier CBD Various Locations, Napier CBD
5.00pm – 7.00pm

Nervvana26 Chaos & Popcorn: An Interactive Quest

Get ready for chaos, quests, & questionable choices!

An interactive movie night featuring Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves.

Expect heroic mishaps, iconic characters, ridiculous decisions, & moments where you, the audience, gets to jump in & play along. Shout, cheer, roll dice, & embrace the chaos. Participation is encouraged & a sense of humour is absolutely required.

Perfect for D&D fans, fantasy lovers, & anyone who enjoys a good adventure with a side of mayhem.

Suitable for ages 18yrs+. Pre-registration is required through the library's website.

Hastings War Memorial Library, Civic Square, Hastings
6.00pm – 9.00pm

R18: Free admission with pre-registration

Black & White Roller Disco

Clean, classic, & seriously cool. It's Black & White Roller Disco night! Dress in your best monochrome fit (all-black, all-white, or mix it up) & glide into a night full of disco beats, skating, dancing, games, & giveaways.

Whether you go sleek, sparkly, striped, or full glam, the rink will be popping under the lights.

Bay Skate, 290 Marine Parade, Napier

6.00pm – 9.00pm

\$8.00 - \$18.00 per person door sales

Whisky Tasting @ Virasat Wine Bar & Eatery

Fire, Heat & Peat is a unique whisky tasting experience featuring five selected whiskies that explore bold flavours—from warming spice to rich smoky peat & pair with one choice of meal.

A relaxed & flavourful night, perfect for whisky lovers & anyone looking for something different.

Tickets available from www.eventfinda.co.nz

Virasat Wine Bar & Eatery, 12 Herschell St, Napier

7.00pm – 8.30pm

\$90.00 per adult +bf

Friday 1st May

Kōwhaiwhai & Print

Ready to deepen your passion for the arts? Join this hands-on kōwhaiwhai workshop, learn alongside experienced kaiako, & explore where your creativity could take you.

Pre-register through www.eventfinda.co.nz

Te Wānanga o Aotearoa - Heretaunga St Campus, 705

Heretaunga St, Hastings

6.00pm – 7.30pm

Free admission with pre-registration

Impact Pro Wrestling – Trouble in Taradise

Live Pro Wrestling makes its way back to Taradale to finish off the 2025/26 Hawke's Bay season with a bang! You don't want to miss the best of the Bay taking on the best of the rest!

Impact Pro Wrestling has been entertaining fans up & down the country for more than 20 years & has seen many of its talented wrestlers go on to perform in WWE, AEW, New Japan Pro Wrestling & more. Great fun for the whole family!!

Doors open at 6.00pm. Door sales will only be available if tickets don't sell out online.

Tickets available from www.eventfinda.co.nz

Taradale Town Hall, Cnr. Lee & Meeanee Rds, Taradale, Napier
6.30pm – 8.45pm

\$20.00 - \$25.00 per adult, \$10.00 per child

Anthony Stretch

Anthony Stretch is a rare voice, a truly original songwriter whose music blends folk, soul & rock'n'roll with cathartic abandon. Hailing from Hawke's Bay, Stretch has carved out a place in Aotearoa for those who crave music with depth, heart, & authenticity.

To celebrate NZ Music Month at CAN, Stretch will be playing a selection of his own music plus some of the most timeless songs in the NZ songbook. Staged in the Main Gallery, Stretch will be playing amongst a never-before-seen exhibition of Hawke's Bay photographers work, capturing original local musicians & their audiences. This will be a perfect combination of live performance & an exhibition of striking imagery, capturing the creative act of music.

Stretch's live performances are utterly unforgettable - intimate yet electrifying. He possesses an ability to moving between hushed intensity & explosive crescendos while holding audiences in awe. Having played to sold-out audiences across the country, headlined iconic venues like Church Road & the Hawke's Bay Opera House, Stretch has also opened for renowned artists such as Neil Finn, Jeff Tweedy, Michael Bublé, Rod Stewart & Elton John at Mission Estate to over 20,000 people.

Tickets available from www.eventfinda.co.nz

Creative Arts Napier, 16 Byron St, Napier

7.30pm - 9.00pm

\$20.00 per adult + bf

Friday 1st May

Sydney Hotshots

Australia's Hottest Six-Packs are heading to NZ for one night only! Ladies, grab your besties & get ready for the ultimate girls' night out as Sydney Hotshots return with an all-new, high-energy production guaranteed to bring the heat. Expect explosive choreography, cheeky charm, jaw-dropping physiques, crowd interaction & plenty of surprises.

