

WHAT'S ON

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Friday 3rd July

Turn Up the Heat Adults' Winter Reading Challenge

Turn up the heat by taking part in Hastings District Libraries adults' winter reading challenge!

Register & report in on the Hastings District Libraries website.

Complete one or more of the 12 challenges they have lined up for you & be in to win!

Every time you complete a challenge, record it using the online reporting form, or check in with one of the staff. The more challenges you complete, the more chances you have to win a prize. But even if you've just got time to read one book this winter, you could be a winner.

If you complete four different challenges, they'll enter you into the grand prize draw.

Check out the website for the prizes & terms & conditions. Happy reading!

<https://www.hastingslibraries.co.nz/your-community/programmes/turn-up-the-heat>

Flaxmere Library, 16 Swansea Rd, Flaxmere, Hastings
Havelock North Library, 28 Te Mata Rd, Havelock North
Hastings War Memorial Library, Civic Square, Hastings
10.00am – 4.00pm

Kilt Design Room Sale

KILTies, this is the one you don't want to miss... They're opening the doors to their Design Room Sale, & it's BIG. 30-70% off everything. All shoes \$29-\$99, samples, sale & seconds.

Think one-off pieces, past-season favourites, & those hidden gems you'll wear on repeat... all at seriously good prices.

Be early, take your bestie, & get ready to dig for gold!! You do not want to miss this.

Kilt Design Room, Unit 1,7 Cadbury Road, Onekawa, Napier
9.00am – 6.00pm

Free admission



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Matariki 2026 Tupuānuku Take-&-Grow – All Week

Take a seedling & give back to Tupuānuku. Seedlings only available while stocks last.

Suitable for all ages.

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Matariki 2026 Star Hunt: Kei Hea Ngā Whetū?

Put your navigation skills to the test & seek out the stars of Matariki in the libraries.

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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

Winter Sports Roller Disco

Strap in for a frosty-themed Roller Disco, winter sports style! Rock your beanie, goggles, puffer, earmuffs or anything that screams "snow day" then hit the rink for games, spot prizes, & nonstop disco tracks. It's pretty much ice skating but on wheels! Whether you're a ski legend or just here for the vibes, this night is all about fun, energy, & big winter mood.

Bay Skate, 290 Marine Parade, Napier
6.00pm – 8.00pm

\$8.00 entry per person, \$10.00 entry & rental per person

Friday 3rd July

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



Art Exhibition Opening: Puaki By Michael Bradley

Puaki – To come forth, reveal, show itself, emerge.

Join the team at CAN for a very special opening night event as they welcome 'Puaki' by Waikato-based photographer Michael Bradley. Explore & learn about this incredible exhibition while enjoying complimentary wine, beer, & kai sponsored by Mission Estate Winery, Hawke's Bay Brewing Co, & New World Greenmeadows.

In 'Puaki', two portraits of each subject sit side by side - one created with the traditional 19th century collodion wet-plate process, & the other with contemporary digital photography. The historic wet-plate photography process doesn't show the subject's tā moko, acknowledging Aotearoa's colonial past & the suppression of Māori culture. The digital images proudly reveal their tā moko, reflecting the present day & future possibilities.

Join them for the pōwhiri at 5.00pm followed by a few acknowledgements before the exhibition is officially opened. They will then invite everyone to enjoy the first evening of the exhibition.

For those who wish to attend- there will also be a blessing of the collection the same morning. If you wish to attend, be at CAN for 6.45am Friday 3rd. All are welcome.

Creative Arts Napier (CAN), 16 Byron St, Napier
5.00pm – 7.00pm
Free admission

Friday 3rd July

Jett's Burger Shop

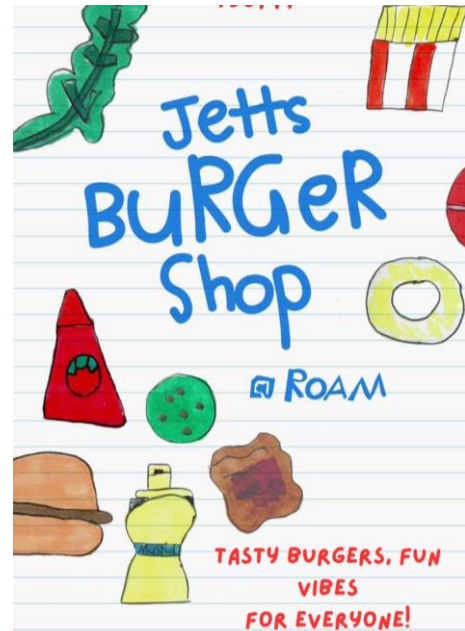
Jett's Burger Shop is a monthly Pop up. An 8-year-olds imaginary burger joint bought to life @roammarineparade.

