



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,
Rotoruna 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



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

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Friday 5 September Poowhiri and kai

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

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

**Claudlands Hall B,
Brooklyn Road, Claudlands**

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

Hosted by: FreeFM

Tuesday 9 September Refugee Experience Workshop

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

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

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 Museum
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
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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

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.**

Hosted by: Waikato Korean School



**Saturday
13 September
Afrika Bazaar**

11am - 5pm

**Claudeland's Hall C
46G Boundary Road,
Claudeland's**

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.

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