



# Hamilton Kirikiriroa Welcoming Week

5 - 14 September 2025

## Calendar of Events

Building stronger communities together





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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

### Welcoming libraries

Visit our seven libraries during Welcoming Week and check out their cultural and language displays and activities including Maaori culture and kiwiana. ↗  
**Check out the calendar of events for the week.**

**Hosted by:** Hamilton Libraries

#### **Te Kete Aronui**

30 North City Road,  
Rototuna North

#### **Central Library**

9 Garden Place, Hamilton Central

#### **Chartwell Library**

Lynden Court, Chartwell

#### **Dinsdale Library**

22 Dinsdale Road, Dinsdale

#### **Glenview Library**

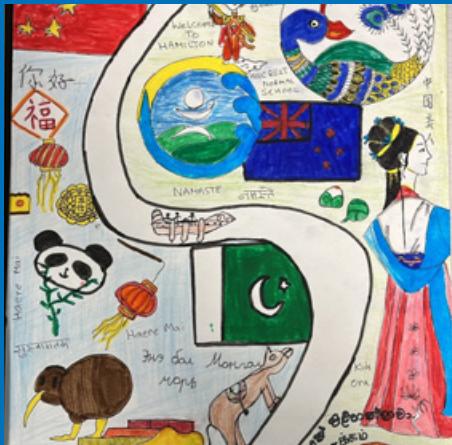
MacDonald Road, Deanwell

#### **Hillcrest Library**

58 Masters Avenue, Hillcrest

#### **St Andrews Library**

Corner of Braid Road and Taylor Terrace



## August

### Nation-wide schools' competition

#### Schools in Hamilton

Nation-wide schools' competition for primary, intermediate and secondary level students. This is a chance to for students to showcase their creativity and compassion by designing projects that celebrate diversity and promote inclusion thorough a poster, photo or video.

**Hosted by:** Immigration New Zealand/ Hamilton City Council/ Hamilton schools



## September

### Breakfast Show

**7.30am - 9.30am  
89.0FM**

FreeFM will be interviewing event organisers who are hosting a Welcoming Week event/activity.

**Hosted by:** FreeFM





## Friday 5 September Poowhiri and kai

**9am - 11am**  
**Settlement Centre Waikato**  
**46G Boundary Road,**  
**Claudelands**

Formal welcome of new refugee families and other migrants.

**Hosted by:** Te Haa o te Whenua o Kirikiriroa, Hamilton City Council and Hamilton Multicultural Services Trust

**For catering purposes, please register here.** ↗

## Friday 5 September Shama Countryside Welcoming Tour

**9.30am - 4pm**  
**Meet at Shama**  
**8 Liverpool Street, Hamilton Central**

Shama Ethnic Women's Trust is hosting a tour of the countryside for newcomers.

**Hosted by:** Shama Ethnic Women's Trust

**Register your interest here:** ↗



**Friday**

**5 September**

## **Kaifusion - Providing a spoonful of support**

**5pm - 8pm**

**K'aute Pasifika Fale  
100 Seddon Road, Frankton**

Community centres and organisations are sharing their services to newcomers with a spoonful of kai, demonstrations, food stalls, entertainment and giveaways.

**Hosted by:** Glenview Community Centre, K'aute Pasifika Trust, FreeFM, Community Waikato, EarthDiverse and others

**Saturday**

**6 September**

## **Welcoming Manaaki Village**

**9.30am - 4pm**

**Claudelands Hall B,  
Brooklyn Road, Claudelands**

Celebrate the diversity of cultures in Hamilton Kirikiriroa. Enjoy kapa haka and multicultural performances, learn more about the cultures of people who have made Hamilton home.

Check out and connect with service organisations. Enjoy some kai while you connect and learn about service organisations.

**Hosted by:** Te Haa o te Whenua o Kirikiriroa, Hamilton City Council, and partner organisations



## **Sunday 7 September Father's Day**

**2pm - 4pm**

**Chartwell Cooperating Church  
126 Comries Road, Chartwell**

Celebrating and honouring fathers from all over the world who have made Hamilton home with a potluck. Bring afternoon tea to share.

**Hosted by:** Waikato Multicultural Council

## **Sunday 7 September Sacred Sounds**

**4pm - 6pm**

**Church of the Latter-Day Saints  
Chapel  
5 Higgins Road, Frankton**

A two-hour concert featuring the Waikato Interfaith Council Choir singing songs from across different faiths and beliefs. Refreshments will be provided after the show.

**Hosted by:** Waikato Interfaith Council Choir



## Monday 8 September FreeFM open day

**1pm - 5pm**  
**FreeFM Station**  
**214 Collingwood Street,**  
**Hamilton Lake**

Community groups are welcome to check out the facilities and learn more about how to host a programme for their communities.

