

Dancing in the street



DANCE DUO: Drifters Rock and Roll club members Helen Schlegel and Justin Budgen.

Music from the 1950s will echo through Hamilton streets at the city's birthday party on 22 November when mods and rockers from the Drifters Rock and Roll Club take to the stage.

National dance champions and club members Helen Schlegel and her dance partner Justin Budgen say the club will perform a variety of couple and team dance routines, with the opportunity for audience participation. Rock and roll is just one of a number of different dance genres that will be showcased on the day.

Party-goers will be taken back to the 1930s and 1940s when dancers from Wai-Kat-Swing perform vintage swing dance styles from the swing jazz and big band era. For a modern-day perspective, dancers from Jazz Unlimited will bring a raft of dance moves to the stage, ranging from American tap, contemporary dance, urban ignition hip hop and musical theatre. Finally, for those with an interest in both dance and fitness, there will be zumba dance demonstrations from instructor Kelly Ann Tiepa. Zumba incorporates hip-hop, soca, samba, salsa, merengue and mambo dance moves.

Catalogue showcases city's public art collection

Hamilton's rich and growing portfolio of public art has been captured in a catalogue which will be launched on Monday as part of the city's 150th birthday celebrations.

The publication was produced with grants provided by Wintec's School of Media Arts and Foster Construction and it features 39 pieces of public art. Hamilton Deputy Mayor Gordon Chesterman says the production of the catalogue reflects an increasing commitment to the funding of public art by philanthropic trusts, individuals and corporates.

"The catalogue brings the richness of the public art portfolio into one place

so people can see the wide scope of what we now have in the city," he says. "I'm hoping that it may motivate other individuals and corporates to contribute to the public art portfolio and to help make the city a richer place to live."

The catalogue features one of the city's first pieces of public art from 1968, Little Bull, by sculptor Molly Macalister. Also featured is the 'farming family' at the northern end of Victoria St, sculptured by



ART FOCUS: Deputy Mayor Gordon Chesterman with a copy of Hamilton's new public art catalogue.

Margriet Windhausen and gifted to the city by businessman Sir Robert Jones in 1990. The catalogue will be available free-of-

charge from the Garden Place Library, Artspost, Waikato Museum, Creative Waikato and Hamilton i-SITE.

MORE TIME TO HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE SAFETY IN PUBLIC PLACES BYLAW

You now have until the 28th October to give us your views and suggestions on the Safety in Public Places Bylaw. The bylaw is part of the Council's wider Central City Safety Plan, which aims to address unacceptable behaviour and provide support for vulnerable and homeless people in our city. If you obtained a copy of the Statement of Proposal or the draft bylaw prior to the 14th of October, please be aware that it contained an inaccuracy within the definition of nuisance behaviour. The correct version is now available online at hamilton.govt.nz/safetybylaw

COMMUNITY FORUM

Council's Community Forum Sub-Committee will meet at the Hamilton Migrant Resource Centre this month. The sub-committee – chaired by Councillor Martin Gallagher - receives reports from various community organisations about their activities, and makes recommendations to Council. The October Community Forum is focusing primarily on the city's Pacific, migrant and refugee communities, with four significant presentations being made, including a summary of September's Pacific and Migrant Forum. We'd love you to listen to all items being presented at the Community Forum. The meeting is on 24 October, and starts at 9.30am.

COUNCIL NEWS

- Visit hamilton.govt.nz to read the Council's latest media releases.
- Giant city birthday party planned next month
 - Libraries' storytime delves into Diwali
 - Transformation for lake domain playground

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Visit hamilton.govt.nz/agendas to read all the minutes and agendas.
- Friday 24 October
Community Forum Sub-Committee
 - Tuesday 28 October
Event Sponsorship Sub-Committee
 - Tuesday 28 October
External Funding Sub-Committee
 - Wednesday 29 October
District Licensing Committee
 - Thursday 30 October
Council Meeting

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Go with the flow at open day

Have you ever wondered how water gets from the river to the tap? The Council invites you to see the process first hand on Saturday 8 November.

The Council will open the doors to the Water Treatment Plant from 10am to 3pm and host guided tours of the facility. The tours will leave every 15 minutes and due to the popularity of previous open days, you'll need to register for the event if you're coming.

