

what's on

in Cambridge

March 2026#3

Until Saturday 12 April 2026

Exhibition: Translation (A Celebration of Asian Influence on the NZ Art Practice), The Sculpture Park at Waitakaruru Arboretum, 207 Scotsman Valley Rd, Tauwhare, 10am-5pm. Drawing artists from throughout NZ who have been inspired by Asian cultural practices.

<https://www.sculpturepark.co.nz/news/>

Saturday 14 March

Cambridge Farmers' Market, Victoria Square, 8am – 12pm.

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<https://www.velodrome.nz/pickleball/>

Sunday 15 March

Rotary Urban Miners – Waipa E-Waste Recyclers, Cambridge High School, Swayne Rd, 9am-11am. Bring your E-waste along to our next collection day. <https://www.urbanminers.nz/>

Miniature Trains, Leamington Domain, Wordsworth St, 9.30am-12.15pm. Cambridge 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. <https://www.cmes.org.nz>

There is a permanent exhibition of different model railways in the old bowling club alongside the 'Big Trains', open to the public every weekend from 10am-12.30pm. We encourage youngsters to 'have a drive'. Gold Coin Donation.

High Tea at the Sculpture Park, Waitakaruru Arboretum, 207 Scotsman Valley Rd, Tauwhare, 11am-12pm. This delightful event featuring a selection of delicate finger sandwiches, macarons and a selection of savoury treats is located at the artist shelter overlooking the pond. Sit and relax with your choice of Zealong tea or barista coffee. Tickets are limited \$65 per person from <https://www.sculpturepark.co.nz/events/high-tea>

The Terrace Serenade Sessions, Clements Hotel, Duke St, 2pm-5pm. Bringing live music to Sunday afternoons at The Clements Hotel. Designed for those who love good company, great food and an easy rhythm to end the weekend, these sessions pair talented local artists with seasonal plates and refreshing pours. <https://clements.co.nz/whats-on/>

www.cambridge.co.nz

Tuesday 17 March

St Patrick's Day at Stallions Cambridge, 75 Victoria St, 4pm. Make sure you spend the day right and come into Stallions Bar and Grill Cambridge for a pint of the good stuff. Live music duo with Johnny O'Byrne. Music playing from 4pm. <https://www.stallionsbarandeatery.com/>

Wednesday 18 March

Afternoon Cambridge Card Class by Star Stamping, Taylor Made Community Space, 22A Taylor St, 1.30pm-3.30pm. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced crafter, there will be something for you. Learn a new technique. Make two beautiful cards for \$25 or you can attend for free if you place a \$30 order on the day. <https://starstamping.com/>

Paint Date – Air Guitar, The Boundary Restaurant & Bar, 65 Devine Rd, Tamahere Village, 6.30pm-8.30pm. Channel your wildest rock dreams while we splash some paint about. Everything arty is supplied... you just rock up to the easel with your drinks & snacks from The Boundary's delicious menu, and have some FUN with Cambridge Art House. All ages & abilities are welcome... Cost \$49 <https://www.cambridgearthouse.com/adult-classes>

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Ash Grunwald at Cambridge Town Hall, 79 Queen St, 6.30pm-10pm. Australia's premier bluesman returns to NZ. Renowned for his electrifying live shows, Ash Grunwald brings a high-energy, vibrant live show with stacks of guitars and foot-stomping blues. Part troubadour, part storyteller. Tickets: Adult \$50+fee; Under 18 \$30+fee; Under 5 free. <https://events.humanitix.com/ash-grunwald-at-cambridge-town-hall>

Thursday 19 March

Harness Racing, Cambridge Raceway, 1 Taylor St, 5pm. Join us on course for a fantastic evening of racing with Hospitality Options available: <https://www.cambridgeraceway.co.nz/march-race-meetings/>

Friday 20 March

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, contact Community House Ph 07 827 5402. Contact: Ruth, Ph 027 2021 191 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/701586107309320/>

An Evening with Anna Hawkins, The Woolshed, Te Awa Lifecare Village, 7 Arikirua Lane, 7pm-9.30pm. A Cambridge Autumn Festival Event. Join Anna Hawkins for a colourful night of song. Soaring through musical landscapes of pop, folk and theatre the evening will feature favourites from her four albums as well as theatrical performances and tributes to some of her musical heroes. TICKETS: \$25 from Paper Plus Cambridge or online at <https://events.humanitix.com/an-evening-with-anna-hawkins>

