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Friday 24th 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

Play, Learn, Connect: Word Play

Play, Learn, Connect, is a vibrant pop-up play series hosted by Hastings District Libraries, for whānau with young pēpi & tamariki. It offers a chance to explore play-based learning through child-led play & creativity.

With five interactive events throughout the year - facilitated by experts & the library team - Play, Learn, Connect, provides tools & insights into engaging tamariki in meaningful play & understanding their development.

Language Literacy Learning.

Discover easy, playful ideas to help grow your child's communication, curiosity & love of language in these all-important first 1000 days (& the next 1000)!

Join Hana from the libraries for some word play & language learning. Because talking matters.

Suitable for ages 0-5 years old.

Hastings War Memorial Library, Civic Square, Hastings
9.30am

Friday 24th July

Italian Film Festival: Havelock North

10.00am The Tasters - Adapted from Rosella Postorino's bestselling novel *At The Wolf's Table*, the new film from Silvio Soldini is a gripping historical drama inspired by the incredible true story of Margot Wölk, a woman who was conscripted to be one of Hitler's food tasters.

10.30am Primavera - A talented violinist, Cecilia, confined in an orphanage, meets Vivaldi who becomes her teacher. Under his mentorship & through his music, she gains courage to break free from the life she was destined for.

1.00pm Who Wants to Be a Parent - A comedy about a couple who are desperately looking to conceive a child & move to Spain to get the help of a renowned doctor. Their plans change after they meet an apparently perfect girl that volunteers to carry on the pregnancy in their place.

6.00pm Vittoria - Jasmine is a hairdresser in her 40s & appears to have everything she ever wanted: a devoted husband, three loving sons, & a thriving salon just south of Naples. But after her father's passing, she is haunted by a recurring dream in which a young girl runs into her arms, offering Jasmine a new sense of fulfilment & completeness she cannot ignore.

8.00pm Diamonds - Set in the 1970s, this film follows the lives of the Canova sisters & their employees in a Roman dressmaker's shop. It explores their personal & professional struggles within a world of high fashion & glamour.

Tickets available from www.focalpointcinema.co.nz

Focal Point Cinema, 11 Joll Rd, Havelock North

10.00am

\$22.00 per adult, \$14.00 per child

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Tickets available from www.globenapier.co.nz

Globe Theatre, 15 Hardinge Rd, Ahuriri, Napier

8.15pm

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Friday 24th July

Real Food, Real Energy Workshops w Harmony Gardens

Transform your kitchen, your energy, & your wellbeing at this 4-wk Kitchen Medicine Course (Join 1, 2, 3, or all 4). This brand-new hands-on series teaches you how to turn everyday ingredients into nourishing, natural food your whole whānau will love, without spending a fortune or hours in the kitchen.

Whether you're after more energy, better immunity, calmer digestion, or simply want to feel more confident feeding yourself & the people you love, this course is for you. Each session you'll make real food from scratch & take it home. Across the four classes you will cover: Bone broth · Healthy chocolates · High-protein no-bake slice · Golden paste · Gummies · Matcha bombs · Hot chocolate · Bliss balls ...& more nourishing staples to stock your kitchen all year long.

Today - Nourishing & Tasty Treats

Class 4 - Let's Talk Hemp

Bookings are essential & spots are limited to keep each session small & hands-on.

To book: message hello@harmonygardens.co.nz

Haumoana Pavilion, 37 Haumoana Rd, Haumoana

12.00pm – 2.30pm

\$50.00 per person one class

A Midwinter Moroccan Dinner Workshop

Discover the joys of Moroccan cuisine with a 3hr, hands-on workshop that uncovers the sweet & spicy, earthy & bright flavours & vast array of spices that this corner of the world is renowned for.

Winters can be freezing in the mountains of Morocco, so delicious fare that warms from the inside out is an absolute must.

Afterwards, sit down to enjoy a dinner filled with Moroccan flavours.

Think warming lentil bowls of Harira soup, classic apricot chicken lamb tagine, Feta filled bread parcels, & sweet treats such as classic semolina basbousa, almond crescents with Moroccan Mint Tea.

To book go to

<https://farmhousekitchen.co.nz/product/moroccanjuly26/>

Farmhouse Kitchen, 580 Middle Rd, Hastings

5.30pm – 9.00pm

\$138.50 per person

Mechanical Bull Riding Night

Saddle up for a Mechanical Bull Riding Night! Dust off your boots, throw on your cowboy hat, & prepare for a night of bull riding, country tunes, great drinks, & western fun.

