

# SCREEN PRODUCTION GUIDE

## Hawkes Bay, Te Matau-a-Māui

Eastern Screen Alliance is the film office for Hawke's Bay, Te Matau-a-Māui, which is situated on the Eastern North Island of New Zealand.

Hawkes Bay is a region known for an abundance of art-deco architecture, wineries, orchards, lush rolling farmland and a vast coastline consisting of both black and white sand beaches. Our eastern border is the Pacific Ocean and to the west, we are bordered by farmland and mountain ranges.

The two largest cities in Hawke's Bay are Napier and Hastings. There are smaller towns to the south: Waipukurau and Waipawa, and to the north, Wairoa and Māhia.



## If you are planning a production in our region, we can help you:

- Identify locations and assist with reccy's
- Liaise with local iwi and councils to gain permissions and permitting if needed.
- Connect with local crew and cast
- Negotiate local vendor rates

## Climate

The climate consists of mildly cold winters and warm dry summers.

The clear skies of the Eastern North Island are renowned - so much so that they launch rockets into space from here! Average summer temperatures are (Dec-Feb) 20° to 30° C (68° – 86° F), and in winter (Jun-Aug) 10° – 15 ° C (50° – 59° F).

The annual sunshine hours are 2200 per annum – some of the highest in the country. Sunshine hours in the summer are 6:00 a.m. to 20.30 pm, and 7.30 to 17:00 pm in the winter.

Go to [www.metservice.co.nz](http://www.metservice.co.nz) for the current forecast around our region.



## Traveling to Hawkes Bay – Te Matau-a-Māui

The Hawke's Bay domestic airport is 10 minutes from Napier or 20 minutes from Hastings. Hastings has a small airport at Bridge Pa, 15 minutes from the city centre. Both airports have passport control to accommodate international private jets.

There are direct flights to and from Auckland (55 minutes), Wellington (50 minutes), and Christchurch (90 minutes).

Hawke's Bay is 5.5 hours driving to and from Auckland and 4.5 hours to and from Wellington.

### Accommodation

All options are available in the region -hotels, motels, Airbnb luxury homes and boutique lodges <https://www.hawkesbaynz.com/>

**Features of the region's location** - World class vineyards many with accommodation.

Millar Road Vineyards – Tuki Tuki Hills – Haumoana



Elephant Hill – Te Awanga



Craggy Range Winery – TukiTuki Valley – Havelock North



The Hawke's Bay region has a wide variety of accommodation on offer: boutique lodges, winery cottages, hotels, Airbnb, farm stays and motels.



Black Barn Retreats – Poplars 3 – Tuki Tuki Valley [www.blackbarn.com](http://www.blackbarn.com)



Elephant Hill Lodge [thelodge@elephanthill.co.nz](mailto:thelodge@elephanthill.co.nz)



Masonic Hotel – Napier <https://masonic.co.nz>



The Farm – Cape Kidnappers [www.robertsonlodges.com](http://www.robertsonlodges.com)

Napier and Hastings were rebuilt in the 1930's after the 1931 earthquake and is widely acknowledged as having some of the finest examples of Art Deco and Spanish Mission style architecture in the world.



The National Tobacco Company Building – Ahuriri – Napier



Observation deck on the Marine Parade – Napier



Planter's Hut, northern sand dunes – Ocean Beach – Hastings

## Historical Hawke's Bay

The Mission Estate – Taradale – Napier



Gwavas Gardens and Homestead – Tikokino – Hastings



## Native Forest Reserves

Morere Springs – Wairoa – Hawke's Bay





The popular Waimarama Beach, just 20-minutes south-east of Hastings, has a stunning view across to Bare Island.





## Recent Productions



Writer / Director / Actor David White's debut feature "This Town", a delightfully quirky New Zealand comedy, was set in rural Hawke's Bay and shot in and around locations in Hastings, Waipawa, and Central Hawke's Bay.



The Hawke's Bay region currently has a number of individuals and small businesses who are able to support many aspects of television and film production. We are currently aiming to build world-class screen production studios and welcome industry professionals to migrate here.

## **Support available**

- Small scale post-production and sound recording
- Large empty warehouses and buildings cool-stores available on off seasons
- Industry professionals with local knowledge
- Crew support from Eastern Institute of Technology's Screen Production
- Actors and extras database
- Wide variety of accommodation choices
- Short travel distances between base and locations

## **Contacts for local councils and department of conservation**

Hastings District Council – ph. 06 8715511

Public Spaces – Katherine Stephens e: [katherines@hdc.govt.nz](mailto:katherines@hdc.govt.nz)

Transport Office – Lynn Burden e: [lynnb@hdc.govt.nz](mailto:lynnb@hdc.govt.nz)

Public Spaces Planner -Drones Jeff Clews e. [jeffc@hdc.govt.nz](mailto:jeffc@hdc.govt.nz)

Napier City Council – ph. 06 8357579 Events – Kevin Murphy e. [kevinm@napier.govt.nz](mailto:kevinm@napier.govt.nz)

Department of Conservation – ph. 06 8343111 Senitra Nathan Marsh e: [snathanmarsh@doc.govt.nz](mailto:snathanmarsh@doc.govt.nz)

Wairoa District Council – ph. 06 838 7309 e. [customerservices@wairoadc.govt.nz](mailto:customerservices@wairoadc.govt.nz)

Central Hawkes Bay District Council – ph. 06 8578060

**Eastern Screen Alliance has an extensive image library of the Hawke's Bay region, and we are happy to supply images. Please visit our website.**



Sound check on the production of Land of Voyagers  
for Taylormade Media - Ocean Beach Northern  
Dunes location.

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