Family Fun Nights, Perry Aquatic Centre, 23 Williamson St, 6.30pm-8.30pm. Family Fun Night every Friday. Come and swim and have fun on the inflatable all for just \$7. Children under 10 years must be supervised by an adult and there is an age limit of 5 years plus for the inflatable. <https://www.gowaipa.com/perry-aquatic-centre-cambridge>

Friday 20 - Sunday 22 March

Art Exhibition + Sale, Cambridge Town Hall, 9.30am-4.30pm. Well-known New Zealand Artists. This wonderful exhibition of NZ artists is brought to you by the Cambridge Art Society as part of the Cambridge Autumn Festival 2026. This is your opportunity to invest in quality pieces for your home. Entry: Koha. <https://www.cambridgeartsociety.co.nz/>

Her Luxe Travel, The Clements Hotel, Duke St. Your two-night extravagance begins with checking in at The Clements Hotel before a short walk to a rustic Italian welcome at Alpino. Discover hidden treasures in boutique shops, raise a glass at a private gin tasting and dinner at The Cambridge Distillery, stroll along the tranquil shores of Lake Te Koo Utu, join a hands-on painting workshop at Cambridge Art House. After a charming lunch in town, choose between blissful spa treatments at Bahn Thai Spa, boutique shopping, or relaxing at your hotel. As dusk settles, indulge in an elegant dinner at The Gallery at The Clements – Cambridge's newest culinary gem. On your final morning, delight in a light breakfast before diving into French culinary artistry at Arkanda Cooking School, rounding out your experience with lunch and bubbles. Cost: \$1590pp. <https://www.herluxtravel.com>

Friday 20 – Sunday 29 March

The Cambridge Autumn Festival. A community-based arts festival celebrating our beautiful town in autumn. The festival showcases emerging local performers and professional entertainers of all artistic genres, provides the joy of hands-on art activities, and delivers events that delight and entertain. Events listed on: <https://cambridgeautumnfestival.co.nz/>

Saturday 21 March

Cambridge Farmers' Market, Victoria Square, 8am – 12pm.

Tamahere Country Market, St Stephen's Church, 14 Tamahere Drive, Tamahere, 8.30am-1pm. Everything from organic produce to art, local wine, collectables, woodwork, jewellery, glass art, cheese, bread and olive oil. Held third Saturday of every month. Ph 027 562 6766, tamaheremarket@gmail.com, <https://www.ststephenstamahere.org.nz>

Kids' Sewing Workshop, Taylor Made Community Space, 22A Taylor St, 9am-12pm. Children (aged 8+) will learn the basics of using a sewing machine and create their own personalised repair kit! With hands-on guidance, parents can either drop their kids off or stay to join the fun. What's included: sewing machines and materials, a light morning tea, beginner-friendly, step-by-step guidance, a personalised take-home repair kit. This event is part of the Cambridge Autumn Festival and is brought to you by Waipā District Council. Tickets \$10 <https://events.humanitix.com/kids-sewing-workshop-waipā>

Overdale Open Ribbon Day, Overdale Riding Centre, 1835 Cambridge Rd, SH1, 9.30am-12.30pm. Dress up theme is Western = Cowboy/girl & Indians. The best costume wins a \$50 Saddlery Warehouse voucher. Bring a picnic and park up on the lawn. Those who hire Overdale ponies share ponies to make it more fun. Riders must be able to walk and rise to the trot confidently around the paddock. Hire a pony/horse or bring your own. Max 20 Riders. Entries & payment close 19th March. Trudy Lyles, Ph 021 127 9361, trudylyles@hotmail.com, <https://www.overdaleriding.co.nz/>

Cambridge Bricktopia 2026, Resthaven Village Centre, 4 Vogel St, 10am-2pm. Who doesn't love Lego? As part of Cy-Co's Brain Injury Awareness Month fundraising, this event brings together young and old through the creative and rehabilitative power of Lego. Follow instructions, build your own imagination creation or just come and look at what others can do

with the humble coloured brick. ENTRY: Koha (funds go to Brain Injury Waikato). Cy-Co will be brewing coffee. Autumn Festival Event. <https://cambridgeautumnfestival.co.nz/>

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

Sip and Sew Workshop, Taylor Made Community Space, 22A Taylor St, 2pm-5.30pm. In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn how to care for a sewing machine, the basic skills of sewing and create your own machine maintenance pouch. This workshop is perfect for beginners, seasoned sewers, or anyone who wants to have fun, learn new skills, and walk away with something they made themselves. This event is suitable for ages 18+. This event is part of the Cambridge Autumn Festival and is brought to you by Waipa District Council. Tickets \$10 <https://events.humanitix.com/sew-maintain-create>