Real Burgers, made from premium local ingredients. Kid friendly, adult friendly, very friendly indeed.

Roam, 189 Marine Pde, Napier

5.00pm – 8.30pm

As per menu



R18 Hilarious Comedy Hypnosis Show

As seen on Seven Sharp (TVNZ) & going viral on TikTok, you're in for a treat! Comedy Hypnotist Haiming Jiang is bringing his hit Comedy Hypnosis Show to your area. Get ready to laugh hysterically – & even join in, if you're up for it! It's a night of unforgettable fun.

Haiming blends hypnosis & comedy to entertain the audience while showcasing the power & benefits of hypnosis through live audience participation. With his unique cultural background & deep understanding of both Western & Oriental cultures, this is a must-see event for anyone curious about hypnosis & keen for a good laugh. Discover how this talented Chinese hypnotist uses hypnosis to both entertain crowds & deeply relax participants. Experience the hilarious Comedy Hypnosis Show – where you could become the star of the night! (Only if you're keen – no pressure!)

Tickets available from www.eventfinda.co.nz

Toitoti - Opera House, 101 Hastings St South, Hastings

7.00pm – 8.30pm

R18: \$50.00 per adult + bf

Karaoke @ The Cabana

60,000 songs& a great night ...get in & have a sing

The Cabana, 11 Shakespeare Rd, Napier

7.30pm

\$5.00 per adult door sales

Friday 3rd July

The Cellars Debut Single Release Show @ The Paisley Stage

Indie Folk Duo 'The Cellars' are celebrating their debut single release of 'Still Instilled', "a heartfelt collaboration of our friendship that began in Catholic school, bound by our shared experiences of navigating the fears that come with authentic self-expression despite feelings of guilt that are "Still Instilled" in us."

The Cellars music is known for confessional lyricism & vocal harmony woven together by piano & guitar arrangements. 'Still Instilled' is a tender exploration of the space between who we are & who we're told we should be, so head along & dance in that space!!

Their show will be opened by the sensational songbird Kitty Day.

Tickets available from www.eventfinda.co.nz

The Paisley Stage, 126 Hastings St, Napier

8.00pm – 11.00pm

\$10.00 per adult + bf



Saturday 4th July

Karamu Stream Parkrun

A free weekly 5km timed event in the sunny Hawke's Bay. Whether you walk, run, jog, or volunteer, all are welcome.

Full details at <http://parkrun.co.nz/karamustream>

Karamu Stream, Anderson Park, Te Aute Rd, Havelock North

7.50am – 9.00am

Free admission

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

Kilt Design Room Sale

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Saturday 4th July

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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Dinosaur Egg Hunt

Track down all the hidden dinosaur eggs & match them to the correct dinosaurs as you explore the library on a prehistoric adventure. Pick up your hunt sheet from the front counter & start your search!

Napier Library, 1 Tennyson St, Napier

9.30am – 3.30pm

Free admission

Bay Hawks @ Arataki Honey Visitor Centre

Meet the Bay Hawks & Hawky at the Arataki Honey Visitor Centre. Meet the team, shoot some hoops, play some games & hang with Hawky!

Arataki Honey Visitor Centre, 66 Arataki Rd, Havelock North

12.00pm – 2.00pm

Free admission



Green Door Winter Talk Series: Emma Sage

Emma's journal is a favourite at Green Door, & they're excited to have her join them to share her knowledge, inspiration, & passion for gardening.

Green Door Garden & Decor, 93 Havelock Rd, Havelock North
2.00pm

Free admission

Saturday 4th July

Napier Civic Choir: Bach St John Passion

Bach's St John Passion is a dramatic & profoundly moving account of the Passion story. Urgent, intense, & emotionally direct, it combines gripping narrative with moments of piercing reflection. From crowd scenes charged with tension to arias of deep personal sorrow, this masterpiece remains one of the most powerful expressions of faith & humanity in Western music.

Soprano: Carleen Ebbs

Alto: Anna Pierard

Tenor: Lila Crichton

Bass: James Harrison

Tickets available from www.iticket.co.nz

St Pauls Presbyterian Church, Dalton St, Napier

5.30pm

\$35.00 per adult, \$10.00 per student + bf

Sneaky's Winter Warmer @ Crab Farm Winery

Its Winter which means sneaky gonna get you warmer. Its nearly that time party people!

Get ready to dance & groove all night with the magical mix of live music & electronic sounds. Lil miss Sneaky has asked a couple of local, cool cat djs & musicians to bring you the warmth for your winter.

Winter Warmer always a sell out so get in quick & party the winter blues away.

