

COW MAP

City of Wonder Art+Design Week

25 Sep - 4 Oct

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COW City
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- The Hub

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Free for everyone

The Hub

Free Public Events Everyday 52 Alexandra St

Victoria Street

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| 1. River of Becoming | Waikato Society of Arts |
| 2. Air World | Trek 'n' Travel |
| 3. The Tuatara | Ramada Hotel |
| 4. Nature in Your Hands | 331 Victoria St |
| 5. Pleasure Garden | 226 Victoria St |
| 6. A Riff Raff Moment | Embassy Park |

Alexandra Street

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| 7. Embracing Diversity | HANRAD Gallery |
| 8. Not the Same Design | 52 Alexandra St |
| 9. Designing with Art | McKenzie & Willis |
| 10. ICON ICON | Civic Square |
| 11. Ahsin Ahsin | Different avenue |
| 12. A Window in Bloom | Wild River & Co |
| 13. Gaye Jurisich | Dot & Winnie's |
| 14. Goku and Vegeta | 87 Alexandra St |
| 15. Flowers and Fruits | 137 Alexandra St |

Ward Street

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| 16. Conflux | Opposite the Whitcoulls |
| 17. The Pink Pillows | Lido Cinema Foyer |
| 18. The Metal Snake | Texas Radio |

Woreley Place

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| 19. "Life's Peachy?" | 19 Woreley Place |
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Garden Place

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| 20. The Space Between | Central Library L1 |
| 21. Bubble Trouble | Garden Place Lawn |
| 22. VRun Virtual Reality Show | 10 Garden Place |
| 23. COW After Dark | Central Library Facade |
| 24. River of Light | Garden Place |
| 25. In Conversation | 2/5 Garden Place |
| 26. The Bubble Tree | Garden Place |
| 27. Chair Takeover | Garden Place |

Collingwood Street

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| 28. Curious Cats | Collingwood St |
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Speaker Programme & Workshop

The Algorithmic Brush: How is AI affecting the social foundations of creativity?
Tue Sep 29th, 6 - 8pm @Waikato Museum

20x20 PechaKucha - Kirikiriroa Reimagined: 9 Ideas for the CBD Streetscape

Wed Sep 30th, 6 - 8pm
@Panama Square Level 2, 14 Garden Place

Toi Māori: Eugene Kara and Graham Tipene on the creative process behind civic artworks

Thu Oct 1st, 6 - 8pm
@Panama Square Level 2, 14 Garden Place

Printmaking Workshop with Renee Marjolein

Sat Sep 26th, 10am - 2:30pm (Free drop-in)
Oct 1st, 2nd, 6 - 8pm
@Waikato Society of Arts

Booking - cowartdesign.co.nz

Sustainable Synergy

Lunch Time Talk-sustainable approach from a panel of design, product and building experts

Wed Sep 30th, Thu Oct 1st, Fri Oct 2nd, 12:30 - 1:30pm
@The Hub, 52 Alexandra Street
Free Entry

Sweet Saturday

Free cupcake decoration show
Free boutique chocolate tasting

Sat Oct 3rd, 10am
@The Hub, 52 Alexandra Street
Free Entry



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Hamilton CBD

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The Hub

52 Alexandra Street

Date	Event	Time
Thu Sep 24 th	Pre-Event Livestream "Sneak Peek" on socials	7:00pm
Daily	Open Lounge, Interactive sound/music/movement installation & Co-create Art Wall	10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Fri Sep 25 th	Co-working Session	10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Sat Sep 26 th	Open Lounge	10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Sun Sep 27 th	Stranger Coffee	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Mon Sep 28 th	Sunrise Boogie	7:00 am – 9:00 am
	Co-working Session	10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Tue Sep 29 th	Do the Boring Thing	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Wed Sep 30 th	Lunchtime talks 'Sustainable Synergy'	12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
Thu Oct 1 st	Lunchtime talks 'Sustainable Synergy'	12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
	Wind Down / Listening Party	5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Fri Oct 2 nd	Co-working Session	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
	Lunchtime talks 'Sustainable Synergy'	12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
Sat Oct 3 rd	Open Lounge	10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Sun Oct 4 th	Stranger Coffee	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
	COW Participants Closing Party	4:00 pm onward

Free public events every day!

