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Bill Dalton



Welcome.

It's hard to believe the Tremains Art Deco Festival has been and gone for another year. What a tremendous week it was. Visitors to our city would be forgiven for thinking they'd arrived in the 1930s era.

The city literally transformed as Art Deco cars chugged down the streets, vintage planes graced the sky and people of all ages dressed in Deco and took part in some 250 events.

Once again thank you to everyone involved in making this a world-class event – it blows me away every year.

In this Proudly Napier we highlight the wonderful gardening team who put in an incredible amount of work to ensure our city's gardens are looking their absolute best.

In this issue you'll also find out about other exciting events to look forward to, such as Horse of the Year, Sea Week and the Hawke's Bay Marathon. We also have the Sea Walls: Murals for Oceans Festival coming up which will see some fabulous art work spruce up some of the blank walls around the city. There is also a summary of where we're at with the Multi-Use Velodrome project.

There is so much to celebrate in this fine city of ours. I am proud to be your Mayor.



Sea Walls: Murals for Oceans

Festival

Napier is to host the very first Sea Walls: Murals for Oceans Festival in New Zealand early next month.

International non-profit PangeaSeed Foundation, with the support of Napier City Council, is bringing the festival here between 11 and 21 March.

PangeaSeed NZ coordinator and Napier based artist Cinzah Merkens is expecting 29 renowned national and international artists to come for the event, which will transform many large, currently bare walls in the central city and Ahuriri into works of art.

“The Sea Walls festival is unique globally in that it has a theme, and that is to raise awareness about the plight of the ocean. It will be a beautification process, with a deeper message about the ocean,” he says.

The artists will be officially welcomed with a powhiri on the northern lawn of the Soundshell on 11 March, after which they plan to hold a live spray-painting demonstration at the Napier Night Fiesta.

The mural painting takes place between 14 and 18 March. Each artist will transform a wall over five days. “It will be interesting to watch the artists at work and we encourage locals and visitors to come and watch.”

Other events that will be part of Sea Walls include a pop-up exhibition and an open-air film festival.

As has happened with previous PangeaSeed festivals in Los Angeles, Vietnam, Sri Lanka and Mexico, organisers will film both the paintings and the finished product, the footage becoming a stunning record of a very special event.

For more info, visit www.facebook.com/SeaWallsMuralsForOceans, or www.pangeaseed.foundation



Greater Blue-ringed Octopus Mural by Cinzah Merkens

Meet Shelley Exeter

Horticultural Foreman

The flowers that frame Napier’s CBD and suburbs have become just as famous as our city’s Art Deco architecture and seaside location.

The blooming flower beds have become a stand alone attraction in their own right, thanks to a dedicated team of gardeners led by Horticultural Foreman Shelley Exeter. Shelley took on the role six months ago after being hands-on in the gardens for 12 years.

The passionate leader says while most of her days are taken up managing staff, overseeing planting and ensuring health and safety standards are met, she still likes to get out and work in the gardens.

“I think dirt under your fingernails is good for the soul,” Shelley says. “I have amazing staff – they have pride in their work and work hard so I have complete faith in them.”

Shelley manages a number of renowned gardens throughout Napier, including the Botanical Gardens, Clive Square, Centennial Gardens, Kennedy Park rose gardens and Marine Parade, and considers special events like Art Deco in her planting plans to ensure the flowers are looking their best for everyone to enjoy.

“I really enjoy the Art Deco vibe at this time of the year. Although, seeing Napier looking so beautiful and colourful even as the seasons change is one of the most rewarding parts of my job.”



Horticultural Foreman Shelley Exeter

Multi-Use Velodrome Project

An Update

Napier City Councillors will decide in June if the multi-use velodrome project will progress to the next stage.

That is when the detailed business case about the project is likely to be complete and they will take its findings into account before deciding whether to proceed any further with the project.

The project was first revealed to the public during last year's 2015-2025 Long Term Plan (LTP) consultation. After 78% of submissions to the LTP supported considering building such a facility, the council decided to go ahead with the detailed business case.

The detailed business case includes site investigation, preliminary design, investigation into operating and construction costs, social and economic impact, and potential revenue including capital funding sources. The Council's planned contribution to the project is \$5m, from reserves created through Parklands development sales, with the remaining estimated \$10m build cost to be raised from other sources.

As a multi-use facility it would be designed to cater not only for

track cyclists ranging from recreational through to professional level, but indoor court sports such as basketball, futsal and volleyball, incorporate a walking/running track, and be available for other uses such as concerts and conferences.