Tickets available from www.eventbrite.co.nz

Crab Farm Winery, 511 Main North Rd, Bay View, Napier

5.00pm – 11.00pm

R18: \$38.36 per adult

Biz Babes

An unforgettable evening designed to celebrate, connect, & elevate the incredible women of Hawke's Bay. Whether you're a business owner, side hustler, professional, creative, or simply looking to meet like-minded women, this is your chance to step away from the daily hustle & enjoy a night dedicated to connection, conversation, & celebration.

Expect great company, music, drinks, networking opportunities, & plenty of laughs as women from all walks of life come together for a relaxed & uplifting evening.

VIP ticket packages, including Hawke's Bay Party Bus transport options, are available. (Limited)

Gather your girlfriends, your work besties, or go along solo - everyone is welcome! Celebrate. Connect. Elevate.

Tickets available from www.eventfinda.co.nz

Boat Ramp Eatery, 30 Nelson Quay, Ahuriri, Napier

7.00pm

R18: From \$35.00 - \$125.00 per adult + bf

Saturday 4th July

Rugby & Music @ The Rose Irish Pub

Don't miss the first All Blacks match against France tonight at 7.10pm followed by a live performance by wonderful French musician Lila Bergeron.

The Rose Irish Pub, 64 Hastings St, Napier

7.10pm

Free admission

Ben Hurley & Justine Smith @ The Cabana

Two of NZ's best-known comedians descend on the legendary Cabana for a huge night of laughs. A big two hour show not to be missed!

Tickets available from www.cabana.net.nz

The Cabana, 11 Shakespeare Rd, Napier

7.30pm – 9.30pm

R18: \$39.00 per adult + bf



Live Aid 2026 @ The Paisley Stage

Celebrating 41 years of the greatest show on Earth. A day of nostalgia, good times & amazing music. Headline acts performing their own Live Aid-style maximum impact sets are Hawke's Bay's own Killer Queens, the infamous Bowie Show & the powerhouse of The Megalomaniacs

Band times:

Emma Webb – 7.15pm

Mon Shelford – 7.50pm

Megalomaniacs – 8.30pm

The Bowie Show – 9.20pm

Killer Queens – 10.30pm

Tickets available from www.undertheradar.co.nz

The Paisley Stage, 126 Hastings St, Napier

7.00pm doors

R18: \$34.00 per adult + bf



Sunday 5th July

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

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

Taradale Sunday Market

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

The Mahoe Guide Hall, 23 Auckland Rd, Greenmeadows
9.00am – 1.00pm

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

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Te Awanga Market

Marvellous market stalls, fabulous food & coffee carts, & live music.

Don't miss this monthly market by the beach.

Te Awanga Hall & Domain, Te Awanga

11.00am – 3.00pm

Free admission

Sunday 5th July

Have a Go – Swim Racing

Our Have A Go Swim Meet is happening this Sunday, & they'd love to see as many new swimmers as possible join them! If you've been thinking about giving it a go, now's the time to register & experience the fun of your very first swim meet.

This event is designed especially for children who have never raced before. It's a fun, relaxed & supportive afternoon where swimmers can experience the excitement of racing, meet new friends, build confidence &, most importantly, have fun in the water!

HB Regional Aquatic Centre

Check-in 1.30pm with racing starting at 1.45pm

No experience needed. No pressure. No need to be a

member of a HBPB Swimming club. Everyone is welcome!

Register before the event to go in the draw for a spot prize!

For more info & to register go to

<https://www.hbpswimming.org.nz/>

HB Regional Aquatic Centre, Percival Rd, Hastings

1.30pm – 3.30pm

Free admission

Napier Civic Choir: Bach St John Passion

As Saturday. Tickets available from www.iticket.co.nz

St Pauls Presbyterian Church, Dalton St, Napier

2.30pm

\$35.00 per adult, \$10.00 per student + bf

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Waterworld Indoor Napier Aquatic Centre

Waterworld is bringing its epic indoor waterpark to Napier for the very first time! Get ready for an action-packed school holiday adventure with giant slides, obstacles, challenges, & fun for the entire family.

This event is expected to sell out, so don't miss your chance to be part of the excitement.

Book your tickets today & get ready for an unforgettable school holiday experience!

For more info & to book go to <https://www.wipeout.co.nz/>

Waterworld Napier Aquatic Centre, Onekawa Park Rd, Onekawa, Napier

11.00am – 5.00pm

\$19.90 - \$25.00 per child (age dependant)

Monday 6th July

Assembly Concert Club: The Cellars

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.

The Cellars are an indie folk duo from Te Matau-a-Māui Hawkes Bay, made up of Isabella Aarons & Sinead Hegarty. Writing & performing music together has been a source of healing & strength for the band over the years. Their sound is informed by an ever-expanding list of artistic inspirations where detailed vocal harmony & intimate lyric writing take focus. Tickets available from www.eventfinda.co.nz
Toitōi - Assembly Ballroom, 101 Hastings Street South, Hastings
10.30am - 12.00pm
\$20.00 per person + bf



Self Defence for Teens

The programme covers basic physical techniques, reinforce assertiveness, boundary-setting skills & verbal techniques. It offers age-appropriate information about issues of abuse.

