And at the end of the day…

Summer

- Long al fresco dinners at any one of Hamilton’s trendy restaurants – try Good George outlets for atmosphere, Victoria Street Bistro, or Furnace for something a bit more classy…
- Late summer evening jog around the lake (right beside the hospital).
- BBQ at whoever’s ‘up for it tonight’s’ place – loads of overseas doctors who are always up for a pint or three!
- Forty minutes drive to Raglan, home of some of New Zealand’s best surf, awesome summer spot, cafe’s and music…
- One hour drive to Tauranga and ‘the Mount’; two hours to the beautiful Coromandel Peninsula – stunning beaches, popular summer holiday spots.
- Take up rowing! Some of the country’s top rowers row the Waikato River and Lake Karapiro. Clubs to suit all levels.
- Summer leagues in hockey, touch, indoor netball and cricket - for people of all levels. Enjoy a cold beer afterwards.
- After work soccer, great exercise and socialising.

Autumn

- Hamilton nightlife – world famous in NZ – even Aucklanders have ‘seen the light’ and come here to party! Trendy bars, funky clubs, laid back pubs – whatever you are after, Hamilton will have it! Try the Hood Street precinct for a bit of action.
- The start of the Super Rugby season – regular games and entertainment at Waikato Stadium.
- Balloons Over Waikato – truly an iconic Hamilton event. Avoid rear-ending the car in front of you as you gaze out your window at the spectacular display!

Winter

- Wrap up warm for a walk along the river and top it off with a hot chocolate at Hayes Common in Hamilton East.
- Even if farming is not your thing, the annual Field Days brings a mid-winter party atmosphere to the city which you just can’t avoid.
- Hospital Ball! A night to get down and boogie with all your colleagues.
- Fancy skiing? Just over two hours to the slopes of Mt Ruapehu, or if that’s not your thing, muck around in Taupo or soak in the hot pools in Rotorua.
- International rugby at Waikato Stadium.

Spring

- Sunday brunch at Scott’s Epicurean – to die for!
- Hamilton Gardens – beautiful all year around.
- And if all this is not enough to keep you occupied then Auckland is only a one and a half hour drive away!

All year round

- Tennis and squash all year round, free access to squash and tennis courts on the Waiora Waikato Hospital campus - courtesy of the Social Club.