There's something truly invigorating about Spring and the longer daylight hours it brings. It's a particularly busy time for our council garden staff who have been busy making sure our city is looking its best. The flower pot, pictured above, the work of Napier City Business Inc and local artist Gail Wright, is easier to maintain than some of our real gardens. It is nevertheless a magnificent display of spring in bloom.

There are plenty of great events coming up to enjoy. We're delighted to be sponsors of next month's food and wine festival, FAWC! as well as the inaugural Hawke's Bay Arts Festival. Having events for our locals and visitors to enjoy is a vital ingredient in creating a vibrant city. We're putting more emphasis on events for that reason and I hope you'll be supporting them. All events need people to make them a success.

Many of you will be aware Napier is hosting the Elite Cycling Nationals in January – well I'm delighted to let you know that our team have been putting together a series of additional events during the week of the Elites. We've called it the Hawke's Bay Summer Cycling Carnival and there's something for everyone – young and old - so dust off your push bike and join the fun.

The Napier Library closed last Friday for a much-needed four week redevelopment. I'm looking forward to seeing the great reveal in a month, but until then, Taradale Library is running extended hours one day a week for those of you needing a library fix.
Family Fun Day

Come on down to Anderson Park on Saturday 21 November and join in the fun at the smokefree White Ribbon Family Fun Day.

From 10am to 1pm there will be an inflatable obstacle course and photo booth available at the park, on the Kennedy Road side by the children’s playground. A chalk art contest is set to get underway, and members of the Hawke’s Bay Magpies are also due to pop in for a visit.

There will be giveaways, and opportunities to find out more about key organisations that are part of Safer Napier, such as emergency services, Civil Defence, Neighbourhood Support and Road Safe Hawke’s Bay.

The aim of this event is twofold: to find out how to keep your family safe, and to show support for the White Ribbon movement, which for the past 23 years has focused on the elimination of violence towards women and the modelling of good behaviour to change attitudes and behaviour.

White Ribbon Family Fun Day is supported by the Napier City Council.

Keep an eye on the weather, if it’s bad the event will have to be cancelled.

Meet Jane Libby

Jane Libby admits she probably has one of the most enviable office locations in Napier. The Napier i-SITE and Par2 MiniGolf Manager just has to glance out the window to witness the laughter and fun happening on the edge of the Pacific Ocean. It is something she doesn’t take for granted.

“We are very lucky to work in such a beautiful city and the location of the i-SITE and Par2 MiniGolf is just stunning,” Jane says. “It is great to hear families having such fun at Par2, I love hearing them laughing and enjoying themselves.”

It isn’t all fun and games though. Jane and her team are preparing themselves for a busy summer season helping locals and tourists alike, as well as cruise ship passengers find everything they need for a positive experience in Napier and New Zealand.

“We offer a lot more at the i-SITE than many people are aware of. We can provide information and book accommodation, tours, activities and travel throughout the whole of New Zealand and we do not charge booking fees.

“The i-SITE is for everyone not just for visitors.”

Jane says she is proud to lead a skilled team of 15 people who are so knowledgeable when it comes to Hawke’s Bay and New Zealand.

“They are so passionate about what they do and I am very proud to work alongside them. The feedback we get from visitors, both domestic and international, is extremely positive. I get great satisfaction in watching my team work together like a well-oiled machine – especially on busy summer cruise ship days.”

When she’s not working on the seaside, Jane enjoys spending time with family, walking or biking on the Rotary pathways, listening to an eclectic collection of music and everything to do with food – reading about it, trying new recipes, eating out or entertaining.
The Spriggs Park toilet facilities at Ahuriri’s Hardinge Road playground is getting a makeover.

The original toilet block was built in the 1950’s and will be replaced with the new ‘Spriggs Park Pavilion’.

The pavilion will contain three standard toilets, a parenting/wheelchair access toilet, three showers and two changing rooms, seating, parking for cyclists and a water drinking station.