Perfect for hen's nights, birthdays, work parties or simply a well-deserved night out, this fully choreographed show delivers non-stop fun from start to finish. Having appeared on Studio 10, Sunrise, Australia's Got Talent and Good Morning NZ, the Hotshots perform over 150 shows a year. Secure your tickets now & get ready for an unforgettable night with Sydney Hotshots.

Tickets available from www.eventbrite.co.nz

Bev Ridges on York, Cnr York & Durham Avenue, Tamatea, Napier

7.30pm - 9.30pm

\$40.00 - \$80.00 per adult + bf

Diva Night No.14 @ The Cabana

These nights are always Gold. Celebrating the great local Divas. Starring Liz Tubby, Jackie Gibson, Hayley Munro, Pyper Horton & Chrissy Atkinson.

Tickets are now available from www.cabana.net.nz

The Cabana, 11 Shakespeare Rd, Napier

7.30pm

\$15.00 per adult door sales

Ben Throp & The Intimate Strangers @ The Paisley Stage

Kicking off NZ music month the right way with 3 Hawkes Bay Original Bands! The legend himself Ben Throp (Groundswell/ Neil Youngs Cellar Door & Hail to the Thieves) & the Intimate Strangers are the headline act, Ben Liley band of new HB original rock & Mon Shelford & her band of brilliant musos bring you many of her amazing originals.

The Paisley Stage, 126 Hastings St, Napier

7.00pm

\$20.00 per adult door sales

The Rude Boyz - Reggae Party @ Common Room

The Rude Boyz bring cool reggae vibes to Hawkes Bay's favourite bar.

Grab your friends & groove to some deep reggae drum & bass reggae classics.

The Rude Boyz will unveil a few originals from their forthcoming debut album - "Still We Rise".

These gigs always sell out so grab your tickets early...

Tickets available from www.eventfinda.co.nz

Common Room, 227 Heretaunga St East, Hastings

8.00pm - 12.00am

\$12.50 per adult +bf

Saturday 2nd May

Napier Urban Food Market

There's nothing fresher or finer than a barrow load of food from The Hawke's Bay Farmers' Markets! Shop for a wide range of fresh veges, fruit, meat, bread, eggs, pickles & preserves straight from the producer. Hot freshly roasted coffee & a choice of breakfast fare feed the body while the senses take in the live music, the smells of cooking & the produce so fresh it looks straight back at you.

Hershell St, Napier

9.00am - 12.00pm

Havelock Handmade

The second Havelock Handmade Market of 2026. A great selection of stalls with fantastic products!

Courtyard behind Peak Pizza, 15 Te Mata Rd, Havelock North

9.00am - 1.00pm

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Nerdvana26 Tabletop Takeover: Cards, Campaigns & Community with Cat & Mouse

Magic: The Gathering, One Piece, Pokémon, Blood Bowl... & that's just the start! Curious about tabletop card games or role-playing adventures?

Drop in & watch exhibition matches in action, learn how different games work, or chat with the team from Cat & Mouse, who will be on hand to answer questions, guide newcomers, & facilitate friendly card trades.

Take your own cards if you're keen to trade or simply go along to see what the worlds of strategy, storytelling, & tabletop gaming are all about.

Suitable for all ages. Limited places - first in, first served.

Hastings War Memorial Library, Civic Square, Hastings

10.00am - 2.00pm

Free admission with pre-registration

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10.00am - 5.00pm
Free admission

Feta, Halloumi & Mozzarella Cheese Making Workshop

In this 3-hr long workshop you will learn how to make Haloumi, Mozzarella & Feta. You will be taught by Pauline Korevaar of Farmhouse Kitchen.

All equipment & ingredients to make the 3 cheeses are provided. Take yourself, no prior experience is required. Light refreshments included.

You will go home with a full set of course notes, including recipes & instructions. And, of course, you'll take some of the 3 cheeses home!

These classes are a lot of fun, great value & fill up fast so get your friends together to discover the art of crafting cheese.

Mad Millie Italian Cheese Making Kits are available for sale on the day for \$49.50 (GST Incl.) (RRP \$55.60) on the day. Other cheese making equipment to make cheese at home are also available for sale on the day.

