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NOT YOUR EVERYDAY SAUSAGE ROLL...PHOTOS & STORY MIA SUTHERLAND

Are you a new or experienced sausage dog owner? And have you heard of The Hawkes Bay Sausage Rollers? They may be just the bunch for you and your furry friend! The Hawkes Bay Sausage Rollers are a group of happy Dachshund dog-owners. They meet once a month to go on lengthy walks around Park Island and Pakowhai Dog Park, alternating locations each month. Over five + years, The Hawkes Bay Sausage Rollers have accumulated 200 members, most members owning more than one Dachshund. Thankfully not everyone shows up to the monthly walks! Can you imagine the chaos? The largest gathering that the Sausage Rollers has recorded was 48.

We met Scooter, an experienced Sausage Roller of standard size, who makes a 10-kilometre walk seem easy for a small dog. Alongside her pals, Miss Daisy, Mac (Macaroni), and Teddy, Scooter leads the way at a pace, leaving her owners behind to their conversations. Don't be fooled by their size, Dachshunds are spritely little creatures who are often described as the perfect pet. They're a combination between a dog and a cat says Megan, the coordinator of gatherings, small and supercuddly.

If you're interested in tagging along for a monthly walk or you want to fall down the rabbit hole of cute Dachshund pictures, check out The Hawkes Bay Sausage Rollers Facebook page



HALF AS INTERESTING - YOUTUBE

If, as I do, you often find yourself perusing educational YouTube channels and learning about all sorts of topics from the history of bullet trains to geographical anomalies, you may well know the channel Half as Interesting. Half as Interesting is a short-form educational YouTube channel with regular videos about topics from all over the world, focusing on science, geography, history, and politics. Our world is an incredibly diverse and fascinating place and by learning, we can be best equipped to appreciate it - and I think Half as Interesting is an amazing way to learn about our world.

The creator behind this channel also produces longer-form educational videos on a different channel, Wendover Productions.



MS. MARVEL DISNEY PLUS

Ms. Marvel follows a young Pakistani American Marvel fan who gains powers of her own - discovering what it means to be a superhero, while also balancing her schoolwork and family commitments. This show is fresh and vibrant, gripping you from the start. For someone like me, who knows very little about Islam and Pakistani immigrant life in New Jersey, Ms. Marvel teaches you plenty, while at every turn keeping you entertained and gripped with its action, humor, stunning visuals, amazing cast, and beautifully relatable story. And although Kamala is SERIOUS Marvel fan, you don't have to be to love this show and everything it has to offer.



MATILDA NETFLIX SUBSCRIPTION

This Netflix movie adaptation of the stage show Roald Dahl's Matilda the musical is a wonderful musical-comedy perfect for the whole family with lyrics by the witty Aussie comedian Tim Minchin. The hit movie is a delightful watch - the standout child actors carry the film alongside Emma Thompson and Lashana Lynch. Matilda follows a young girl, neglected and mistreated by her parents and her headmistress discovers that she has psychic abilities which lead to all sorts of mischief. Matilda is well worth your time and will leave you - and probably your whole household with the songs permanently stuck in your heads.



UPROAR - OUT REAL SOON!

Starring Julian Dennison (Hunt for the Wilderpeople), Rhys Darby and Minnie Driver, Uproar follows Josh, a young student who gets wrapped up in the events surrounding the 1981 Springbok Tour. As he is forced to stand up for himself, his whanau and his future, Josh discovers what Māori and Pakeha ancestry means for him. This movie has a heartwarming and funny vibe with a powerful message woven throughout.

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HAPPY PEOPLE WE'VE NOTICED

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HENARE O'KEEFE

HENARE O'KEEFE - HUMBLE HUMAN LOUDLY AND PROUDLY HASTINGS.