We’re aiming to have it completed by December, just in time for summer!

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**Recycling Weekend in Napier 7 & 8 November**

It’s a great time to have a spring clean and get rid of your unwanted goods at home.

**Recycling Day – Saturday 7 November 8am-1pm**

If you have reusable items lying around home then drop them down to Anderson Park between 8am and 1pm on Saturday 7 November. Here’s the list of what you can donate: furniture, whiteware, toys, tools, clothing, books, reusable timber, paper & cardboard, plant pots & punnets, bottles & jars, framed windows, metals and household appliances in working order.

If you are after a bargain, you can also buy goods for a donation. All money raised goes to local community beautification projects. For more information visit [www.napier.govt.nz](http://www.napier.govt.nz) search keyword #keepnapierbeautiful

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**Hazmobile – Sunday 8 November 10am-2pm**

It’s sometimes tricky to know how to dispose of some of the ‘nasties’ you might have lying around home. This is a chance to dispose of hazardous waste for free including: pool cleaning and gardening chemicals, oil, petrol, diesel, cleaning and gardening chemicals, solvents, paint strippers and gas bottles. Drop off location is Eastern Truck & Marine, Austin Street Onekawa. For more information visit [www.hastingsdc.govt.nz](http://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz)

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**Summer Cycling Carnival**

The Hawke’s Bay Summer Cycling Carnival is heading your way. Get into gear for 10 days of serious fun, starting 7 January. There’s something for everyone, whether you’re a pro, a keen weekend cyclist, or you and your family love going on or off the beaten track.

Catch the fastest Kiwis on two wheels at the Big Save Elite Road National Championships including the Church Road Winery Time Trials. Test your pedal power on the Traffic Design Group Flying Lap, Tineli Gran Fondo Ride, Bay Espresso Criterium and Black Barn Vineyard’s Pain Train. Relax on the tracks with The Black Barn Winery Recreational Ride or encourage the kids to get creative with the Big Save Best Dressed Bike Competition. To find out more go to [www.summercyclingcarnival.co.nz](http://www.summercyclingcarnival.co.nz)
Pasifika Stories at MTG

John Vea

A new performance piece, sculpture and projections are part of a striking new show by John Vea at MTG Hawke’s Bay.

The Auckland-based contemporary artist visited Hawke’s Bay earlier this year to gather stories from different communities for Talanoa, Colloquies of the Unrecognised Worker, which opened earlier this month. The thread which ties the exhibition together is the notion of Talanoa. “To Talanoa, you have a personal encounter with another person in conversation,” says John.

The process of Talanoa for the purpose of this exhibition, as John sees it, is to be respectful and shed some light on these “stories of the everyday”. It has been inspired by, and highlights his exploration of workers’ rights and minority groups.

The show includes existing sculptural and moving image works alongside a new performance piece based on interactions John has had with people in Hawke’s Bay.

The exhibition runs until 17 April 2016.

Arts Festival

On in Hawke’s Bay

The Harcourts Hawke’s Bay Art Festival is almost upon us with an amazing line-up of acts. There is something for everyone.

Napier City Council is proud to support the inaugural festival which is to be held in The Famous Spiegeltent at the Havelock North Domain from 27 October to 8 November.

And some good news for Napier residents – in partnership with the Emporium and GoBus, the Harcourts Hawke’s Bay Art Festival is now offering a bus service from the Emporium on Napier’s Marine Parade to the Havelock North Domain.

For more information visit www.hbaf.co.nz

Just a reminder...

Napier Library is closed until Monday 16 November for renovations

While Napier Library is closed you can:

- visit our lovely Taradale Library - open until 7.30pm Wednesday while the Napier Library is closed
- return books to Napier and Taradale Library
- pick up all reserves from Taradale Library
- renew items by phoning 834 4180 or 845 9005 email info@napierlibrary.co.nz or visit us online at www.napierlibrary.co.nz
- use our eBooks and online audio books

Check the website for more information