To book go to

<https://farmhousekitchen.co.nz/product/mfh-may26/>

Farmhouse Kitchen Cooking School, 580 Middle Rd, Hastings
1.00pm - 4.30pm
\$138.50 per person

Nerdvana26 The Miniature Paint Forge

Grab a brush & level up your mini-painting skills with Geeks Guild! This relaxed, hands-on session is all about painting tabletop miniatures, with tips & techniques you can use across loads of games & styles.

No experience needed, they'll supply everything, you just bring your curiosity & creativity

Suitable for ages 13yrs+. Registration required through libraries website.

Hastings War Memorial Library, Civic Square, Hastings
2.00pm - 3.00pm
Free admission with pre-registration

Nerdvana26 Roll Ready: Dice Tower Build

Roll in & get crafty with our Build-a-Dice-Tower workshop! You'll follow a simple kitset to build your own dice tower, then make it uniquely yours with custom design details & creative touches.

Whether you're gaming with friends or just love a good nerdy build, this relaxed, hands-on session is beginner friendly. All materials are provided, no experience needed

Suitable for ages 13yrs+. Registration required through libraries website.

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2.00pm - 4.00pm
Free admission with pre-registration

Saturday 2nd May

Nerdvana26 Blood on the Clock Tower

Trust no one or trust the wrong person.

Blood on the Clocktower returns with the Geeks Guild for a high-energy social deduction game full of twists, tension, & dramatic reveals. Easy to learn, wildly fun to play, & perfect whether it's your first time or your fifth. Suitable for ages 18yrs+. Registration required through libraries website.

Hastings War Memorial Library, Civic Square, Hastings
5.15pm - 8.30pm
Free admission with pre-registration

Nerdvana26 Board Games After Dark with the Geek Guild

Shake up your usual game night with an adults-only evening of tabletop fun.

Dive into the Geeks Guild game library, try something new, & enjoy a night made for playing, laughing & switching off. This 18yrs+ event features great board games, pizza, spot prizes, & a relaxed, social vibe.

Registration required through the library's website.

Hastings War Memorial Library, Civic Square, Hastings
5.15pm - 8.30pm
Free admission with pre-registration

Underclass Heroes @ The Rose Irish Pub

Underclass Heroes return for another awesome gig. The ultimate crowd-pleasing cover band, delivering a high-energy set packed with the biggest hits from across the decades. From the arena-rock anthems of Bon Jovi & Bryan Adams to the modern pop firepower of Taylor Swift & Avril Lavigne, & the punchy, alternative edge of Paramore, they bring every song to life with passion, precision, & a whole lot of fun.

Known for their powerful vocals, tight musicianship, & electrifying stage presence, Underclass Heroes keep audiences singing, dancing, & shouting for more.

If you want a show that hits every era, every genre, & every heart — Underclass Heroes are ready to steal the spotlight at The Rose!

The Rose Irish Pub, 64 Hastings Street, Napier
8.30pm - 10.30pm
Free admission



Groove Foundation @ Market ST

Cocktail Hour + Groove Foundation = Your Saturday night plans.

Market ST, Market St, Napier
9.00pm
Free admission

Saturday 2nd May

Rising Stars Showcase @ The Paisley Stage

Celebrate our emerging artists & a new wave of talent from the Napier Music Academy.

Featuring hot new band The Loko Jacklins, singer / songwriter Camille Howie, acoustic artist Tristin Symes & fresh from the most recent holiday programme, Something Good. Plus, a special performance from former student & teacher Emma Webb

The Paisley Stage, 126 Hastings St, Napier

7.00pm

\$10.00 per adult door sales



Insecure Delusion @ The Cabana

Insecure Delusion are back in the Bay to give Tool fans a fix with their tribute to the greats – whether you missed out on the real deal or just want to get out amongst Tool fans again for a night of the best rock songs around – Insecure Delusion are ready to deliver!

Enjoy the tunes that gave Tool a cult-like status amongst devoted fans. Playing fan favourites like The Pot, Stinkfist, Forty Six & 2 & others, it's the perfect way to get your Tool fix. Insecure Delusion: A Tribute To Tool take the stage with energy & passion for the genres & the musicianship that Tool is known for.

