what's on in Cambridge

November 2026#4

Cambridge Christmas Parade – Sunday 6 December, Mainstreet - Victoria St, 2pm. Theme: A Retro Christmas. Join in the fun! Business entries $40; free for Community Groups, pre-schools, and schools. Email vicki@ewing.co.nz for more details. Link to Entry Form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfyb6jf7MAem2loe5E5GA3NkVF2cHOWtOhEW3o80t7SgKoyow/viewform?usp=header

Until Wednesday 23 December
Christmas in Cambridge – Be in to Win! Over $5,000 in prizes – 10 chances to win, 2 winners drawn each week. Every purchase at participating Cambridge businesses puts you in the draw to win one of ten prize packages and helps support amazing local shops and eateries. Buy Local, Shop Local, Support Local. Visit https://www.facebook.com/TLCambridge/

Friday 20, Saturday 21, Sunday 22 November
Mahons Amusements "Cambridge Pop Up Carnival", Cambridge Raceway, 1 Taylor St, Fri 6pm-9.30pm; Sat 1pm-4.30pm & 6pm-9.30pm; Sun 1pm-4.30pm. Happy Hour Sat/Sun 1pm-2pm – pay for one ride, get the next ride FREE. Enjoy a weekend of carnival fun, thrills and laughs with favourites including the Golden Ferris Wheel, Hurricane, Dragon Wagon and more! One weekend only! Free entry – rides, games, sweet treats. Coupon packs ($68-$189) available on the day via EFTPOS or cash. Hours weather dependent – check Facebook page for up-to-date information. https://mahonsamusements.co.nz/cambridge-pop-up-carnival/

Saturday 21 November
Cambridge Farmers Market, Victoria Square, 8am-12pm.
https://www.waikatofarmersmarkets.co.nz/

Lake Karapiro Family Fishing Day, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro, 8am-4pm. Fishing can begin anytime on the 21st, with weigh-in starting at 2pm. The competition area includes all of Lake Karapiro. Karapiro Domain is the event hub and weigh-in location. Explore different parts of the lake, as fishing opportunities around Karapiro Domain itself are limited. Fishing licence and gear: A valid 2026/27 Fish & Game fishing licence is required to fish for trout or perch. All you need is a simple spin-fishing setup. Fish & Game staff will have a tent at Karapiro Domain from 9am to help participants set up their rods. For advice on suitable fishing gear, contact us, or visit your local Hunting & Fishing store. Weigh-in will begin at 2pm at Karapiro Domain, followed by a complimentary BBQ. Over $700 in prizes to be won (adult/junior/child), sponsored by Hunting and Fishing Cambridge and @huntingandfishingwaikato. Contact aucklandwaikato@fishandgame.org.nz. Register for free here: https://www.fishandgame.org.nz/freshwater-fishing-in-new-zealand/follow-the-fish/fishing-competitions-and-events/lake-karapiro-fishing-competition/

Cambridge Museum Event - Plans for the Matangi Factory, Bootleg Brewery, 452 Tauwhare Rd, 11am. Owner Harry Mowbray will share the fascinating history of the site, tracing its key milestones through to the present day. Hear about his vision for its future and see the progress already underway to develop it as a destination. Free to Friends of the Museum, Koha/donation appreciated from other guests. RSVP by 16 November, Ph 07 827 3319, admin@cambridgemuseum.org.nz, https://cambridgemuseum.org.nz/

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.

LoveitChopit Card Making Workshop, Queen of Scraps, 36 Seachange Dr, Leamington, 1pm-3.30pm. Learn tips and tricks to use your beautiful paper. This is a monthly workshop. You will receive paper/cardstock to make 6 cards. Bring basic kit (trimmer, scissors, adhesives). Some experience using a trimmer/basic stamping beneficial. Contact me if unsure: Ph 021 101 2192. Or come to a Beginners Class or Casual Crafting to cover these techniques. Cost $30, booking essential: https://www.facebook.com/queenofscraps/

Sessions on the Terrace – Johnny O'Byrne, The Clements Hotel, 68 Duke St, 2pm-5pm. Settle in for an afternoon of live music, good company, delicious food and handcrafted drinks in a relaxed garden setting, every Saturday afternoon. https://clements.co.nz/whats-on/