AYO Symphonic Tales – Cambridge (Auckland Youth Orchestra), St Peter's School, 1716 Cambridge Road, 2.30pm. Lose yourself in a world where stories come alive through music. Symphonic Tales weaves drama, romance, and elegance into a powerful orchestral journey – from Shakespearean tragedy to lyrical brilliance. Ticketing details at <https://www.ayo.org.nz/>

Ironfist 20 Female Frenzy Fight Night, Sir Don Rowlands Centre, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro, 4pm-10pm. Nje Promotions brings our 20th edition of IRONFIST. Headlined by Jadene Treadaway v Macy Smith for the NZ Title. Plus 3 more professional female bouts and an epic undercard of Muay Thai, Pro, Amateur, and Corporate boxing. Tickets: GA \$54.55 each (incl fee). <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2026/ironfist-20-female-frenzy-fight-night/cambridge>

Speakeasy Sessions, The 1866 Speakeasy Bar at the Clements Hotel, Duke St, 8pm. Bringing live music underground. Designed for lovers of jazz, swing and refined late-night atmosphere, these intimate evenings pair talented artists with exceptional cocktails in a moody, heritage setting. Settle in, sip something considered and let the music carry you into the night. <https://clements.co.nz/whats-on/>

Saturday 21 – Sunday 22 March

Ocean Swim Series: Lake Karapiro Swim Fest, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro, 7am-12.30pm. Dive into a weekend of fun, fitness, and fresh water at this two-day open water festival with events for all ages (6 years+) and abilities. Whether you're a seasoned endurance swimmer or just starting, there are nine different race distances to choose from. Events range from 100m and 200m swims for 6–12-year-olds, which are free to enter, up to 10km and 25km endurance challenges. Also plenty of mid-distance options. See website for event fees: <https://www.oceanswim.co.nz/pages/lake-karapiro-swim-fest>

Waikato / BOP Regionals – Water Skiing, Piarere, Hora Hora. Slalom; Trick; Jump; multi age groups. <https://ems.iwwf.sport/Competitions/Details?Id=e7189d86-4392-46b1-8c5d-e28f41627661>

Exhibition of Photos and Quilts, St Andrew's Church Hall, 85 Hamilton Rd, 10am-3pm. Experience a joint exhibition and sale of art works and images by Cambridge Photographic Club and Cambridge Patchwork and Craft Group (Cambridge Quilters). Discover artistry in every stitch and frame and enjoy a chat with the talented artists behind the work. A celebration of local creativity, culture, and craftsmanship! Entry: free. Quilt raffle (please bring cash). An Autumn Festival Event. <https://cambridgeautumnfestival.co.nz/>

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Saturday 21 – Saturday 28 March

Balloons Over Waikato, Innes Common, Hamilton and other locations.

<https://balloonsoverwaikato.co.nz/>

Sunday 22 March

Cambridge Autumn Art Market & Te Awa Lifecare Main Street Carnival, Victoria St and Victoria Square, 10am-2pm. OUR ANNUAL AUTUMN ART MARKET IS BACK FOR ANOTHER YEAR!! Over 60 Art Stalls on the footpaths of downtown Victoria Street, and the grassy area of Victoria Square. The Autumn Art Market is part of the Te Awa Lifecare Main Street Carnival. This is a free event where the town centre comes alive! Experience an array of music from easy listening and country to jazz, blues, choirs and much, much more. Enjoy performances from our talented local dance groups, bring the kids along for fun activities, plus photo opportunities with a surprise line-up of street performers.

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Kids in Need Waikato – OPEN DAY! 118 Fencourt Rd, Cambridge, 10am-2pm. We're opening our doors – and looking to the future. Take a closer look behind the scenes, meet our team, and see how your support helps us provide for children across the Waikato. This Open Day is also a chance to discover how you can get involved in The Legacy Project, helping to secure the future of Kids in Need so children continue to be supported for generations to come. This is going to be a fantastic day for the whole family – we can't wait to see you there! Music, Bouncy Castle, Face painting, Food, Coffee, Tours. <https://www.kidsinneed.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 (fourth Sunday of every month). Grab a coffee, play the Find the Ruru game, or just enjoy the 2km trail. Self-guided walks \$20 (15yrs+), 5-14yrs \$5. <https://www.sculpturepark.co.nz>