Heretaunga Women's Centre, 116 Russell St S, Hastings
12.00pm – 4.00pm
\$10.00 per person

Craft Activities to Celebrate Matariki @ Waiaroha

Celebrate Matariki at Waiaroha, Heretaunga Water Discovery Centre. Join in for free poi making & raranga workshop.

For more info go to www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/matariki
Waiaroha Heretaunga Water Discovery Centre, Cnr of Southampton St East & Hastings St, Hastings
1.00pm – 3.00pm
Free admission

20's Charleston Art Deco 3wk Course Napier

Learn 20's Charleston with Evan & Sandy. No partner or previous experience necessary, all you'll need is comfy shoes & your water bottle.

This 3-week beginners course start at 8.00pm (finishes at 9.00pm) & is follow by intermediate solo routines (9.00pm-9.30pm).

To book your place go to www.eventfinda.co.nz
Munro Dance Studio, 5 Neeve Rd, Napier
8.00pm – 9.00pm
\$30.00 per adult + bf

Monday 6th July

Blue Fin Tuna Jigging Seminar

Ready to land a giant? Bluefin Tuna Jigging has exploded in popularity over the last two seasons. To help you get amongst the action, Hunting & Fishing are hosting an in-depth seminar to share their firsthand experience, knowledge, & tactics for targeting one of NZ's ultimate pelagic species.

Whether you are a beginner looking to get started or an experienced angler wanting to refine your approach, this session is packed with practical, real-world insights to step up your game.

Every attendee receives a raffle ticket on arrival for a chance to win: 1x Ocean's Legacy Elementus Ahi Tuna Jigging Rod (Value \$599 Retail!). NB: you must be present to claim the prize at the end.

Seminar Agenda: Gear & Rigging, Techniques & PPro Tips. Finishing with open Q&A: Ask anything!

Presenter - Kaz Otsubo from Ocean's Legacy NZ
Hunting & Fishing Napier, 170/180 Taradale Rd, Pirimai, Napier
6.00pm
Free admission

Tuesday 7th July

Book Launch: Breakfast Murder (& Mojitos) @ Wardini's

Book 3 in the bestselling Bookshop Detectives series is here & they're going to have a fabulous day at Sherlock Tomes...err...Wardini Books Havelock North to celebrate. Join in for a coffee or a mint tea & something delicious to snack on. They'll do a short, fun speech at 7.30am, sign your copy of the book if you would like, have chats & then off to the rest of Tuesday you go with smiles on your dials & aroha in our hearts. There will be a 7.00pm event too in case you'd like to head back for a cocktail.

Wardini Books, 16 Te Mata Rd, Havelock North
7.00am – 8.30am
Free admission

Dinosaur Egg Hunt

As Saturday
Napier Library, 1 Tennyson St, Napier
9.00am – 3.30pm
Free admission

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Free Kids Drop in Art Day

Head along to the Gallery & get creative with fun art activities for whānau of all ages, related to current exhibitions!

Free Kids Drop-In Art Days run on Tuesdays & Thursdays of the school holidays.

Activities are different every week, drop in & out any time.

No booking required.

Hastings Art Gallery, 201 Eastbourne St East, Hastings

10.00am – 3.00pm

Free admission

Waterworld Indoor Napier Aquatic Centre

As Monday. For more info & to book go to

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Waterworld Napier Aquatic Centre, Onekawa Park Rd,

Onekawa, Napier

11.00am – 5.00pm

\$19.90 - \$25.00 per child (age dependant)

Lantern Making Workshop

Learn the craft of lantern making in celebration of Matariki. Work with the mediums of wax & water colour to create your own light in the dark of winter. A relaxed, welcoming space perfect for all skill levels.

Heretaunga Women's Centre, 116 Russell St S, Hastings

11.00am – 3.00pm

\$10.00 per person

The Art of Fairy Making

Price includes luscious natural fibers, tuition, hot tea, & a simple afternoon tea

This class will teach you the basics or extend your skills in soft sculpture using a technique called Needlefelting.

Using wool & wire, you will be guided to create your own wee magical Fairy to take home.

The space & time offered allows your creative spirit to flow & your Fairy to come to life with ease, even if this is your first time needle felting!

All guided by Alexa Pedersen, who will nurture your ideas & help your Fairy come to life.

A non-refundable deposit of \$30 is required to secure your space. Maximum 20 people.

Contact the Women's Centre to book.