Saturday 21 – Sunday 22 November
John & Raewyn Muir Tribute Triple Show Weekend – Waikato Canine Obedience Club, Mckinnon Park, 101 Taylor St, 9am-3pm. Saturday - two Championship Obedience & Rally-O shows, Sunday - Championship Obedience & Rally-O show. Also, CD Trial, Rally-O Encore, Elementary and Intro 1 New Handler classes. Sweetbeans Coffee Cart and Food Caravan on site. Camping available — $10 per night, Saturday night dinner. https://showsec.co.nz/

Resthaven Village Talent Expo, Resthaven Community Centre, 2 Vogel St, 10am-4pm. Visit and enjoy the varied talents, crafts and artwork of residents. Watch crafts folk at work. See the model train run on the hour. Buy handcrafted gifts for Christmas presents or treat yourself. EFTPOS available. Enjoy morning or afternoon tea. Gold coin entry.

Saturday 21 November – Saturday 5 December
Santa & The Jungle Chest, Gaslight Theatre, 8 Alpha St, various dates 7pm-9pm; matinees Sat 21/Sun 22, Sat 28/Sun 29 and Sat 5 Dec 2pm-4pm. Disaster strikes on Christmas Eve when Santa's sack, packed full of presents, falls from his sleigh over the African jungle! Santa and the Chief Elf set off on a frantic search, but will they find the missing sack in time to deliver the presents and save Christmas? Tickets $30 from https://gaslight.nz/

Sunday 22 November
Stragglers Charity Custom & Classic Car Display 2026, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro, 9am-2pm. Food trucks, live music, entertainment and of course an epic range of classic cars. Entry by gold coin donation with all proceeds going to local children's charities.

Escort Car Club Display at Stragglers Charity Custom & Classic Car Display, Mighty River Domain, Lake Karapiro, 9am-2pm. Join the Escort Car Display at this great event. For those wanting to join and enter together - meet in the carpark at Cambridge Junior Rugby, Victoria Street, around 8am. Coming from Auckland - meet up at Z Bombay to leave around 6.15am.

NZTR at National Thoroughbred Week, St Peter's School, 1716 Cambridge Rd, 10am-2pm. A free, family-friendly community event, to get up close to the Thoroughbred and learn more about the horses, people and skills behind NZ's racing and equestrian industries. A fun and interactive day, combining live demonstrations and educational experiences. A racing horse simulator lets visitors feel what it is like to ride a racehorse. For younger visitors: activities, games, competitions, and giveaways. Food trucks and refreshments, demonstrations, meet horses and riders. Hosted by Love Racing, entry is FREE but must register: https://thoroughbredweek.com.au/locations/new-zealand-thoroughbred-racing/

The Big Christmas Sew! Taylor Made Community Space, 10am-4pm. Join for a sustainable sewing workshop. Perfect for beginners and experienced sewers aged 16 years+. If you're new to sewing, spend the first 1.5hrs learning the basics. The remainder of the session create Christmas decorations, gifts, and/or keepsakes from the pre-loved textiles or unwanted clothing you've brought along to use for your projects! A team of experts will be available to guide and support you at your pace. Lunch included. Cost $35pp from https://sipsewworkshopsnz.as.me/schedule/35c2f687/?appointmentTypeIds[]=99964701

Thursday 26 November
Tamahere Lions Quality Pre-Loved Clothing & Craft Market, Gails of Tamahere, 28 Devine Rd, 6pm-8pm. A thrifty night out full of pre-loved treasures, a fully licensed bar, and unique handmade crafts from local artists. Fundraiser to support DFS Hamilton - Dress for Success.

Cambridge Late Night Shopping – James Gray Kindergarten, 6pm-9pm. Shop local, support local. Exclusive offers throughout the night with your $10 event ticket: one-night-only discounts, ticket-holder exclusive specials, Christmas gift ideas, food and dining offers, in-store promotions. All proceeds support James Gray Kindergarten. $10 tickets available from jamesgray@kindergarten.org.nz, Ph 07 827 4714.

