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Free shuttle service during lift closure

Whanganui District Council is providing a free temporary shuttle service for Durie Hill residents while the historic Durie Hill elevator is closed for about 11 weeks.

A major upgrade to the elevator's entrance and a maintenance overhaul of its lift car is currently underway. The council's general manager – property, Leighton Toy, says a Take It Easy Tours nine-seater shuttle bus service will replace the elevator during peak hours.

"We're very pleased to have been able to secure this service. As well as being a visitor attraction, we know the elevator is popular as a mode of public transport for local residents – with school children using the service on a regular basis," Leighton Toy says.

The replacement service will run at peak times on weekdays from the top elevator entrance area on Blyth Street to the bus stop beside the Whanganui i-SITE Visitor Information Centre on Taupo Quay and back again.

Leighton Toy says the shuttle bus is easy to spot with its Take It Easy Tours branding. "The bus will run in cycles of about 10 to 15 minutes (see service information, right). It will also have a bike rack, so will be able to take cyclists."



SERVICE INFORMATION – Timetable effective from Monday, 22 February 2021 until the Durie Hill elevator reopens.

Monday to Friday (not including weekends and public holidays):

- 7.30am – 9.00am
- 2.30pm – 4.00pm

This is a free service – the shuttle arrives every 10-15 minutes. Bicycles can be carried on the cycle racks.

Collection and drop-off points:

- Blyth Street, Durie Hill – Top elevator entrance area
- Taupo Quay – Bus stop beside Whanganui i-SITE

Mana Wahine will celebrate International Women's Day

Mana Wahine, a free event to celebrate International Women's Day, will be held at the Whanganui District Council Chamber on **Monday, 8 March 2021 from 3.30pm-5.00pm** as part of this year's La Fiesta festival for women.

Whanganui Deputy Mayor Jenny Duncan and District Councillor Kate Joblin will host the event among a range of speakers. While acknowledging women who have represented Whanganui as past leaders, Mana Wahine will also provide information to future women leaders in our community. Deputy Mayor Duncan, says, "There have only been four or five successful women candidates in recent elections so this event will discuss, among other topics, how to get greater representation for women at council."

To attend this event, please RSVP by 5.00pm on Thursday, 4 March 2021 to: Jenny.Duncan@whanganui.govt.nz

Join the Youth Committee!

Are you aged 12 to 24 with a passion for helping other young people in our community? Then Whanganui District Council's Youth Committee needs you!



Youth Committee project support officer, Nicole Grey, says recruitment has opened for new members. "We're after enthusiastic, vibrant young leaders who can contribute towards making Whanganui great for young people."

There are several vacancies this year in the 14-strong Youth Committee. For more information and application forms, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/applyYC Applications close **this Saturday, 27 February 2021**.

Alcohol licensing vacancy

Do you have great decision-making skills? Experience in formal hearings, or former alcohol licensing experience? Whanganui District Council is calling for applications from eligible persons interested in making alcohol licensing decisions to be part of the Whanganui District Licensing Committee.

Expressions of interest are invited from suitable candidates for consideration for appointment as committee members. The District Licensing Committee consists of a commissioner and two other committee members drawn from a list of members appointed by Whanganui District Council.

Applications close at midnight on **Sunday, 21 March 2021**. For more information, please visit: bit.ly/3pMZrcY

WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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

- Dog Control Policy and Bylaw 2021
- Further Review of Gambling Venues Policy 2020
- Review of Significance and Engagement Policy
- Changes to Otamatea Speed Limits 2021

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



Dog Control review

Public submissions close this Friday

Submissions close at **5.00pm this Friday, 26 February 2021** for Whanganui District Council's review of its Dog Control Policy and Bylaw. The council has adopted a wellbeing-focused approach to prioritise safe interactions between dogs and people, and to increase the positive aspects of dog ownership and reduce nuisance. All consultation information is available at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say

Kowhai Park event

Riverfront road closure this Saturday

If you're visiting Kowhai Park **this Saturday, 27 February 2021, between 6.00am-6.00pm**, please be aware the roadway along the riverfront area will be closed for the Raukotahi Marae Waka Ama Challenge event. Māori Wardens will assist with traffic management in this area during the event.

The Kowhai Park playground will be OPEN during this event – visitors will be able to access the playground through the park's main entrance on Anzac Parade.

City Bridge closure

Road works on Putiki Dr / Anzac Pde

Whanganui City Bridge will be **closed overnight from 6.00pm until 6.00am from Tuesday, 2 March until Sunday, 7 March 2021** for repairs to a section of Putiki Drive-Anzac Parade. The City Bridge will be closed to allow for the control of traffic through the worksite. The affected Putiki Drive-Anzac Parade section will have traffic management in place and delays are possible.

This section of road at the intersection with the City Bridge is part of State Highway 4 and the work is being carried out by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency contractors. The repairs are weather dependent – if work is postponed, it will move to the next fine night.

Coastal conference

National event in Whanganui in March

The Coastal Restoration Trust of New Zealand – Tahuna Ora will hold its annual conference in Whanganui from **10-12 March 2021**. The conference's theme is Living On A Dynamic Coast – Ko Te Kawa o Tangaroa, he kawa ora. The main venue for the conference will be The Grand Hotel on the corner of Guyton and St Hill streets. A free pre-conference workshop, Working With Nature, will also be held on Tuesday, 9 March 2021. For more information about these events, please visit: bit.ly/3cbw9kP

Proposed policy update

Significance and Engagement Policy

Whanganui District Council is proposing to make updates to its Significance and Engagement Policy. Objections or any other feedback can be emailed to: policysubmissions@whanganui.govt.nz or dropped into customer services at 101 Guyton Street.

All consultation information is available at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say Submissions close at **5.00pm on Monday, 5 April 2021**.