Compete for prizes including King & Queen of the Rodeo, Most Entertaining Ride, & Best Dressed Cowboy & Cowgirl. Whether you're brave enough to ride the bull or just keen to have a drink, this is one night you won't want to miss!

The Puketapu, Centre, 679 Puketapu Rd, Puketapu

6.00pm

\$5.00 per ticket

Friday 24th July

Baylie Vinson – Live @ Decibel Wines

A short, sharp dose of live music & wine to ease you into the weekend. Friday nights at 5.30pm, Decibel host intimate sessions in the wine shop – one artist, one set, done in under an hour. Go for a tasting, stay for the tunes, then head out for dinner or drift into the evening, no rush.

Auckland artist Baylie Vinson has been writing & performing her own songs for nearly 11 years & will be showcasing her personal story via original music. Originally from the US state of Alabama, her songs hint at classic folk & sometimes western influence. She writes about her thoughts, experiences & spiritual journey after having grown up in church, & will be playing an intimate, unplugged set of her recent work at Decibel Central.

Ticket available from

<https://www.decibelwines.com/product/baylie-vinson-live-at-decibel-again/>

Decibel Wines, 101 Warren St Sth, Hastings

5.30pm

\$10.00 per adult music only, \$25.00 per adult incl wine flight

Waipukurau Little Theatre: War of the Worlds

The War of the Worlds was a landmark science fiction novel by H.G. Wells that explored themes of alien invasion, technological superiority, & the fragility of human civilization. Wells's vivid descriptions & realistic portrayal of societal collapse created a chilling & compelling narrative. The novel's enduring popularity lay in its ability to tap into primal fears of the unknown & the potential for humanity's destruction.

This production uses the original 1938 radio script with notes & changes to the script marked by the broadcast's narrator Orson Welles. Director, Helen Griffin, has incorporated live stage characters to enhance the experience & to help you visualise the terror & destruction wrought by the invaders.

Tickets available from www.eventfinda.co.nz

Waipukurau Little Theatre, 19 Ruataniwha St, Waipukurau

7.30pm – 9.30pm

\$35.00 per adult, \$30.0 per senior/student + bf

The Jordan Luck Band @ The Cabana

Kiwi icons The Jordan Luck Band are thrilled to be back at The Cabana Napier. Packed with all the classic Exponents hits you know & love.... from 'Who Loves Who The Most?' to 'Victoria'.... 'Why Does Love Do This To Me?' to 'I'll Say Goodbye'.... & so many more Kiwi classics, the Jordan Luck Band will be sure to bring the heat this winter!!!!

Tickets available from www.cabana.net.nz

The Cabana, 11 Shakespeare Rd, Napier

7.30pm

R18: \$55.00 per adult + bf



Saturday 25th 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

Napier Repair Café

Take along your small broken household items to be repaired by the team of dedicated Repair Volunteers! The team will be able to fix clothing & soft furnishings, small appliances & electronics, computers & laptops with software issues, furniture, jewellery, bicycles & scooters, toys, & other small household items. Learn some repair skills, enjoy a cup of tea or a cup of freshly brewed coffee supplied by the generous local sponsors Switch Coffee Roasters with a slice of cafe or a cookie. Take your tamariki to hang out in the special kid's zone. Koha for refreshments & baking & for any successful repair. Small items you can carry on your own only, & if your item is unable to be repaired, please take it away with you. Also only bring in a maximum of 1 electronic item & 2 items of clothing for repair to make sure there are no long wait times in the busiest areas. Also try to take your items in prior to 2.00pm to allow enough time for the repairers to repair your item(s).
Asher Hall, Corner Tennyson & Dalton Streets, Napier
11.30am – 2.30pm

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12.00pm Heads or Tails - Set in the late 19th century, this surreal Italian-American anti-Western follows Rosa & her lover, the outlaw-turned-folk-hero Santino, as they flee across the Italian wilderness after a deadly confrontation, pursued by an American showman (John C. Reilly). As their tale grows into a legend, it transforms into a whimsical, & sometimes ghostly journey that merges local folklore with the myth of the American Wild West.
6.00pm When Mum is Away... with the In-Laws - Fabio De Luigi & Valentina Lodovini return as Carlo & Giulia Rovelli & this time, the family is heading to sunny Puglia, where their eldest daughter, eighteen-year-old Camilla, is moving to attend university with her boyfriend, Antonio Paradiso. However, Carlo is not ready to let go of his firstborn especially if it means having her live with a young man he does not trust at all.
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Illuminate Light Show