Tickets available from www.cabana.net.nz

The Cabana, 11 Shakespeare Rd, Napier

8.00pm

R18: \$28.00 per adult + bf

Sunday 3rd May

Hawke's Bay Farmers Market

This season the market has your entertaining needs covered ...fresh fruit & vegetables, platter delights, meat & veggies for the BBQ, breads & baked goods, sweet treats, fabulous gifts & of course beverages of all sorts.

Shop local & buy directly from the growers, producers or makers. For your convenience there is Eftpos, ample parking & toilet facilities.

There's nothing fresher or finer than a barrow load of food from The Hawke's Bay Farmers' Markets!

A & P Showgrounds, Kenilworth Rd, Hastings

8.30am - 12.30pm

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10.00am - 5.00pm

Free admission

Sunday 3rd May

Napier Sunday Market

Featuring over 60 stalls offering a diverse range of products. You can find everything from fresh produce, unique crafts, & homeware to quirky collectibles & delicious food options! The market operates rain or shine, providing a delightful experience with ocean views.

26 Marine Parade, next to Ocean Spa Complex

7.00am – 1.00pm

Taradale Sunday Market

Napier's only weekly indoor Market. For incredible hand-crafted items, to amazing up-cycled and pre-loved items.

The Mahoe Guide Hall, 23 Auckland Rd, Greenmeadows

9.00am – 1.00pm

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Te Awanga Market

Marvellous market stalls, fabulous food & coffee carts, live music by Kasolite Waghorn, plus special debut performance of students from Lasting Notes Piano Studio at 1.00pm.

Don't miss this monthly market by the beach.

Te Awanga Hall & Domain, Te Awanga

11.00am – 3.00pm

Free admission

Autumn at Woodland Hills: Open Day Fundraiser

Enjoy a relaxed autumn afternoon surrounded by beautiful woodland colours. Entry includes tea, coffee & homemade cake. Supporting the Hawke's Bay Helicopter Rescue Trust Take the family & some sturdy footwear. No dogs allowed.

For more info contact Cynthia 027 443 2999.

Woodland Hills, 87 Hautope Branch Rd, Omakere

11.00am – 4.00pm

\$15.00 per person

Sunday 3rd May

Cruise on the Parade

Monthly Cruise On the Parade - park up.

The brainchild of Roaming Chrome HB Inc. Head out & represent if you can!

Marine Parade, Spirit of Napier, Napier

9.00am - 11.00am

Free admission



Nerdvana26 Roll & Relax: A Casual D&D Game

Put your new dice tower & freshly painted mini to work in this beginner-friendly tabletop roleplaying session.

Step into an adventure, roll some dice, & see your creations in action as you play through a guided game with others.

Whether you're experienced or brand new, this session is all about storytelling, teamwork, & having fun at the table.

Suitable for all ages.

Hastings War Memorial Library, Civic Square, Hastings

1.00pm - 3.45pm

Free admission

Nerdvana26 Battle Bots

Build it. Battle it. Bragging rights apply.

Battle Bots is a hands-on LEGO challenge where you'll design & build your own mini battle bot, mount it onto a motorised base, & send it into the arena.

Team up across ages, take a younger teammate along, or face off in friendly match-up, this is an all-ages event built for creativity, teamwork, & a bit of chaotic fun.

Suitable for all ages. Limited places - first in, first served.

Hastings War Memorial Library, Civic Square, Hastings

1.00pm - 3.00pm

Free admission

Monday 4th May

Assembly Concert Club: Highs, Lows & Crossroads

A delightful morning of music, conversation, & community in the beautiful Assembly Ballroom. Enjoy a relaxed morning tea while taking in live performances curated by local jazz musician & educator Chris Beernink.

This special series offers a chance to celebrate the joy of local music, reconnect with the charm & history of the Ballroom & share memories of the space.

Gather with your fellow music lovers to appreciate the talent that continues to enrich our region's cultural heartbeat.

Born & bred in the home of the Blues, Chicago USA, Greg Conrad comes with the music in his veins.

After playing in the USA & on cruise ships around the world, he's made his home here in Hawkes Bay for the last 6.5 years. His old school approach to keeping this music & culture alive, his groovy guitar & soulful voice are sure to get your feet tapping. Along with the solid rhythm of Chris Beernink on upright bass, this is a performance you won't want to miss!