Friday 27 November
Rongoā rākau – an introduction to Māori herbal medicine, Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari, 99 Tari Rd, Pukeatua, 10.30am. Join one of our knowledgeable and engaging local rongoā practitioners on a gentle walk in the ngahere. Complimentary Sanctuary Explorer Day Pass included. Cost $65-$72 from https://www.sanctuarymountain.co.nz/experiences/

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

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

Friday 27 November – Saturday 12 December
Cambridge Christmas Festival, Cambridge Town Hall, Victoria St, 27 Nov – 5 Dec: 10am-8.30pm; 6 Dec – 12 Dec: 10am-5.30pm. Santa visiting 12pm-1pm on weekends. Celebrating 25 years - get into the Christmas spirit at the annual Christmas Festival featuring a Christmas Tree Display, Gift Shop, Tea Room and Choirs. Browse a wonderful selection of preserves and Christmas decorations perfect to fill the stockings. Relax in the cafe and enjoy live concerts. Free entry, koha accepted. Choir Timetable: https://www.cth.co.nz/events-calendar/

Saturday 28 November
Cambridge Farmers Market, Victoria Square, 8am-12pm.
https://www.waikatofarmersmarkets.co.nz/

Resonate: FREE Brass Band Masterclasses and Workshops, St Peter's Cambridge, 1716 Cambridge Rd, 9.30am-4pm. Join the National Band of NZ with masterclasses that will cover a broad range of topics. Explore instrumental performance, ensemble playing, conducting, music education, composition and arranging, band management and logistics, and more. Something for everyone. Come along, learn from the best, and be part of an inspiring day of community, education and a shared love of brass band music. REGISTER FOR FREE: https://form.jotform.com/262859080969879

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 Cambridge Dutch Market Facebook page for updates.

Creative Stitching – inspired by "Boro" (R16+), The Sculpture Park at Waitakaruru Arboretum, 207 Scotsman Valley Rd, Tauwhare, 10.30am-3pm. Experienced textile artist and tutor, Pip Steele shares knowledge and techniques inspired by this ancient Japanese practice. Using Sashiko (a traditional running stitch) try out a variety of techniques throughout the day. Bring along your own project or work on a stitched sampler. Use fabrics and threads provided or bring your own favourites. A relaxed day of creativity suitable for all levels. At the heart of the arboretum, the workshop space provides an inspirational and peaceful setting. Cost $130 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

Sessions on the Terrace – Scotty Stone, The Clements Hotel, 68 Duke St, 2pm-5pm. Settle in for an afternoon of live music, good company, delicious food and handcrafted drinks in a relaxed garden setting, every Saturday afternoon. https://clements.co.nz/whats-on/

Cambridge Comedy Club (R18), Tivoli Cinema, 32 Lake St, 7.30pm. Get ready for a night of sharp, filthy, laugh-out-loud stand-up comedy in one of Cambridge's best hidden gems, the Speakeasy Bar upstairs! Not for the faint-hearted. Tickets $25 online - $30 Door Sales (if still available): https://bumblebee-hyperboloid-dcz2.squarespace.com/shows/p/cambridge-comedy-club-tivoli-cinema

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

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/

Sunday 29 November
Sunday Run and Walk: Velodrome Wander, Grassroots Trust Velodrome, 15 Hanlin Rd, 8am. Hitting another section of the river path followed by refreshments at Clementines. https://www.hamiltonroadrunners.org.nz/

Resonate: Community Brass Band Showcase, St Peter's Cambridge, 1716 Cambridge Rd, 2pm-4.30pm. Celebrate the vibrant brass band community of Waikato and the Bay of Plenty as local ensembles take to the stage alongside the world-renowned National Band of NZ. The concert culminates in a powerful massed item, as the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Youth Band joins the National Band of NZ onstage, bringing together around 60 musicians to create a powerful, rich soundscape and provide a memorable finale to the Resonate festival weekend. Recommended koha: $10 Adults / $5 Children.

Kids Film Night – "Surf's Up", Good Union, 98 Victoria St, 5pm. Book a table and the kids can watch a movie and enjoy $5 bento boxes. T&Cs apply - $5 with every full paying adult. Bookings essential: https://www.goodunion.co.nz/book-now/

DECEMBER

Tuesday 1 December
Cacao, Psychedelics & Neuroplasticity: Ancient Rituals Meet Modern Science, Fill Good, 29A Victoria St, 6pm-8pm. Join Dr Corin Storkey (PhD Med Chem) for an immersive exploration of how 7,000-year-old Peruvian cacao traditions and shamanic practices intersect with cutting-edge neuroscience. This workshop bridges ancestral cosmovision with modern science, offering practical tools for deeper inner work, mental wellbeing, and conscious living. Get a free ceremonial cacao elixir. Tickets: $10-$30 from https://events.humanitix.com/cacao-psychedelics-and-neuroplasticity-ancient-rituals-meet-modern-science-cambridge/tickets

Tuesday 1 – Saturday 19 December
St Stephen's Tamahere Christmas Festival, 14 Tamahere Drive, 10am-4pm (closed Sundays). Saturday 5 Dec – Twilight Market 4pm-8pm; Sat 19 Dec – Tamahere Country Market 8.30am-1pm. The Shop and Cafe are open 1pm-4pm until 18 Dec. Programme at: https://www.ststephenstamahere.org.nz/christmas-festival/

Wednesday 2 December
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.

