

what's on

in Cambridge

September 2026#4

Midweek Magic – Save 50% on Selected Guided Tours and Sanctuary Explorer Day Passes, Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari, 99 Tari Rd, Pukeatua, 9am-4pm. Valid till 30 Sept 2026. Use code MIDSAVE50 online: <https://www.sanctuarymountain.co.nz/visit/super-savers>

Friday 18 September – Sunday 20 September

The NZMCA Motorhome, Caravan & Leisure Show, Mystery Creek Events Centre, 125 Mystery Creek Rd, Fri/Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 9am-4pm. Explore a vast array of exhibitors showcasing everything you need for the perfect outdoor lifestyle. Discover the latest products and connect with industry experts for advice. Options to Park & Stay at the event. Show tickets \$18+fee single entry, \$36+fee multi entry. Children 16 and under free if accompanied by an adult. <https://www.nzmotorhomeshow.co.nz/hamilton-about-the-show/>

Winter Series Show Jumping, Takapoto Estate 90 Finlay Rd, Maungatautari, 9am. Friday – Training Day; Sat/Sun – Competition Days. Spectating is free. Café open 7.30am-2.30pm, bar open 11am. <https://www.takapoto.co.nz/winter-2026>

NZ Masters Rowing, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro, Fri 10am-6pm; Sat/Sun 5am-3pm. Zones 3,4,5,6. Ph 07 827 4178, info@lakekarapiro.co.nz, <https://www.lakekarapiro.co.nz>

Saturday 19 September

Cambridge Farmers Market, Victoria Square, 8am-12pm.

Walking Tour, Takapoto Estate, 90 Finlay Rd, Maungatautari, 10am-1pm. Experience a guided walking tour through the breath-taking Takapoto Estate and uncover the beauty beyond the equestrian areas. Includes tea/coffee and scone for morning tea (wine tastings extra and optional at the end of the tour). Cost \$45 from <https://www.takapoto.co.nz/garden-tours-bookings/p/19-sept-2026>

2026 TASC Track Series, Grassroots Trust Velodrome, 15 Hanlin Rd.
<https://www.tasportscycling.co.nz/viewform/155862>

3D Flower Bouquet, Cambridge Art House, 3165 Ohaupo Rd, 10am-1.30pm. Create your own framed spring bouquet that leaps off the canvas into 3D. BEGINNER FRIENDLY... everything arty is supplied including framed canvas, and refreshments. BYO lunch (graze as we create). Artistic step by step guidance from Leslie our resident artist. Tickets \$76.88 from <https://www.cambridgearthouse.com/event-details/3d-spring-bouquet-paper-paint-collage>

Cambridge Country Music Club – Guest Artist Dave Ewart Junior, Cambridge Senior Citizens Association Hall, Milicich Place, 12pm-4.30pm. Entry \$5, afternoon tea provided. All welcome. Third Saturday afternoon of each month. Contact Teresa Dodds, Ph 021 064 9152.

Revamp Clothing Swap, Cambridge East Primary School, 128 Williams St, 1.30pm-5pm. Join for an afternoon of style, sustainability, and inspiration while swapping your clothes for other pre-loved goods. Enjoy a panel discussion with special guests over light refreshments. Slow Fashion September events are funded through the Government's Waste Disposal Levy and Waste Less Waipa. Tickets \$20. For information on clothing swap and to register: <https://events.humanitix.com/revamp-style-swap-cambridge-2026>

Soup & Sherry Evening – Leamington Rugby Sports Club Fundraiser for Leamington Senior Hockey Team, Leamington Rugby Sports Club, Carlyle St, 5.30pm-9.30pm. Guests can look forward to: sherry or liqueur on arrival, a selection of homemade soups and freshly baked bread, guest speaker – Frank Bunce (former All Black and rugby legend), speakers from rugby, netball and hockey, exciting auction and raffle items. Tickets \$25 from <https://www.sporty.co.nz/leamingtonrsc/fundraising-events/soup-and-sherry-evening>

Hamilton Civic Choir: Keeping the Song Alive, Cambridge Town Hall, Victoria St, 7pm. The Choir celebrates 80 years of choral excellence. Keeping the Song Alive is a fundraiser concert honouring eight decades of music-making, community, and the enduring power of voices raised together. More to follow: <https://www.cth.co.nz/events-calendar/#september>

Sunday 20 September

Cambridge Half Marathon 2026, Tom Voyle Park, Taylor St, 8.30am. The Half Marathon features two scenic loops. Other distances: one-loop Quarter Marathon (10.7km), 5km loop, 2km kids dash. Walkers welcome. Half Marathon \$90; Quarter Marathon \$65, 5km \$45, 2km \$15. Register: <https://raceroster.com/events/2026/115214/cambridge-half-marathon-2026>

Urban Miners – Waipa E-Waste Recyclers, Cambridge High School Carpark, 25 Swayne Rd, 9am-11am. E-waste recycling. Charges apply. <https://www.urbanminers.nz/>

Miniature Trains, Leamington Domain, Wordsworth St, 9.30am-12.15pm. Trains run 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month weather permitting. Rides \$2pp. Kids under 5 ride free with paying adult. Eftpos available. Covered shoes required. There is a permanent exhibition of model railways in the old bowling club alongside, open every weekend, 10am-12.30pm. Youngsters are encouraged to 'have a drive'. Gold coin donation. For updates: Cambridge Model Engineering Society Facebook. Secretarycmes@gmail.com, <https://www.cmes.org.nz>

Grow Food, Save Money: A Practical Seed Starting Workshop, Love Grow Eat, 207 King St, 10am-12.30pm. Designed to give you the confidence to grow healthy, productive seedlings at home: which vegetables to sow, how to choose seeds, containers, the right sowing depth, and much more. You'll sow seeds and take them home to continue growing. A small, hands-on workshop. Tickets \$65 from <https://grow-food-save-money-a-practical-seed-starting-workshop.lilregie.com/>

Winter Ribbon Day Series (3/3), Leamington Pony Club, Carlyle St, 10.30am. Ribbon Day and clear round show jumping. Ribbon points add up to grand champion. Food/coffee available. Show Jumping@1pm. Everybody welcome, no need to be a pony club member. Can solely do show jumping in PM. Entries to: Events.leamingtonpc@gmail.com Entries close: Ribbon Day 2 weeks prior to show date. SJ can be entered prior or on day. *Refunds only given for vet or Medical Certificates.