Includes morning tea. Tickets available from

www.eventfinda.co.nz

Toitoti - Assembly Ballroom, 101 Hastings St South, Hastings

10.30am - 12.00pm

\$20.00 per person + bf

Whales, Snails, & Lobster Tales - Public Talk by Andrew Penniket, Underwater Cameraman & Documentary Maker

An evening with Andrew Penniket, sharing stories from his recently released book *Whales, Snails, & Lobster Tales*.

Andrew will take us into the world beneath the waves, from the movements of whales to the hidden lives of smaller coastal creatures. Drawing on decades of experience, he brings together science, observation, & storytelling in a way that encourages us to slow down & notice the richness of life along our shores.

This is a relaxed & enjoyable talk for anyone with an interest in nature, the ocean, or simply a good story.

Andrew Penniket is an award-winning underwater cameraman & documentary maker whose career spans more than 40 years. Beginning with TVNZ's *Natural History Unit* in Dunedin, he has worked on major international productions for broadcasters including BBC, National Geographic, NHNZ, & the Discovery Channel.

Trained as a biologist, Andrew combines a deep understanding of marine life with a strong visual storytelling style. He is known for capturing close-up behavioural moments — from the night-time activity of lobsters to the coordinated hunting of orca tribes. His work has also supported marine conservation efforts, & he continues to advocate for greater protection of ocean environments.

Lecture Theatre 1, EIT, Taradale, Napier

6.00pm - 8.00pm

Gold Coin Donation

Tuesday 5th May

Meet Me at the Gallery: Guided Talk

Meet Me at the Gallery - a relaxed & insightful session led by a member of the Gallery team held on the first Tuesday of every month.

Each month, they'll explore a different exhibition, artist, or theme, offering a closer look at the ideas & stories behind the artworks.

These sessions are a great opportunity to slow down, share reflections, & connect with others through art & conversation. Each talk runs for around 45 minutes, including time for questions & informal discussion. Everyone welcome; however, the programme is designed for those aged 60yrs+ for this friendly & engaging afternoon.

No booking needed - just head along & enjoy the kōrero. If you'd like to receive regular updates about this event, email hastingsartgallery@hdc.govt.nz.

Hastings Art Gallery, 201 Eastbourne St East, Hastings
1.30pm – 2.15pm
Free admission

Pecha Kucha at MTG

PK Night returns to Napier! Haven't been for a while? Make this time the one & gather a group. As you know, there are always surprises & delights, & you'll most likely leave inspired, with cup full!

Hear from a mix of brave, brilliant locals, sharing their wisdom, humour, experiences & preoccupations in the iconic Pecha Kucha format.

Bar operating for refreshments.

Doors open at 5.30pm & the presentations start at 6.00pm sharp.

MTG Century Theatre, 9 Herschell St, Napier
5.30pm
\$10.00 per person cash only door sales

Hawkes Bay Music Industry Gala

This one's for the music community!

Come together to celebrate the people, talent, & mahi that make our Hawke's Bay scene what it is.

Expect a mix of live performances from local artists, good conversations with industry voices, & a chance to connect with others who are all part of this space.

It's about showing up, backing each other, & recognising what's happening right here in the Bay.

Toitoti, Hastings St South, Hastings
6.00pm – 8.00pm



Tuesday 5th May

A Deep Dive with Andrew Penniket @ Wardini

In Whales, Snails & Lobster Tales, underwater cameraman & documentary maker Andrew Penniket draws on 50 years of diving adventures across the South Seas, from witnessing the majesty of life under the Antarctic ice to being defecated on by a sperm whale in Tonga. He dances with swimming snails at Kaikōura & reveals the intimate lives of lobsters in the dead of night.

These are stories of sea-loving people & remote places, great success & total failure. Penniket reveals the challenges of filming octopus & the trials of following an orca tribe around NZ. He journeys to the bottom of Milford Sound, gets squashed by a submersible in the Marlborough Sounds & witnesses one of nature's greatest spectacles — the courtship of giant cuttlefish, the peacocks of the sea.

He voyages to remote volcanoes to film their tame grouper & takes us cave diving inside mountains. We travel to subantarctic islands swarming with penguins & sea lions then venture far out to sea to chase bluefin tuna.

There are baffling mysteries & behaviours never seen before, illuminating science & entertaining anecdotes — even talking fish. We encounter serious problems in our seas but also solutions to some of its troubles.

Entertainingly written & complemented with stunning photographs, Whales, Snails & Lobster Tales will appeal to anyone interested in the sea: divers, fishers, students, adventurers, & nature lovers.

