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Boost for Drews Ave creative precinct

An emerging arts and hospitality precinct in Drews Avenue will be given a boost thanks to funding from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's Innovating Streets for People fund.

Councils around the country applied to the fund and Whanganui District Council's Drews Avenue application was one of the 50 percent of applications given the green light.

The Innovating Streets fund – which provides 90 percent of the funding for projects – supports quick, low-cost improvements to create more people-friendly spaces. These can then be evaluated and used to inform permanent upgrades.

Town Centre Regeneration Chair, Councillor Helen Craig, says, "Through this project we'll be revamping the streetscape, making it more welcoming and vibrant so it's a place where pedestrians want to wander and enjoy our heritage and artistic community."

"This project will also assist with our economic recovery post COVID-19, shining a spotlight on Whanganui as an arts destination for visitors from other regions."



Drews Avenue is the site of an emerging arts and hospitality precinct in Whanganui

Town Centre Regeneration Project Manager, Ellen Young, says Drews Avenue is a crucial connecting route between our public spaces when the town centre is viewed as a whole. "It provides a link from Whanganui River and the i-SITE Visitor Information Centre up to the Sarjeant Gallery and Regional Museum in Pukenua Queen's Park with creatives, cafes, UCOL and NZ Glassworks en route."

Workshops will be run with the surrounding community to co-design and co-create the precinct, Ellen Young says.

Heritage Grant Fund round

Whanganui District Council's Heritage Grant Fund provides financial assistance to private building owners in the Town Centre to undertake heritage enhancement work. The grants are for external works that raise the historic character of heritage buildings listed in the District Plan, or have exceptional circumstances.

Any applicable building or resource consents must be obtained before application for funding can be considered. Also, funding applications need to be made before work commences and the project must be completed within 12 months of funding approval.

The next Heritage Grant Fund application round runs from July until the end of September 2020. For more information, visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/heritage-fund

Dog registration fees due

It's time to register your canine companions. Dog registration notices have been posted to owners – if you haven't received your notice by today, 1 July 2020, please call Whanganui District Council on (06) 349 0001. Registration fees must be paid in full by **Wednesday, 31 July 2020** to receive a prompt payment discount.

Several payment options are available including online by credit/debit card (this is the Council's preferred method of payment). To make an online payment, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/dog-registration

WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

Whanganui District Council invites you to have your say on the following topics:

- Review of Streets Infrastructure Bylaw 2015
- Ūpokongaro War Memorial Hall Survey

For more information, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say



Venues back in the spotlight

Whanganui District Council venues have resumed normal operations and opening hours following recent COVID-19 restrictions. The Council-operated Whanganui Venues & Events team is delighted to once again provide a variety of spaces where the community can meet, reconnect and celebrate.

Whether it's 20 or 2000 guests, there's a venue for every occasion. Three centrally located venues – the Whanganui War Memorial Centre, Royal Wanganui Opera House, and Cooks Gardens Event Centre – offer an extensive range of spaces to consider for your next event.

Each event is assigned a dedicated event co-ordinator to help deliver a seamless and successful experience no matter how big or small the occasion. For more information, visit: www.whanganuivenues.co.nz or call (06) 349 0513.

United in Recovery

An Integrated Recovery Team post COVID-19 has been established and is based at Whanganui District Council's Civil Defence headquarters at 101 Guyton Street.

The current focus of the team is to collect and evaluate information gathered from and by people and organisations throughout our region, while also addressing immediate needs and opportunities. For more information, visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/united-in-recovery



Partial road closure

Rail-crossing works in Glasgow St

Glasgow Street, between London Street and Victoria Avenue, will be closed from **8.30am this Thursday, 2 July until 6.00pm on Friday, 3 July 2020** for KiwiRail to complete rail-crossing work (this work may be extended to 6.00pm on Saturday, 4 July dependent on weather conditions).

It is recommended that road users consider alternative routes although detours will be signposted via London Street and Victoria Avenue. Access will be available to all nearby businesses during the road closure.

Notice of intention to issue a ground lease

Pursuant to Section 54 of the Reserves Act 1977, notice is hereby given of an intention to issue a ground lease to the Wanganui Motor Boat Club Incorporated for the term of six years over about 180-square metres of land being part of Certificate of Title Volume B2 Folio 745 and described as Section 492 Left Bank Whanganui River and situated at Anzac Parade, commonly known as Kōwhai Park, Whanganui, for recreational purposes.

Written submissions (stating the grounds for objection) to the issue of the lease should be forwarded to the undersigned by **4.00pm on Friday, 31 July 2020**. For more information, call Council Property Officer, Dianne Love, on (06) 349 3159.

Council meetings

Cancelled meetings

The following meetings have been cancelled because there are no items for each of their respective agendas:

Strategy and Finance Committee	Tuesday 7 July	CANCELLED
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Policy and Bylaw Committee	Wednesday 8 July	CANCELLED
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• The Rates Remission Policy item scheduled for this meeting has been moved to the Council Meeting on Tuesday, 14 July 2020

Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee	Thursday 9 July	CANCELLED
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WELCOME BACK!

Whanganui Venues & Events is pleased to announce that normal operating hours have resumed at the Whanganui War Memorial Centre, Royal Wanganui Opera House and Cooks Gardens Event Centre.

Whether it's 20 or 2000 guests we have the venue, including an extensive range of spaces, for every occasion – contact us today to book your next event!

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