



The Mighty Waikato
 Business Events

A guide for Local Gifts & Experiences

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Treat your award winners, speakers and delegates to the magic and flavours of the Waikato, with this selection of local treats & unforgettable experiences.



Gifts that Give Back

Sanctuary Mountain – Donate for the Kiwi or Kakapo.

Sanctuary Mountain is a mainland ecological island in the Waikato. Surrounded by one of the worlds longest pest free fences, the island offers a sanctuary for populations of New Zealand's most endangered species.

Donate for the Kiwi

In Partnership with Kiwis for kiwis, Sanctuary Mountain are releasing 500 kiwi over 5 years to help NZ reverse the kiwi population decline. Your gifted donation will help Sanctuary Mountain keep them safe.

Donate for the Kakapo

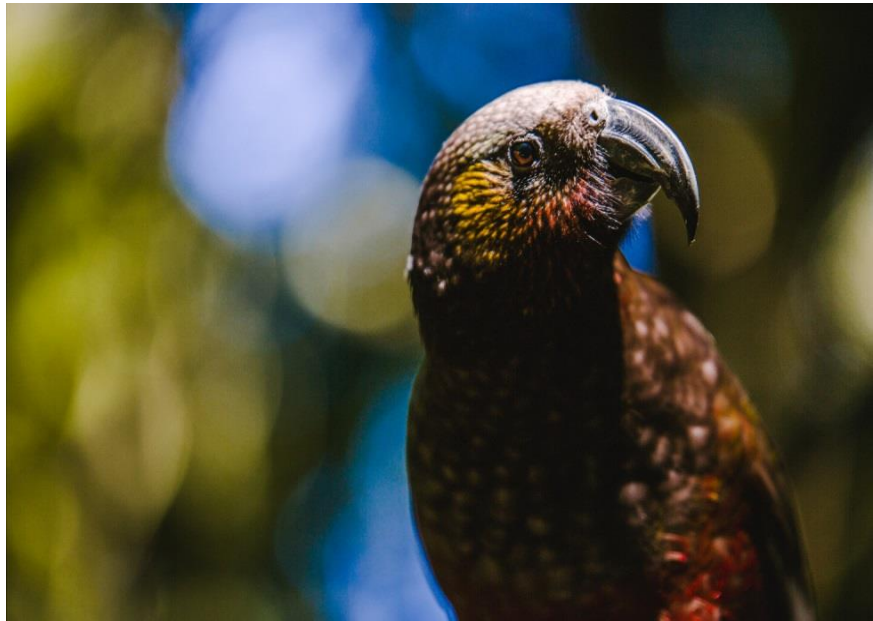
Sanctuary Mountain is preparing to make Maungatautari a home for the Kakapo. Contribute to the trails on our fence system to bring kakapo back to the mainland.

We walk together into the future to share the mauri and mana of the maunga. All donors become part of the Te Manawa o Maungatautari – the Heart of Maungatautari.

[Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari](#)

Karioi Project – Restored biodiversity from the mountain to the sea.

Karioi once thrived with seabirds, who flocked to the area to raise their chicks. Until recently the last remnant species of seabird on Karioi, the grey faced petrel was struggling to breed. With the help of the Karioi project the chicks are once again successfully fledging. Work is focused on the Maunga Karioi and surrounding coastline, wetlands and beaches and success is due to extensive predator control and seabird monitoring. You can help the project by gifting a donation. [Karioi Project](#)

