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Airport runway resurfacing takes off

Work is underway to resurface the runway at Whanganui Airport as part of ongoing development at the airport.

WHANGANUI AIRPORT

The runway was last resurfaced with chipseal in 2007, and regular maintenance work to seal surface cracks has occurred each year since 2017. The new asphalt surface will ensure the continuing operation of the airport for all users for the next 15 years.

Whanganui District Council's general manager - community property and places, Sarah O'Hagan, says, "Whanganui Airport is an essential part of our local infrastructure. The facility acts as both a gateway to our region and a growing centre for flight-based businesses and services, and is critical in keeping our city and district connected to the rest of New Zealand and the wider world.

"Investment by local and central government into the overall development of the airport, including the runway's resurfacing and the current reroofing of the airport terminal building represents a long-term benefit to the Whanganui community and will ensure the facility's future viability," Sarah O'Hagan says.

Overnight work by contractor Fulton Hogan to resurface the runway began on Tuesday night, 24 October 2023, and is expected to be completed by the end of November.



This Learjet was a recent visitor to Whanganui Airport - night works to resurface the airport's runway are underway until the end of November

Each night, up to 50 truck movements will transport approximately 600-tonnes of asphalt to be laid over 130m of the 1.4km-long runway. Fulton Hogan will have about 50 personnel and 20 construction vehicles onsite each night during the work period to mill and reseal the runway surface in successive stages. The work will occur in five-day shifts from 6.00pm until 6.00am, Sunday evening through to Friday morning.

Whanganui Airport manager, Phil McBride, says, "To ensure Air Chathams' flights are not affected by the work, the airport will close after the last passenger flight lands at 7.20pm and reopen the following morning in time for the scheduled 6.45am flight to Auckland."

For more details, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/news

ROADING INFORMATION

Somme Pde through-traffic closure

The section of Somme Parade from Barrack Street to Kaikokopu Road currently being used as a worksite for drop-out repairs will be closed to all through traffic in both directions **from 7.00am on Wednesday, 25 October 2023 until 5.00pm on Friday, 26 January 2024**. The full closure is necessary to relocate the crane being used for the repairs further back from the outside lane of Somme Parade. To avoid the worksite the existing detour route of Barrack Street, Seddon Street and Kaikokopu Road and vice versa will now operate for all through traffic.

Wikitoria and Airport roads

Whanganui Airport is carrying out night works to resurface its runway **from Tuesday, 24 October until Thursday, 30 November 2023**. The work will involve overnight truck movements on Wikitoria Road and Airport Road between 6.00pm and 6.00am from Sunday evening through to Friday morning during the work period.

For more information about both notices, visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/public-notice

Food-donation Fridays

Free hydroslide entry with donation!

Food-donation Fridays at Splash Centre Whanganui are making waves for Term 4! On any of the dates below, bring a donation for that Friday's charity and get free entry to the hydroslides! (Please remember you'll still need to pay for entry to the Splash Centre.)

- 3 November - Animal Rescue New Zealand
- 17 November - City Mission
- 1 December - Animal Rescue New Zealand
- 15 December - Animal Rescue New Zealand

Not sure what to bring? Here's a helpful list - non-perishables, packet food (within date), toiletries, dog collars, leads and canine treats.

Alcohol special licences

Application deadline is 21 November

If you are planning to sell or supply alcohol at an event or function over the 2023-2024 Christmas / New Year period, you must obtain a special licence from the Whanganui District Licensing Committee.

Your special licence application must be received 20 working days before your event takes place - applications for some large events may require in excess of 25 working days. The Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 section 5 states that working days do not include weekends, public holidays or the period from 20 December 2023 to 15 January 2024 inclusive.

If you are planning an event to be held over the 2023-2024 Christmas / New Year period, **your application needs to be submitted no later than 5.00pm on Tuesday, 21 November 2023** to be processed and granted before Wednesday, 20 December 2023.

PLEASE NOTE: This means that special licence applications for Waitangi Day, Tuesday 6 February 2024, must be received no later than Wednesday, 13 December 2023.

For more information, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/special-alcohol-licence or call Whanganui District Council on **06 349 0001** and ask to speak with an alcohol licensing officer.

Register to be Cyber Smart!

Be cyber smart with Whanganui District Library! Come to one of these FREE Cyber Smart Week sessions at our libraries and learn what you can do to protect yourself from the latest scams. Attendees will get a free copy of *The Little Black Book of Scams*. Register for your preferred session:

- **Tuesday, 31 October at 9.30-11.00am and 1.30-3.00pm** - Alexander Library - RSVP to: rachel@whanganuilibrary.com or call or text 027 211 4261
- **Thursday, 2 November at 10.00am-12 noon** - Gonville Library - RSVP to: kat@whanganuilibrary.com
- **Friday, 3 November at 10.00am-11.30am** - Hakeke Street Community Centre and Library - RSVP to: rachel@whanganuilibrary.com or call or text 027 211 4261.

ShakeOut earthquake and tsunami drills held at Putiki



Whanganui District Council's Civil Defence and Emergency Management team were at local schools last week helping guide tamariki and rangatahi through earthquake and tsunami drills as part of New Zealand's annual ShakeOut preparedness exercise. The CDEM team were at Putiki on Friday, 20 October 2023, assisting with a fantastic response from students, staff and helpers at Te Kura Kaupapa Maori O Te Atihaunui-A-Paparangi, Putiki Wharanui Kohanga Reo and Putiki Kindergarten.

Horizons hosting freshwater targets roadshow on 6 Nov

Horizons Regional Council is hosting a freshwater targets roadshow in Whanganui on **Monday, 6 November 2023** to inform both rural and urban communities about progress on freshwater reforms introduced by central government in 2020. Horizons staff will hold two meetings - **at 2.30pm and 6.00pm** - at the Whanganui Jockey Club, Purnell Street, to provide information about the water-quality targets and how people can have their say on what is proposed. Refreshments will be available 30 minutes before each meeting, and there will also be time for further questions after each meeting. For more information about the freshwater reform process in the Horizons region, visit: freshwater.horizons.govt.nz

Whanganui District Library

NEURO SPACE

Once a fortnight on Sundays, a quiet hour for those with low sensory needs to come and enjoy the library space

DATES: 29TH OCTOBER
12TH NOVEMBER
26TH NOVEMBER

TIME: 3.30PM-4.30PM
DAVIS LIBRARY, QUEENS PARK

Visit www.whanganuilibrary.com for details!