Wednesdays 2 & 16 Dec, 27 Jan, 2, 10, 17 & 24 Feb, 3 & 10 March
ZURU Night Glow 2027 Tickets Released for Saturday 13 March 2027. The magic's back at the University of Waikato for an unforgettable night of live entertainment, yummy kai, carnival rides, the choreographed balloon glow, and the SkyCity Fireworks Extravaganza! FREE tickets will be released across drops between November and March. Secure up to 8 FREE tickets per booking. Everyone aged 1 year and over must have a valid ticket, so grab yours when a release drops! https://balloonsoverwaikato.co.nz/this-years-festival/zuru-night-glow/

Thursday 3 December
Paintvine Watercolour and Wine Night – Christmas Cards, Good Union, 98 Victoria St, 7pm-9pm. Our artist guides you step-by-step through the watercolour process, so absolutely no art experience is needed. No drinks are included in the ticket price, but drinks are available for purchase. Tickets $45 from https://paintvine.co.nz/products/christmas-cards-03-12-2026-good-union-cambridge

Saturday 5 December
Cambridge Farmers Market, Victoria Square, 8am-12pm.
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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/

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

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Sunday 6 – Monday 7 December
C2 Grand Prix & International, Grassroots Trust Velodrome, 15 Hanlin Rd. https://www.velodrome.nz/events/

Wednesday 9 December
LoveitChopit Card Making Workshop, Queen of Scraps, 36 Seachange Drive, 1pm-3.30pm. Learn tips and tricks to use your beautiful, patterned paper instead of hoarding it! This is a monthly workshop. You will receive paper and cardstock to make at least 6 cards! Please bring basic kit (trimmer, scissors, adhesives). Make Christmas themed cards, or something multipurpose. Some experience using a trimmer and basic stamping preferred. Cost $30, booking essential, Ph 021 101 2192, https://www.facebook.com/queenofscraps/

Thursday 10 December
Beats By Bingo Xmas Special, Good Union, 98 Victoria St, 7pm-9pm. A night of musical bingo, singalong tunes, laughs and awesome prizes! Hosted by MC Dan. FREE TO PLAY! Grab your mates, pop on your Christmas sweaters and get ready for some festive fun! Bookings recommended. https://www.goodunion.co.nz/

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

Friday 11 December
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

Friday 11 & Saturday 12 December
Carols by Candlelight, Monavale Homestead Lawn, Capernwray, 3553 Cambridge Rd, gates open at 7:30pm for 8pm start. An exciting evening of Christmas carols, drama skits and readings. Bring a blanket/chair and a gold coin donation. The event concludes with a light supper. Please note: Capernwray is an alcohol-free event. https://www.capernwray.org.nz/events/

Saturday 12 December
Cambridge Farmers Market, Victoria Square, 8am-12pm. https://www.waikatofarmersmarkets.co.nz/

Cambridge Christmas Coffee and Donuts, Pickles Café, Cambridge TOP 10 Holiday Park, 32 Scott St, 9am-11am. Pickles café - inside the Top 10 is owned by Ride Holiday cycling legends Caron and Sean Steffert. Free donuts and coffee for anyone wearing lycra! (And Team Mac of course). Designed for you to drop in while out on your bike ride. If you have pink and blue then please wear it.

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Sunday 13 December
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

'Christmas Gems' Fun Family Paint Date, Cambridge Art House, 3165 Ohaupo Rd, 10am-12pm. Guided sessions suitable for all ages. Everything arty supplied. Tickets from $45; Adult & Child $72 from https://www.cambridgearthouse.com/event-details/christmas-gems-family-fun-paint-date

Wednesday 16 December
Late Night Shopping in Cambridge! Stores open until late…
https://www.lovecambridge.co.nz/totally-locally/

Friday 18 December
Christmas Polo, Cambridge Polo Club, Lamb St, Leamington, 2pm-9pm. The perfect spot for your family or works Christmas gathering. Get your mates ready for an afternoon of action. General Admission $20 (cash only on the gate on the day. Children 16 and under free). Boot Park $350 (x 10 general admission tickets, 4m wide field frontage. For booking/details email polocambridge@gmail.com)

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/

Friday 18 – Wednesday 23 December
Pre Xmas Holiday Program, Overdale Riding Centre, 1835 Cambridge Rd, Fri 9am-4pm; Sat 9am-12pm; Mon/Tues/Wed 9am-4pm. Drop the kids off for a fun-filled day with ponies, fresh air, new friends and plenty of holiday fun! Complete beginners welcome, for ages 8 years+. Helmets and boots supplied. Cost: $180 per full day; 9am-12 $100; 1pm-4pm $100. Bookings: email trudylyles@hotmail.com or message Facebook page. Ph 021 127 9361. Full payment is required at the time of booking.

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Sunday 20 December
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

Kiwi Christmas 'Fantail & Pohutukawa' Fun Family Paint Date, Cambridge Art House, 3165 Ohaupo Rd, 10am-12.30pm. Guided sessions suitable for all ages. Everything arty supplied. Tickets from $45; Adult & Child $72 from https://www.cambridgearthouse.com/event-details/kiwi-christmas-fantail-pohutukawa-family-fun-paint-date

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/

Wednesday 23 December
Twilight Festive Farmers Market, Victoria Square, 3pm-6pm.
https://www.waikatofarmersmarkets.co.nz/

Friday 25 December – Christmas Day
Christmas Day Lunch, Clements Hotel, 68 Duke St, sittings at 11am, 2pm, 5pm. Book now to celebrate the day with a festive buffet lunch. Cost $145pp. Ph 07 974 9050, https://clements.co.nz/whats-on/#christmas-day

Saturday 26 December – No Farmers' Market. https://www.waikatofarmersmarkets.co.nz/

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

Thursday 31 December 2026 – Friday 1 January 2027
See in the New Year at the Clements (R18), 1866 Speakeasy, 68 Duke St, 5pm-12.30am. Join for an evening of great music, bubbles, good company and countdown to midnight in true Clements style. Cost $50+BFpp – complimentary glass of bubbles on arrival, Live DJ throughout the evening. Gather your friends and dress up for a New Year's Eve celebration to remember. Tickets are limited and bookings are essential:
https://events.humanitix.com/new-years-at-the-clements

Thursday 31 December 2026 – Sun 3 January 2027
Kennel Association Open Shows, Cambridge Dog Obedience Club, McKinnon Park, Cnr Taylor St and Swayne Rd, 8.30am-2.30pm. Four days, six shows, one venue! Thurs – Cambridge Kennel Assoc Open Show; Fri – Cambridge Kennel Assoc Championship (Benefit) Show; Sat – Huntly & District Kennel Assoc – Two Open Shows; Sun – Hamilton Kennel Assoc – Two Open Shows. Entry fee: $10 per dog per show. Entries close 20 December 2026. Enter online through https://www.dogsnz.org.nz/

2027
JANUARY

Saturday 2 January
Cambridge Farmers Market, Victoria Square, 8am-12pm.
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Saturday 2 – Sunday 3 January
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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

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Saturday 9 January
Cambridge Farmers Market, Victoria Square, 8am-12pm.

Saturday 9 – Sunday 10 January
Cambridge Gypsy Fair, Cambridge Memorial Park, Victoria St, 9am-5pm. A nationwide travelling event, bringing an epic day out for the whanau - live music, fire & flow shows, an unbeatable vibe - and free entry for everyone. Come and hang out. Free entertainment all day, plenty of chill-out zones, and loads of life size games. Follow on Facebook - 'Gypsy Fair' to stay up to date on travels, house truck builds, and the craziness that comes with life on the road! gypsyfairnz@gmail.com

Health Southern Summit 2027, Union Hall, 43 Queen St, 9.30am-4pm. For: Practitioners, Instructors, Carers, Coaches, Healthcare Workers, Animal Therapists, Veterinarians, those interested in the healing arts. Learn and explore the possibilities around health for modern living and creating a future with greater choice and opportunity. The stage welcomes world-class international visionary teachers with heart-led balancing techniques for humans and our precious animals. An interactive event where you get to learn and practice skills that you can apply in your everyday life. Hosted by Priority Wellness, Registered Professional Kinesiologist and Lady Dean of Touch for Health International Kinesiology College - Colleen Ryan. Cost $249. Ph 021 1603 725; Email colleen@prioritywellness.co.nz