Monday 21 September

The King of Jazz Violin: A Tribute to Stephane Grappelli, Cambridge Town Hall, Victoria St, 6pm. A musical tribute to jazz violin legend, Stéphane Grappelli, featuring live performances and anecdotes from kiwi violinist Dr Joe Harrop, alongside local talent and guests incl. award-winning guitarist Hunter Davis. Tickets \$35 adult, \$30 concession/senior, \$10 U18 from <https://events.humanitix.com/the-king-of-jazz-violin-a-tribute-to-stephane-grappelli>

Friday 25 September

BYO e-Bike Tour, Takapoto Estate, 90 Finlay Rd, Maungatautari, 10am-12pm. Experience a guided e-Bike tour through the breath-taking Takapoto Estate and uncover the beauty beyond the equestrian areas. Includes tea/coffee and Volare scone for morning tea (wine tastings extra and optional at the end of the tour). Own e-Bike essential. Cost \$45 from <https://www.takapoto.co.nz/garden-tours-bookings/p/25-sept-2026>

Family Fun Nights, Perry Aquatic Centre, 23 Williamson St, 6.30pm-8.30pm. Every Friday. Swim and have fun on the inflatable all for \$7. Children under 10 years must be supervised by an adult. Age limit of 5 years plus for the inflatable. Ph 07 823 5115; email reception.CB@gowaipa.com, <https://www.gowaipa.com/perry-aquatic-centre-cambridge>

Live Music in the 1866 Lounge, The Clements Hotel, 68 Duke St, from 7pm. Featuring The Lounge Lizards (Swing, Jazz & Grooves). Underground cocktail lounge open from 5.30pm. Ph 07 974 9050. <https://clements.co.nz/whats-on/>

Friday 25 – Saturday 26 September

North Island Inter Provincial Rowing Regatta, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro, Fri 1pm-6pm; Sat 5am-6pm. Zones 4,5,6. Ph 07 827 4178, info@lakekarapiro.co.nz, <https://www.lakekarapiro.co.nz>

Saturday 26 September

Cambridge Farmers Market, Victoria Square, 8am-12pm.

Monthly Dutch Market, Bridges Church & Community Centre, 28 Duke St, 10am-1pm. All sorts of Dutch goodies, Gezzelgheid and more. Great coffee/tea with speculaasje, kroketten and Bitterballen, Poffertjes, cheese, herring, and the Dutch Shop. Cash sales. Check Facebook for updates.

Cambridge Trains Night Run, Leamington Domain, Wordsworth St, 4.30pm-8pm. Last night run before daylight savings starts. There will be glow sticks, flashing things, food trucks, coffee, ice cream. Follow on facebook- Cambridge Model Engineering Society to keep up to date with what's going on.

Comedy Night - Sex, Marriage and Other Disasters (R18), Tivoli Cinema, 32 Lake St, 7.30pm-9pm. Performing musical comedy as The Singing Hobbit, Katrina McGuinness combines a powerhouse voice, relational humour and the sort of brutally honest storytelling that can only come from a woman with enough life experience to know better — and enough optimism to do it anyway. A mix of Stand-Up Comedy, Cabaret and Musical Theatre that combines original songs, comedy, storytelling and one woman's spectacularly imperfect adventures through love, marriage, divorce, dating, parenting and menopause and everything nobody warned us would happen in between. Tickets \$20 from <https://events.humanitix.com/sex-marriage-and-other-disasters-tivoli-cinema-r18/tickets>

Saturday 26 September – Sunday 11 October

Seeds of Learning Holiday Hubs, 84 Moore St, sessions 10am-12pm. Lots of creating, exploring, experimenting and following those little sparks of curiosity. Cost \$50 per child. Session details: <https://seedsoflearningnz.wixsite.com/tutoring/project-hub>

Sunday 27 September

Karapiro Kayak Racing Club, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro, times TBC, Zones 4,5. Ph 07 827 4178, info@lakekarapiro.co.nz, <https://www.lakekarapiro.co.nz>

Annual Pirongia Craft Day, 661 Franklin St, Pirongia, 9am-3pm. What to Expect: 180-200+ stalls featuring: Handmade NZ crafts (jewellery, pottery, textiles, woodwork, art), Plants, produce, and homewares, Food vendors, Live entertainment (music, performances, street acts). Focus on NZ handmade and homegrown products only. No dogs are allowed. The whole village turns into a vibrant street market atmosphere. Email moonlightlady@xtra.co.nz

Dogs Day at The Sculpture Park, Waitakaruru Arboretum, 207 Scotsman Valley Rd, Tauwhare, 10am-5pm. Bring your dog along as you walk through the Park (last Sunday of every month). Have a coffee at the Roosting Ruru cafe. <https://www.sculpturepark.co.nz/>

Guided Sauna Session 90 minutes at Lake Karapiro, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, 5pm-6.30pm. Find space for relaxation and deep rest. You will be guided by aufgussmeister Emma. Alternating rounds in the sauna and contrast therapy in the cold lake. Tailored essential oils, herbal tea to finish. Bookings required, no walk-ins. \$36pp from <https://www.thesaunaproject.co.nz/cambridge>