Mention Henare O'Keefe and there would be only a few people who would not know his name. Even more so if you live in Hastings. Be it at an event as MC, representing Hastings as the City's Ambassador, mentoring youth at the Flaxmere Boxing Academy, (Henare says "we are creating warriors in the ring, and champions in the home") even to the opening of a pétanque court, spreading the message, "Be loud and proud; you live in Hastings" Henare loves what he does, and the people he meets every day. At any occasion if Henare is invited he will be there, often leaving one event for the next, ready to bring his passion, humour and voice to uplift a crowd or often alongside his grandsons, inspire those present through music, song, a guitar or ukulele. Henare says he is "a man of the people, seeing what he does as an absolute privilege". Henare lives and breathes Hastings, as he said in a recent interview " I love this place, Hastings"

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DAWN BEDINGFIELD

DAWN BEDINGFIELD- SUPER GRAN AND COMMUNITY ADVOCATE

Napier Nan, local Dawn Bedingfield may seem a fairly quiet person should you meet her during the day, often helping out with her 12 grandchildren but when community calls, Dawn will be the first to respond, especially if it is around helping the needs of others. When there was talk of many Napier senior housing residents struggling to understand the possible change to their living situation, Dawn jumped in, placard and all, taking the challenge on, ensuring those possibly affected by potential change had a voice. Dawn has helped see her beloved city a place for everyone to live and enjoy and that those who need it most are treated with respect.

This Gran is a goer, and we know that when there is a need, Dawn, with her family alongside will be the first to take a stand for her community.

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TIM CLAYTON

TIM CLAYTONS STORY IS ONE WE CAN ALL FIND INSPIRATION FROM.

Today he is a paralympic skier with the goal of representing NZ at the world games in Italy 2025. Growing up 10 minutes away from Turangi, Mt Ruapehu became a second home for Tim as he started skiing at the age of 5. Now he's been skiing for 25 years and been to Nationals twice. But Tim had hardships like the rest of us to get here., high school was a hard point in Tims life as he was severely bullied. But Tim says he splits his life in two. Pre high school and post high school, which I find quite cool! Tim found his dream 21 years ago and he's never looked back on it. Tims message is for us all to work hard, no one becomes great overnight. It's the 25 years of practice that got him here today. Its about how much work you're willing to put in that will determine your stars. Tim changed his stars to suit his dream through hard work and determination.

STORY TOBEY HUGHES

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FUN FACT

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Age
14+

Then you could be just who we are looking for. Learn new skills, bring your voice and ideas. Have an interest in photography or film? Maybe you are an illustrator or writer, or just looking to meet a cool group of people, get in touch and be part of The Happy Bay news.

CHB DUCK DAY – CELEBRATING 30 YEARS 2024

Another Duck Day has been and gone and the focus is now on for 2024 to be even bigger than this year. Mark Drake, who with his wife Meredith and a dedicated team of helpers have been part of this iconic community event since the very beginning, with the recipient of all the fundraising efforts being Ronald McDonald House, a worthy cause and one very close to Mark and Meredith's hearts.

Reflecting on 2023's event, Mark notes the highlights, seeing people from out of the area sponsor a duck, newcomers to CHB embracing the event and loving it, the smiles, the laughter and the sunshine, seeing more than 1500 yellow ducks making their way down the river to the finish line.

Looking forward to 2024 and the 30th year of Duck Day, Mark is already planning. One suggestion, based on past years when K Mart ran out of plastic ducks, is get yours early and while you're there, grab one for a friend or business you know so they can enter too. [READ MORE WWW.HAPPYBAYNEWS.CO.NZ](http://WWW.HAPPYBAYNEWS.CO.NZ)



CHB MAYOR



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3 THINGS THAT MAKE ME HAPPY

"Spending time with my three daughters, incredible young women, and I love hanging out with them"



"Music, trumpet, playing in the Jazz Band, getting amongst it with the Waipawa M&D and musical theatre"



"Mowing my lawns, always makes you feel you have achieved something as well as gets you out of the house while listening to the noisy lawnmower"



WHO IS ALEX IN TWO SENTENCES?

"TWO SENTENCES? IS THAT ALL?". SHE REPLIES LAUGHING. "MY NAME IS ALEX WALKER..."

If you were to go and search for Central Hawke's Bay's district's biggest champion, you wouldn't have to look much further than its mayor.

Sitting amidst the breakfast rush at the local café, we asked Alex Walker everything about the mayoralty, district and beyond, and we started with her.

Alex has lived in the CHB community all her life, she's a mother of three daughters and is crazy about everything CHB. When she's not chairing meetings, chatting to locals or backing CHB on a national level, Alex is a keen musician and performer. She enjoys playing the trumpet and truly believes in the value of music to rangatahi (young people) in small communities.

STORY CHRIS PROCTOR AND HANNAH WEBSTER

FUN FACT

Sunshine is like a happy pill!

It gives us lots of Vit D and makes you feel good all over.

It boosts your immune system and helps your bones to become strong.

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