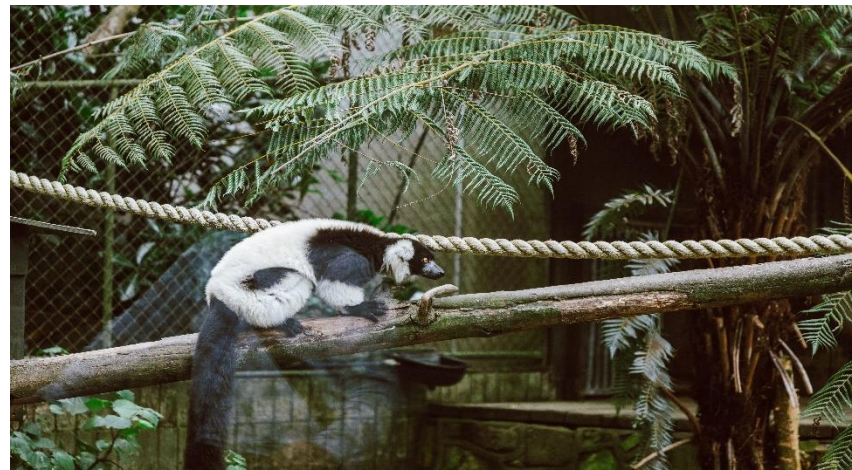




The Sculpture Park – Art In Nature Experience.

The Sculpture Park at Waitakaruru Arboretum has over 100 sculptures and installations in one of New Zealand's largest outdoor galleries. Its 2km trail winds amongst a landscape of ponds, cliffs, rocks and thousands of trees created from a former derelict quarry. The park offers opportunities for children and families to interact with nature in creative ways. Sustainability and nature are the driving forces of the park. Run by a charitable trust entry fees are not sufficient to cover the running costs of the park. The trust relies on grants and donations to ensure its continued existence.

[The Sculpture Park](#)



Hamilton Zoo – Conservation Projects.

Hamilton Zoo supports conservation projects locally, nationally and overseas through the Hamilton Zoo conservation Fund. Hamilton Zoos conservation role includes raising awareness and funds for the conservation of animals in the wild. You can donate here. [Make a donation – Hamilton Zoo](#)



Proudly Local Gifts

Lavender Backyard Garden

The only Lavender and Blueberry Farm in New Zealand. They grow, produce and design their own products. Visit their online shop which is full of lavender aromatherapy products. You can also find a beautiful array of dried flower arrangements and much more. [Lavender Backyard Garden](#)



Tony Sly Pottery

Based in Raglan Tony Sly is known for hand thrown pottery. Tony curates a range of functional pieces, that are beautiful yet durable for every day use. All the pottery is hand crafted out the back of his Raglan studio and is of the highest quality. Visit Tonys store [Tony Sly Pottery](#)



The Scented Soap Deli

The scented soap deli is situated in the beautiful Pirongia, and specializes in French style, triple milled, certified and sustainable vegetable oil soaps. With an array of scents, oils and a rainbow of colours, you'll be sure to find something for everyone. Visit their store [The Scented Soap Deli](#)





Cambridge Shell & Jade

Cambridge Shell & Jade is a family-owned business with a gallery situated in the Waikato town of Cambridge, which has been in business since 1989. They specialise in bone and greenstone carvings and inlaid jewellery. Their carving studio is located in rural Waikato. [Cambridge Shell & Jade](#)



Country Providore

The Country Providore is located in rural Waikato on the outskirts of Hamilton, and specializes in selling fresh local produce, from fresh berries and gourmet cheeses to flowers and plants. Along with a range of homewares, educational toys for kids, books, home décor and gift boxes. It truly is a beautiful country store. [The Country Providore](#)



Hamilton Gardens Store

Hamilton Gardens gift shop has a large array of Waikato & Hamilton branded products along with beautiful preserves and jams made with local produce, including some from their gardens. You can also find lots of Kiwiana gifts and some quirky bits and pieces. They do not have an online store but worth a visit if you are in the area.



Fantastic Food

Zealong Tea Estate

Widely regarded as a Waikato icon, Zealong Tea Estate is the only commercial tea plantation in New Zealand. Zealong Tea Estate produces organic award-winning oolong-based teas.

Their online store provides an array of local teas and tea giftware. [Zealong Tea Estate](#)



Vilagrad Winery

Vilagrad Winery is a long standing family owned and operated Waikato vineyard. They produce an exquisite range of award winning wines, which are carefully hand harvested and hand crafted at the winery, creating high quality wines that reflect the climate and soils of the Waikato region.

Visit their online store : [Vilagrad Wines](#)



Good George Brewing

Good George was started in Hamilton and has numerous breweries throughout the region. Their main motivation is to show people what great beer can be, convert drinkers from the norm and have a bit of fun along the way. Exploring and drinking beers and ciders should be enjoyable, simple and really rewarding.

