

Let your light shine this Matariki

Community Lantern Design Competition

This Matariki, we invite you to celebrate creativity, remembrance, and renewal through a Community Lantern Design Competition, in collaboration with internationally acclaimed designer David Trubridge.

Hastings schools, community groups, families and individuals are encouraged to design and create a lantern inspired by the story and meaning of Matariki – whether that's the star cluster itself, themes of remembrance, the environment, gathering, or new beginnings.

All lanterns must be crafted using regenerative, or sustainable materials, reflecting the values of renewal and kaitiakitanga.

All entries will be judged by David Trubridge and Mayor Wendy Schollum as part of the Community Matariki Celebrations on Thursday 9 July; a collaboration between Ngā Toi Creative Hawke's Bay and Hastings District Council. The event will include a lantern hīkoi for all competition entrants, illuminating the city in a public celebration of light and creativity.

This is your opportunity to share your story, creativity, and light with the community.

For full entry details and design criteria, visit the Ngā Toi Hawke's Bay website ngatoihawkesbay.co.nz/matariki-lantern-competition



Entry Categories and Prizes

Community Groups

WIN a David Trubridge light for your community space.

Individuals and Families

WIN a David Trubridge light for your home, plus a \$100 food voucher to use at the Kai Hau Kai Matariki event in Hastings (supported by Public Dreams Trust) and a 2026 family pass for Splash Planet Play Park, thanks to Hastings District Council.

Primary and Intermediate School Students (Hastings area)

WIN a school visit by David Trubridge, plus \$200 school supplies for the winning student's school, thanks to Public Dreams Trust.