Monday 28 – Wednesday 30 September

Adopt a Pony Holiday Fun, Pony Tales Riding School, 1/1715 Cambridge Rd, 1pm-4.30pm. Ideal for riders and those who: can ride independently, rise to the trot, can canter (or are ready to), tack up, groom a pony or just need to learn a few more skills, are preparing for or have NZPCA certificates. Designed to inspire confidence and correct riding. Activities include: grooming, saddling, riding, jumping, games, cross country, all with fun and friendship in a safe environment. Cost \$145 with school horse, \$125 bring your own pony/horse from <https://ponytalesriding.co.nz/school-holidays-2/>

Monday 28 September – Thursday 1 October

Pony Pals Holiday Program, Pony Tales Riding School, 1/1715 Cambridge Rd, 9am-12.30pm. Ideal for children over 5yrs who: know little about horses or ponies but want to start, have completed PONY TALES 5 week LEARN TO RIDE program, are a nervous rider and want to gain confidence, can ride, but have yet to canter. A fun way to introduce your child to horse riding and pony care. Come for one 1/2 day or all week. Cost \$145 per 1/2 day from <https://ponytalesriding.co.nz/mec-category/pony-pals-beginners-and-young-riders/>

Monday 28 September – Sunday 11 October

Kelly Club Hautapu Holiday Program (Ages 5-13yrs), Hautapu School, Hautapu Rd, options from 7.30am-6pm. Keep your kids busy with the widest range of all-inclusive, safe, active, challenging and chilled-out experiences, all in one space. Cost from \$40 1/2 day to \$280 full week. Details: https://kellyclub.co.nz/kelly_events/view/18295

EXPLORE - Behind the Gates at St Peter's School, 1716 Cambridge Rd, 10am. You have probably driven past the gates countless times. But how much do you know about what lies beyond them? Join a guided walk through the school's beautiful grounds and some of its original buildings, designed by architect Roy Alston Lippincott. It is a chance to look beyond the gates and discover the people, buildings and ideas behind a significant Cambridge landmark. Free to Friends of the Museum. Koha/donation appreciated from other guests. Book your place by email admin@cambridgemuseum.org.nz, <https://cambridgemuseum.org.nz/tour-behind-the-gates-at-st-peters-school/>

OCTOBER

Saturday 3 October

Cambridge Farmers Market, Victoria Square, 8am-12pm.

Watercolour – Light, Mood, Impact (R16+), The Sculpture Park, Waitakaruru Arboretum, 207 Scotsman Valley Rd, Tauwhare, 10.30am-3pm. Watercolour works by Martin Nečas are recognised for the way they convey fleeting moments from the environment. Martin will work alongside you to develop techniques allowing you to capture the beauty of light on different aspects of our environment. No experience necessary. Check website for details of materials. Tickets \$140-\$190 from <https://www.sculpturepark.co.nz/workshops>

Wine Tasting at the Cabana, Takapoto Estate, 90 Finlay Rd, Maungatautari, 11am-4pm. Three flights, from \$20pp, all tastings are redeemable with a three-bottle purchase. Available every Saturday, no bookings required. <https://www.takapoto.co.nz/event-calendar>

Saturday 3 – Sunday 4 October

Propstars Youth Training, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro, 11am-12pm and 2pm-3.30pm. Partial closure Zone 4. Ph 07 827 4178, info@lakekarapiro.co.nz, <https://www.lakekarapiro.co.nz>

Sunday 4 October

Miniature Trains, Leamington Domain, Wordsworth St, 9.30am-12.15pm. Trains run 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month weather permitting. Rides \$2pp. Kids under 5 ride free with paying adult. Eftpos available. Covered shoes required. There is a permanent exhibition of model railways in the old bowling club alongside, open every weekend, 10am-12.30pm. Youngsters are encouraged to 'have a drive'. Gold coin donation. For updates: Cambridge Model Engineering Society Facebook. Secretarycmes@gmail.com, <https://www.cmes.org.nz>

Empire Street Market, Empire St, 10am-2pm. First Sunday of the month. A vibrant artisan street market in the centre of town with over 35 stallholders - pottery, clothing, jewellery, handmade creations, original art, soaps, candles, beautiful body products, stained glass, leather belts, quality bric-a-brac, toys, knitted items, textile art and more. Live music and nice cafes nearby. Vendor applications: barbara@violette.co.nz

Cane & Horsehair Global Odyssey, Cambridge Town Hall, Victoria St, 3pm. Brings together five remarkable musicians from Australia and New Zealand for a concert of beautiful chamber music, spanning Mozart to the present day. From the lyrical lines of Mozart's Oboe Quartet to fresh voices like Salina Fisher and Lee Bradshaw, this programme celebrates the timeless conversation between oboe and strings. Tickets \$49.50 adult; \$44.50 senior; \$24.50 student; \$16.50 child from <https://orchestratedevents.flicket.co.nz/>

Monday 5 October

An Evening with David Sidwell, Cambridge Town Hall, Victoria St, 6pm. Join David Sidwell and a host of singers for an informal evening lecture in the Edwardian Room at Cambridge Town Hall. A relaxed and engaging evening, come along, take a seat, and enjoy a thought-provoking conversation. Free lecture. <https://www.cth.co.nz/events-calendar/>

Wednesday 7 October

Cambridge Cruise Night (Stragglers Rod & Custom), Main St - Victoria St, park up anytime from 5.30pm. Everyone's welcome to join in - bring your hot rod, classic, or daily driver, you don't need to be a Stragglers' member, just enjoy the fabulous cars parked along the street. First Wednesday of each month.