For the first time ever, Illuminate is heading to the North Island with a brand-new show! Join them as we bring Splash Planet to life at night! Experience stunning light displays, immersive installations, & a night to remember. Lights, food, rides & music.
Tickets available from <https://illuminate.flicket.co.nz/>
Splash Planet, 1001 Grove Rd, Hastings
5.45pm – 9.00pm
\$16.00 per person or group discounts available

Saturday Night Laughs

Napier's biggest night of laughs is coming to K Kitchen & Bar. Hosted by Rhian Wood-Hill. Featuring Ben Stokes, Paul King & more. Ticket Includes one welcome drink (a mimosa or non-alcoholic drink). Tickets available from www.eventfinda.co.nz
K Kitchen & Bar, 2 Tennyson St, Napier
6.00pm
R18: \$25.00 per adult + bf

Saturday 25th July

Sorry Mum Takes Over Hawke's Bay @ The Paisley Stage

For the very first time ever, Sorry Mum are going on tour! First stop, the sunny Hawke's Bay for one-night takeover thanks to Sound Selectors.

One of Auckland's hottest & most talked-about regular club nights, Sorry Mum has built a reputation for creating something genuinely special, bringing together incredible music, beautiful people, & the kind of atmosphere that keeps dancefloors moving from start to finish.

Built around connection, community, & carefully curated sounds, every Sorry Mum event is more than just a night out. It is about sharing space, losing yourself in the music, & being part of something that feels a little different from the usual.

They're teaming up with Sound Selectors to bring that energy to Hawke's Bay for an intimate evening featuring some of Aotearoa's finest selectors. Expect the night to journey through laid-back grooves before building into full dancefloor mode as the evening unfolds.

Things will kick off with a shared table of delicious snacks early in the night, this is included in the ticket price.

Starring: Nico, LittleWild, Le Stag b2b Sneaky & Local Support.

Tickets available from www.eventbrite.co.nz

The Paisley Stage, 126 Hastings St, Napier

6.00pm – 11.55pm

R18: From \$32.97 per adult + bf

Daniel Champagne @ The Cabana

The young virtuoso, recently described as "the finest guitar player of this generation," has fallen in love with NZ & after sold-out shows around the globe, he'll bring his now-famous live show to 25 intimate venues across the country in 2026!

Tickets available from www.cabana.net.nz

The Cabana, 11 Shakespeare Rd, Napier

7.00pm

R18: From \$40.25 per adult + bf

Waipukurau Little Theatre: War of the Worlds

As Friday. Tickets available from www.eventfinda.co.nz

Waipukurau Little Theatre, 19 Ruataniwha St, Waipukurau

7.30pm – 9.30pm

\$35.00 per adult, \$30.0 per senior/student + bf

Amapiano VOL.08 @ Common Room Bar

They're smoothing it out for Amapiano VOL.08. This one is Ladies Nite.

They're digging into the Afrobeat, R&B, & Dancehall riddims alongside those signature Amapiano log drums.

Your DJ's: Sofa, Charles Port, Lazy Boy & Nat Lover plus special guests.

Tickets available from www.eventfinda.co.nz

Common Room, 227 Heretaunga St East, Hastings

8.00pm – 1.00am

R18: \$15.00 - \$20.00 per adult + bf

Sunday 26th July

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

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 & pre-loved items.

The Mahoe Guide Hall, 23 Auckland Rd, Greenmeadows

9.00am – 1.00pm

Vinyl Day @ Urban Winery

Be welcomed into the warmth of The Urban Winery & hear the warmth of vinyl being played, as you browse! Dig the crates, quench your thirst, soak up the sounds!

The greatest & latest records, the finest wines, beautiful venue, music magic... no other format can match the sound & fun of playing Vinyl! Meet up with other vinyl enthusiast friends.

Huge selection of LPs on sale, \$5 cheapies, pre-loved records, brand new classic albums, high end audiophile gems! Hundreds of top-quality Japanese pressings!!

Put the date on your calendar... Rockstuff's Vinyl Day at The Urban Winery on the last Sunday of each Month!