Heretaunga Women's Centre, 116 Russell St S, Hastings

11.00am – 3.00pm

\$89.00 per person



Tuesday 7th July

Storytelling Adventure @ Taradale Library

Join Hawke's Bay storyteller & children's author Simon Taylor for an interactive storytelling adventure filled with imagination, humour, dragons, strange creatures, & unexpected twists. Children will hear exciting stories, discover how characters & adventures are created, & even help shape parts of the storytelling themselves.

Taradale Library, 24 White St, Taradale, Napier

11.00am

Free admission



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Waiaroha Heretaunga Water Discovery Centre, Cnr of Southampton St East & Hastings St, Hastings

1.00pm – 3.00pm

Free admission

Matariki 2026 Kēmu! Games in the Library!

Me tākaro tātou! Have fun in exploring some Māori games. Suitable for all ages.

Hastings War Memorial Library, Civic Square, Hastings

4.30pm – 6.45pm

Free admission

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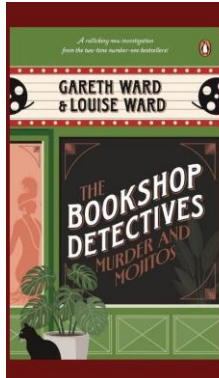
Book 3 in the bestselling Bookshop Detectives series is here. There's a breakfast launch at 7.00am, but if you're more an owl than a lark, & have a penchant for cocktails, join them for snacks & mojitos tonight.

They'll do a little speech (the slightly more inebriated version of the morning one), sign books & raise a fancy glass to Garth, Eloise & the Sherlock Tomes whānau. They'd love for you to join them.

Wardini Books, 16 Te Mata Rd, Havelock North

7.00pm – 8.30pm

Free admission



**MURDER AND MOJITOS
COCKTAIL SOIRÉE**

TO LAUNCH BOOK 3 IN STYLE!

7PM - 8.30PM

WARDINI HAVVERS

TUESDAY 7TH JULY

Wednesday 8th July

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As Saturday

Napier Library, 1 Tennyson St, Napier
9.00am – 3.30pm
Free admission

School Holiday Art Workshops

Join in for some creativity these winter school holidays.

Kids will enjoy hands-on artistic fun exploring:

Today: Still Life Florals - Inspired by Floral Mania A flower-filled art explosion! Kids will paint, draw, & create bold floral artworks inspired by giant blooms, bright colours, with all the garden vibes.

Children can book a single workshop or immerse themselves in all 3 creative days! Perfect for imaginative kids who love to make, paint & create in a fun & encouraging environment.

To book go to

<https://www.michalk.co.nz/januaryHolidays.html>

Ormond Rd, Napier

9.00am – 1.00pm or 9.00am – 3.00pm

\$50.00 per child until 1.00pm or \$60.00 per child until 3.00pm

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Matariki 2026: Matariki Stories for Whānau

A special whānau Storytime grounded in the kaupapa of Matariki, including a take-home craft.

Suitable for all ages.

Havelock North Library, 28 Te Mata Rd, Havelock North
10.00am – 10.45am
Free admission

Matariki 2026: Rhythm & Rhymes - Matariki

A special session learning a Matariki oriori along with early literacy, music & movement for little ones.

Suitable for ages 0-3.

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Free admission

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Free admission

Waiata at Waiaroha to Celebrate Matariki

Join in at Waiaroha for a special Matariki Waiata Night with local performers Makayla, Talitha Blake, Hawke's Bay Soul Choir & Kahuranog Maori Dance Theatre.

Get together in the spirit of connection, reflection & renewal through the power of song. Plus, free arts & craft activities for the kids.

Learn more here www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/matariki &

www.facebook.com/waiarohawatercentre

Waiaroha Heretaunga Water Discovery Centre, Cnr of
Southampton St East & Hastings St, Hastings
5.00pm
Free admission

Exhibition On Screen: David Hockney at The Royal Academy of Arts

A Bigger Picture 2012 & 82 Portraits & One Still Life 2016

Directed by Phil Grabsky & presented by Tim Marlow

Two screenings: tonight, or Sunday 12 July, 2.00pm.

To commemorate & celebrate the life of exceptional artist David Hockney, the 2017 film is returning to cinemas for a limited run.

Widely considered Britain's most popular artist, David Hockney is a global sensation with exhibitions in London, New York, Paris & beyond, attracting millions of visitors worldwide.

Featuring intimate & in-depth interviews with Hockney, this revealing film focuses on two blockbuster exhibitions held in 2012 & 2016 at the Royal Academy of Art in London.

Director Phil Grabsky secured privileged access to craft this cinematic celebration of a 21st century master of creativity.

