

DECEMBER 2025 WAIMAKARIRI EVENTS



1 – 17 SOROPTIMIST CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

9am – 4.30pm weekdays.
Waimakariri Council Foyer,
215 High Street, Rangiora

Marvel at over 30 Christmas trees decorated by schools, community organisations, and businesses. Open on the 7th for the Santa Parade.

Gold coin donation to vote for your favourite tree. Profits to Dementia Canterbury

6 KAIAPOI CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL AND SANTA PARADE

9.30am – 3.30pm. Kaiapoi Park,
1 Smith Street, Kaiapoi

Join us for festive season celebrations and a day packed with fun, flavour, and entertainment. Enjoy non-stop family fun at the carnival and over 40 floats in the Santa Parade. Don't forget to grab a selfie with Santa.

Free



6 WOODFORD GLEN FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA

3.30pm - late. 39 Doubledays Road,
Kaiapoi

Gates open at 3.30pm. Pack a picnic tea or check out our huge range of food options and bring the whole family along for our annual fireworks display. Enjoy the racing from 6pm, and when darkness falls, prepare yourself for one of Canterbury's best fireworks displays right before your eyes!

For range of ticket prices: iTICKET and Kaiapoi isite

7 WOODEND COMMUNITY XMAS EVENT

11am – 3pm. Woodend Recreational Reserve, School Road

An event that celebrates community and to welcome in the Christmas season. family fun for kids of all ages.

Free



7 RANGIORA TOYOTA SANTA PARADE AND MCALPINES MITRE 10 MEGA PARTY IN THE PARK

12 – 4pm: Party in the Victoria Park,
2 pm: Santa Parade. High Street,
Rangiora

Join us for a day full of festive fun, local spirit, and Christmas cheer. Bring the whānau for live entertainment, delicious food, market stalls, kids' activities, and of course... Santa himself! Let's celebrate our amazing community and kick off the holiday season in true Rangiora style.

Free

11 OXFORD LATE NIGHT CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

5pm – 7.30pm. Main Street, Oxford

Special offers from businesses and a visit from Santa.



10 – 24 OXFORD CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND

2pm – 8pm weekdays, 10am – 8pm weekends and Christmas Eve

Bring family and friends to wander through this Christmas Wonderland. Enjoy a variety of themed Christmas displays, from baked goods and lollies to beautifully decorated trees. Check Facebook for Santa's visiting times. Run by the Oxford Community Trust.

Adults \$5, Children \$2



GARDENS OF WAIMAKARIRI

13 KAIAPOI COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS MARKET

11am – 3pm. Kaiapoi Club Carpark,
Raven Quay, Kaiapoi

All the makings of a fun day out— food and craft stalls, live music, circus acts, and loads of fun for the kids! Enjoy face painting, still walkers, jugglers, a bouncy castle, and Santa in his grotto ready to take Christmas requests... and more.

Free

14 CHRISTMAS AT THE RACES

12pm – 5pm. Rangiora Harness Racing Club, 312 Lehmans Road,
Rangiora

Join us for the ultimate Kiwi Christmas Party, with live music, children's entertainment, and harness racing.

Book at eventbookings.com



23 OHOKA FARMERS MARKET – SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MARKET

9am – 12.30pm, Ohoka Domain

Come and get your special treats for the Christmas table. Choose from the freshest fruit, vegetables, baked goods, and bread. Find that perfect something for friends or family at one of the high-quality craft stalls—or maybe something for yourself from the new or preloved clothing selection.

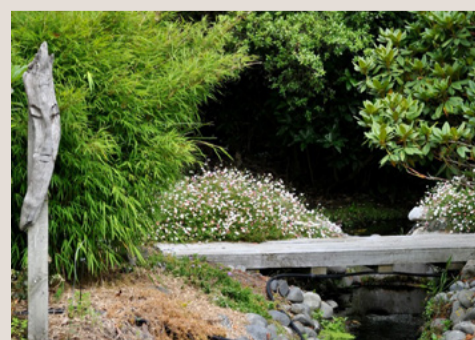
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24 OXFORD CAROLS IN THE PARK

7pm – 8.30pm. Pearson Park,
Main Street, Oxford

Enjoy a family sing a long, lolly scramble and a visit from Santa.

Free



MARKETS

KAIAPOI SATURDAY MARKET

Morgan Williams Reserve,
Charles St, Kaiapoi.
Every Saturday, 9am–12.30pm

OHOKA FARMERS MARKET

Ohoka Domain, Mill Road, Ohoka.
Every Friday, 9am–12pm.

OXFORD FARMERS MARKET

Main St, Oxford.
Every Sunday, 9am–12pm.

OXFORD CRAFT MARKET

Oxford Town Hall, Oxford. First
Sunday of each month, 10am–2pm

RANGIORA CHURCH STREET MARKET

St John's Anglican Church
Grounds & Hall, Cnr of Church
and High Streets, Rangiora.
First Saturday of each month,
9.30am–1pm.

THE DELICIOUS MARKET

179 Lehmans Road, Rangiora,
Mon–Fri 8am – 4pm

ART EXHIBITIONS

ART ON THE QUAY

"Lighten up – Mel Eaton"
27 Nov – 8th Jan. Kaiapoi Library,
176 Williams Street, Kaiapoi

CHAMBER GALLERY

"Journey to the West – a traveller's
collection" 14 Dec – 20 Jan.
Rangiora Library, 141 Percival
Street, Rangiora

OXFORD GALLERY

"Summer Shoe #1: Shared
Currents" 4 Dec – 14 Feb.
72 Main Street, Oxford



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