Hamilton City Council's City Waters Manager Andrew Parsons says this is a great opportunity for you to get a behind-

the-scenes look into the process.

"We take great pride in providing Hamilton with high-quality water. This is a rare chance for the public to see first hand the critical processes that our water supply takes before arriving in our homes," he says.

Entry to the open day is a gold coin donation to support the Oxfam Water Challenge, raising money for clean water

in the Pacific Islands (Melanesia).

Unfortunately the guided tours are not suitable for under five year olds and people with low mobility because of some uneven surfaces and stairs.

Register for the open day at hamilton.govt.nz/rsvp or phone 07 838 6977.

The Water Treatment Plant is located at 2 Waiora Terrace, Fitzroy. We look forward to seeing you there.

Keeping kids safe with dogs



Pre-schooler Will Yearbury learns how to safely meet a dog.

Preschoolers at Rototuna Early Education Waikato learned how to safely approach a new dog as part of an educational talk by the Council's Animal Education and Control team – including its key member 'Sprat the dog'.

The fun and informative talk was just one of about 100 delivered each year by the team to Hamilton schools, kindergartens, community centres and businesses. The talks aim to prevent dog attacks through education.

Also at the talk was the author of 'How to Keep Kids Safe with Dogs', Pauline Blomfield. Pauline has owned and trained dogs for more than 40 years. She is travelling New Zealand to promote the second edition of her book, which includes information on telltale signs which indicate whether dogs are happy or unhappy.

hamilton.govt.nz/safety-around-dogs

Pretty in pink at refurbished Seddon Park

New players and match officials facilities are a key feature of recent work at Hamilton's Seddon Park.

A Private Public Partnership (PPP) has seen important refurbishments at Seddon Park and this weekend the public can have a look at the changes.

To meet the requirements of modern touring cricket teams, comprising up to 30 people, Seddon Park's changing rooms have been expanded, and a new player's viewing area constructed at the front of the pavilion.

"Cricket at the highest level has changed a lot since the pavilion was constructed," says Peter Roach, Chief Executive of Northern Districts Cricket, Council's long-term anchor tenant at the ground.

In line with the SKYCITY Northern Knights' preferred colour for T20 cricket, the home team's dressing room is pink.

Refurbishments also include new match officials area and has allowed Northern Districts' indoor cricket training school to remain and be available for community cricket groups.

Other upgrades to the ground include permanent broadcast infrastructure, through a PPP with funding shared by the Council, Northern Districts Cricket and Sky TV.

Hamilton City Council's Events and Economic Development General Manager Sean Murray says, "We're fortunate to have such a fantastic facility in our city, and it's important we look



Peter Roach, Northern Districts Chief Executive, and Venue Manager Shaun Wijnstok in front of the Seddon Park upgrades.

after it. In funding the upgrade of the ground, the Council has worked closely with Northern Districts Cricket to ensure the best possible arrangement for both organisations, and a positive outcome for the city. This shows PPP can work."

The open day is this Sunday, 19 October, from 10am to 12pm. All ages are welcome with the opportunity for kids to take part in activities with Knights' players. The Mayor will formally open the new players' and match officials' facilities at 9.45am.

Seddon Park is set for a very busy summer, including three matches during the ICC Cricket World Cup 2015.

seddonpark.com/events/calendar



Mayor Julie Hardaker

River Plan coming!

We are counting down to the release of the River Plan after 18 months of development. This is a plan that will transform Hamilton and change the way we think about our city.

After decades of waiting, Hamilton will have a comprehensive 30-year plan focused on managing the 16 kilometres of the Waikato River running through our city. This plan will guide how we develop and use the river into the future.

The River Plan working group of experts has reviewed hundreds of ideas from local people and others around the world. The group has also worked closely with a technical group whose members come from Waikato Tainui, the Waikato Regional Council, Mighty River Power and the Waikato River Authority. People who use the river have also given us their views and provided us with valuable information about their plans for the future.

In a public open day held earlier this year, many Hamiltonians came along to share their ideas and give their views on some of the plans starting to emerge. The overwhelming message from that day was 'get on with it'. That message has been heard loud and clear.

The River Plan's success relies on the Council working with Waikato Tainui, the Waikato Regional Council and the Waikato River Authority, as well as businesses and the community. Some of the projects will cost a lot of money: but together we can achieve the River Plan's vision and outcomes so we can transform Hamilton's future.