Wednesday 7 – Sunday 11 October

Megaland. Mystery Creek, 125 Mystery Creek Rd, daily 9am-5pm, Sunday 9am-4pm. NZ's largest inflatable obstacle course is coming in the October school holidays! Experience this epic 345-metre-long course with 43 challenging obstacles & 6 different mega-slides. Crawl through the tunnel of spikes(soft!), run through the giant wave, over the beach balls and more. An all-ages indoor event. No door sales. Tickets \$28.04 adults, \$23.91 child (3-12yrs) from <https://www.universe.com/events/megaland-mystery-creek-hamilton-october-7th-11th-2026-tickets-M1Y3ZN>

Friday 9 October

Family Fun Nights, Perry Aquatic Centre, 23 Williamson St, 6.30pm-8.30pm. Every Friday. Swim and have fun on the inflatable all for \$7. Children under 10 years must be supervised by an adult. Age limit of 5 years plus for the inflatable. Ph 07 823 5115; email reception.CB@gowaipa.com, <https://www.gowaipa.com/perry-aquatic-centre-cambridge>

Saturday 10 October

Cambridge Farmers Market, Victoria Square, 8am-12pm.

Wine Tasting at the Cabana, Takapoto Estate, 90 Finlay Rd, Maungatautari, 11am-4pm. Three flights, from \$20pp, all tastings are redeemable with a three-bottle purchase. Available every Saturday, no bookings required. <https://www.takapoto.co.nz/event-calendar>

Saturday 10 – Sunday 11 October

Seeds of Renewal Event, The Sculpture Park, Waitakaruru Arboretum, 207 Scotsman Valley Rd, Tauwhare, 10am-5pm. Family activities, motivating and inspirational speakers, creative workshops and loads of fun. Speakers: John Innes – Bird behaviours and pest control; Megan Balks – Soil formation and landscape patterns; David Pattemore – Bats, Lizards, Geckos and our ecosystem health; Rod Barnett and Jacqueline Margetts – Using “place” to drive design. Workshops: Gaby Klapka – Flax treatment and weaving workshop; Michael Heiler – Seed sowing and seedlings. Our activities will include making Weta boxes, Ruru boxes, seed balls and rat traps. Plus, there will be fun children's activities available both days of the weekend. Book tickets \$20 adults, \$15 seniors, \$40 Family Pass (2A/2C), \$75 Two Day Pass from [https://thesculptureparkatwaitakaruruarboretummartinnaturearboretumtrust.as.me/schedule/b742142c/?categories\[\]=Seeds%20of%20Renewal%20Event](https://thesculptureparkatwaitakaruruarboretummartinnaturearboretumtrust.as.me/schedule/b742142c/?categories[]=Seeds%20of%20Renewal%20Event)

Sunday 11 October

Cambridge Market - Trash'n'Treasure, Memorial Park (The Rugby Grounds), 62 Taylor St, 8.30am-1pm. A variety of products at bargain prices. New and old goods for sale, buskers, entertainment, and a food court. Every second Sunday of the month. For stall bookings contact: cambridge@lionsclubs.org.nz (priced from \$20). <https://www.cambridgemarket.nz/>

Cambridge Repair Café, Cambridge Brass Bandroom, 26 Vogel St, 10am-12pm. Bring something to repair, or tools and skills to share! Items must be portable (no appliances!), and you must stay with your item. cambridgerepaircollective@gmail.com

Moonlight Market: Afternoon Edition, Cambridge Town Hall, Victoria St, 3pm. We're bringing an extra Moonlight Market and taking it to the weekend. With a beverage from our bar, browse the collection of pre-loved clothing and accessories from our stall holders turning their closets into cash. Shoppers are encouraged to bring cash on the night. Free entry. <https://www.cth.co.nz/events-calendar/>

Friday 16 October

Walking Tour, Takapoto Estate, 90 Finlay Rd, Maungatautari, 10am-1pm. Experience a guided tour through the breath-taking Takapoto Estate and uncover the beauty beyond the equestrian areas. Includes tea/coffee and scone for morning tea (wine tastings extra and optional at the end of the tour). Cost \$45 from <https://www.takapoto.co.nz/garden-tours-bookings/p/16-oct-2026>

Meet Eat Repeat, Bridges Church & Community Centre, 28 Duke St, rolling dinner from 5.30pm. FREE event third Friday of every month. Koha accepted. Enjoy a meal together with your friends and whanau. If you need a lift: Cambridge Community House Ph 07 827 5402. Contact: Ruth, Ph 027 2021 191. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/701586107309320/>

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Silverclay Earrings Workshop with Marcia (16+), The Sculpture Park, Waitakaruru Arboretum, 207 Scotsman Valley Rd, Tauwhare, 10.30am-4.30pm. Silverclay is an unusual creative material that gives unique results. You will make a beautiful pair of sterling silver earrings. Take inspiration from the environment or let Marcia guide your creativity as you experiment with textures and layers to create your bespoke piece of jewellery. Marcia will fire and polish your piece, and it will be ready approximately a fortnight after the workshop. Please see our website for more details. All Materials included. No experience necessary. Tickets \$195 from <https://www.sculpturepark.co.nz/workshops>

Cambridge Country Music Club, Cambridge Senior Citizens Association Hall, Milicich Place, 12.30pm-4.30pm. Entry \$5, afternoon tea provided. Third Saturday afternoon of each month. Contact Teresa Dodds, Ph 021 064 9152.

