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A new vision for Majestic Square

Mainstreet Whanganui and Whanganui District Council’s Town Centre Regeneration Committee are seeking ideas from the community about the redevelopment of Majestic Square.

Mainstreet General Manager, Des Warahi, says, “We are beginning to have a conversation with the community about how we can better utilise Majestic Square and create a really successful and active central public space in the heart of our town.

“We already have a design for the space which was created by internationally-renowned designers Urbanisplus in 2016 as part of town centre regeneration planning,” Mr Warahi says.

Town Centre Regeneration Project Manager, Ellen Young, says, “Urbanisplus identified Majestic Square as an area which could be made much more functional for events and as an active central city community gathering space.”

The Urbanisplus design includes reinstating the view from Cooks Gardens to the Sarjeant Gallery, adding grassed terraces to act as informal seating during events, integrating the existing water feature into the steps and creating a children’s water play area.

Ms Young says community feedback will be taken into consideration when the design for Majestic Square is finalised next year.



“As a community project, most of the costs will be secured through fundraising with some seed-funding from the Council. The construction start date will be dependent on this funding.”

To find out more and to share your thoughts, Des Warahi and Ellen Young will be at Majestic Square, Victoria Avenue, over the next two weeks on **Wednesday, 27 November, Wednesday, 4 December and Thursday, 5 December 2019 from 11.30am to 1.30pm.**

A public meeting about this project will also be held on **Tuesday, 10 December 2019 at 5.30pm** in the Pioneer Room at the Whanganui War Memorial Centre. All are welcome.

Local Alcohol Policy raises bar for licensed premises

Whanganui District Council’s Local Alcohol Policy one-way door condition and maximum trading hours for licensed premises comes into force on Monday, 2 December 2019 – three months after notification that the policy took effect.

Clauses 1, 2 and 5 of the policy immediately came into effect on 2 September 2019, with clauses 3 and 4 requiring a three-month lead-in period.

The Council’s Compliance Operations Manager, Warrick Zander, says, “These final restrictions will contribute to a safer Whanganui by reducing alcohol availability and staggering the timing of patrons leaving on-licensed premises.”

Police and Licensing Inspectors will visit licensed premises to check and assist licensees’ compliance with the new requirements. The Local Alcohol Policy is available online at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/local-alcohol-policy

Youth festival set to rock

Whanganui District Council’s Youth Committee is working with other local agencies to stage the Hinengaro Rangatahi Festival at Majestic Square in Victoria Avenue on **Friday, 13 December 2019 from 4.00pm until about 8.00pm.**

A fresh twist on the previous *vibe*. festival, Hinengaro is a free event with a mental health focus. Along with interactive hauora experiences the festival will include food vendors, a mini basketball competition plus other sports, games and art activities, as well as music from local bands Ocean Loaf, City College Band, Ra Costello, Rhythm Vision, In Business and DRXNES. Prizes will also be up for grabs so don’t miss out on this epic end-of-year party! For more information check out: www.facebook.com/WDCYouthCommittee



New to Sports Hall of Fame



An internationally-renowned golfer, jockey and wrestler are the latest inductees to the Whanganui Sports Hall of Fame.

The successful nominees – pictured from left: Simon Owen, Brent Thomson and Pat O’Connor – were announced at the Whanganui Sports Awards on Friday, 22 November 2019.

Whanganui-born **Simon Owen** won 17 international tournaments during his professional career and represented New Zealand five times in team events.

Son of noted Whanganui horse trainer, the late Kevin Thomson, **Brent Thomson** became a member of the New Zealand and Australian Racing Halls of Fame after winning more than 2500 races.

Pat O’Connor, born in Raetihi, was a world professional wrestling champion for 31 months and won a silver medal at the 1950 Auckland Empire Games.

For more information about these inductees, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/sports-hall-of-fame

WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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

- Proposed reserve name change – Braves Ballpark

Submissions on this topic close at **5.00pm on Friday, 13 December 2019.**
For more information please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/Your-Council/Have-Your-Say

Have your say

Kōrero mai

LIM applications

Holiday-period deadline for reports

Whanganui District Council advises that if you require a Land Information Memorandum (LIM) report before the Christmas holiday period, your completed application form and payment must reach the Council no later than **Tuesday, 10 December 2019.**

Applications made after Tuesday, 10 December may not be processed before the Council closes for the holiday period at 12 noon on Tuesday, 24 December 2019.

Apply for a LIM report online at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/lims

Please note the statutory 10-working day processing timeframe for LIM applications will be suspended from Tuesday, 24 December 2019 until Wednesday, 15 January 2020 inclusive.

Whanganui & Partners

Public forum on Tuesday, 3 December

Whanganui District Council’s economic development agency, Whanganui & Partners, is holding its final public forum for the year at the Whanganui War Memorial Centre’s Concert Chamber on **Tuesday, 3 December 2019 from 5.15pm to 7.00pm.**

The forum is an opportunity to hear about the agency’s recent activities and achievements. If you wish to attend, please RSVP by Monday, 2 December to: info@whanganuiandpartners.nz or call (06) 349 3119.

Proposed name change

Public feedback wanted

Whanganui District Council is seeking public feedback on a proposed name change for the Council-owned reserve at 29 Puriri Street, currently known as Braves Ballpark.

The Whanganui Softball Association leases the premises from the Council and has requested to change the name from Braves Ballpark to the Whanganui Ballpark to better reflect the reserve’s representative aspect to all local softball clubs. For more information and ways to make a submission, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/proposed-reserve-name-change

Submissions close at **5.00pm on Friday, 13 December 2019.**

Council meetings

You are welcome at our meetings

Meetings next week		
Whanganui & Partners Public Forum	5.15pm Tuesday 3 December	Concert Chamber, Whanganui War Memorial Centre, Watt Street
Whanganui Rural Community Board	3.30pm Wednesday 4 December	Nagaizumi-cho Room, 101 Guyton Street

Agendas are available at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas or view hard copies at 101 Guyton Street or the Davis Library.