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All aboard for bus shelter celebration

The celebration for Castlecliff’s new bus shelter artwork has been rescheduled after being postponed because of the COVID-19 lockdown. Everyone is welcome to attend a blessing and celebration for the bus shelter starting at **1.45pm on Saturday, 4 July 2020** outside the Rangiora Street Library in Castlecliff.

Whanganui artist Claire Bell (pictured), who created the engraved glass artwork for the bus shelter, says, “We’ve organised a free double-decker bus to run from town to the bus shelter for the blessing – local performer and transport enthusiast, Anthonie Tonnon, will act as conductor for the trip.”

Anthonie Tonnon, also the new Whanganui District Council representative on Horizons Regional Council’s Passenger Transport Committee, says, “The double-decker bus trip will be a unique experience as it will travel the two historic tram routes to Castlecliff.

“These routes became the basis of the Greyhound Bus routes from the 1950s, and much of our housing has been built around them,” Mr Tonnon says.



The double-decker bus will leave from the bus stop outside the Whanganui Tramways Museum on Taupō Quay at 1:30pm on the day, then return from Castlecliff at 3.00pm. Spaces are limited – to book a seat on the bus, please email: Anique.Jayasinghe@whanganuiandpartners.nz

Survey seeks Ūpokongaro War Memorial Hall ideas



Whanganui District Council is seeking feedback from the Whanganui community on the restoration of the Ūpokongaro War Memorial Hall. The hall requires significant repairs – including a complete electrical and plumbing upgrade – and maintenance for it to be occupied.

Council Property Officer, Dianne Love, says, “The Council would like to gauge the community’s level of interest in the Ūpokongaro War Memorial Hall, and investigate the possibility of the building being brought back to life.”

To complete a survey by **midnight on Monday, 31 August 2020** on the restoration of the hall, its possible future uses, and if a public toilet should be installed at Ūpokongaro, go to: www.surveymonkey.com/r/UpokongaroWarMemorialHall

Dog registration fees due

It’s time to register your canine companions. Dog registration notices have been posted to owners – if you haven’t received your notice by 1 July 2020, please call Whanganui District Council on (06) 349 0001. Registration fees must be paid in full by **Wednesday, 31 July 2020** to receive a prompt payment discount.

Several payment options are available including online by credit/debit card (this is the Council’s preferred method of payment). To make an online payment, go to: www.whanganui.govt.nz/dog-registration and choose the “Online” option. You’ll need your “Client Number”, which can be found at the top of your dog registration notice.

WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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

- Rates Postponement and Rates Remission Policies
- Review of Streets Infrastructure Bylaw 2015

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

Have your say

Kōrero mai

United in Recovery

An Integrated Recovery Team post COVID-19 has been established and is based at Whanganui District Council’s Civil Defence headquarters at 101 Guyton Street.

The current focus of the team is to collect and evaluate information gathered from and by people and organisations throughout our region, while also addressing immediate needs and opportunities. For more information, visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/united-in-recovery



Rates Rebate Scheme

Applications close Tuesday, 30 June

Ratepayers who may qualify for a rates rebate must apply for a rebate by **Tuesday, 30 June 2020** for the 2019/2020 rating year (the rating year runs from 1 July to 30 June).

If your income is low to moderate (maximum \$25,660) you may be eligible for a rates rebate of up to \$640. To determine whether you are eligible, Whanganui District Council requires your gross income earnings (before tax) for the tax period ending 31 March 2019.

The rates rebate will be calculated on your income earnings and your 2019/2020 Whanganui District Council rates and Horizons Regional Council rates.

For more information, please contact Whanganui District Council’s rates department on (06) 349 0001, or visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/rates-rebate-scheme

Airport café for lease

Commercial kitchen available

A unique opportunity is available for an innovative food operator to lease Whanganui Airport’s café. The café offers a commercial kitchen that may appeal to a tenant who can run an airport terminal café while taking advantage of the commercial kitchen facilities.

For inquiries about leasing the space, contact Whanganui Airport Chief Executive, Leighton Toy, at: Leighton.Toy@whanganui.govt.nz

Council meetings

You are welcome at our meetings

Meetings next week

Youth Committee	4.00pm Monday 29 June	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Property and Community Services Committee	1.00pm Tuesday 30 June	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Whanganui Rural Community Board	3.30pm Wednesday 1 July	Nagaizumi-cho Room, 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

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As mornings and evenings get darker, wear lights and reflective clothing whether you are cycling, walking or running.