**Contact 07 834 2170 or**  
**[info@freefm.org.nz](mailto:info@freefm.org.nz)**

**Hosted by:** FreeFM

## Tuesday 9 September Refugee Experience Workshop

**10.30am - 12.30pm**  
**Kauri Room, Settlement Centre**  
**Waikato**  
**46G Boundary Road,**  
**Claudelands**

Grow your understanding on the global refugee crisis, and participate in an interactive workshop with former refugees and hear their lived experience. Professional development certificates will be available.

**To register, email**  
**[nona@earthdiverse.org.nz](mailto:nona@earthdiverse.org.nz)**

**Hosted by:** EarthDiverse, Waikato Refugee Forum and New Zealand Red Cross



## **Tuesday 9 September Welcoming to Waikato: Te Whare Taonga Museum and Gallery**

**10.30am - 11am**

**Te Whare Taonga Musuem  
and Gallery  
1 Grantham Street,  
Hamilton Central**

Come along to a free half-hour talk to learn about Hamilton Kirikiriroa and the museum. You are welcome to ask the friendly staff questions.

**Hosted by:** Te Whare Taonga o Waikato Museum and Gallery

## **Tuesday 9 September Malo e lelei Cultural Flavour and Flow Night**

**6pm - 9pm**

**Methodist Centre  
62 London Street,  
Hamilton Central**

Celebrating the richness of our diverse cultures through food, dance, music and storytelling..

**Hosted by:** Efalata Trust  
(Akukauola Study Programme)



## Thursday 11 September New Wave Podcast Project Launch

**4.30pm - 5.30pm**  
**The Media Arts Social Space**  
**Wintec**  
**Collingwood Street,**  
**Hamilton Central**

This event will launch the first stories from The New Wave podcast, a project aimed at capturing the diverse stories of people who have made Hamilton Kirikiriroa home. Developed in conjunction with FreeFM, it aims to capture the unique voices of people from the 170 different ethnicities in our city. Come along and find out more!

**Hosted by:** Wintec School of Media Arts and FreeFM

## Thursday 11 September Welcoming to Waikato: Te Whare Taonga Museum and Gallery

**1.30pm - 2pm**  
**Te Whare Taonga Musuem**  
**and Gallery**  
**1 Grantham Street,**  
**Hamilton Central**

Come along to a free half-hour talk to learn about Hamilton Kirikiriroa and the museum. You are welcome to ask the friendly staff questions.

**Hosted by:** Te Whare Taonga o Waikato Museum and Gallery



## **Friday 12 September Being, becoming, belonging**

**5.30pm - 8pm  
Zeal, 9 Ward Lane,  
Hamilton Central**

Come along for a night full of music, dance, poetry, cultural performances, and good vibes - all led by ethnic youth! Enjoy the show and hang out with other youth – this is your space to shine, connect, and celebrate.

**Want to perform? Sign-ups are open now - bring your talent, your culture, or your vibe.**  
**Contact**  
**[youthworker@shama.org.nz](mailto:youthworker@shama.org.nz)**

**Hosted by:** Shama Ethnic Women's Trust and YWCA

## **Saturday 13 September The Welcoming Asians and Ethnic Health and Wellbeing Expo**

**10am - 2pm  
Hamilton Boys' High School Hall  
47/45 Peachgrove Road,  
Hamilton East**

A vibrant opportunity for Asian and ethnic communities to come together and celebrate their cultures. Enjoy a range of stalls focused on health and wellbeing, food, arts and crafts, music, performances, a kids' zone – and much more!

**Hosted by:** The Asian Network Incorporated (TANI)



**Saturday  
13 September  
Welcoming New  
Koreans and Migrants:  
30th Anniversary  
Korean School Open  
Day**

**10am - 1pm**

**Hamilton Boys' High School  
47/45 Peachgrove Road,  
Hamilton East**

Celebrate the richness of Korean culture featuring traditional Korean games, hanbok (traditional clothing), food tastings, and more.

**To register contact  
[waikatoks@gmail.com](mailto:waikatoks@gmail.com).**

**Hosted by:** Waikato Korean School

**Saturday  
13 September  
Afrika Bazaar**

**11am - 5pm  
Claudelands Hall C  
46G Boundary Road,  
Claudelands**

Celebrate the diverse beauty of Africa right here in Hamilton. Enjoy a day filled with colourful performances, authentic African cuisine, stunning artwork, vibrant music, performances and more.

**Hosted by:** AfroConnect



## Sunday 14 September Treaty of Waitangi workshop

**9am - 3.30pm**

**Aratiatia Community Marae  
25 Bankwood Road, Chartwell**

This is a visual and interactive workshop in English covering the history leading to the signing of The Treaty of Waitangi, what it says along with colonisation and its implications.

**Hosted by:** Tangata Tiriti - Treaty People Inc.

**Organised in partnership with  
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A special thanks to all the organisations that hosted an event.

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