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Christmas Parade is coming to town!

After missing 2021, Santa Claus has confirmed he'll be making the journey from the North Pole to Whanganui this year to attend the much-loved Mainstreet Christmas Parade from 2.00pm on Saturday, 10 December 2022.

Speaking from his top-secret toy production facility in the Arctic, Mr Claus said he was excited at the prospect of returning to the awa city to join revellers at Whanganui's biggest community celebration. "Ho, ho, ho – few places embrace the yuletide spirit like Whanganui, so I'm very much looking forward to seeing all the wonderful floats make their way down Victoria Avenue!"

Mainstreet Whanganui's Santa Relations Advisor, Geoff Follett, says, "We've already locked in perennial Christmas float favourites like the tram, buzzy bee, Thomas the Tank Engine and, of course, the jolly red man himself in his Santa sleigh. What's more we've got his worship Mayor Andrew Tripe riding in the Cinderella pumpkin. But we do still have a few spaces left for additional floats for any community members with cool ideas."

Friday is White Ribbon Day

White Ribbon Day will be marked in Whanganui this Friday, 25 November 2022, with a street march along Victoria Avenue starting at 12 noon. The march will start from Taupo Quay and proceed up Victoria Avenue to Majestic Square. Participants are asked to assemble at the corner of St Hill Street and Taupo Quay before 12 noon.

In New Zealand, most violence by men against women takes place in the home. White Ribbon Day celebrates the many men willing to show leadership and commitment to promoting safe, healthy relationships within families and encourages men to challenge each other on attitudes and behaviour that are abusive. More at: whiteribbon.org.nz

Amplify your business now!

Whanganui & Partners' quarterly Amplify business development grants are available to help Whanganui businesses thrive. Applications for this funding round close at 5.00pm on Friday, 9 December 2022. Amplify grants are one-off payments of up to \$4000 for projects that will boost or sustain your business or organisation. You could use your grant to buy new equipment, upgrade your website or launch a marketing campaign. For more information and to apply, please visit: discoverwhanganui.nz/amplify



What could your business do with an extra \$4000?

Amplify business development grants are available for established Whanganui businesses.

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The Mainstreet Christmas Parade in Victoria Avenue is one of Whanganui's largest annual community events

Following the parade, there'll be a free festive celebration in Majestic Square at about 3.00pm, with live music and a much-anticipated lolly scramble with Santa and his team of trusty elves on lolly-throwing duties. For up-to-date details, please visit: facebook.com/mainstreet.whanganui.inc

Work on public toilet block in Upokongaro has begun



Construction of the Upokongaro public toilet block by Whanganui District Council contractors began last Friday, 18 November 2022, following a blessing of the site earlier in the week. The toilet block will be located on open land near the Upokongaro War Memorial Hall. Read more about this project at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/Your-Council/News-Events/News

Property file requests

If you require a property file before the 2022-23 Christmas / New Year holiday period, Whanganui District Council must receive your request no later than 5.00pm on Monday, 19 December 2022. This means you will receive the electronic file before the council closes for the holiday period at 12 noon on Friday, 23 December 2022. Applications received after 5.00pm on Monday, 19 December will be actioned from Wednesday, 4 January 2023. Request a property file online at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/property-file-request

Chromebook lessons

Register for free District Library event

Whanganui District Library is running a free class for Chromebook users who would like to boost their skills on Thursday, 1 December 2022 from 1.00pm-3.00pm at the Alexander Heritage & Research Library Te Rerenga Mai o Te Kāuru, Pukenui Queen's Park.

The two-hour session will cover the basics of using Chromebooks, including:

- understanding how cloud computing works
- getting to know the Chromebook interface
- customising Chromebook settings
- using Google apps such as Google Drive and Google Docs.

Places are limited with bookings required. To book, email: rachel@whanganuilibrary.com or call / text 027 211 4261.

Hyltons Pit pest control

Overnight operation for two weeks

Whanganui District Council contractors began a pest control night operation at Hyltons Pit on Monday, 21 November. The rabbit and possum control work will take place over a two-week period and is needed to prevent ongoing damage to recent community plantings in this area.

The fortnight-long operation is weather dependent and scheduled to take place overnight until Saturday morning, 3 December 2022 inclusive from 10.00pm until 6.00am. The reserve will reopen to the public during the day throughout the work.

Shared pathway work

Upgrade to Whanganui East section

Maintenance to a section of shared pathway in Whanganui East between the Whanganui Multisport Club and Dublin Street Bridge started on Monday, 21 November and will continue until Thursday, 22 December 2022.

The existing asphalt is being replaced with concrete as an upgrade to this part of the shared pathway. Pedestrians and cyclists will be able to follow a detour around the construction area.

Lake Wiritoa spraying

Hornwort management next week

As part of managing the invasive water weed hornwort (*Ceratophyllum demersum*) in Lake Wiritoa, Whanganui District Council contractors will spray Reglone herbicide in the designated public swimming and water skiing areas on Monday, 28 November 2022.

Depending on the weather, the alternative date for spraying is Tuesday, 29 November 2022. More information is available at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/public-notice

Council meetings

Upcoming meeting

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| Whanganui Rural Community Board | 2.00pm Wednesday 7 December | Lijiang Room, 101 Guyton Street |
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