Dlight, TreeChurch & Gardens, 119 West Rd, Ohaupo, 7.30pm-10.30pm. Step into Dlight, a captivating multi-sensory journey bringing the living TreeChurch and Gardens to life after dark. Wander freely between four creative zones featuring live performances from Jeremy Mayall, Horomona Horo, the Kulios string quartet, poet Nadia, and Nathan King (Zed), all surrounded by immersive light installations. Delicious food and drink options from Hazel Hayes. Tickets \$75 from <https://feverup.com/m/745892>

Saturday 17 – Sunday 18 October

NZ Water Ski Racing Association Series 1 & 2, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro, 7am-6pm. Zones 3,4,5,6. Ph 07 827 4178, info@lakekarapiro.co.nz, <https://www.lakekarapiro.co.nz>

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Colour Cambridge, Memorial Park, Victoria St, 10am-1.30pm. IT'S BACK! With all the colour and all of the crazy fun - Colour Cambridge, the annual Kids in Need fundraising fun run. Tickets are limited, so grab your workmates, your family and the kids to run, walk, dance, dodge, and generally make a colourful spectacle of yourself - all for a great cause. Food trucks, entertainment, spot prizes. Tickets \$31.20 (16+); \$15.75 (6-15yrs); \$10.60 (under 6); \$83.60 Family Pass (2A/2C) from <https://www.colourcambridge.co.nz/>

Monday 19 October

Language Café, Cambridge Town Hall, Victoria St, 5pm. Put your Duolingo or language classes to the test and come along to Language Café. This will be a relaxed and friendly evening to practise your language skills, share your mother tongue, and have a good chat. No fluency required, all levels welcome. Register: <https://www.cth.co.nz/events-calendar/>

Beers & Boardgames, Cambridge Town Hall, Victoria St, 5pm. Call in after work at the Edwardian Room for Beers & Boardgames! Enjoy a drink, play some casual games, have a laugh with family, friends or colleagues or come on your own and join a table to meet new people. Free entry. Ph 07 827 3097, <https://www.cth.co.nz/events-calendar/>

Tuesday 20 October

International Jazz Pianist: Dan Costa, Cambridge Town Hall, Victoria St, 7pm-9pm. Pianist, composer and producer Dan Costa brings an evening of jazz and world music to Cambridge, drawing on modern jazz, world rhythms and rich musical storytelling. Tickets \$35 GA, \$30 concession, \$10 U18 from <https://events.humanitix.com/international-jazz-pianist-dan-coster>

Friday 23 – Sunday 25

2026 Leamington Rugby Sports Club Fishing Competition, ending Sunday at LRSC, Carlyle St. Grab your mates, kids, family, anyone can take part. One ticket per rod! All fish handed in are auctioned off, proceeds going to Cambridge Community House. The adults section (13+) and kids section (U13) have their own categories for the heaviest: Snapper, Kingfish, Kahawai, and Gurnard. Anyone can enter for the heaviest crayfish, a mystery weight snapper, and best family photo. Amazing prizes to be won. Tickets \$45 each from:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/leamingtonfishingcompetition/>

Saturday 24 October

Cambridge Farmers Market, Victoria Square, 8am-12pm.

Wine Tasting at the Cabana, Takapoto Estate, 90 Finlay Rd, Maungatautari, 11am-4pm. Three flights, from \$20pp, all tastings are redeemable with a three-bottle purchase. Available every Saturday, no bookings required. <https://www.takapoto.co.nz/event-calendar>

Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 October

Team Nationals & Individual Finals, Mystery Creek, 125 Mystery Creek Rd. The NZ Nationals consists of two Fitness competitions. The two events, a 6-person team competition and an individual competition, unite fitness enthusiasts, competitive athletes, and the wider fitness communities. The event welcomes 250 teams to compete in one of five divisions: Elite, Rx, Scaled and Masters (35-45 and 46+). Spectator tickets from

<https://findingthefittest.com/team2026>

Kaipaki School 150th Sesquicentennial Celebration. Saturday – Welcome Day, 687 Kaipaki Rd, 10am-3pm. Warmly invite past/present students, staff, whanau, families, and community to celebrate Kaipaki School. Schedule: Opening/Mihi whakatau; Speeches; Sharing of kai; Opening of the time capsule; Anniversary cake cutting; Decade group photos; Classrooms open for visits; Historical photo displays. Special Activities: Bus ride to the original school site at Rivermonte Park; Horse and carriage rides. Sunday – Picnic Day – activities, food trucks, music, and games. 150th merchandise available to purchase. Queries:

kaipaki150thchair@kaipaki.school.nz Follow Facebook page for updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/18f2Cetjyz/> *Please register your interest in attending: <http://events.humanitix.com/kaipaki-school-welcome-day/tickets>

Sunday 25 October

Dogs Day at The Sculpture Park, Waitakaruru Arboretum, 207 Scotsman Valley Rd, Tauwhare, 10am-5pm. Bring your dog along as you walk through the Park (last Sunday of every month). Have a coffee at the Roosting Ruru cafe. <https://www.sculpturepark.co.nz/>

Monday 26 October – Labour Day

St Andrew's Craft Fair, St Andrew's Church grounds, 85 Hamilton Rd, 9am-2pm. Celebrating its 30th year – 1996-2026. Cambridge Brass Band will be giving a concert in Church.

Enquiries email grannydunn.nz@gmail.com

Friday 30 October – Sunday 1 November

NZ Tiny House Expo, Mystery Creek, 125 Mystery Creek Rd, Fri/Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 9am-4pm. How to make tiny house living work for you. Get practical advice, and real options.

Tickets \$23 adult (18+), \$5 child (6-17yrs) from

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/tinyhouseexpo/2045923>

Showjumping Waikato World Cup, Takapoto Estate, 90 Finlay Rd, Maungatautari. Spectating free. For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Showjumping-Waikato/100064600093171/>

Friday 30 October – Sunday 1 November

Watercolour Workshop with Pete James, The Painting Place, 51 Thornton Rd, Fri 5.30pm-8pm, Sat 9.30am-4pm, Sun 9.30am-4pm. Each section of the workshop produces a demonstration painting, participants copy using the approach and tools taught in each session. Full notes are provided. It is anticipated artists will have some experience of watercolour painting. Participants will provide their own materials, (a list of suggested materials and supports will be provided prior). Cost \$200pp. Register at <https://www.cambridgeartsociety.co.nz/pete-james-watercolour-workshop/>

Saturday 31 October

Cambridge Farmers Market, Victoria Square, 8am-12pm.