Tuesday 12 – Wednesday 13 January
2-Day Overnight Camp (10+), Overdale Riding Centre, 1835 Cambridge Rd, 9am-5pm. Two action-packed days of ponies, riding, learning, friendship and fun! Whether you're passionate about improving your riding, love jumping, or simply want to spend two unforgettable days with ponies, this camp is for you! Your own allocated horse/pony for both days. The fun doesn't stop when the riding finishes - slumber party in the Overdale lounge. Book your spot: email trudylyles@hotmail.com, Ph 021 127 9361.

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

Saturday 16 January
Cambridge Farmers Market, Victoria Square, 8am-12pm.

Monday 18 – Saturday 23 January
Summer Blast Camp 27 (ages 13-18), Great Kiwi Summer Festival, Capernwray Adventure Lodge, Lake Karapiro, Mon 5pm-Sat 10am. Dirt Bikes, Lake Adventures, Community. Included: all meals, accommodation, transport for them and their bike during camp, qualified leaders, all activities and programme costs. It's epic dirt bike riding plus lake activities, team challenges, daily reflections and heaps of fun. Open to experienced riders and first timers, the big focus is young people finding belonging, purpose and hope for their future. Fee: Early bird $480 ($520). Enquiries: 07 218 2113 or ethan@youthencounter.co.nz, register: https://www.youthencounter.co.nz/summer-blast/

Saturday 23 January
Cambridge Farmers Market, Victoria Square, 8am-12pm.

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

Saturday 30 January
Cambridge Farmers Market, Victoria Square, 8am-12pm.

Cambridge Summer Fiesta Pop-Up Market 2027, Cambridge Community Marae, main entrance Pope Terrace, Leamington, 10am-2pm. Check out the market stalls, food, entertainment, kids' activities, enjoy the community vibe and fun. Free entry to the public. Expressions of Interest: Email popupmarketeers@gmail.com.

Saturday 30 – Sunday 31 January
North Island 47th Annual Welsh Pony & Cob Show, Cambridge Lodge, 60 Hickey Rd, 9am-5pm. Classes planned for in-hand, ridden, long reining and carriage driving. northislandwelshshow@gmail.com

FEBRUARY

Monday 1 February – Anniversary Day
St Andrew's Craft Fair, 85 Hamilton Rd, 9am-2pm. Enquiries contact Ian Dunn, email grannydunn.nz@gmail.com

Wednesday 3 December
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.

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

Saturday 6 February
Chemical Guys Car Show 2027, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro, 9am-3pm. Join us during the HydroThunder round. Cars on the hill, boats on the water. Registrations open Monday 16 Nov. This year everyone needs to register their ride, and we're limiting the show to 300 cars. Registered entrants get: Discounted entry to the HydroThunder event on Saturday. Register here: https://shineguys.co.nz/pages/chemical-guys-car-show

Saturday 6 – Sunday 7 February
Lake Karapiro 2027 – Masport Cup – NZ Nationals – Lucas Oil Hydro Thunder – R2, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro, 9am-4pm. Get ready for an explosive weekend of horsepower, speed and championship racing. THREE HUGE EVENTS - ONE ACTION-PACKED WEEKEND! A massive celebration of NZ powerboat racing, featuring: ROUND 2 - LUCAS OIL HYDRO THUNDER NZ SERIES - NZ's fastest GP Hydroplanes go head-to-head, chasing valuable series points and bragging rights. TRADEZONE NZ POWERBOAT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP - The country's top powerboat racers battle for national honours across a range of classes. THE MASPORT CUP - One of the most prestigious trophies in NZ powerboat racing is up for grabs! THE CHEMICAL GUYS CAR SHOW - back for another year, the show runs from 9am-3pm on 6 February, for more information see the separate Facebook event. Follow Lucas Oil Hydro Thunder NZ on Facebook and Instagram for the latest event information, racing updates, etc. Ticket sales at the gate: Adults: 1 Day Pass $25; Adults: 2 Day Pass $45; Kids 12 and Under Free. https://gphydroplane.co.nz/

Saturday 13 February
Cambridge Farmers Market, Victoria Square, 8am-12pm.