Tickets available from

<https://store.hawkesbaymuseum.com/event>

Century Theatre, 9 Herschell St, Napier

7.00pm – 8.30pm

Thursday 9th July

Dinosaur Egg Hunt

As Saturday

Napier Library, 1 Tennyson St, Napier
9.00am – 3.30pm
Free admission

Free Kids Drop in Art Day

As Tuesday

Hastings Art Gallery, 201 Eastbourne St East, Hastings
10.00am – 3.00pm
Free admission

Thursday 9th July

School Holiday Art Workshops

Join in for some creativity these winter school holidays. Kids will enjoy hands-on artistic fun exploring.

Today: [Animal Collage](#) - Giant Mixed Media Poster Pick your favourite animal & create a HUGE mixed-media poster using paint, collage, texture, & colour. Big, bold, messy fun kids will be proud to hang on their wall.

Children can book a single workshop or immerse themselves in all 3 creative days! Perfect for imaginative kids who love to make, paint & create in a fun & encouraging environment.

To book go to

<https://www.michalk.co.nz/januaryHolidays.html>

Ormond Rd, Napier

9.00am – 1.00pm or 9.00am – 3.00pm

\$50.00 per child until 1.00pm or \$60.00 per child until 3.00pm

Matariki 2026 Tupuānuku Take-&-Grow – All Week

As Friday

Flaxmere Library, 16 Swansea Rd, Flaxmere, Hastings
Havelock North Library, 28 Te Mata Rd, Havelock North
Hastings War Memorial Library, Civic Square, Hastings
10.00am – 4.00pm

The Bubble Spectacular

The Bubble Spectacular – Starring Dr Hubble's Bubbles!
Enter the bubbly-brilliant world of Dr Hubble, as he presents *The Bubble Spectacular* – a fun-filled, out of this world, bubble-riffic show!

Expect to be amazed as the ultimate master of bubbles, Dr Hubble, creates little bubbles, BIG bubbles, volcano bubbles, tornado bubbles, square bubbles & with a bit of his bubbly-magic, you might even end up inside a bubble! This poppin' bubble party, filled with laughter, audience participation & even a little burst of fiery bubbles, kids & their grown-ups will be left awe-struck as bubbles fly around the auditorium & take forms you've never seen before!

All of this & of course, the world's BIGGEST bubble party! Get ready to pop, bounce, & boogie in a bubbly blast of fun! Catch it, before it floats away! It's unbubb-levable!

Tickets available from www.ticketek.co.nz

Napier Municipal Theatre, 119 Tennyson St, Napier

10.30am – 12.00pm

\$37.50 - \$55.50 per person



Thursday 9th July

All Blocks Lego®: Matariki Edition

Celebrate Matariki with a special LEGO® workshop. Each Matariki star has its own unique role in Te Ao Māori. Your task is to create a creature that helps your chosen star with its mahi. They will then bring it to life using the greenscreen studio - so you can take home a digital photo of your creation!

Small children must be supervised.

Taradale Library, 24 White St, Taradale

10.00am – 1.00pm

Free admission

Matariki 2026 Star Hunt: Kei Hea Ngā Whetū?

As Friday

Flaxmere Library, 16 Swansea Rd, Flaxmere, Hastings
Havelock North Library, 28 Te Mata Rd, Havelock North
Hastings War Memorial Library, Civic Square, Hastings
10.00am – 4.00pm

Matariki 2026 Kēmu! Games in the Library!

Me tākaro tātou! Join in & have fun in exploring some Māori games.

Suitable for all ages.

Havelock North Library, 28 Te Mata Rd, Havelock North
10.30am – 12.00pm

Free admission

Matariki 2026: Matariki Stories for Whānau

A special whānau Storytime grounded in the kaupapa of Matariki, including a take-home craft.

Suitable for all ages.

Flaxmere Library, 16 Swansea Rd, Flaxmere, Hastings
4.00pm – 5.00pm

Free admission

Late Night Which Craft

Take time out for you on a Thursday night to join with a community of crafters. No matter what your crafting passion is, expert or beginner, there's space for you at Late Night Which Craft.

This space is intended for adults.

Go every week or just when you feel like it. Drop in late or leave early if you want. It's your time.

Every Thursday at Hastings War Memorial Library.

Hastings War Memorial Library, Civic Square, Hastings
5.00pm – 7.00pm

Free admission

Cori Gonzalez-Macuer & Friends

Cori Gonzalez-Macuer returns to Hastings with his brand-new show. Featuring local comedians, Luke Glover, Lil Sarah & Marcus Petersen.

As seen in What We Do In The Shadows, 7Days & more recently, Mean Mums on Netflix.

Tickets available from www.eventfinda.co.nz

Common Room, 227 Heretaunga St East, Hastings

7.00pm – 9.00pm

R18: \$20.00 per adult + bf

Thursday 9th July

Paintvine: Matariki Stars

The concept is simple, take a brush in one hand, a drink in the other & create a masterpiece!

