

Hamilton Kirikiriroa Welcoming Week

1 - 10 September 2023

Calendar of Events











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We're welcoming our new Hamiltonians and celebrating our diversity!

Join us for a series of events across the week to learn more about Hamilton and welcome our new migrants, former refugees, international students and newcomers.

Keep up to date with Welcoming Week Hamilton Kirikiriroa on our Hamilton City Council Facebook event.

Check out what's coming up









All week

Waikato Museum

Waikato Museum collects, cares for and shares material culture, visual art and taonga of the Waikato area and iwi/hapuu who whakapapa to the Tainui Waka, to tell local stories about our people, city, region and place in the world.

Waikato Museum is open 364 days a year, 10am - 5pm.

All week

Hamilton Gardens

Hamilton Gardens is a living museum of gardens from ancient Egypt to the 21st century. Each beautiful garden is a piece of history that celebrates the ideas and beliefs of its age.

Hamilton Gardens is open 364 days a year, 9am - 5pm.





All week

Hamilton Zoo at Te Kaaroro Nature Precinct

Hamilton Zoo connects people with incredible wildlife experiences, a stone's throw away from the central city. From tigers and chimpanzees to frogs and parrots, our zookeepers are kaitiaki (guardian) to about 600 exotic and native animals.

Hamilton Zoo is open 364 days a year, 9.30am to 4.30pm (last entry 3.30pm).

All week

Waiwhakareke Natural Heritage Park at Te Kaaroro Nature Precinct

The award-winning Waiwhakareke Natural Heritage Park is New Zealand's largest inland restoration project. Waiwhakareke showcases our rich natural world and educates people on the importance of protecting our whenua for generations to come. The flagship biodiversity project spans 65-hectares and has a rich pre-European history.

Waiwhakareke Natural Heritage Park is open 365 days a year and is accessible during daylight hours.





1-10 September

History of Migration

Hamilton Central City Library and Te Kete Aronui

Explore selected items from the Hamilton City Libraries collections that showcase our diverse migrant population, on display at Central Library and Te Kete Aronui throughout Welcoming Week.

Hosted by: Hamilton Libraries

Saturday 2 September Welcoming Manaaki Village

10am - 5pm Claudelands Exhibition Hall D

In partnership with Te Haa o te Whenua o Kirikiriroa, Welcoming Week events formally open at Welcoming Manaaki Village.

There'll be Maaori cultural performances. Diverse community groups will share their culture through dance, music and cultural displays. There'll also be food stalls on site.

Hosted by: THAWK, Hamilton City Council and Welcoming Communities





Sunday 3 September Tangata Tiriti Trainings

9am - 3pm Te Aratiatia Marae, Fairfield

3.30pm - 6pm (for Arab Speakers only) Te Ao Marama School, Rototuna

Join us for lively, fun and interactive workshops for ethnic communities and their families.

Hosted by: Tangata Tiriti - Treaty People

Register here:



Sunday 3 September Welcoming new Bangladeshis

1.30pm - 5.30pm

Gordonton Hall, 1024 Gordonton Road

Celebrate and welcome New Bangladeshi immigrants in Waikato.

Hosted by: Bangladeshi Community of Waikato Inc









Tuesday 5 September Waimarie Open Day

10am - 1pm

Waimarie Community House 53 Wellington Street

Come and enjoy a hot drink and some kai (food), view our community garden, listen to music, see what we do, and get to know each other.

Hosted by: Waimarie Hamilton East Community House

Wednesday 6 September Parenting Across Cultures

10am - 12pm

L1 401 Anglesea Street

We're inviting migrant mothers who find parenting roles challenging when their kids begin school. Join a discussion about the hopes, dreams and concerns you have raising your children in Hamilton.

Hosted by: EarthDiverse and The Asian Network

Register here:







Wednesday 6 September Tongan Language Week Celebration

6pm - 8pm

Glenview Community Centre

Join the Glenview Community in embracing the vibrant spirit of Tongan Language Week by immersing yourself in the rich cultural tapestry of Tonga and be apart of our Kahoa Lole Workshop, a journey into the art of creating traditional necklaces using ribbon.

Hosted by: Glenview Community Centre

Friday 8 September Being, becoming, belonging Manaaki Youth

4pm - 8pm

Zeal Youth Centre, 9 Ward Lane, Hamilton Central

If you're a young person who is new to Hamilton Kirikiriroa, come along to this event for fun activities, art, a chance to win prizes, live music, entertainment and info about youth services in the city. Haere mai!

Hosted by: A collaboration of youth organisations







Friday 8 September Community pot luck

12pm - 1pm

43 Church Road, Pukete

We're welcoming newcomers in the area to bring a plate, share a meal and get to know people in the neighbourhood.

Hosted by: Pukete Neighbourhood House

Saturday 9 September Waikato Korean School Open Day

11am - 12.40pm

Block A, Wintec Te Pukenga City Campus, Tristram Street

Newcomer children who want to learn the Korean language can visit and trial with Waikato Korean School at their open day.

Hosted by: Waikato Korean School





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