You'll have a chance to give us your feedback on the River Plan during November, before it is finalised ready for delivery in January 2015.

The Waikato River is a remarkable natural asset with a proud history and it will be exciting to see it become the defining feature of Hamilton.

Rating review decision date extended

The Council has decided to delay making a decision on a possible change to the city's rating system. This will allow the Council more time to consider people's views and suggestions. "We originally said we would make a decision on 30 October whether or not to change to a capital value rating system. Delaying the decision will allow us more time to carefully consider the public's views," says Chief Financial Officer, Richard Briggs. During the public consultation period, over 660 written

submissions were made and over 60 people spoke at hearings. A briefing session to discuss people's feedback is being planned for 30 October or early November and then staff will report back to the Council before Christmas.

The Council currently calculates general rates based on the land value of a property. Under capital value, rates would be calculated based on the value of the land plus what is built on the land (eg a house, a shop or a mall).



STEPPING UP: Residents who enjoy strolling through Braithwaite Park will have a slightly longer walk than usual while contractors working on behalf of the Council replace several sets of steps on a pathway. The existing steps are made from pre-cast concrete slabs, and are showing signs of age, so will be replaced with steps made from concrete poured on site. The project will begin on 29 October, and take about six weeks, with a pedestrian detour noted on on-site signage.

Thoughtful progress on Ring Road link to gardens

Careful thought is going into the final phase of the Hamilton Ring Road, where it meets Cobham Drive near Hamilton Gardens.

The Council and the New Zealand Transport Agency are taking extra measures, including an additional workshop process, to ensure the final link in this major transport project offers the best balance for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.

General Manager of City Infrastructure Chris Allen, says staff and elected members are working closely with the New Zealand Transport Agency to assess the options, which include traffic lights or a roundabout, with the possibility of a pedestrian over bridge. "Traffic management is important but so is pedestrian and cyclist safety, so it is vital that we take extra time to get this right," he says.

The Council expects to have the intersection's scope and design confirmed before Christmas, in time for the summer construction season.

Stadium track project under starter's orders

The Council and Athletics Waikato are working together on a renewal of Porritt Stadium's athletics track.

A partnership between the Council and Athletics Waikato will see Porritt Stadium's rubberised competition surfaces renewed.

The stadium is the only one in the Waikato region with a rubberised athletics track, making it a crucial facility for the region's athletics community.

Sally Sheedy, Parks and Open Spaces Manager, says the rubberised tracks have a lifespan of about 15 years, so the Porritt Stadium surface is due for replacement.

"The project will see the old track removed, followed by an inspection and any required repair of the asphalt layer beneath it, before the new track is laid," Miss Sheedy says.

"Athletics Waikato's contribution to the project means our contractors will also be installing new rubber surfacing in other parts of the stadium. For instance in the javelin and high jump run-up area, a two-lane 60-metre warm-up track, and artificial grass."

Athletics Waikato spokesman Alan McDonald says those involved in the



Young athletes round the athletics track at Porritt Stadium which is about to be renewed.

sport are very excited by the project.

"Porritt Stadium is our home and we're pleased to be involved in this. It made sense for us to work with the Council on such a big project which directly benefits our sport, schools and the greater community," Mr McDonald says.

The project starts on 22 October and will be completed in January.

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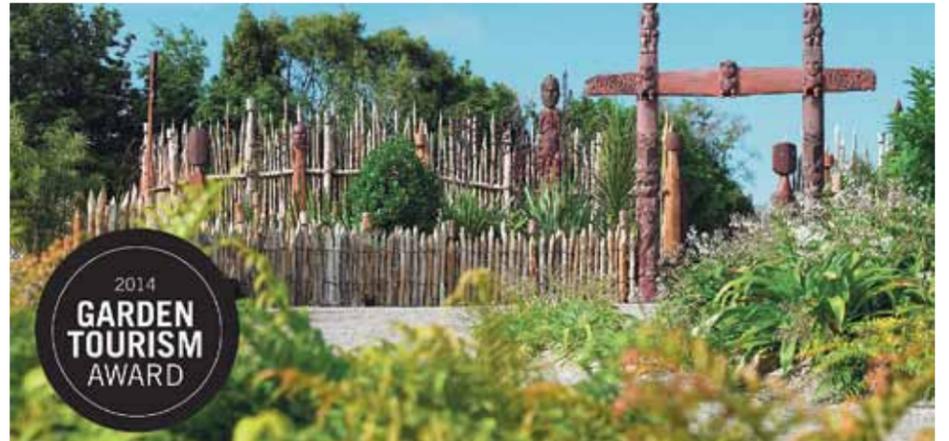