Clive Steenson Memorial Rowing Regatta, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro, 6.30am-5.30pm. Zones 4,5,6. Ph 07 827 4178, info@lakekarapiro.co.nz, <https://www.lakekarapiro.co.nz>

BYO e-Bike Tour, Takapoto Estate, 90 Finlay Rd, Maungatautari, 10am-12pm. Experience a guided e-Bike tour through the breath-taking Takapoto Estate and uncover the beauty beyond the equestrian areas. Includes tea/coffee and scone for morning tea (wine tastings extra and optional at the end of the tour). Own e-Bike essential. Cost \$45 from <https://www.takapoto.co.nz/garden-tours-bookings/p/31-oct-2026>

Monthly Dutch Market, Bridges Church & Community Centre, 28 Duke St, 10am-1pm. All sorts of Dutch goodies, Gezzelgheid and more. Great coffee/tea with speculaasje, kroketten and Bitterballen, Poffertjes, cheese, herring, and the Dutch Shop. Cash sales. Check Facebook for updates.

NOVEMBER

Sunday 1 November

Barkfest, Lake Te Koo Utu, Albert St, 10am-3pm. Delivering the ultimate doggy day out and bringing with it a whole lot of wagging tails, and big smiles. This free, family-friendly event celebrates the "everyday dog" and the special bond we share with our four-legged friends. Stalls, food, face painting, photo booths, master classes and the popular competitions and races. Free admission. <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2026/barkfest-cambridge/waikato>

Cabaret Show, Cambridge Oaks Lifestyle Village, 14 Terry Came Drive, 2pm-5pm. International performers Lisa Lorrell and Russell Dixon will take you on a musical journey filled with popular classics and fun. Featuring comedy, pop, musical theatre, country and even some opera. Afternoon tea provided. Raising funds for Riding for Disabled Cambridge. Tickets \$25. Contact Julie Price, Ph 027 4456 474, email nakibach@gmail.com

Friday 6 – Sunday 8 November

Bridge 2 Bridge. bridge@skirace.co.nz, <https://www.facebook.com/NZB2B/>

Saturday 7 November

Wine Tasting at the Cabana, Takapoto Estate, 90 Finlay Rd, Maungatautari, 11am-4pm. Three flights, from \$20pp, all tastings are redeemable with a three-bottle purchase. Available every Saturday, no bookings required. <https://www.takapoto.co.nz/event-calendar>

www.cambridge.co.nz

Saturday 7 – Sunday 8 November

Armistice in Cambridge. It's coming back! Celebrating New Zealand's military heritage. armisticeincambridge@gmail.com, <https://www.armisticeincambridge.org.nz>

Te Wananga O Aotearoa Waka Ama, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro, 6.30am-5.30pm. Zones 4,5. Ph 07 827 4178, info@lakekarapiro.co.nz, <https://www.lakekarapiro.co.nz>

Sika Show, Mystery Creek, 125 Mystery Creek Rd. Discover the best of hunting and the outdoors at the Sika Show, New Zealand's premier annual outdoor event for hunters and outdoor enthusiasts. From hunting, 4x4ing and camping to fishing, archery, conservation, game food, photography and more, it is a celebration of New Zealand's big game species and outdoor lifestyle, with show-only specials and bargains you will not want to miss. Tickets from <https://www.sikashow.co.nz/>

Monday 9 November

Beers, Boardgames & Bubbles Singles Night, Cambridge Town Hall, 7pm-9pm. A relaxed and casual evening of games and drinks for singles looking to meet new people. No pressure, just good fun and maybe, just maybe, a little spark. All singles over 18 welcome. Tickets \$5 from <https://events.humanitix.com/beers-boardgames-and-bubbles-singles-night/tickets>

Friday 13 November

Walking Tour, Takapoto Estate, 90 Finlay Rd, Maungatautari, 10am-1pm. Experience a guided tour through the breath-taking Takapoto Estate and uncover the beauty beyond the equestrian areas. Includes tea/coffee and scone for morning tea (wine tastings extra and optional at the end of the tour). Cost \$45 from <https://www.takapoto.co.nz/garden-tours-bookings/p/13-nov-2026>

Jason Kerrison: Live at Cambridge Town Hall, Victoria St, 7pm-9pm. Jason Kerrison, frontman of multi-platinum band Opshop, is one of NZ's most recognised singer-songwriters. A two-time APRA Silver Scroll nominee and 2008 winner for song 'One Day'. A Member of the NZ Order of Merit and now a Cambridge local, this is a genuinely special evening. Tickets GA \$40 from <https://events.humanitix.com/jason-kerrison-at-cambridge-town-hall/tickets>

Friday 13 – Sunday 15 November

KRI Memorial Rowing Regatta, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro, Fri 10am-5pm, Sat/Sun 5am-6pm. Zones 4,5,6 Fri, 3,4,5,6 Sat/Sun. Ph 07 827 4178, info@lakekarapiro.co.nz, <https://www.lakekarapiro.co.nz>

Spring Cups World Cup (Qualifier), Takapoto Estate, 90 Finlay Rd, Maungatautari. Schedule and start time TBC. Spectating free.

Saturday 14 - Sunday 15 November

2026 Rotary Cambridge Garden Festival. Discover 17 stunning gardens across Cambridge and the surrounding district. Wander at your own pace, enjoying a day or weekend of garden inspiration. Saturday/Sunday tickets each include entry to 9 gardens, while a Weekend Ticket lets you experience all 17. Tickets: Sat/Sun \$69; Weekend \$99 from <https://www.cgf.nz/> or instore at Amber Garden Centre, 7 Peake Rd.

