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Hororata Night Glow date announced

The Hororata Community Trust and Ballooning Canterbury are excited to announce the Hororata Night Glow Festival will return 8th May 2021.

“The Hororata Night Glow is a community run event that takes a huge amount of effort to make happen. With 2020 being the 10th birthday for the Hororata Highland Games (also run by the Trust) it is the right decision for our community to bring the Night Glow back in 2021,” said Hororata Community Trust Chair Richard Lang.

The Hororata Night Glow was launched in 2018 and held again in 2019 with a huge crowd attending. “Planning is well underway for the 2021 event to make sure we once again deliver a vibrant festival which celebrates hot air balloons with a range of entertainment. 14,000 people attended the 2019 Hororata Night Glow which was beyond our wildest imagination of how many visitors we would get. The popularity of the Hororata Night Glow is exciting, but it does bring some challenges operationally and we have a number of plans in place to manage this at the next event,” said Richard.

Ballooning Canterbury is responsible for bringing the hot air balloons to Hororata. Director Michael Oakley commented, “the balloonists love coming to Hororata and being part of our community. They are all really keen to come back. There are a number of new displays and attractions we are keen to add to the event with the hot air balloons and will spend the next 18 months working on these.”

The 10th Hororata Highland Games to be held 7th November 2020 will celebrate the Games success, the community that make it happen and of course all things Scottish. The Hororata Highland Games is an event with Kiwi community spirit at its heart. This community passion and pride comes from Clan Hororata, a group of dedicated volunteers who work throughout the year to stage the festival. The event started following the 2010 Earthquakes as a way to rebuild the community both physically and emotionally. Attracting 10,000 people annually the Games has put Hororata on the map. Offering a Scottish cultural experience with a kiwi twist the Hororata Highland Games has grown into one of Canterbury’s iconic events.

“The Hororata Community Trust is part of Go Hororata, a collaborative group which is working on the new Hororata Community Centre project. As a community we have a significant fundraising campaign ahead of us and events like the Highland Games and Night Glow are key to its success. There is going to be a lot of exciting events and fundraising initiative’s rolling out over the next few years and all will benefit our community. Keep an eye on our Hororata Facebook page and website www.hororata.org.nz for all our event announcements,” said Richard.

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