Facilities such as the ones in Cambridge and Invercargill also offer trikes for hire which are particularly useful for older members of the community, or people recovering from injury.

Many facilities around the world successfully combine both indoor court activities and track cycling in the same facility.

The currently favoured site for the proposed facility is next to the Pettigrew.Green Arena in Taradale. Reasons include the fact it will provide construction and operating efficiencies, double the number of courts available and with 105,000 people living within 15km of the facility the number of potential users is greatest at this location.

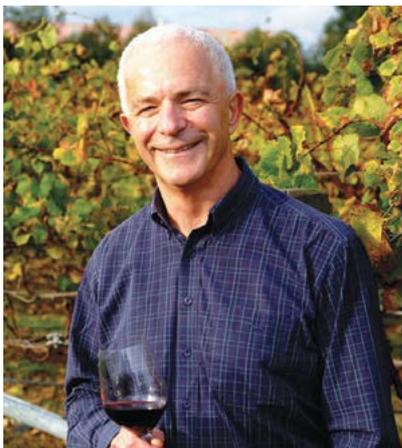
For more information, go to www.napier.govt.nz #velodrome.



The multi-use velodrome in Newport, Wales

Business Breakfast Series

George Fistonich



Sir George Fistonich

Renowned winemaker Sir George Fistonich is the speaker for the first Napier City Council Business Breakfast for 2016 on 4 March.

In 1961, at just 21 years of age, Sir George started growing an acre of vines under the now famous, award-winning Villa Maria brand.

Under his leadership Villa Maria Estate achieved several firsts, including becoming the first wine company in New Zealand to employ professional viticulturists, and in 2001 becoming the first major wine company here to declare they would become "cork-free".

He has also nurtured the next generation, instigating a winemaking and viticultural cadet scheme within Villa Maria.

How to create change for business growth, having a vision, and succession planning will be part of Sir George's talk.

For more information visit www.napier.govt.nz keyword #businessbreakfast. Registrations close at 5pm on Tuesday 1 March.

Coming to the Bay

Horse of the Year

Next week the country's best riders and horses are coming to Hawke's Bay.

Yes it's time for Horse of the Year, which runs from 1-6 March. Hosted at the Hawke's Bay A&P Showgrounds in Hastings for many years now, it has become the largest equestrian event in the Southern Hemisphere.

Featuring a range of horse and rider combinations across many different disciplines, from kids just starting out on ponies through to Olympic hopefuls, this year more than 1300 riders and 2000 horses will be in town.

If you can't make it to Friday night's Extravaganza, it's worth checking out what's on the other days too.

For more info, go to www.hoy.kiwi or www.facebook.com/HorseoftheYear



Hawke's Bay International Marathon



The inaugural Air New Zealand Hawke's Bay International Marathon on 14 May is proving popular with runners.

It's not too late to get your entries in for the four different runs, which will showcase our fabulous wine growing region. The races mix on-road running, wind along bike trails and through vineyards, the finish line for all events being Sileni Estate Winery.

You can choose from the big race, half marathon, 10km race or children's 3km race, for 7 to 12 year olds. As the latter is a family friendly event, parents are welcome to run with their kids – without having to register - and baby buggies or prams can be used.

Air New Zealand has partnered with event organisers Lagardère Unlimited Oceania to bring the country's newest international marathon here.

For more info, visit www.hawkesbaymarathon.co.nz

What's On?

Seaweek Events

Seaweek, the nationally celebrated week of marine related events, is on from 27 February to 6 March. This year's theme is "Toiora te Moana - Toiora te Tangata - Healthy Seas, Healthy People".

There are many events during Seaweek which the whole family can get involved in. From beach clean-ups to a sea themed quiz to Children's Day at the National Aquarium, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Find out more at www.seaweek.org.nz/events/hawkesbay



Exhibition

Hawke's Bay residents have a unique opportunity next month to view the work of one of the greatest Dutch painters – Rembrandt.

Thanks to digital photography and the Rembrandt Research Project, *Rembrandt Remastered*, at the Creative Arts Napier (CAN) from 4 - 28 March, offers viewers the chance to see the work of more than 50 of the 17th century Dutch master's works. Each image has been reproduced to full size and has been digitally restored to show its original condition.

The exhibition is being hosted by the Rotary Club of Napier, with the support of The Gas Hub, as a fundraising project for local charities. CAN at 16 Byron Street, Napier is open Mondays to Saturdays 10am to 4pm, and Sundays 10am to 2pm. Entry for this exhibition is \$10, and \$5 for under 13s.

For more info or updates, visit www.facebook.com/Rembrandt-Remastered-NZ-Tour or www.thecan.co.nz



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