Sunday 15 November

Waikato Vintage Swap Meet, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro. Ph 07 827 4178, info@lakekarapiro.co.nz, <https://www.lakekarapiro.co.nz>

Sunday 15 – Friday 20 November

Learn Traditional Reiki with Frank Arjava Petter, Clements Hotel, 98 Duke St, 10am-6pm daily. Learn traditional Shoden & Okuden Reiki (Level 1 & 2) with Frank, international author, researcher and Reiki Teacher. Learn the original, simple, beautiful, traditional Reiki as taught by the Japanese founder, Mikao Usui Sensei. Class numbers are limited. For more information and to book <https://www.reikihealth.co.nz/classes/>

Saturday 21 November

Wine Tasting at the Cabana, Takapoto Estate, 90 Finlay Rd, Maungatautari, 11am-4pm. Three flights, from \$20pp, all tastings are redeemable with a three-bottle purchase. Available every Saturday, no bookings required. <https://www.takapoto.co.nz/event-calendar>

Cambridge Country Music Club, Cambridge Senior Citizens Association Hall, Milicich Place, 12.30pm-4.30pm. Entry \$5, afternoon tea provided. Third Saturday afternoon of each month. Contact Teresa Dodds, Ph 021 064 9152.

Sunday 22 November

Stragglers Charity Car Display 2026 – Save the date, Don Rowlands Centre, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, 9am-2pm. Food trucks, entertainment and of course an epic range of classic cars.

Friday 27 November

Rick Price LIVE at Cambridge Town Hall, Victoria St, 7.30pm. Best known for his unmistakable voice and deeply heartfelt songwriting, Rick Price first rose to international prominence in the early '90s, with "Heaven Knows" becoming a global hit and "Not a Day Goes By" cementing his place as one of Australia's most beloved artists. Rick moved to Nashville - immersing himself in one of the world's great songwriting cities and deepening his craft. Tickets from \$25 U18 from <https://humanitix.com/nz>

Friday 27 – Sunday 29 November

KRI Club Rowing Regatta, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro, Fri 10am-5pm, Sat/Sun 5am-6pm. Zones 4,5,6 Fri; 3,4,5,6 Sat/Sun. Ph 07 827 4178, info@lakekarapiro.co.nz, <https://www.lakekarapiro.co.nz>

Saturday 28 November

Wine Tasting at the Cabana, Takapoto Estate, 90 Finlay Rd, Maungatautari, 11am-4pm. Three flights, from \$20pp, all tastings are redeemable with a three-bottle purchase. Available every Saturday, no bookings required. <https://www.takapoto.co.nz/event-calendar>

National Band of New Zealand, St Peter's Cambridge, 1716 Cambridge Rd, 7.30pm-9.30pm. One of the world's finest brass bands unites leading brass and percussion musicians from across Aotearoa. Under the much-acclaimed musical direction of David Bremner (NZ Symphony Orchestra), the band delivers performances of outstanding musical excellence. Tickets adult \$44.30, concession/child \$34.05, group of 10+ \$39.18pp from <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2026/national-band-of-new-zealand/waikato/tickets>

DECEMBER

Saturday 5 December

Wine Tasting at the Cabana, Takapoto Estate, 90 Finlay Rd, Maungatautari, 11am-4pm. Three flights, from \$20pp, all tastings are redeemable with a three-bottle purchase. Available every Saturday, no bookings required. <https://www.takapoto.co.nz/event-calendar>

Saturday 5 – Sunday 6 December

Te Puku O Te Ika Waka Ama, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro, Sat 7am-4pm, Sun 7am-6pm. Zones 3,4. Ph 07 827 4178, info@lakekarapiro.co.nz, <https://www.lakekarapiro.co.nz>

Sunday 6 December

Cambridge / Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon, St Peter's Cambridge, 1716 Cambridge Rd, 7am-1pm. Open to Kiwi kids aged 6-15 years, the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is a fun and rewarding day out for everyone. Kids of all sporting abilities swim, cycle, and run their way around age-appropriate courses, either as an individual or as a team of two. Entry \$60-\$75pp. Entries are OPEN at <https://tryathlon.co.nz/locations/cambridge/>

Cambridge Christmas Parade, Mainstreet - Victoria St, 2pm. Theme: A Retro Christmas. Details to follow. Email vicki@ewing.co.nz

Sunday 6 – Monday 7 December

C2 Grand Prix & International, Grassroots Trust Velodrome, 15 Hanlin Rd. <https://www.velodrome.nz/events/>

Thursday 10 – Sunday 13 December

KRI Christmas Rowing Regatta, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro, Thurs 10am-5pm, Fri/Sat/Sun 5am-6pm. Zones 4,5,6 Thurs; 3,4,5,6 Fri-Sun. Ph 07 827 4178, info@lakekarapiro.co.nz, <https://www.lakekarapiro.co.nz>

Saturday 12 December

Wine Tasting at the Cabana, Takapoto Estate, 90 Finlay Rd, Maungatautari, 11am-4pm. Three flights, from \$20pp, all tastings are redeemable with a three-bottle purchase. Available every Saturday, no bookings required. <https://www.takapoto.co.nz/event-calendar>

Saturday 19 December

Wine Tasting at the Cabana, Takapoto Estate, 90 Finlay Rd, Maungatautari, 11am-4pm. Three flights, from \$20pp, all tastings are redeemable with a three-bottle purchase. Available every Saturday, no bookings required. <https://www.takapoto.co.nz/event-calendar>

Cambridge Country Music Club, Cambridge Senior Citizens Association Hall, Milicich Place, 12.30pm-4.30pm. Entry \$5, afternoon tea provided. Third Saturday afternoon of each month. Contact Teresa Dodds, Ph 021 064 9152.