A creative night of painting & drinking in the heart of Napier. No previous experience necessary. Get your creative juices flowing & your brush strokes going! No drinks are included in the ticket price, but drinks are available to purchase.

To book go to www.paintvine.co.nz

The Urban Winery, 3 Ossian St, Ahuriri, Napier

6.30pm

\$52.00 per person



Forest & Bird Monthly Talk: Denniston to Precious to Mine

The fast-track application by Bathurst Resources to open a massive open-cast coal mine on the West Coast's Denniston Plateau, is imminent.

Forest & Bird are totally opposed to the wholesale & irreversible destruction of this unique landscape & the species that are found nowhere else.

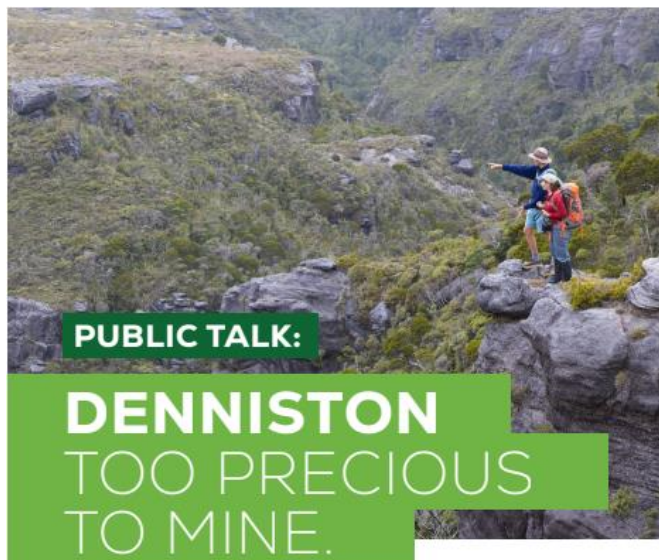
Forest & Bird wants the Denniston Plateau re-designated to a Scientific Reserve - they are calling this the biggest fight for nature since the monumental protest that saved Lake Manapouri at the end of the 1960s.

Learn more about what's proposed at Denniston, & what's at stake, at this information evening.

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 300 Market Rd South, Hastings

7.30pm

Free admission



Thursday 9th July

How Faint The Tune - Bannerman Fundraiser @ The Paisley Stage

As the sun wanes & we all yield to the onrushing grey & chill of winter months ahead, Bannerman & Littlestone would like to extend the warmest of invitations to a special evening of song & drink & perfectly tuned camaraderie at Hawkes Bay's most dedicated independent music venue. For the uninitiated; Bannerman features the songwriting of Richie Setford, who is back in Aotearoa after a 12 year stint based in Berlin; performing & recording throughout Europe & supporting artists like The Magic Numbers, Shovels & Rope, Tiny Ruins, Anais Mitchell, Marlon Williams, Julia Jacklin, Lawrence Arabia & Margaret Glaspy.

Not long after arriving in Clive, Richie connected with resident musicians Paula Sugden (Cello), Andrew Gladstone (drums) & Campbell Burns (bass) to form the next incarnation of a band who are at the beginning of a new creative cycle; readying material for what will be Bannerman's first release in 13 years!

Be a part of this event & hear live for the first time, music from the upcoming album How Faint The Tune.

A solo set from local songsmith Mason Blair starts at 7.30pm. Mason is a Hawkes Bay musician who aims to write & perform music that blends his love of folk, soul, & rock & roll. Writing, composing & producing all of his music himself, he is set to release his debut album this year.

Tickets available from www.eventfinda.co.nz

The Paisley Stage, 126 Hastings St, Napier

7.30pm – 11.00pm

\$30.00 per adult + bf

A Good Laugh: July Comedy Show @ The Cabana

An all-inclusive comedy night featuring stand-up, improv, & audience participation prizes! Featuring professional comics & performers from around NZ & up-&-coming stars. No two shows the same!

July's MC will be Callum Wagstaff. Callum is a standout on the Aotearoa comedy circuit, known for his offbeat charm, punchy writing, & relentless gigging across the Nth Island. Originally from Taranaki, Callum has picked up multiple accolades, including Best Comedian 4 years running at the Comedy Hub Awards & Best Out-of-Towner twice at the Wellington Comedy Awards. With a distinctive comedic voice that turns the bizarre into brilliant.

Headliner will be Advait Kirtikar, all the way from Wellington. "Hey it's me, Advait. If you're reading this, then I know I've made it. And I don't need to tell you that I'm a 2024 Billy T nominee who is known for being a "super dry" stand-up comedian "with killer timing" who's "punching up and going for the jugular". (The Hook)."