CLARENCE ST THEATRE, HAMILTON
29 NOVEMBER - 13 DECEMBER



We have two double passes to Avenue Q (date of your choice) up for grabs. Just email your name and phone number to citynews@hcc.govt.nz by 5pm, Friday 24 October.

Visit our award winning gardens



Hamilton Gardens has joined the ranks of internationally significant gardens after it was named International Garden of the Year at the 2014 International Garden Tourism Awards in Metz, France earlier this month. Previous winners of the award have included Singapore Botanic Garden and the Gardens of Trauttmansdorff Castle in Merano, Italy. From its humble beginnings as a bleak city rubbish dump covered in blackberries, the Gardens has become a dearly loved city-park and is on track to becoming an iconic tourism attraction for the region with its plans to create another five gardens in four years.

WAIKATO A & P SHOW FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER to SUNDAY 02 NOVEMBER

CLAUDELANDS

The Waikato A&P Show has a rich history going back to 1892. In the last few years, in conjunction with the construction at Claudelands, has relaunched the Waikato A&P Show as a major rural and entertainment event. claudelands.co.nz

CLARENCE CLUB COMEDY NIGHT FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER

8pm

CLARENCE ST THEATRE

TV3's 7Days host Jeremy Corbett is coming to Hamilton on Friday 31st October to present the side splitting Clarence Club Comedy Night at Clarence Street Theatre. Joining him on the stage are award-winning comedians, Raso Matafeo, Cori Gonxales-Macuer, Nick Rado and Jamie Bowen. hamiltontheatres.co.nz

CRICKET FUN DAY SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER 10am to 12pm

SEDDON PARK

Bring the family along for a fun afternoon at Seddon Park and meet the Blackcaps, Skycity Northern Knights and Spirit players. seddonpark.com

APOCALYPSE LOUNGE PRESENTS: ANNE BOLEYN WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER to SATURDAY 01 NOVEMBER

THE METEOR

Who was Anne Boleyn? Beguiling temptress? Feisty schemer? Or was she something entirely different? This production of Howard Brenton's Anne Boleyn is produced by Apocalypse Lounge and directed by Louise Blackstock. themetor.co.nz

WHERE TO GET YOUR EVENT TICKETS:

HAMILTON i-SITE, ON THE CORNER OF CARO AND ALEXANDRA STREETS, IS AN AGENT FOR TICKETEK AND DASH TICKETS. THE i-SITE IS OPEN 9AM TO 5PM WEEKDAYS AND 9.30AM TO 3.30PM WEEKENDS.

GUIDED TOUR: E NGA URI WHAKATUPU, WEAVING LEGACIES FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER

11am to 12pm

WAIKATO MUSEUM

Experience this extraordinary display of weaving by two of New Zealand's most accomplished Maaori women artists with curator Barb Moke. Bookings are essential. waikatomuseum.co.nz

THE THING FROM THE PLACE TUESDAY 28 OCTOBER

11am to 12pm

CLARENCE ST THEATRE

Mad scientists, crazy experiments and snot-monsters combine in the ridiculously silly comedy The Thing From the Place. Brought to you by the makers of critically-acclaimed kids' favourite The Magic Chicken, The Thing From The Place contains clever jokes to keep parents happy, as well as gross-out gags for the kids – making it a show for the whole family. hamiltontheatres.co.nz

BAT TOUR- HALLOWEEN SPECIAL 31 OCTOBER 6pm to 9pm

WAIKATO MUSEUM

Join us for an entertaining and informative experience at the Museum, before we go out bat spotting with our bat detectors. If we're lucky, we'll hear the bats or even see them as they hunt for their evening snack. We'll also keep our eyes open for other nocturnal animals such as glow-worms, eels and moreporks. waikatomuseum.co.nz

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