COW's central meeting point and home base. Pick up your COW map, meet for city walks, join free talks and activities, browse COW merchandise, and find out what's happening across the city throughout Art + Design Week.

Exhibition+

Not the Same Design

A lifestyle-inspired event that expands the horizons of art, product, architecture, and experience design. Discover how our life choices shape the quality of the spaces and products around us. Connect with innovators through inspiring talks, collaborative discussions, and hands-on demonstrations. We invite you to explore efficient solutions and the future of creative living.

Featured Artists

Kayla Bacon Rongotai Lomas
Marise Rarere Joslyn Hobbis

Featured Designers

Benjamin Grant
Geoff Lentz

Event Partners

Peachgrove East

Peachgrove East is a 48-home co-housing community where thoughtful design, sustainability and authentic connection come together. Featuring on-site renewable energy, productive orchards and gardens, and shared wellness facilities — Peachgrove East aims to show how we can live better together with each other and nature.

ECOWINDOWS

European Expertise for Kiwi Homes
At ECOWINDOWS, we specialise in supplying high-performance windows, doors, shading, and ventilation solutions for energy-efficient homes across New Zealand.

The Girl on the Swing

Waikato's destination for show-stopping cakes. From bespoke designs for your biggest milestones - weddings, birthdays, and everything in between-to fresh, daily baked cupcakes in our Chartwell shop, we turn your sweet cravings into edible art.

AraBello

AraBello is where craftsmanship, flavour and design come together. Handmade in the Waikato and celebrated with national and international awards, each creation transforms an everyday indulgence into a little moment of magic.

HANRAD Bespoke Rugs

Art you can live with. HANRAD Bespoke Rugs transforms original artworks and creative ideas into distinctive bespoke rugs, bringing art and design into the everyday. At The Hub, discover a selection of HANRAD's rugs and experience how contemporary art can be translated into texture, colour and form.

McKenzie & Willis

120 years of shaping New Zealand interiors
Since 1906, McKenzie & Willis has evolved alongside the way New Zealanders live. What began in Christchurch as a furniture and homewares business has grown into one of New Zealand's leading interiors destinations, bringing together furniture, fabrics, flooring, window furnishings and expert design services.

The Long(er) Table — Resident-Led

Join the Living Systems team at their longer table. Every afternoon from 2–4pm come and sit and participate in activities or invitations run or set out by their early residents, share thoughts on a favourite book, play a board game, have an unexpected conversation, write a letter, make something or interact with their co-creation installation.

Stranger Coffee

Remember what it's like to connect with someone new in real life? Sit with someone you don't know and have a conversation you wouldn't normally have. The Living Systems team will facilitate and provide friendly vibes, hot beverages and prompt cards.

Collaborative Art and Design Installation

Co-design with Living Systems Development. Add your thread to a growing wall of community reflections: read a question, choose your answer, weave it in.

Do the Boring Thing

Bring the boring thing (you know that annoying administrative thing you've been putting off for forever), set your intentions and the Living Systems team provides group body-doubling, encouraging vibes, fidgets, 15–20 minute work sprints, playful breaks, hot drinks, accountability and a sweet treat reward upon completion. Everyday life is better, when you do it together.

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Event Details

Online Livestream: "Sneak Peek"

Join the Living Systems Team as they broadcast live from Alexandra Street. Tour the space, meet the team, hear the vision for the project and the space, and check out the different ways you can explore future living over the next 10 days.

RSVP www.livingsystems.nz/peachgrove-east

Co-working Sessions

Co-work with the Living Systems Team from 10am – 1pm to experience how physical environments can be intentionally designed for connection and collaboration.

Format:

Choose your zone — Deep Work or Interactive

Optional

Focus Board:

- Post what you are working on
- Add any 'Ask For's (would love feedback on this, to share an idea, network around) and those with capacity can choose to take an ask for and connect around this

Swedish Fika Break: Dedicated coffee and pastry break in the interactive zone from 10:30am to 11:00am (no work talk; prompt cards provided for casual connection).

Open Lounge

Drop in and meet the Living Systems team — no RSVP, no agenda. Just come and explore Peachgrove East and chat with the team about the future of sustainable living, co-housing, co-design and anything else you're curious about related to the project.