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

Saturday 20 February
Cambridge Farmers Market, Victoria Square, 8am-12pm.

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. NZ's top riders and horses, a Trade Village, food and drink across the grounds, and fabulous hospitality options. Pre-sale on now until 15 January: Thurs 25 Feb – Farm to Table Dining Experience, $230pp; Fri 26 Feb – Golden Hour Disco, $150pp; Sat 27 Feb – Bubbles & Blooms Derby Lunch, $150pp; Sun 28 Feb – VIP Grand Prix Finals Lunch, from $250pp. The Classic builds through the week to Derby Day on Saturday and Grand Prix Finals Day on Sunday. Entry is free from Tuesday to Friday. Weekend General Admission $25 a day, children 12 and under free. Tickets: https://www.takapoto.co.nz/takapoto-classic-2027.html

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

Saturday 27 February
Cambridge Farmers Market, Victoria Square, 8am-12pm.

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 5 – Sunday 7 March
Canoe Racing Oceania, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro. Zones 4,5,6. 07 827 4178, info@lakekarapiro.co.nz, www.lakekarapiro.co.nz

Wednesday 10 – Thursday 11 March
Underground Festival, Te Miro, 9am-7pm. Soil – Food – Farming – Music. Talks, workshops, demonstrations, feasts, camping and live music. Paddock to plate food experiences, biological farming, soil health, mahinga kai, whole animal butchery, bush walks, floriculture and compost. Music by Albi & The Wolves, and more. Hosted at the home of Wholly Cow Butchery – a sheep and beef farm on the outskirts of Cambridge. Tickets from adult/one day $201.25 – adult/2-day $402.50, with family, plus bus and camping options available. For more information and to book: https://www.undergroundfestival.co.nz/

Friday 12 March – 21 March 2027
NZ Secondary Schools Rowing Regatta - Maadi, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro, 12-20 March 8am-5pm; 21st reserve day 5am-6pm. Zones 3,4,5,6. 07 827 4178, info@lakekarapiro.co.nz, www.lakekarapiro.co.nz, https://rowingnz.kiwi/event/maadi-regatta-3/

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/

Saturday 13 March
Cambridge Historic Homes Tour, A Fundraiser for Cambridge Museum (Cambridge Historical Society in Partnership with Cambridge Autumn Festival), 10am-4pm. For one day only, some of Cambridge's most intriguing and historic private homes will open their doors. With grand country residences and homes rich in character and history, there is a wonderful variety of architectural styles, settings and stories. From elegant period details to the personal touches, each property has something special to discover. Add on morning or afternoon tea ($30+BF). Book tickets $65+BF online: https://www.cambridgehistorichomestour.co.nz/

ZURU Night Glow 2027, University of Waikato. An unforgettable night of live entertainment, yummy kai, carnival rides, the choreographed balloon glow, and the SkyCity Fireworks Extravaganza! FREE tickets will be released across drops (27 Jan, 2, 10, 17 & 24 Feb, 3 & 10 March). Secure up to 8 FREE tickets per booking. Everyone aged 1 year and over must have a valid ticket, so grab yours when a release drops! https://balloonsoverwaikato.co.nz/this-years-festival/zuru-night-glow/

Thursday 18 – Sunday 21 March
Cambridge Autumn Festival Art Exhibition, 51 Thornton Rd. This one is ready for framing for the Autumn Festival Art Exhibition in March! Plenty of time to get your art dry if you start thinking about it now! CAFAE27 is 18-21 March 2027 in the Cambridge Townhall

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.

JUNE

Wednesday 16 – Saturday 19

Fieldays, Mystery Creek, 125 Mystery Creek Rd.

JULY

Friday 9 July – Saturday 10 July

Mid-Winter Feast 2027, The Shire's Rest Café, 501 Buckland Rd, Matamata. Warm up with a special feast in the Shire™. With a mulled beverage in hand, relax by the roaring fire inside The Green Dragon™ Inn before heading to the Party Marquee to enjoy a fully themed midwinter buffet dinner fit for a Hobbit™. An experience to tantalise the senses - the sights, smells, sounds and tastes of the Shire, at the home of the Hobbits, as featured in The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit Trilogies. Cost $330 adult, $264 youth (11-17yrs), $198 child (3-10yrs), free for infants (0-2yrs). https://www.hobbitontours.com/