The Urban Winery, 3 Ossian St, Ahuriri, Napier

1.00pm – 5.00pm

Free admission



Sunday 26th July

Waipukurau Little Theatre: War of the Worlds

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2.30pm – 4.30pm
\$35.00 per adult, \$30.0 per senior/student + bf

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Splash Planet, 1001 Grove Rd, Hastings
5.45pm – 9.00pm
\$16.00 per person or group discounts available

Italian Film Festival: Havelock North

10.00am Trifole - Trifole (2025) is a drama about Dalia, a young woman who travels to Italy's Piedmont region to care for her aging grandfather, Igor, a reclusive expert forager. Together with his loyal dog Birba, they search for a legendary truffle to save their family home, exploring themes of tradition, dementia, & the changing landscape of rural life.

12.10pm I Saw A King - As the 1930's African Campaign casts its shadow, the tranquil life of a small Italian village is upended by Ras Abraham, a captive Ethiopian leader. Young Emilio, the daydreaming son of the fascist mayor, finds an unexpected friend in the prisoner. Their deepening bond exposes Emilio to Italy's harsh reality, challenging his worldview & igniting a quest for freedom. This story poignantly captures a journey of friendship, awakening, & defiance against oppression.

2.20pm Once Upon a Time in the West - A mysterious, harmonica-playing stranger & a notorious bandit form an uneasy alliance to protect a widowed settler from a ruthless hired gun working for the railroad. Set against the backdrop of the dying American frontier, this epic Western revolves around a bloody land battle & a quest for vengeance.

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The Dental Institute presents 'Magical Mischief' w HB Orchestra

It's going to be magical... with just a sprinkle of mischief. A fun-filled family concert packed with music, adventure, & imagination.

Gather the family & take your friends to Toitoti for an unforgettable afternoon of orchestral magic. And because it's magical & musical & mischief-al, they're encouraging everyone to dress up - go as your favourite creature - let your imagination run wild!

Peter & the Wolf, Carnival of the Animals, Danse Macabre, The Sorcerer's Apprentice, Night on the Bare Mountain.

Tickets available from www.eventfinda.co.nz

Toitoti - Opera House, 101 Hastings St South, Hastings
2.30pm – 4.00pm

'Pay What You Can' - choose your amount. Secure your seat & choose how much you'd like to donate - from zero to \$100!

Decadence 2026: Kevin Fraser Live

Welcome to Decadence — a comedy celebration marking 10 years of Kevin Fraser on stage.

Born in 1990, Kevin's story as an entertainer took an unlikely turn in 2016, when he began filming outrageous accents & characters from a humble container shed in Tasmania, Australia. Those viral videos sparked a journey that moved from small Aussie shows to stages across Africa, Europe, the Middle East, & beyond.

Each year added new chapters: Australia in 2016, more countries joining in 2017, a global explosion by 2018, & a steady climb through 2019, 2020, 2021... all the way to 2025 — with every tour, every city, & every character shaping the phenomenon Kevin is today.

Now, in 2026, Kevin rewinds the clock to bring fans the ultimate throwback party: a decade of chaos, culture, & comedy reimagined for the stage. Expect the nineties nostalgia that shaped him, the container-shed characters that started it all, & the world-travelled stories that turned everyday madness into global punchlines.

This isn't just a comedy show — it's a time capsule cracked open, a decade of laughs uncorked, & an invitation to dance through Kevin's first ten years in comedy.

Tickets available from

<https://kevinfraserofficial.com/event/decadance-hawkes-bay-2026/>

Tabard Theatre, 18 Coronation St, Ahuriri, Napier
8.00pm – 10.00pm
\$50.00 per person



Monday 27th July

Italian Film Festival: Havelock North

10.00am I Told You So - Set during a surreal January heatwave in Rome, various characters struggle to maintain control as temperatures reach an unprecedented 50 degrees Celsius. The intense heat causes people & animals to lose their inhibitions, resulting in a chaotic examination of human anxiety.

12.10pm Ennio - Giuseppe Tornatore (Cinema Paradiso NZIFF 1990) pays tribute to legendary composer Ennio Morricone & his prolific career that spanned over seven decades & included the scores to more than 70 award-winning films.

12.50pm Primavera - A talented violinist, Cecilia, confined in an orphanage, meets Vivaldi who becomes her teacher. Under his mentorship & through his music, she gains courage to break free from the life she was destined for & pursue her passion.

3.20pm My Place is Here - A compelling tale of a woman's pursuit of happiness. Based on the eponymous novel by Daniela Porto, this thoughtful drama is set in 1940s Southern Italy, at the time of the first feminist movement.

5.40pm It's Time to Talk - Antonio & Pieraldo are two police officers with a "not-so-brilliant" career & a slightly bruised friendship. Their lives are quiet until they find themselves facing a real, intricate, & risky crime. This brings unexpected twists & forces the duo to change their lives forever.

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Tuesday 28th July

Italian Film Festival: Havelock North

10.00am The Sleeper - El Caravaggio perduto (2025) is a documentary-thriller tracking the frantic, high-stakes hunt for a lost Caravaggio masterpiece, Ecce Homo, discovered in 2021 in a Madrid home, valued at over \$300 million. The film documents the intense, three-year process of authentication, restoration, & auction.

12.30pm The Illusion - Starring popular comic duo Salvatore Ficarra & Valentino Picone & festival favourite Toni Servillo, The Illusion is a fun re-imagining of Giuseppe Garibaldi's 1860 campaign that unified Italy.

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3.10pm The Boy with the Pink Trousers - A cultural phenomenon & box office sensation in Italy, this emotional drama set in a Rome high school explores the real story behind Italy's first publicised case of online bullying.

5.40pm The Last One for the Road - Two blustery 50-somethings have an obsession: going for their last drink. One night, they run into Giulio, a shy architecture student, whose way of seeing the world & love will be transformed as the trio wander from bar to bar of Veneto.

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10.00am Sicilian Letters - This fictionalised mafia story features standout performances from Elio Germano & Toni Servillo. A dangerous liaisons crime drama with blackly comic elements, *Sicilian Letters* is loosely inspired by true events & real 'pizzini' messages by fugitive Mafia boss Matteo Messina Denaro.

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Midday Music - Romantic Reflections

Escape the rush of the day & treat yourself to an hour of beautiful piano music. Hawke's Bay pianist Natalie Meszaros performs some of the most beloved works of the Romantic era, featuring music by Liszt, Chopin, Debussy, Brahms & Rachmaninoff.

Rich in lyricism, warmth & expressive beauty, this programme offers the perfect lunchtime retreat: a chance to slow down, breathe deeply, & return to your afternoon refreshed & restored.

Century Theatre, 9 Herschell St, Napier

12.30pm – 1.30pm

Koha on entry



Thursday 30th July

Italian Film Festival: Havelock North

10.00am Somebody to Love - After the global success of 2016's *Perfect Strangers*, writer/director Paolo Genovese has struck gold again with his record-breaking hit *Somebody to Love*, an hilarious, all-star romantic comedy that reveals the innermost thoughts & uncertainties of an Italian couple on their awkward first date.

12.10pm When Mum is Away... with the In-Laws - Fabio De Luigi & Valentina Lodovini return as Carlo & Giulia Rovelli & this time, the family is heading to sunny Puglia, where their eldest daughter, eighteen-year-old Camilla, is moving to attend university with her boyfriend, Antonio Paradiso. However, Carlo is not ready to let go of his firstborn especially if it means having her live with a young man he does not trust at all.

2.20pm Ennio - Giuseppe Tornatore (Cinema Paradiso NZIFF 1990) pays tribute to legendary composer Ennio Morricone & his prolific career that spanned over seven decades & included the scores to more than 70 award-winning films.

5.20pm Once Upon a Time in the West - A mysterious, harmonica-playing stranger & a notorious bandit form an uneasy alliance to protect a widowed settler from a ruthless hired gun working for the railroad. Set against the backdrop of the dying American frontier, this epic Western revolves around a bloody land battle & a quest for vengeance.

Tickets available from www.focalpointcinema.co.nz

Focal Point Cinema, 11 Joll Rd, Havelock North

10.00am

\$22.00 per adult, \$14.00 per child

Thursday 30th July

Staying Robust & Independent As We Age – Workshop

Staying robust & independent as we age with Maria Pearson

As we get older, our bodies inevitably change. Our balance, strength, speed, power, confidence, & independence can be affected. Navigating stairs, sitting on the floor, travelling, playing with the grandchildren, & keeping up with daily tasks can become a little more difficult.

As a healthy aging advocate, Maria will explain these changes & will explore ways we can keep our bodies strong & able despite the passing years. Her goal is to help people stay robust, independent, & confident in their bodies as they get older. The session will be informative with a bit of fun & laughter thrown in. Tickets available from <https://www.heart.co.nz/event/staying-robust-and-independent-as-we-age-workshop>

No.5 Cafe & Larder, 248 State Highway 2, Hastings
10.00am – 12.00pm
\$55.00 per person + bf

Theatre: Looking (until 8 Aug)

A single personal ad inadvertently draws four middle-aged singles together when Val & Andy arrange to meet on a blind date, dragging Nina & Matt along for moral support. High romance & contagious laughter are the result. Looking is the story of four middle-aged singles who are seeking relationships while navigating life's pitfalls. Andy & Matt are long-time buddies looking for surefire ways to meet women. Val & Nina are best friends forever looking to meet men. Val is an O.R.nurse, Andy is in the storage business, Nina is a police officer, & Matt is the host of a morning radio show. Val agrees to meet Andy at a bar, & Nina & Matt are coaxed into joining their friends for support. Their relationships progress through the following weeks, setting off laughable plot twists & an unexpected hookup.

Cleverly written, funny & insightful, Looking shows us we don't always get what we set our sights on, but what we end up with can be an unexpected surprise.

*Tickets available from <https://illuminate.flicket.co.nz/>
Aubyn Live Theatre, 815 St Aubyn St West, Hastings
7.30pm – 9.30pm
\$30.00 per adult + bf*

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Thursday 30th July

Illuminate Light Show

For the first time ever, Illuminate is heading to the North Island with a brand-new show!

Join them as we bring Splash Planet to life at night! Experience stunning light displays, immersive installations, & a night to remember. Lights, food, rides & music.

*Tickets available from <https://illuminate.flicket.co.nz/>
Splash Planet, 1001 Grove Rd, Hastings
5.45pm – 9.00pm
\$16.00 per person or group discounts available*

A Small Hall Session w Delaney Davidson

Baby Heavyweight - The Album was born in a kitchen in Switzerland & is Delaney Davidson's 11th solo album. Somewhat more groovy than his previous releases, this is the second album he has made with Merk (Mark Perkins). Building on the smooth depth of the previous album "Out Of My Head" & taking it into a new realm of storytelling & emotive music.

Delaney pitches himself headlong into the realm of shaman & trickster, navigating themes of trauma, loss, heartache, poison, cynicism, & love, reinventing himself song after song to give a fuller & more multifaceted picture than we have ever seen of him before. Collapsing roles as quickly as they are introduced, the album's fluidity & movement is at times cathartic & others polemic. The theme of Lucifer seeking his own redemption through recontextualising his past is the strongly themed undercurrent that weaves the album's 13 songs together. Universal concepts such as coming to terms with the roles we have been cast, learning to see our own trials as heroic, accepting love, & surrendering the anger that masks the pain are abundant.

Charting through a heady mix of influences, Delaney weaves a circular story of the hero's journey circling the full gamut of emotional experience. Featuring co-writes with Kommi, Barry Saunders, Marlon Williams, Sean Wheeler (LA's Westcoast skater punk scene), Tami Neilson, & old Dead Brother - Pierre Omer, Delaney shows his diverse range of musical connections & versatility again as both songwriter & collaborator.

Hitting the road with a stacked band featuring Heather Webb, Cass Basil, Alex Freer & Ryan Fisherman, Delaney sets his sights on a show that will deliver the album in all its complexity & nuance. Truly something to be witnessed. Do Not Miss Out.

For these two shows, Delaney will be joined by Heather Webb on guitar.

Also, tomorrow night at Te Awanga Community Hall. Pop Up Bar & Meals Available at both.

*Tickets available from www.smallhallsessions.co.nz
Pukehou Christ Church, State Highway 2, Pukehou
6.00pm – 10.00pm
\$57.50 per person + bf*

All Week

'Faces Of Expression' - Art Hawke's Bay (until 25 July)

An inaugural exhibition entitled 'Faces of Expression' will be running at the Hastings Arts Centre from 11-25 July. Art Hawkes Bay is delighted to be able to offer this new exhibition to all artists throughout the Hawkes Bay region. It will focus on 'people' portraits & will showcase specifically what our artists can paint, draw, or sculpt. Photography will also form part of this exhibition. Registration forms & all information pertaining to the exhibitions can be found on the Art Hawkes Bay website (www.arthawkesbay.co.nz)

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

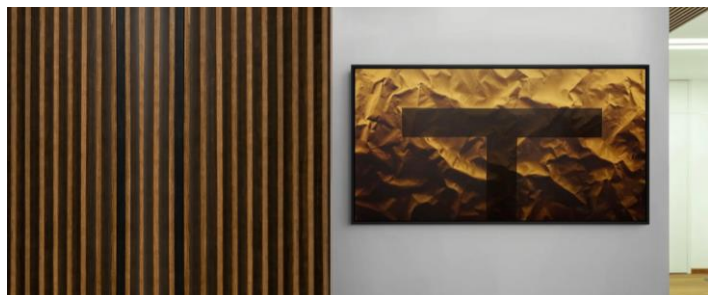
Burnt Offerings (until 8 Aug)

Burnt Offerings brings together three practices that understand materials as collaborators rather than passive substances. Fire, gravity, carbon & stone each possess their own agency, histories & rhythms, shaping the work as profoundly as the artists themselves.

For Kaye McGarva, carbon gathered from the aftermath of a neighbouring fire enters her paintings not as symbol but as substance. It becomes part of an ongoing exploration into perception: how we construct meaning from fragments, folds & traces. Familiar forms dissolve & re-emerge, inviting us to look again. Her restrained references to Colin McCahon acknowledge not certainty, but the enduring search for truth within an unstable world. Te Ara Hihiko embrace fire as process, allowing charring to become both mark-making & memory. Rescued kauri from the fire is transformed into stunning wall-hung sculptures that invoke the spirit of Mahuika, Māori Goddess of Fire. Chauncey Flay works with the slower forces of geology, balancing raw greywacke against precisely resolved planes that speak of gravity, tension & deep time. Together, these works remind us that transformation is rarely an act of imposition. It is a negotiation with the inherent character of materials.

Rather than dwelling on destruction, *Burnt Offerings* considers what survives it. Carbon, stone & ash become not the end of a story, but the beginning of another. The exhibition invites us to see these materials not as remnants, but as witnesses—holding within them the quiet record of change, resilience & renewal.

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



All Week

Clearing: Ella Sutherland (until 12 Sept)

In Clearing, Ella Sutherland approaches the gallery's foyer like an arena — a space of approach, threshold, & impression. The starting point for this exhibition was a collection of found silkscreens, originally used for screen-printing showjumping ribbons, built up over years to form an accidental archive of competition.

Hastings Art Gallery, Civic Square, Hastings

10.00am - 4.00pm Tues – Sat

Rivers – Metaphor for a Journey (until 6 Aug)

When we talk about rivers, we imagine a flowing watercourse, usually a stream flowing over land or in a cave towards a lower elevation, such as an ocean, sea, wetland, lake or other river. It can also be a flow of lava from a volcano, or a man-made canal constructed to allow the passage of boats or ships inland or to convey water for irrigation. Rivers symbolise vitality, fertility & the cycle of life. Rivers naturally flow & change over time, symbolizing the passage of time & the transformative nature of life. If you follow the river to its source, you will learn that each river starts off as a tiny stream or freshwater spring; the river only later grows larger as other tributaries feed into it. Each one of us is that stream; we all have the potential of that spring that starts the river flow.

In the lava analogy, every particle with mass on, and in, the earth is gravitationally pulling on every other particle of mass. Lava flows are streams of molten rock that pour and ooze from an erupting vent. Rivers of lava can continue to flow from great distances in tunnels beneath the chilled & solidified surface before it cools & becomes hard rock. Similarly, the focus of consciousness is affecting every aspect of creation causing energy to flow into the form it desires.

Metaphors for a journey allow an unequalled way to learn & describe the single aspects of our journeys in life. They enrich our understanding of life's different experiences – the fluidity of life & the continuous evolution of oneself. A journey is a common metaphor for life as it reminds us that the destination is not our only goal. Like with any journey, there are times when the rivers are straight & times when they are winding.

This exhibition will give an insight into how the weaver interprets the theme. This could be how the river impacts the world, how the world impacts the river, how rivers of both water & lava change the landscape, or how the metaphor for a journey is a river of life.

Creative Arts Napier, 16 Byron St, Napier

10.00am - 4.00pm Mon – Sat

