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Tribute on track for running great

Whanganui District Council, together with Athletics Wanganui and the Whanganui Sports Heritage Trust, will honour the late Sir Peter Snell, KNZM OBE, at a tribute event at Cooks Gardens **next Monday, 27 January 2020 from 7.00pm to 8.00pm.**

The event is free and all are welcome – members of the public taking part are asked to meet at the Cooks Street entrance to Cooks Gardens from 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start.

Whanganui made international headlines on 27 January 1962 when Sir Peter ran a mile (1.6km) in 3 minutes 54.4 seconds, setting a new world record.

Cr Philippa Baker-Hogan says the event is intended to be a respectful tribute to Sir Peter who passed away late last year in the United States, and who was always supportive of athletics in Whanganui.

“Sir Peter is New Zealand’s Sports Champion of the 20th Century and his record-breaking world mile at Whanganui 58 years ago will be inscribed forever as one of the most remarkable and memorable occasions that the people of Whanganui have ever witnessed.”



Sir Peter Snell’s statue in Cooks Gardens forever looks on to the finishing line of the athletics track. Inset: Sir Peter sets a new world mile record at Cooks Gardens in January 1962

The event will feature a tribute lap of the Cooks Gardens track followed by speeches from Whanganui Mayor, Hamish McDouall, and athletics representatives including former New Zealand middle- to long-distance runner and 1972 Olympic medallist, Rod Dixon.

Waitangi Day celebrations

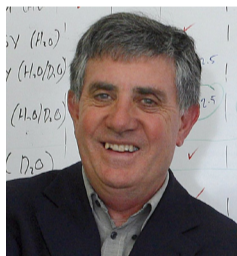
Whakawhanake Ltd, in association with Whanganui District Council, will commemorate Waitangi Day this year at Pākaitore Moutoa Gardens with Picnic at the Pā on **Thursday, February 6, 2020 from 11.00am-3.00pm.**

Picnic at the Pā will feature food and expo stalls, live music and entertainment, games and more for the whole whānau.

Some stall spaces may still be available – for enquiries, please email: info@whakawhanake.com or call Tamahaia on 027 443 6175. For more information about Picnic at the Pā, please visit: www.facebook.com/Whakawhanake

Leading NZ film-maker to present documentaries

The Sarjeant Gallery Te Whare o Rehua Whanganui will host the first Whanganui screening of *Dancing with Atoms*, the acclaimed documentary about Whanganui-born physicist, science communicator and entrepreneur, Sir Paul Callaghan (pictured), at Sarjeant on the Quay, 38 Taupō Quay, **next Wednesday, 29 January at 7.00pm.**



Dancing with Atoms was produced and directed by leading New Zealand documentary maker Shirley Horrocks, who will introduce the film at the screening. Sir Paul’s brother, Jim Callaghan, will also attend. General admission is \$7.00 – Gallery Friends and Stars \$5.00.

Shirley Horrocks will also introduce the screening of her documentary film, *Peter Peryer: The Art of Seeing*, at the Davis Lecture Theatre, Watt Street, **next Thursday, 30 January at 7.00pm.**

One of New Zealand’s most important photographers, Peter Peryer dedicated his life to seeing and making works of art out of the everyday. General admission to this film is \$12.00 – Gallery Friends and Stars \$10.00.

Tickets to both films are available from Sarjeant on the Quay, 38 Taupō Quay, or by calling (06) 349 0506.

Council properties to let

Commercial and residential buildings

A Whanganui District Council-owned commercial building located at 129 Guyton Street is for lease. This recently re-roofed high-profile, secure enclosed building has a 326-square metre floor area and includes bathroom facilities. A 4m-by-3m roller door allows vehicle access from the street. Rental is \$24,800 plus GST per annum plus outgoing.

Two residential houses are also available for rent. One is the cottage on the grounds of Bason Botanic Gardens on Rapanui Road. This cottage has two double bedrooms, an office, separate lounge, refurbished combined kitchen-dining area plus small sunroom. There is no garaging and no dogs are allowed. The cottage would suit a mature couple – rent is \$300.00 per week.

Another residential house is available at Aramoho Cemetery, 1 Papaiti Road. This character four-bedroom home has recently undergone some refurbishment and features a small kitchen, formal dining area, separate lounge, one bathroom and spacious grounds with a single-garage workshop. Rent is \$400.00 per week.

To make an appointment to view any of these properties, please call Council Property Officer, Dianne Love, on 0274 375 375.

Suburban libraries

Call for expressions of interest

Whanganui District Library would like to hear from businesses or organisations interested in hosting a self-service library in their suburban premises. Two suburban self-service libraries – Hakeke Street Library in Whanganui East and Rangiora Street Library in Castlecliff – have already opened. The suburban self-service facilities represent a new library model that has been pioneered in Whanganui.

Hakeke Street Library and the adjacent Community Centre will also celebrate their first anniversary this weekend with musical entertainment, a bouncy castle and a storytime event on **Saturday, 25 January from 10.00am-1.00pm** – crafts, food and secondhand books will be available to buy.

Pākaitore Celebrations

Proposed road closure

Under the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965, Whanganui District Council proposes to close Taupō Quay, from Market Place to Bates Street, for Pākaitore Celebrations. The **proposed period of closure is from 8.00am to 8.00pm on Friday, 28 February 2020.** During the proposed closure, directional signs will be in place to show the alternative route. Any person objecting to the proposal should lodge written notice of their objection and reasons **before Friday, 31 January 2020** at Council Customer Services, 101 Guyton Street, Whanganui.

Summer pool hours

Whanganui East Aquatic Centre

Summer opening hours until early March 2020 for the Whanganui East Aquatic Centre are available on the Splash Centre’s website at: www.splashcentre.co.nz/opening-hours