



# KEEPING IT CENTRAL

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## MESSAGE FROM COUNCILLOR TIM AITKEN

I recently attended the launch of the Spring Fling at the CHB Municipal Theatre and I was impressed by the variety of events on offer to showcase our district.

Your Council is pleased to be supporting the Spring Fling. It would be nice to see locals and visitors using the opportunity to explore and experience Central Hawke's Bay and attend one or more of the 30 standout Spring Fling events during the months of September and October.

The diverse range of events stretch across the district with something of interest for everyone - whether it's visiting our beautiful homesteads, getting active on your bike on the cycle trails, enjoying the outdoors with your children by taking part in the Onga-Tiko Hunting & Fishing Club children's competition or

having some fun at the CHB Fast n Furious Trolley Derby. Tickets for the events are available on the Spring Fling website [www.springfling.nz](http://www.springfling.nz) and I would recommend getting your tickets now before they are sold out.

Council encourage you to make use of the Spring Fling Blooming Deal on offer at the local Transfer Stations on the weekend of the 9th and 10th September and dispose of your green waste for free. More details will be made available on the Council website [www.chbdc.govt.nz](http://www.chbdc.govt.nz).



Councillor Tim Aitken.

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE

### Rates Instalment

The first Rates Instalment for 2017/2018 is due on 20 August. If you have any queries regarding your rates please phone Karen Bray on 06-8577738

### Event: The Resilient Farmer Doug Avery

Recently awarded a MNZM Queen's Birthday honour in recognition of his services to agriculture and mental health, Doug Avery now shares his powerful story of how he weathered years of drought and desperation to turn his farm - and his life - around. Don't miss this inspirational evening at the CHB Municipal Theatre on Wednesday 30 August at 7.00pm as Doug talks about getting life back on track - for him, his family and livelihood.

It's also an incredible tale of Kiwi can-do and how one man overcame heart-breaking adversity to live a fruitful life and help others. This

event is proudly supported by the CHB District libraries and the \$15 tickets are available from Waipawa and Waipukurau Libraries or Waipukurau Paper Plus. Supper will be provided and refreshments will be available.

### Paul Hunter Centre

The Paul Hunter Centre, located on River Terrace has watched with interest the redevelopment of River Terrace and the Waipukurau Memorial Hall. During the week they were excited to receive a special tour of the Memorial Hall with Council staff and see how the Hall has transformed.



## FEATURE STORY

### CHB District Libraries - Winter Warmers Programme

Central Hawke's Bay District Libraries have been participating in the Winter Warmers programme for several years now and this year's enrolments surpassed our target numbers yet again, we enrolled over 1100 children! This is a direct result of strong connections between libraries and schools, our library staff have visited every school in CHB at least twice during the 6 weeks the programme is run.

About 450 children and their caregivers attended the Disco finale held on Friday night, August 4th at the CHB Municipal Theatre, the disco music and special effects were provided by EPIC. The children were all presented with a book and a certificate to celebrate their reading success. A great example of the value Central Hawke's Bay District Council adds.

Mayor Alex Walker and Councillors attended the Disco finale and thanked all the students and schools who participated in the Winter Warmers programme and Eastern and Central Community Trust who funded the reading programme.



Disco Finale: Mayor Alex Walker with students from Flemington School. (L to R) Sally Barrett, Haide Wilson, Annabelle Croad and Georgie Wilson.



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