Wardini Books, 16 Te Mata Rd, Havelock North
6.00pm
Free admission

Wednesday 6th May

Operatunity: Hoedown Showdown - Napier

Get ready for a rootin'-tootin' show of frenzied fiddling, toe-tapping tunes, & pure country magic in Hoedown Showdown. From the heartfelt ballads of John Denver & the timeless charm of Dolly Parton, to the classic sounds of Patsy Cline, Johnny Cash, & Willie Nelson, this concert is packed with the greatest hits that defined a genre & stole our hearts.

Bringing the barnstorming energy to life is our phenomenal live country band, & great artists including the electrifying Marian Burns lighting up the stage with her world-famous, foot-stomping fiddling, & the incredible Karl Perigo wowing the crowd with his signature yodelling & powerhouse vocals.

This is an all-out country hoedown you won't want to miss, so dust off your cowboy boots, grab your hat, & get ready to dance & sing along.

*Tickets are available from <https://www.operatunity.co.nz/> Equippers Church, 24 York Ave, Tamatea, Napier
11.00am
\$42.00 per person*

Wednesday 6th May

Hawkes Bay Blues Club: First Live Club Night

Welcome to the Hawkes Bay Blues Club! If you are in the Hawkes Bay vicinity, head on down to the Paisley Stage in for the very first gathering of the HBBC! Performances from Small Talk, Monterey, Deja Blue, Hazy J, Ferry Road & more! You'll be listening to some of the East Coast's finest! The Paisley Stage, 126 Hastings St, Napier
6.30pm
\$5.00 per adult door sales

Thursday 7th May

Focus on Business with Brooke Roberts, Co-founder of Sharesies

Hastings District Council, in partnership with the Hastings City Business Association, invites you to Focus on Business to hear from Brooke Roberts, Co-founder & 3EO (co-CEO) of Sharesies.

Brooke is passionate about creating equal opportunities & business being a force for good—ensuring Sharesies has a positive impact on people, customers, communities, & the environment. At Sharesies, their vision is to be at the heart of wealth for every person, every family & every business. Brooke shares lessons from scaling one of NZ's most impactful Fintechs (Financial Technology), reflecting on what worked, the lessons learnt, & how to maintain purpose through growth. Brooke will offer insights from her experience building Sharesies & making investing more accessible to everyday people.

Brooke will also explore a broader challenge facing organisations today—how to move beyond access to true participation. Drawing on her experience, she will discuss the role employers can play in enabling ownership & engagement, including through initiatives such as employee share schemes.

This is an opportunity to hear practical insights from a leader focused on building more inclusive, high-performing organisations while maintaining long-term value & impact.

Tickets available from www.eventfinda.co.nz

Toitoti - Functions on Hastings, 101 Hastings St South, Hastings
7.00am – 9.00am

From \$45.00 per person + bf

Operatunity: Hoedown Showdown - Hastings

As Wednesday. Tickets are available from <https://www.operatunity.co.nz/>

Equippers Church, 306 Hapuku St, Hastings
11.00am

\$42.00 per person



Thursday 7th May

The Pink Floyd Experience

An unforgettable return of one of rock's greatest masterpieces.

After nearly 3 decades of captivating audiences, The Pink Floyd Experience proudly brings back the legendary production of The Wall — an epic live reimagining of Pink Floyd's most powerful concept album.

This breathtaking tour recreates the spectacle of the original — complete with the monumental construction & dramatic destruction of The Wall itself. It's not just a concert; it's an immersive journey through sound, light, & emotion — from isolation to transcendence.

Led by the commanding vocals of Stan Gratkowski & the seasoned musicians who have shaped this act for 28 years, this show captures the magic, precision, & raw feeling that defined Pink Floyd's legacy.

You've heard the songs. You've seen the tributes.

But have you felt it — the pulse of the music, the surge of the light, the goosebumps as the first notes hit?

This tour promises all that — & more: A full-scale visual & sonic experience, a monumental wall built & torn down live on stage, Floydian perfection — from In the Flesh to The Trial, & to open the evening, enjoy a first set of Floydian classics.

Prepare to be immersed, moved, & utterly blown away.

Tickets available from www.ticketek.co.nz

Napier Municipal Theatre, 119 Tennyson St, Napier
8.00pm

\$142.00- \$162.00 per person + bf



Ukes @ The Cabana

It's that time of the year again to head along to the Cabana to celebrate the best of NZ Music, dust off those great NZ tunes you know so well & give them a blast with a group of people who love to entertain.

