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Lower Victoria Avenue enhancement

Whanganui has again succeeded in securing central government funding to design a vibrant space in the town centre where people can interact with each other and local businesses – this time the area to be enhanced is lower Victoria Avenue, pictured.

This is Whanganui’s second successful application to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency’s Innovating Streets fund. The first was for a Drews Avenue upgrade, which is currently in the community co-design phase. The fund – which covers 90 percent of project costs – gives councils the chance to trial semi-permanent upgrades to create more vibrant and people-friendly cities.

Whanganui District Council’s Town Centre Regeneration Project Manager, Ellen Young, says she’s thrilled to have secured central government funding for a second project.

“Lower Victoria Avenue is the gateway to the central business district and so we have a huge opportunity to transform our town centre to create a stunning first impression for visitors arriving across the bridge from out of town.”



Ellen Young says installing seating and revitalising the pedestrian routes between the adjacent Drews Avenue precinct and the lower Victoria Avenue zone will encourage people to come into the area on foot.

The project will be completed by June 2021 – data will then be collected to evaluate the effect of the changes and the design will be reviewed and modified where needed.

Horizons climate change survey ends this Sunday

Community feedback on Horizons Regional Council’s climate change regional risk assessment closes at **midnight this Sunday, 4 October 2020**.

Working with Whanganui District Council and six other city and district councils in the Whanganui-Manawātū region, Horizons wants public input on areas of value across our region. This doesn’t just have to be physical areas – it may be a loss of sense of place, important taonga or areas you personally value in the region.

To complete an online survey and/or to drop a marker on an interactive map, please visit:

www.horizons.govt.nz/managing-natural-resources/climate

Live Q&A youth vote event

New to voting? Then here’s your chance to meet the candidates “virtually”!



A Facebook Live Candidates

Q&A event for young people will be held on Whanganui District Council’s Youth Committee Facebook page **from 7.00pm on Wednesday, 7 October 2020**.

The event will be hosted by local first-time voter, Teekay Kawiti, and Youth Committee member, Chez-Ashli Peter. The two event hosts say the message they want to get out to young people is that voting is for everyone – “rangatahi can voice their questions and opinions as the Live event is on and receive a raw, real-time answer from the representatives”. For more information, please go to: www.facebook.com/WDCYouthCommittee

Heritage Month is back!

This year’s Whanganui Heritage Month starts tomorrow, **Thursday, 1 October 2020**, with opening night celebrations and awards presentations at Heritage House, 136 St Hill Street. (Get tickets from the Whanganui i-SITE Visitor Centre, 31 Taupo Quay, or online at: www.eventfinda.co.nz)

Back by popular demand on **Tuesday, 6 October starting at 7.30pm** is a repeat of last year’s illustrated talk about renowned early Whanganui photographer, Frank Denton (pictured), at Sarjeant on the Quay, 38 Taupo Quay. Free entry but bookings are essential – for enquiries, call (06) 349 0506.



Also among a wide range of events during October are free tours of the stained-glass windows in Whanganui District Council’s Council Chamber at 101 Guyton Street on **Saturdays 3 and 10 October from 12 noon-12.40pm**. This event is free – for all enquiries, call 021 268 4881.

For more information about Heritage Month and a full list of events, please visit: www.whanganuiheritagetrust.org.nz

WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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

- Land Purchase at Durie Hill (3 and 9 Blyth Street)
- Review of Psychoactive Substances – Local Approved Products Policy

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



Long-Term Plan events

Council begins community dialogue

If you’re interested in being part of an ongoing conversation about how we shape our district, please join Whanganui District Council officers at upcoming events to discuss the Long-Term Plan 2021-2031.

From now until mid-November, the council will hold a number of pop-up stalls at various events and venues where you’ll be able to share your ideas and aspirations for Whanganui. These community conversations will help the council draft its 10-year plan. Upcoming events are scheduled for:

- Hakeke Community Centre and Library, Whanganui East – Saturday, 3 October 2020 from 10.00am-2.00pm.
- Whanganui River Markets, Taupo Quay – Saturday, 10 October 2020 from 8.00am-1.00pm.

As well as events across the district, there will also be opportunities to have your say via our online surveys. You’ll be able to share your ideas for Whanganui as well as feedback on our proposed community outcomes and focus areas in these surveys.

For more information, please visit:

www.whanganui.govt.nz/long-term-plan

For further event dates and times, go to:

www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil

Davis Library turns 40

Commemorations begin this Sunday

The Davis Library at Pukenamu Queen’s Park celebrates its 40th anniversary this **Sunday, 4 October 2020** with a slide show, birthday decorations and free giveaways. Celebrations will continue until Tuesday, 6 October to include that day’s regular storytime event.

Get ready to ShakeOut!

Earthquake/tsunami drill 15 October

ShakeOut is New Zealand’s annual nationwide earthquake drill and tsunami hikoi (evacuation) – this year’s event takes place on **Thursday, 15 October 2020 at 9.30am**. The event is intended to remind and educate people about the right action to take – “Drop, Cover and Hold” and “Long or Strong, Get Gone” – in the event of an earthquake and/or tsunami. To sign-up your household, school or organisation for ShakeOut 2020, visit: www.shakeout.govt.nz

Council meetings

You are welcome at our meetings

Upcoming meetings

Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee	1.00pm Thursday 1 October	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Strategy and Finance Committee	1.00pm Tuesday 6 October	Council Chamber, 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

WHANGANUI HERITAGE MONTH

1-31 OCTOBER 2020

Join Whanganui Heritage Trust for more than 40 events to celebrate Whanganui’s built heritage

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