

Elevator up for a new entranceway

Whanganui's much-loved Durie Hill Elevator is set to receive a major upgrade to its entrance as well as a maintenance overhaul of its lift car this month. The elevator will be closed to the public for about 12 weeks from Monday, 15 February

Whanganui District Council's general manager, property, Leighton Toy, says, "The entrance project is an initiative of the Whanganui Regional Heritage Trust, with the council managing the demolition and build, and undertaking maintenance work on the elevator at the same time. While the council owns the site, the trust initiated the new entrance in the lead-up to the elevator's 100th birthday celebrations in 2019."

The Durie Hill Elevator is classified by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga as a Category 1 Historic Place. To read more, please go to: www.whanganui.govt.nz/elevator-entrance



New animal pound about to become fully operational

Whanganui District Council's newly-built animal pound at 7 Airport Road will become fully operational tomorrow, Thursday, 11 February 2021.

The pound will be open to the public from this date on weekdays between 11.00am-1.00pm by appointment only via an online booking system. To pick up an animal or to make an appointment for other pound services, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/pound-appointment

Please also note that both the old Ridgway Street pound and new Airport Road facility will be closed to the public today, Wednesday, 10 February ONLY for the final move by the council's animal management team.

As well as core functions like the temporary housing, rehoming and microchipping of dogs, the new Airport Road pound will also provide community education programmes on responsible dog ownership.

Call for Arts Review entries

The 2021 Pattillo Whanganui Arts Review is again set to showcase the range of Whanganui region's artistic talent. The Pattillo Whanganui Arts Review is intended to be a true reflection of the region's creative energy and is open to artists of any age, working in any media, who live in the Whanganui region including Ruapehu and Rangitikei and all areas that link to the Whanganui River.

Each year a notable arts professional is invited to select 11 winners including the Open Award winner, who receives a cash prize of \$6500 and is invited to be the Pattillo Project artist. This person receives full gallery support to stage a solo artist showcase exhibition at the Sarjeant Gallery the following year.

Submission day for the 2021 Pattillo Whanganui Arts Review is Tuesday, 23 February 2021 between 10.30am-**4.30pm.** For more information and to download an entry form, please visit: www.sarjeant.org.nz

Entry forms are also available from Sarjeant on the Quay at 38 Taupo Quay.

Climate change feedback

Feedback on Whanganui District Council's draft Climate Change Strategy / Te Rautaki Huringa Āhuarangi closes at 5.00pm this Sunday, 14 February 2021. By taking time to share your ideas on addressing climate change in our district, you will be helping to form a document that will also shape our collective future. For more information, visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/draft-climate-change-strategy

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

- Climate Change Strategy /
- Te Rautaki Huringa Āhuarangi Dog Control Policy and Bylaw 2021
- Further Review of Gambling
- **Venues Policy 2020**

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





Sarjeant on the Quay

Temporary closure next week

Sarjeant on the Quay will close its exhibition space at 38 Taupo Quay from Monday, 15 February 2021 until 6.30pm on Friday, 19 February for interior building maintenance.

The gallery will reopen on Friday, 19 February at 6.30pm to celebrate the 2021 Pattillo Project exhibition, Tracy Byatt's An Impossible Bouquet.

Although the gallery space will be temporarily closed, staff offices and the gallery's shop will remain open as usual. For all enquiries, please contact the Sarjeant's Relationships Officer, Jaki Arthur, at: jaki.arthur@sarjeant.org.nz or call 027 577

Fun at Gonville Library!

After-school activities from Monday

Gonville Library at 44 Abbot Street will begin its after-school activity programme. The Gonville Fun Club, on Monday, 15 February

The programme's activities are suitable for school children aged 6-to-14 years, and will take place on weekdays. Monday to Friday, from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. For more information, please call the Gonville Library on 06 344 5872 or visit: www.facebook.com/GonvilleLibrary

Rat baiting

Rotokawau Virginia Lake operation

A rat baiting operation began this week at Rotokawau Virginia Lake and will continue until Thursday, 1 April 2021.

The rat bait Pestoff will be laid in approved bait stations at the Great North Road end of the lake and signs will be in place during the operation. The bait stations will be removed before the Easter public holiday.

Design a library card

Competition open until 31 March

Whanganui District Library's Design a New Library Card competition is now open. The theme for the competition is: Whanganui, Tell Us Your Story.

To enter, visit any District Library branch and pick up a template form. The competition closes on 31 March, 2021.

Council meetings

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Meetings next week Youth 4.00pm Council Committee Monday Chamber. 15 February 101 Guyton Street 1.00pm Council Strategy

Tuesday

16 February

Chamber, 101 Guyton

Street

and Finance

Committee

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