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Moving sculpture finds new home

A blessing and celebration was held in the courtyard of the Davis Library at Pukenamu Queen's Park last Thursday (13 May 2021) to welcome local artist Hamish Horsley's *Transient Being* sculpture to its new permanent home.

Whanganui-born sculptor Hamish Horsley spent 38 years based in London working as a professional artist before returning to live in Whanganui in 2015. *Transient Being* was carved in 1997 and exhibited at several locations in England before being loaned to New Zealand House in London, where it was on display for 20 years. When New Zealand House underwent renovations in 2019, Hamish Horsley offered to gift the sculpture to Whanganui District Council's public art collection.

With a cost of more than \$17,000 to have the sculpture shipped to Whanganui, a fundraising appeal was launched by Bill Milbank, curator of Milbank Gallery and former director of the Sarjeant Gallery Te Whare o Rehua Whanganui.

The council's parks team then worked with the artist to identify and landscape a suitable space for the sculpture.



Kaumātua John Maihi conducted a blessing for Hamish Horsley's *Transient Bodies* sculpture in the Davis Library courtyard last week

Transient Being was positioned on a block of Oamaru stone in the Davis Library courtyard and Hamish Horsley spent several weeks recarving part of the sculpture's base.

Hamish Horsley says the upper triangular form on the sculpture is perceived as a symbol of sanctuary, while the lower block of stone represents earth. The two are symbolically interdependent, flowing from one to the other.

Techweek 2021 events at district libraries next week

Techweek 2021 – which takes place next week from 22-30 May – is a series of local and nationwide events showcasing New Zealand's technology and innovation sectors. For this year's event, Whanganui District Library is holding these FREE events (no registration is required):

- **Tech@Alex** will be a hands-on demonstration at the Alexander Library Te Rerenga mai o te Kāuru of the tech used to research local heritage, history and whakapapa. Methods will range from searching phonebooks and card indexes to using the latest microfilm scanner technology. More details, dates and times are at: bit.ly/3hD7oCe
- **Library Online** will show you how to get free access to books, movies, audiobooks, magazines and newspapers through Whanganui District Library's library apps. For more information, dates and times, go to: bit.ly/3uX34Af
- **Library TechZone** at the Davis Library will demonstrate coding using Makey Makey, Raspberry Pi and Ozobot devices. Discover how to make a musical keyboard out of random objects, control robots using colour coding and play Pixel Pairs. Coding can be fun and it's not just for kids. For more information about this event, including dates and times, go to: bit.ly/3wbZaDP

For a full listing of Techweek 2021 events in Whanganui and around the country, please visit: www.techweek.co.nz



In the know with Antenno

Antenno, Whanganui District Council's new mobile app, lets you receive alerts about places and topics important to you. Antenno is free to download – for more details, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/antenno



Rating information database

Whanganui District Council's rating information database (RID) is available for public inspection under section 28 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. The RID contains a record of all information required for setting and assessing rates and allows for the calculation of rates liability for each rating unit. The RID is available for viewing Monday to Friday, 8.30am-5.00pm, at 101 Guyton Street. The database is free to inspect but a fee may be charged to supply a copy of particulars. To view the RID online, visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/rating-information-database

WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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

- Review of Pensioner Housing Policy

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



Instalment 4 rates

Due date next Wednesday, 26 May

A reminder to all ratepayers that the due date for payment of instalment 4 rates for 2020/21 is **next Wednesday, 26 May 2021**. For people who pay by instalment, Whanganui District Council offers direct debit as a payment method. For more information, contact the council on 06 349 0001. For online and other payment options, visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/pay-rates

Autumn leaf collection

Flood risk from blocked grates

Whanganui District Council is asking city residents to avoid pushing leaves from private properties onto public roads. The leaf sucker truck operated by the council's road maintenance contractor is currently at capacity on a constant leaf collection cycle around the city. Large piles of leaves pushed onto residential streets can leave road sumps blocked after the sucker truck has been through, making neighbourhoods vulnerable to surface flooding in the event of heavy rain.

Winter Gardens work

Seismic strengthening of entranceway

Work began this week on earthquake strengthening of the entranceway to the Winter Gardens at Rotokawau Virginia Lake. Alternative access to the gardens will be available weekdays, with normal access on weekends. The work is expected to be completed by Friday, 11 June 2021.

Pooch moved kennel?

Update your contact details now

Dog registration time is approaching so now's the perfect opportunity to update your contact details with Whanganui District Council. Tell us if your pooch has moved kennel online at: www.whanganui.govt.nz or call customer services on 06 349 0001.

Council meetings

Upcoming May meetings

Infrastructure, Climate, Change and Emergency Management Committee	1.00pm Thursday 20 May	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Council Meeting	10.30am Tuesday 25 May	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street

Deliberations for the Long-Term Plan 2021-2031 – please note that the reserve day for this meeting is Wednesday, 26 May 2021

Meeting in June

Audit and Risk Committee	1.00pm Thursday 3 June	Nagaizumi-cho Room, 101 Guyton Street
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Agendas: www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas
Livestreamed council meetings: www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil
www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings

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IT'S ALMOST DOG REGO TIME!

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