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'Mini museum' a window on our past

As part of its work to make the town centre more vibrant, Whanganui District Council's town centre regeneration team has installed a large-scale display of historic photos in the window of the former Hallensteins' building on lower Victoria Avenue.

Town Centre Regeneration project manager, Ellen Young, says the team is already seeing a lot of enthusiasm and enjoyment as people engage with the history corner.

The council's heritage advisor, Scott Flutey, who is an historian by training, worked with local archives and institutions to select photos for the lower Victoria Avenue window display. He says he wanted to show lesser-known photos that had only recently been digitised and might be new to locals.

Scott Flutey says the photos "create a 'mini-museum' experience, pinpointing interesting moments in the past century to give a sense of how people used that space before us and show what's changed and what's stayed the same."



Whanganui history fan Chloe Gulbransen enjoys the photographic window display in the Hallensteins' building on lower Victoria Avenue

A "mystery history" telephone will be installed near the historic photo display before Christmas, so audio stories can expand on the mini-museum experience. As with the telephone recently installed on Drews Avenue, history buffs will be able to enjoy story snippets about old Whanganui.

New 'duckbill' diffusers for wastewater ocean outfall

Newly-made "duckbill" effluent diffusers (pictured) are about to be fitted to the ocean outfall stage of Whanganui District Council's wastewater treatment plant. The existing diffusers have begun to deteriorate because of exposure to the elements. The new diffusers will help to ensure ideal discharge conditions prevail at the outfall.

This work will safeguard the ongoing resilience and compliance of the council's wastewater service. The outfall is the last stage of the plant's wastewater treatment process. Treated water from the ocean outfall is reintroduced to the environment 1.5km off the Whanganui coast at South Beach.

Specialist underwater construction divers from Whanganui company Commercial Dive Services are undertaking the work. This local firm has been responsible for underwater maintenance of council assets for the past three decades.



Replacement of the outfall's duckbill diffusers is part of central government's Three Waters Stimulus Project funding that was launched in July 2020 following last year's COVID-19 lockdowns- for more information, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/stimulus-project

Creative industries survey

Are you involved in the arts or creative industries? Have your voice heard with the Whanganui Arts and Creative Industries Survey 2021.

The survey by Whanganui District Council and Whanganui & Partners aims to identify what's working for our creatives, what isn't, and what support is needed.

The results will help inform decisions on funding and other support provided to our vibrant arts community. As a bonus, respondents go into a draw to win one of four \$100.00 vouchers for either Paige's Book Gallery, New World supermarket or Aotearoa Art Supplies.

Take the online survey with the QR code above or go to: www.discoverwhanganui.nz/business/creative-industries-survey Hard copies of the survey are also available at Sarjeant on the Quay, 38 Taupo Quay, and from Whanganui District Council customer services at 101 Guyton Street.

The survey closes on **Sunday, 24 October 2021.**



Age Concern offering free events for senior drivers

Age Concern Whanganui is holding free events for senior drivers during November and December to encourage driver confidence and road safety. Bookings are essential and events will be held under COVID-19 alert level measures.

Staying Safe is a refresher driving course for older drivers who want to keep driving safely for as long as possible. It will take place from **9.30am until 3.00pm on Wednesday, 10 November and Wednesday, 1 December 2021.** The course aims to build the confidence of older drivers and update their knowledge of how ageing affects driving, road code changes, licence renewal for 75+ and safe driving practices. A booklet and luncheon will be provided.

CarFit is a 20-minute free check that helps older drivers maximise safety and comfort in their vehicles. This event will happen during the morning on **Thursday, 11 November and Thursday, 2 December 2021.**

For venue details and to book times for both of these events, please call Age Concern Whanganui on 06 345 1799.



COVID-19 vaccinations Super Saturday event on 16 October



A nationwide push for COVID-19 vaccinations is building up to a national day of action for vaccination **this Saturday, 16 October 2021.** Whanganui District Health Board is hosting clinics and times for Super Saturday in the Whanganui district - please visit: www.facebook.com/whanganuidhb

Please spread the word about Super Saturday - think about what you can do as an individual or as a workplace, whānau or community group to help others be vaccinated against COVID-19.

2021 Public Art Fund

Applications open until 29 October

Whanganui District Council's 2021 Public Art Fund is an annual contestable fund that supports a wide range of public artworks including digital art, temporary performance, toi Māori, interactive art, sculpture, pou whenua, moving image, land art, mural art and much more. Funding applications close at **12 noon on Friday, 29 October 2021.**

For more information, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/funding

Committee decision

Proposed freedom camping bylaw

Whanganui District Council's Policy and Bylaw committee heard 14 public submissions at its proposed freedom camping bylaw hearings and deliberations meeting on 29 September 2021.

The committee voted for the council to adopt the proposed bylaw. During the public consultation period 150 submissions were received. The freedom camping bylaw will:

- Limit how long freedom campers can stay at any one site to no more than four nights in a four-week period in most areas.
- Restrict the number of freedom camping spots at sites.
- Include buffer zones - where camping is not allowed - around freedom camping sites.

Council meetings

Meeting in October

Council meeting	1.00pm Tuesday 26 October	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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• adoption of Annual Report

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