Wednesday 30 – Thursday 31 December

Scout Jamboree, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro. Boat ramp open. Partial closure Zones 4,5. Ph 07 827 4178, info@lakekarapiro.co.nz, <https://www.lakekarapiro.co.nz>

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JANUARY

Saturday 2 – Sunday 3 January

Scout Jamboree, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro. Boat ramp open. Partial closure Zones 4,5. Ph 07 827 4178, info@lakekarapiro.co.nz, <https://www.lakekarapiro.co.nz>

Tuesday 5 – Wednesday 6 January

Scout Jamboree, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro. Boat ramp open. Partial closure Zones 4,5. Ph 07 827 4178, info@lakekarapiro.co.nz, <https://www.lakekarapiro.co.nz>

Thursday 14 – Saturday 23 January

Nga Kaihoe O Aotearoa – Waka Ama NZ, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro, 6.30am-8pm. Zones 3,4,5. Ph 07 827 4178, info@lakekarapiro.co.nz, <https://www.lakekarapiro.co.nz>

Thursday 28 – Sunday 31 January

North Island Rowing Championships, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro, Thurs 8am-5pm, Fri-Sun 5am-6pm. Zones 4,5,6 Thurs; 3,4,5,6 Fri-Sun. Ph 07 827 4178, info@lakekarapiro.co.nz, <https://www.lakekarapiro.co.nz>

Friday 29 January – Monday 1 February

Festival One, Hartford Farm, 209 Whitehall Rd, Karapiro, Featuring Hulvey, with more artists to be announced. Festival One is a four-day festival experience. Experience 65+ artists across five stages, surrounded by rolling hills, native bush, and a thriving community. Festival One is where music, faith, creativity, and community come together to create an unforgettable experience for people of all ages. Tickets: Full weekend passes \$85 - \$210 (including general parking and camping) from <https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2027/jan/festival-one>

FEBRUARY

Friday 5 – Sunday 7 February

NZGP Hydroplanes Drivers Club, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro. Zones 3,4,5,6. Ph 07 827 4178, info@lakekarapiro.co.nz, <https://www.lakekarapiro.co.nz>

Friday 12 – Sunday 14 February

College Sport Auckland & Junior Rowing Regatta, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro, Fri 10am-5pm, Sat/Sun 5am-6pm. Zones 4,5,6 Fri; 3,4,5,6 Sat/Sun. Ph 07 827 4178, info@lakekarapiro.co.nz, <https://www.lakekarapiro.co.nz>

NZ Beach Volleyball Tour, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro. No closure. Ph 07 827 4178, info@lakekarapiro.co.nz, <https://www.lakekarapiro.co.nz>

Sunday 21 – Thursday 25 February

Rowing NZ Elite & U23 Trials, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro, 7am-12pm, 1pm-5pm (12pm last day). Zones 4,5,6. Ph 07 827 4178, info@lakekarapiro.co.nz, <https://www.lakekarapiro.co.nz>

Tuesday 23 – Sunday 28 February

Takapoto Classic – Summer Showjumping, Takapoto Estate, 91 Finlay Rd, Maungatautari. Save the dates...

Thursday 25 – Sunday 28 February

NI Secondary Schools Rowing Regatta, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro, Thurs 10am-5pm, Fri-Sun 5am-6pm. Zones 4,5,6 Thurs; 3,4,5,6 Fri-Sun. Ph 07 827 4178, info@lakekarapiro.co.nz, <https://www.lakekarapiro.co.nz>

Friday 26 – Sunday 28 February 2027

Summernats NZ, Mystery Creek Events Centre, Gate 2, 125 Mystery Creek Rd, 11am-5pm. AEROFLOW SUMMERNATS NZ 2027 - the world's wildest car festival debuts in NZ! Lock it in and start planning the best automotive event of the year! Three huge days of burnouts, show cars, cruising, music, camping, drag racing and more! Entries and tickets on sale soon: <https://www.summernatsnz.com>

Tuesday 23 – Sunday 28 February 2027

Takapoto Classic, 90 Finlay Rd, Maungatautari. Save the date!

MARCH

Wednesday 3 March – Tuesday 9 March 2027

2027 Track National Championships, Grassroots Trust Velodrome. NZ's premier national track cycling event. For all ages, from U15 riders through to all Masters grades. Olympic medalists, World Championship riders and World Cup riders will be lining up against emerging future champions. Free entry for spectators. Entries open November 2026. Check the programme and start planning: <https://www.cyclingnewzealand.nz/track-national-championships/>

Friday 12 March – 21 March 2027

Cambridge Autumn Festival, A variety of Cambridge venues. A 10-day celebration of the arts, creativity, and community in beautiful Cambridge during Autumn. Come and enjoy the wonderful range of events - concerts, dance, art exhibitions, workshops, the iconic Main Street Carnival, and Autumn Art Market Day, and more. There are a variety of events - from free events through to paid ticketed events. There's fun for all ages - see you there. Julie Epps, info@cambridgeautumnfestival.co.nz, <https://cambridgeautumnfestival.co.nz/>

APRIL

Saturday 17 April

Karapiro Marathon & Team Relay, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro, 7.30am-3.30pm. The picturesque settlement of Karāpiro is perfect for participants of all ages and fitness levels. Cambridge Real Estate 42.2km marathon run, Badges & Medals 21.1km half marathon run/walk, Good George 10.5km run/walk, The Hits 5km run/walk. Plus, the 42.2km Traffic Management NZ Marathon Team Relay offers an exhilarating way for participants to team up with friends, family, colleagues for a fun and challenging experience, with relay legs of 4km, 6.5km or 10.5km. <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2027/karapiro-marathon-team-relay/cambridge>

MAY

Friday 14 May – Sunday 16 May

Waipa Home & Leisure Show, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro, 10am. For all enquiries contact janine@goodlocal.nz, Ph 027 287 0005.