Tickets available from www.cabana.net.nz

The Cabana, 11 Shakespeare Rd, Napier

7.30pm

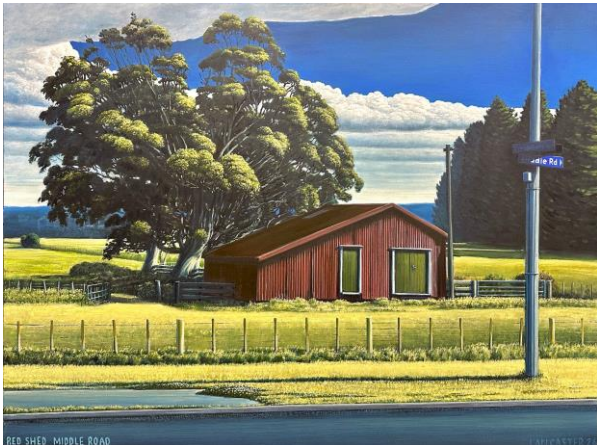
R16: \$24.00 per adult, \$15.00 per concession, prices differ when multi booking + bf

All Week

For the Love of the Land (until 4 July)

Muse Gallery presents an exhibition of 3 artists for whom relationship to landscape is central to their practices. The history of NZ art has always been deeply preoccupied with depictions of the land. Whether celebrated as a blank canvas for 'progress' or romanticised as sublime & wild, Aotearoa's singular landscape has taken root in our art to become a site for personal & collective imagination. Best known to Hawke's Bay audiences, Josh Lancaster's beautifully lit local landscapes explore the shared connections & personal significances that places hold in our communities & our memories. Much as his pictures attempt to fix his subjects in time, he knows that change is already underway. For Waikato artist, Jennie De Groot, landscape provides a form through which abstract expressionist paintwork & dynamic pictorial depth merge to create dreamlike evocations of place & non-place on the edge of recognisability. The pastoral landscapes in Andrew Barns-Graham's works, meanwhile, subvert the conventions of perspective & representation, inviting viewers into imagined spaces shaped as much by memory & emotion as observation.

Muse Gallery, 5 Havelock Rd, Havelock North
10.00am – 4.30pm Mon-Fri, 10.00am – 3.00pm Sat



Currents Calling Home: Ai Iwane & Mānawatia te Wai (until 11 July)

Currents Calling Home features Japanese artist Ai Iwane & Aotearoa-based research collective Mānawatia te Wai. Drawing together creative & community practices around the restoration of waterways in different parts of the world, the exhibition features artworks that document the enduring cycles of two creatures — native North American salmon & tuna (Aotearoa longfin eel). The journeys of both species invite us to reflect on what it means to return to relation, responsibility, & the web of more-than-human life to which we belong.

Hastings Art Gallery, Civic Square, Hastings
10.00am - 4.00pm Tues – Sat

All Week

'Wetlands' - HB Inkers (until 11 July)

Hawkes Bay wetlands & tidal estuaries are threatened by coastal erosion & development. It is positive to see some of these areas being developed in an ecologically sound way. eg: Pekapeka

The purpose of our exhibition is to raise more public awareness of these fragile ecosystems. The work of the members & proposed community workshop/activities for adults & children to engage in, will make this exhibition a worthwhile endeavour.

A printmaking workshop for the community relating to the exhibition theme with the opportunity for participants to add to the community montage as well as take a piece of art home.

Hawkes Bay Inkers Printmakers is an active group which meets monthly & is open to all interested members of the community. The members have wide expertise, from professional to those just beginning their printmaking journey. Their members use a wide range of traditional & innovative printmaking techniques, both 2D & 3D.

Printmaking Art Students from Central Hawke's Bay College will also be included in the exhibition.

Arts Inc Heretaunga, 106 Russell St South, Hastings
9.30am - 4.00pm Mon – Fri, 10.00am – 2.00pm Sat
Free admission

Sky Scrapers 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 Hawke's Bay, 1 Tennyson St, Napier
9.30am - 5.00pm Mon – Sun

What Dreams May Come (until 16 July)

"My inspiration has been the movie *What Dreams May Come*, starring Robin Williams.

My artist models are Anselm Keifer for his paint technique & how he attached clothing etc to a base or canvas, Jackson Pollock for splash & dribble technique, & Frida Kahlo for her portraits.

My paintings recreate the fantasy of childhood to adult (Heaven & Hell), & the feelings of diving into a painting with paint dripping & cascading over the body which leads to the freedom to run through any painting of painted flowers & landscapes, to feel the euphoric freedom to be yourself in a landscape so diverse.

Allowing the colours to dribble into each other & exploding to create texture caused by the splattered paint allows the narrative to expose itself to the viewer."

Creative Arts Napier, 16 Byron St, Napier
10.00am - 4.00pm Mon – Sat