

Loving the Local Summer!

Christchurch is a fantastic place to be in summer, with plenty of fun things to do with the whole family. Here's a quick guide to some of our favourite activities around the city over the next few weeks; helping plan your summer with our home team advantage!



North Canterbury Wine & Food Festival

Where: Glenmark Domain, Waipara Valley

When: Sunday 11 March, 10:30am - 5:00pm

Visit: www.ncwineandfood.co.nz

Whether you're 5 or 85, whether you fancy a drop of chardonnay or pinot noir, whether you're in it for the dancing or the picnicking... Come step out into our tūrangawaewae this March to bond with the locals and celebrate the bounty of this year's harvest. Enjoy an eclectic range of food stalls, a diverse selection of North Canterbury wine, quality live music and family friendly entertainment.

Moustaches, Whiskers and Beards

Where: Christchurch Art Gallery Te Puna O Waiwhetu

When: Sunday 11 February, 3:00pm

Visit: www.wordchristchurch.co.nz

For something completely different try this free event featuring Lucinda Hawksley, an award-winning British author, art historian and travel writer, with a special interest in literature and art from the 19th and early 20th centuries. Lucinda also happens to be the great-great-great granddaughter of one Charles Dickens! In this WORD Christchurch event she'll explore the history of facial hair, from prehistoric times to the present day.



Night Noodle Markets

Where: North Hagley Park

When: 9-18 February, 4:00pm-10:00pm

Visit: www.nightnoodlemarkets.nz

Experience the sights, sounds and, of course, the tastes of Asia at this bustling popup food festival. As well as a huge range of delicious Asian delicacies there'll be plenty of entertainment for the whole family. Just remember – it's a cashless event so make sure you've packed your eftpos or credit card! And if you're headed to Sparks in the Park (see below) the market will be open from 1pm on Saturday 17 February so you can feast first, then grab the best seat to enjoy the show.



Sparks in the Park

Where: North Hagley Park

When: Saturday 17 February, 7.30pm – 10:00pm

Visit:

One of Christchurch's most loved events, Sparks in the Park, returns to Hagley Park for its 35th year showcasing the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra, under that baton of Kenneth Young. The programme will feature popular pieces such as In the Hall of the Mountain King by Grieg to The Superman March by Williams. The show will conclude with a dazzling fireworks display to the 1812 Overture at 9.30pm. Admission is free.

Nostalgia Festival

Where: Ferrymead Heritage Park

When: Saturday 10 February

Visit: www.nostalgiafestival.co.nz

Taking place within the 1900s replica township of Ferrymead Heritage Park, Nostalgia is an annual music and food festival like no other. Enjoy a great line-up of live music, mixed with arts, crafts, and delicious artisan food. Catch the steam train for a scenic jaunt through the Heathcote Valley then check out the park's numerous museums and displays all within the unique surroundings at Ferrymead Heritage Park. See website for ticket information.



Open Air Summer Shakespeare

Where: Mona Vale Gardens

When: 14- 24 February

Visit: www.topdogtheatre.com

Top Dog Theatre present The Winter's Tale directed by Elizabeth Grubb. Enjoy one of Shakespeare's romances under the summer night sky at the newly reopened Mona Vale Homestead and grounds. Bring friends, a picnic, blankets and cushions. See website for ticket details.

Chiefs v Crusaders

Where: AMI Stadium

When: Saturday 24 February

Visit: www.crusaders.co.nz

What better way to end summer, than to welcome in the 2018 season of Investec Super Rugby. Watch our beloved 2017 champions take on the Chiefs for the first time, in their first match of the new season.