Visit their online store for a large selection of local beverages: [Good George Brewing](#)





Gothenburg

Gothenburg is one of Hamilton's most popular eateries and is Number 1 on trip advisor for best Hamilton restaurants.

They source as much fresh produce from the Waikato as possible, serving tapa style meals designed to be shared.

You can book a gift voucher or table online:

[Gothenburg](#)



Sweetree Honey

Sweetree Honey is pure, location specific raw honey from the Waikato. Each of their honeys are a true reflection of the area and season the bees have worked their magic in.

View their selection of honey and honey products online. [Sweetree Honey](#)



Raglan Chocolate

Raglan Chocolate as its name suggests is based in Raglan and is hand made ethical chocolate made from whole beans. It encompasses the Bean to Bar concept which brings the beans, their growers and the maker into the loop.

You can purchase their delicious chocolate online at [Raglan Bean-to-Bar Chocolate](#)



Awesome Experiences

Hobbiton™ Movie Set Tours

Nothing beats a tour of Middle-earth™ and it's something you can't pass up for any visit to the Waikato.

For your Middle-earth™ adventure, daily tours are available to visit the original Hobbiton™ Movie Set from the Lord of the Rings movie trilogy and the Hobbit films.

Take a look at Bag End, where Frodo and Bilbo's adventures began. Get lost among the hobbit holes and visit the Green Dragon Inn and the Party Tree. Listen to spell-binding tales of how Hobbiton came to be.

Tours depart daily from the Shires Rest Café, 501 Buckland Road Matamata [Hobbiton™ Movie Set Tours](#)



Waitomo Glowworm Caves Tour NZ

Be amazed by the thousands of magical glowworms above, as you glide silently by boat in the world-famous Waitomo Glowworm Caves. Guided since the late 1880s, this is the original, iconic New Zealand attraction.

The Waitomo region is home to unforgettable sightseeing attractions. Enjoy the world-famous boat ride under thousands of magical glowworms and become a part of over 125 years of cultural and natural history. Our expert guides will draw you into this awesome environment, sharing the Caves' historical and geological significance.

World renowned and a magnet for both local and overseas visitors, the Waitomo Glowworm Caves occupy a high spot in the New Zealand vacation wish-list. [Waitomo Glowworm Caves & Tours NZ](#)





Raglan Boat Charters

Set off from Raglan Wharf aboard the Wahine Moe to explore the charm of the Whaingaroa Harbour – one of the of the most spectacular harbours in the country. Cruise past marine wildlife and ancient limestone rock formations and listen to fascinating talks about the history and culture of this special area. Your friendly skipper and crew will take great care of you and make sure you have a magical experience. [Raglan Boat Charters](#)



Camjet Ecological Tour

Camjet's Ecological River Cruise is a scenic sightseeing cruise tailored for the customers on board. Camjet is an amazing jetboat experience along the mighty Waikato River. Enjoy the breathtaking scenery as you travel via jet boat from the Cambridge base to the Karapiro hydro power station. Learn about the history of the region as your local tour guide points out many different types of bird species, flora and fauna. A fun day out!
[Jet Boat New Zealand with Camjet](#)



Hampton Down's – Go Karts & Hot Laps

Hampton Downs offers motorsport related adrenalin activities and is the home of New Zealand's best motorsports events. There are multiple ways for the public to get out on the track, and many other reasons to visit.

The Hampton Downs Go-Karts reach speeds of 70km on an undulating 800m outdoor track which makes for an exhilarating experience.

[Hampton Downs](#)



Tieke Golf Course

Along the banks of the mighty Waikato River is New Zealand's latest golf experience. This truly unique championship course has been built using the natural river sand, which is a real feature of the construction. It truly is a sandy riverbed masterpiece and there is nothing else like it in New Zealand.

The newest course to the Waikato is getting a lot of attention both internationally and nationally and is not to be missed for any keen golfer. [Tieke](#)





**Thankyou for hosting your Event
in the Mighty Waikato, we hope to
see you again soon!**

Noho ora mai