Tell your friends & family about this popular event.

The Cabana, 11 Shakespeare Rd, Napier

7.30pm

\$10.00 per adult



All Week

Art Hawke's Bay Presents: Artfully Yours (until 2 May)

Art Hawke's Bay has a rich history of uniting artists who are involved with art clubs across Hawkes Bay* in order to exhibit collaborative projects that showcase the region's diverse artistic talent.

This year is no exception, & they are delighted to announce that their 2026 Art Exhibition, 'Artfully Yours' will be held at Community Arts Centre/ Arts Inc.

Arts Inc Heretaunga, 106 Russell St South, Hastings

9.30am - 4.00pm Mon – Fri, 10.00am – 2.00pm Sat

Free admission

Wayfinding: Ruebena Paraha (until 30 May)

Ruebena Paraha's artwork explores the practice of navigation. Wayfinding is her first solo exhibition in a public gallery. The artist draws on Kahungunu cosmological narratives recorded by Moihī Te Mātorohanga & Nēpia Pōhūhū in the mid-19th century, alongside material cultures of voyaging across the Indian Ocean & Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa. The exhibition design is informed by the star compass developed by Sir Hekenukumai Busby, a leader in the revitalisation of traditional navigation techniques.

Hastings Art Gallery, Civic Square, Hastings

10.00am - 4.00pm Tues – Sat

Skyscrapers to Toast Racks (until 6 Sept)

Art Deco design was at its height at the time of the 1931 Hawke's Bay earthquake, a fact well understood by those responsible for the appearance of Hawke's Bay's new buildings. This exhibition is a celebration of an era that embraced bold geometry, luxurious craftsmanship & allure of distant cultures. Its all-pervasiveness can be seen in everything from huge skyscrapers to toast racks & teapots.

MTG Napier, 1 Tennyson St, Napier

9.30am - 5.00pm Mon – Sun

Helen Olliver: Wild & Precious (until 6 May)

Although Helen Ollivier is now a committed & accomplished landscape painter, when she began her years of study at Elam School of Fine Arts, she was already primed by years of life drawing from the age of 15 to be a figurative artist. That mode of drawing perhaps wasn't lost when she subsequently embraced landscape as a genre. You can feel the formal rhythms, the sense of movement & physicality in the way that she handles the rippling slopes & winding valleys of her scenes. An indication of just how strongly that drawing practice embedded itself within her artistic practice is that Ollivier now paints immediately onto her boards with confident, intuitive sweeps of underpainting, dispensing with the pencil altogether. "We were taught to not always be drawing with line, but rather to draw with light & shadow. Form rather than edge."

Muse Art Gallery, 5 Havelock Rd, Havelock North

10.00am – 4.30pm Mon – Fri, 10.00am - 3.00pm Sat

All Week

Kuru Taonga: Voices of Kahungunu (until 30 June)

This exhibition shows a history of people & places of Ngāti Kahungunu, telling stories of their time & the events that shaped Te Matau-a-Māui into the region of Hawke's Bay, events that also helped to shape Aotearoa into NZ.

Kahungunu was a peaceful man, a producer, provider, protector & diplomat. Through his marriages to several high-ranking rangatira wāhine, he established links from Kaitaia in the far north & around the east coast from Ōpotiki to Māhia.

MTG Napier, 1 Tennyson St, Napier

9.30am - 5.00pm Mon – Sun

Captured In Sound (until 14 May)

Captured in Sound – a never-before-seen photography exhibition showcasing the shared energy between local musicians & their audiences.

Featuring the work of nine Hawke's Bay photographers, the exhibition captures candid, powerful moments of live performance. Celebrating NZ Music Month 2026, Captured in Sound brings together visual art & music, showcasing the region's creative community both on stage & behind the lens.

Alongside the exhibition, audiences are invited to experience live performances by local musicians in a series of special evening events at CAN.

Featured Photographers: Chris Kiely, Andrew Caldwell, Philip Tasker-Poland, Duncan Brown, Derek Rossiter, Kirsten Simcox, Eva Bennett, Olivia Wilson, & Bruce Jenkins.

Creative Arts Napier, 16 Byron St, Napier

10.00am - 4.00pm Mon – Sat

Free admission

