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Creative Communities funding opens

Applications are now open for the Creative Communities Scheme, which funds local arts projects that benefit the community. The Creative Communities Scheme is a partnership between Whanganui District Council and Creative New Zealand, and administered by Whanganui & Partners, the Council's economic development agency.

Anique Jayasinghe, Community Arts Co-ordinator at Whanganui & Partners, says funding is allocated to projects that make a difference to the community by encouraging youth participation in the arts, giving locals the chance to engage with arts activities or showcasing artistic cultural traditions. "We've had some great success stories, including the Ranana Māori Committee's Te Hanga Hinaki project, which is currently underway," Anique Jayasinghe says.

Applications must be for projects not yet started and will be completed within 12 months of receiving funding – this round is for projects that will take place between 1 November 2020 and 1 November 2021.



The Sarjeant Gallery's Tylee Cottage artist-in-residence and weaving expert, Matthew McIntyre-Wilson (left), is currently leading a hinaki (eel trap) residential weaving workshop at Ranana Marae

Contact Anique Jayasinghe on (06) 349 3086 or email: anique.jayasinghe@whanganuiandpartners.nz

Official application forms are available online in Word and PDF formats at: www.whanganuiandpartners.nz/ccs or as hard copies from Whanganui & Partners at 179 St Hill Street.

The deadline for funding applications is **12 noon on Thursday, 1 October 2020.**

Connecting with the Whanganui Newcomers Network

As part of the Welcoming Communities initiative, the goal of the Whanganui Newcomers Network is to support newcomers to Whanganui from a diverse range of communities and cultures.

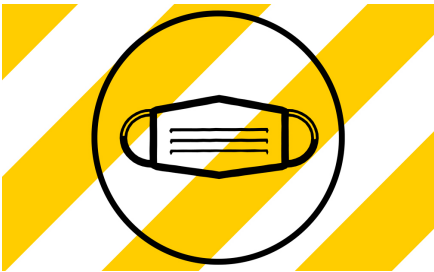
The Newcomers Network's monthly Newcomers Meet Up event is free to attend and includes lunch. Held at the Ladies' Rest, 75 St Hill Street, this month's event features the Bohemian Genie Bellydance Group (pictured right) from **12 noon next Tuesday, 8 September 2020.** The Bohemian Genie Bellydance Group leads classes based on dance moves from Middle Eastern and Mediterranean cultures for women of all ages.

At this month's Newcomers Meet Up event the group will give a brief demonstration of their dances, followed by lunch and the opportunity to ask questions and make connections.

If you're a newcomer to the city or district, the Whanganui Newcomers Network is ready to welcome you with any enquiry – connect by Facebook, call 021 135 9948 or email: whanganui@newcomers.co.nz



Face masks mandatory for Durie Hill lift and on buses



It is now mandatory under COVID-19 Alert Level 2 restrictions for all Durie Hill Elevator users over 12 years of age to wear a face mask or face covering when travelling on the lift. This central Government requirement came into effect on Monday, 31 August 2020.

QR codes will be on display at both ends of the elevator for contact-tracing purposes. Compliance with face coverings in the lift will remain in place until further notice.

The wearing of face masks or face coverings also became compulsory on all public buses in Whanganui on Monday, 31 August. Exceptions to this rule are children aged under 12, and people who have a disability or mental/physical health condition that prevents them from complying. Please remember to also observe two-metre social distancing practices at bus stops.

Bus services in Whanganui are provided by Horizons Regional Council – for more information, please visit: bit.ly/HRC-COVID

Psychoactive Substances policy up for review

Whanganui District Council is seeking feedback on the review of its Psychoactive Substances – Local Approved Products Policy. The Council is proposing changes to the drafting of the policy to improve its clarity and usability, and give effect to the intent of the policy.

To submit your feedback, complete the submission form online at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say or email your thoughts to: polycysubmissions@whanganui.govt.nz

Hard copies of the proposed policy, statement of proposal and submission form are available from Council Customer Services at 101 Guyton Street, the Davis Library or Gonville Library. All consultation information is available online at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say

Submissions close at **5.00pm on Friday, 9 October 2020.**

WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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

- Land Purchase at Durie Hill (3 and 9 Blyth Street)
- Review of Psychoactive Substances – Local Approved Products Policy

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

Have your say

Kōrero mai

Request for tender

Contract 1883 – Castlecliff water main replacement

Whanganui District Council invites tenders from suitably experienced contractors for the replacement of the existing water main from Cameron Road East to Erin Road.

The tender documents are available at www.tenderlink.com/whanganui
TenderLink Reference: **WANGDC-933489**
Tenders for this contract must be submitted no later than **4.00pm on Thursday, 24 September 2020.**

To register with TenderLink, please visit: www.tenderlink.com/whanganui
For any other tendering assistance, contact the Council's Senior Procurement Officer, Lana Treen, between 10.00am-3.00pm weekdays at: lane.treen@whanganui.govt.nz or call direct on (06) 349 3105.

Progress Castlecliff

Suburban group's AGM this Saturday

Progress Castlecliff is holding its annual meeting at CLIFFLIFE, 16 Rangiora Street, **this Saturday, 5 September 2020 from 12.00 noon to 1.00pm.** This meeting is open to the community and all are welcome. Progress Castlecliff is a community-based charitable organisation that has worked to progress improvements in Castlecliff since 1994. For more information, please visit: www.facebook.com/progresscastlecliffofficial

To become a member of Progress Castlecliff or to renew your membership, go to: www.givealittle.co.nz/org/progresscastlecliff

Small Talks event next Tuesday

A Small Talks event is being hosted at Bayleys Whanganui, 158 Wicksteed Street, **next Tuesday, 8 September 2020 from 7.00pm-8.30pm.** Tickets are available online or at the door on the night – doors open at 6.30pm. Proceeds from this event will benefit Progress Castlecliff. Small Talks is a fast-paced evening of speakers sharing inspirational stories in five-minute slots using a maximum of 15 images. For more ticket information and a list of speakers, please visit: bit.ly/2ETIQXB

Heritage Grant Fund

Whanganui District Council's Heritage Grant Fund provides financial assistance to private building owners in the Town Centre to undertake heritage enhancement work. The current Heritage Grant Fund application round runs until the end of September 2020. For more information about the fund, visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/heritage-fund

Council meetings

You are welcome at our meetings

Meeting this week		
Audit and Risk Committee	1.00pm Thursday 3 September	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street

Agendas are available at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas
Full Council meetings are livestreamed at:
• www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil
• www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings