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# Doggy Paddle set to make a splash

Woof woof – it’s back! The chance for your pooch to take a doggy dip is happening once again with the annual Doggy Paddle event for canines (and their owners) at the Whanganui East Aquatic Centre, 67 Tinirau Street, this **Sunday, 22 March 2020**.

This event is open to Council-registered dogs only and entry is cash-only \$2.00. Dogs must be under the direct control of their owners at all times, and owners must clean-up after their pets. Please remember to bring leads and doggy-do bags.

Swim time for small dogs is from 1.00pm-2.30pm on the day – medium-sized and large dogs will have access to the pool from 3.00pm-4.00pm.



Fergus, left, and Noah were dogs in togs at last year’s Doggy Paddle event at the Whanganui East Aquatic Centre PHOTOS: PAUL BROOKS

For more information about Doggy Paddle, please visit: [www.facebook.com/SplashcentreWhanganui](https://www.facebook.com/SplashcentreWhanganui) or email: [splashcentre@splashcentre.co.nz](mailto:splashcentre@splashcentre.co.nz) or call the Whanganui East Aquatic Centre on (06) 343 6650.

## Call for Whanganui Community Awards nominations

It’s time to nominate your community heroes! The Whanganui Community Awards are back and nominations are now open to the public.

Pick up a nomination form from any of the Whanganui libraries, or from Whanganui District Council Customer Services at 101 Guyton Street. Nominations close at **5.00pm on Friday, 3 April 2020**.

Return your nomination form to: The Mayoral Office, Whanganui District Council, PO Box 637, Whanganui 4541, or email to: [awards@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:awards@whanganui.govt.nz)

You can also make a nomination online at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/community-awards-2020](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/community-awards-2020)



## Register now for Household Hazardous Waste Day

Do you have any unwanted chemicals like insecticides, batteries and solvents at home? Whanganui District Council is once again running a hazardous waste drop-off service for households only on **Saturday, 28 March 2020**.



Your hazardous waste must be registered and approved by the Council before this date to be accepted. Once registered, you’ll be contacted with a drop-off location and time between **9.00am and 1.00pm on Saturday, 28 March**. Spaces are limited to a “first in, first served” basis and only registered and approved hazardous waste will be accepted. To register, please visit the Council’s website at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/Household-Hazardous-Waste-Day](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/Household-Hazardous-Waste-Day)

## Housing units available

Whanganui District Council provides quality housing for older people with low to moderate financial means. The Council owns 275 units – including 234 single units and 41 units suitable for couples – in 16 separate complexes throughout Whanganui. For eligibility criteria and all other enquiries, please contact the Council’s Property Co-ordinator, Nina Alexander, on (06) 349 3149 or email: [nina.alexander@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:nina.alexander@whanganui.govt.nz)

### WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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

- Proposed Parking Control Changes
- Review of Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees Bylaw

For more information please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say)

Have your say

Kōrero mai

### CLIMATE CHANGE

Whanganui District Council will join with people and organisations throughout New Zealand and the world to mark Earth Hour with a symbolic lights-out event **from 8.30pm-9.30pm on Saturday, 28 March 2020**.

Aligned with its recent declaration of a Climate Emergency, the Council will affirm its commitment to the environment by ensuring that lights in appropriate Council buildings, facilities and landmarks are turned off during Earth Hour. **Please note that for public safety reasons all street, shared pathway and security lighting will remain turned on during this event.**

Earth Hour is an opportunity for the entire Whanganui community – individuals, businesses, organisations and schools – to unite with others around the planet in support of a future where both people and nature can thrive. The Council encourages everyone to take part in this event with us.

Started in 2007, Earth Hour is now one of the world’s largest grassroots movements for the environment, engaging millions of people in more than 180 countries and territories. For more information about Earth Hour 2020 in New Zealand and to watch the official Earth Hour video, please visit: [www.earthhour.org.nz](http://www.earthhour.org.nz)

## Parking control changes

**Consultation closes today at 4.00pm**

Whanganui District Council is proposing to make changes to the parking controls on Drews Avenue, Wilson Street, St Hill Street and off Taupō Quay. If you have objections or any other feedback, please email to: [policysubmissions@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:policysubmissions@whanganui.govt.nz) or drop them into Council Customer Services at 101 Guyton Street. All consultation information is available at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say) Submissions close today, **Wednesday, 18 March 2020, at 4.00pm**.

## Somme Pde part closure

**Week-long extension ends 23 March**

The scheduled two-week closure of a section of Somme Parade between Halswell and Glasgow streets has been extended for a week until **6.00pm on Monday, 23 March 2020**. For more information, please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/Gloucester-Street-stormwater-upgrade](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/Gloucester-Street-stormwater-upgrade)

## Dublin St Bridge closure

**Overnight closures until this weekend**

Dublin Street Bridge will be closed overnight this week to all vehicle traffic from 7.00pm-6.00am so resurfacing work can be completed at the Dublin Street roundabout. **The bridge will reopen at 6.00am on Saturday, 21 March 2020**. Please note that the bridge’s cycle and walkways will remain open at all times during the work.

## Council meetings

**You are welcome at our meetings**

Meetings next week		
Council Meeting	1.00pm Tuesday 24 March	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Property and Community Services Committee	1.00pm Wednesday 25 March	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
All Council meetings for April 2020		
Whanganui Rural Community Board	3.30pm Wednesday 1 April	Nagaizumi-cho Room
Youth Committee	4.00pm Monday 6 April	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Strategy and Finance Committee	1.00pm Tuesday 7 April	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee	1.00pm Thursday 9 April	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street

Agendas are available at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas) or view hard copies at 101 Guyton Street or the Davis Library.