

Hinengaro festival launches summer

The start of summer will feature a new youth-focused festival in Whanganui's town centre. Whanganui District Council's Youth Committee is working with other local agencies to hold the Hinengaro Rangatahi Festival at Majestic Square in Victoria Avenue this Friday, 13 December 2019 from 4.00pm until about 8.00pm.

The Council's Youth Committee Project Support Officer, Nicole Grey, says, "One of the Youth Committee's key tasks is to improve the wellbeing of young people in our area by giving them more opportunities to get involved. Hinengaro will appeal to a broad range of young people because it offers a diverse mix in the way of music and activities."

The festival will include a basketball competition, games, art and interactive hauora activities, food deals at Mint and Little C, prize giveaways, hip-hop dance crew, Aotea Empire, and music from local bands Ocean Loaf, City College Band, Ra Costello, Rhythm Vision, In Business and DRXNES.



Whanganui band DRXNES will perform at Hinengaro Rangatahi Festival in Majestic Square this Friday, 13 December PHOTO: FACEBOOK.COM/DRXNESOFFICIAL

Christmas Parade makes its presence this Saturday

The Mainstreet Whanganui Christmas Parade rolls down Victoria Avenue **this Saturday**, **14 December 2019**, **from 2.00pm**. Mainstreet Whanganui's Events Marketing and Promotions Manager, Kelly Scarrow, says, "This year's parade will be bigger than ever, celebrating a true summer Kiwi Christmas along our beautiful city's main street."

An after-party at Majestic Square will follow the parade and include entertainment, face painting, food carts – and Santa's traditional lolly scramble!

Mainstreet has also joined with local retailers to hold the Late Night Shopping Evening on **Thursday, 19 December from 5.00pm-8.00pm**. Entertainment and food stalls will feature at Majestic Square from 5.00pm and Mainstreet will have \$500.00 in vouchers to give away to lucky shoppers.

WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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

- Proposed reserve name change
 Braves Ballpark
- Majestic Square Redevelopment

For more information please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/Your-Council/Have-Your-Say



Tap and go in Taupō Quay



Whanganui District Council Parking Officer, Mike Vautier, with one of three newly-installed parking meters in Taupō Quay

PHOTO: JUDITH HAMBLYN

Whanganui District Council recently installed three new replacement parking meters in Taupō Quay.

The new meters accept debit/credit cards and include a tapand-go payment function. They are also compatible with the ParkMate app that allows users to pay for parking in designated areas remotely using their smartphone.

Powered by solar-charged batteries, the meters are also able to transmit real-time data including faults to Council parking staff.



Request for tender

Contract 1851: Wilson Street Stormwater Renewal - Stage 2

Whanganui District Council invites tenders from suitably experienced contractors to undertake the installation of new stormwater and wastewater lines and water main in Wilson Street between Taupō Quay and Maria Place.

The tender documents are available at: www.tenderlink.com/whanganui
TenderLink Reference: **WANGDC-897855**Tenders for this contract must be submitted no later than **4.00pm on Thursday, 13 February 2020**.

To register with TenderLink, please go to www.tenderlink.com/whanganui - it is free and easy to register. For Tender Link enquiries call 0800 698 363. For any other tendering assistance contact Council Procurement Officer, Lana Treen, between 10.00am and 3.00pm weekdays at: lana.treen@whanganui.govt.nz or call (06) 349 3105.

Halswell St road sealing

Partial road closure this week

Halswell Street between Liverpool Street and London Street will be closed to general traffic from **7.00am to 7.00pm on Thursday, 12 December and Friday, 13 December 2019** to allow contractors to prepare and seal the

Residents will have limited access to their properties during the work and detours will be in place.

Proposed name change

Public feedback wanted

Whanganui District Council is seeking public feedback on a proposed name change for the Council-owned reserve at 29 Puriri Street, currently known as Braves Ballpark.

For more information and ways to make a submission, please visit: www.whanganui. govt.nz/proposed-reservename-change Submissions close at **5.00pm this Friday, 13 December 2019**.

House plans deadline

Whanganui District Council advises the holiday-period deadline for scanned general property information including house plans is **5.00pm on Wednesday, 18 December 2019**.

Requests will be processed within three working days and a \$30.00 fee applies. To request general property information email: yourcouncil@whanganui.govt.nz

Ministry of Health notice

Some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water standing in the fittings for several hours.

Although the health risk is small, the Ministry of Health recommends that you flush a mugful of water from your drinking-water tap each morning before use to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings.

The Ministry of Health recommends this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies.

Director-General of Health