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This year the Faraday Centre celebrates its thirtieth year. Formerly the Hawke's Bay Museum of Technology, the inaugural meeting was held on 7th July 1979 and attended by 36 people keen to preserve the region's technology. Four of those enthusiasts are still active members. There are currently 22 working members and a number of helpers who assist on special occasions.

The museum has had three homes. The first was in a disused wine store at McLeod's Vineyard (now Atawhai). In December 1980 the Napier City Council provided temporary accommodation in the old Education Board buildings on the corner of Milton Rd and Tennyson St. (Valentine's site). Ten years later the council solved the problem of finding a permanent home for the museum by making available the Power House in Faraday St, complete with Napier's historic Fullagar engine in service position. The museum has secure tenure for as long as the centre operates.

In 1992, to ensure the safe keeping of its valuable collection, the museum amalgamated with the Hawke's Bay Cultural Trust marking the occasion with a name change to the Faraday Centre.

Today the centre has an extensive collection of items demonstrating a wide range of technological advances available to schools, interest groups and the general public. The centre provides a hands on experience for children, quality time for mums and dads and a trip down memory lane for grandparents.

The Faraday Centre schools education programme draws on the technological treasures housed at the Faraday Centre through the Hawke's Bay Museum & Art Gallery education services.



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The Faraday Centre is open to the public:  
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9am-1pm  
Saturdays 9am-11.30am  
Closed on Christmas Day  
Entry charge for adults is \$7  
Children accompanied by an adult \$1  
(Maximum of 4 children per adult.)

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