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Join the Great Whanganui Play Trail!

The Great Whanganui Play Trail is a new local activity that's a must-do for families!



Conceived by Whanganui District Council and Sport Whanganui last year through a series of workshops – and made a reality with support from Discover Whanganui, Whanganui Town Centre Regeneration, Let's Go - Mā Ake and other local community groups – the Play Trail is a fantastic way for Whanganui families to get out, get active, explore our city and make new discoveries.

The Play Trail connects many of the creative, playful and significant places that already exist in our town centre into one large experience, and it gives permission for whānau to play in them.

The project has been designed for whānau to enjoy cost-free, creative and active adventures in Whanganui's beautiful town centre. Attracting more people to spend time in the CBD is also an anticipated flow-on effect, benefiting businesses and adding to the area's vibrancy.



One of the activities on The Great Whanganui Play Trail is the marble run in Drews Avenue – first to get their marble from mountains to sea wins!

The Great Whanganui Play Trail is as long, or short, as you want it to be. Play Trail maps can be picked up from the Whanganui i-SITE Visitor Information Centre, 31 Taupo Quay, or download at: discoverwhanganui.nz/guides/play-trail

Call for local transport input Have your say on Annual Plan

Whanganui District Council and Horizons Regional Council have teamed up to ask for feedback on local transport use and plan to use insights to motivate people to take the bus as part of a high-frequency bus trial, set to begin in 2023.

The 2022 Whanganui Public Transport Service survey encourages people to consider the bus as a way to reduce their carbon footprint. Participants are asked to identify barriers such as accessibility or information gaps that currently prevent them from using local buses.

Transport accounts for 27 percent of the Whanganui District's carbon emissions. Whanganui District Council's climate change advisor, Caroline Arrowsmith, says, "Petrol car use is, for many of us, our largest contributor to emissions."

To complete the 2022 Whanganui Public Transport Service survey, please visit: bit.ly/3OoXXTV

To give feedback on the Horizons Regional Council draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2022-32, please visit: haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz until **Thursday, 12 May 2022** to share your thoughts.

Best guess wins sweet prize!

Whanganui Venues & Events are delighted to be hosting **Albi & The Wolves** at the Royal Whanganui Opera House on **Friday, 13 May 2022 from 7.30pm** (tickets \$25.00 each). Albi & The Wolves are a New Zealand-based trio that create a huge sound using only an acoustic guitar, an electric violin, a double bass and their three voices. To win two free tickets to this performance, guess the number of sweets in the jar shown. You can also guess in person by viewing the jar at the Royal Whanganui Opera House Box Office, 69 St Hill Street, weekdays from 10.00am-4.00pm.



Entries close at **5.00pm this Friday, 29 April 2022** – the winner will be notified on Tuesday, 3 May. To enter online, email: events@whanganui.govt.nz with your name, contact phone number and number of lollies you think are in the jar.

The Whanganui community is invited to give feedback on kerbside recycling and food waste collection services that are proposed as part of Whanganui District Council's Annual Plan 2022-23 and amendment to the council's Long-Term Plan 2021-31. The services would be introduced to the Whanganui city urban area and Fordell, Marybank and Mowhanau villages. The targeted rate for households in the collection areas would be \$2.58 weekly for recycling (from mid-2023) and \$1.17 weekly for food waste (from mid-2024). For more information and to give your feedback, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/annual-plan-2022 Submissions now close at **12 noon on Monday, 2 May 2022.**

Holiday time scavenger hunt!

Take part in the Safer Whanganui Scavenger Hunt over the school holidays. Visit participating organisations looking after our community's safety and wellbeing, answer the question on their door and go in the draw to win Embassy 3 family movie passes and other prizes!

To start, download a map by scanning the QR code or pick one up from the Davis Library. Find one location or find them all – everyone who returns their answer sheet to the Davis Library by **5.00pm on Saturday, 14 May 2022** will go into the prize draw. Happy hunting!



WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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

- Annual Plan 2022-2023 and Long-Term Plan Amendment
 - Revenue and Financing Policy Update
 - 2022 Whanganui Public Transport Survey
 - Review of Dangerous and Insanitary Building Policy
- More details at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say



Whanganui is at Orange

At 11.59pm on Wednesday 13 April 2022, all of New Zealand moved to the Orange setting in the COVID-19 traffic light system. At Orange, there are no capacity limits at venues. However, face masks must continue to be worn at premises operated by local government agencies. This means face masks are still required if you're entering Whanganui District Council facilities and accessing services. For more information on council facilities and services at Orange, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/covid-19

Mill Road closure

Infrastructure work begins on 2 May

Mill Road will be closed to traffic for an upgrade to stormwater infrastructure from **7.00am on Monday, 2 May until 5.00pm on Friday, 3 June 2022.** During this work period, access to the Mill Road and Rakau Road industrial area will be available via Mosston Road, Heads Road, Bryce Street, Cornfoot Street and Manuka Street. Detour signs will be displayed during the closure. Access for residents to areas on either side of the worksite will be available but Mill Road will be completely closed to all traffic where work is taking place. Please also note there will be no vehicle access beyond the worksite during the work period.

Arts funding closes soon

Creative Communities Scheme

The Whanganui District Creative Communities Scheme is a partnership between Whanganui District Council and Creative New Zealand to support local arts projects focused on diversity, accessibility and youth participation in the arts. For more information, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/funding Funding applications close at **12 noon on Friday, 6 May 2022.** To find out if your project is eligible to apply for funding, please email: anique.jayasinghe@whanganui.govt.nz

Kowhai Park Castle

Seismic strengthening work extended

Seismic strengthening work underway at the Kowhai Park Castle has been extended. The strengthening work began on 21 March 2022 and is now expected to be completed in early May. This is the first stage of work to enhance the castle's play area. The strengthening work includes new reinforced concrete foundations and structural steel turret support. Please note the Tot Town Railway will operate during the current school holiday period under health and safety restrictions. The area inside the Tot Town picket fence will remain closed during the work to keep contractors and the public safe.

GasNet maintenance

Dublin Street Bridge gas pipeline

GasNet advises the cycleway and walkway on the upstream side of Dublin Street Bridge is closed **until this Friday, 29 April 2022** for maintenance on the gas pipeline that crosses the bridge. During the work period, signs will be displayed for cyclists and pedestrians to use the opposite side of the bridge. Please also note the bridge's vehicle lanes may briefly be reduced to one-lane traffic in the evenings during the work period.