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Whanganui's now twice as beautiful!

For the second consecutive year, Whanganui has been crowned a winner in the Keep New Zealand Beautiful Awards by taking out the Most Beautiful Small City title. To complete the double, suburban advocacy group Progress Castlecliff was chosen as the winner of the Community Group Award.

Keep New Zealand Beautiful (KNZB) announced the winners at a virtual ceremony held online last Thursday, 29 October 2020.

Whanganui District Mayor, Hamish McDouall, says, "This is another wonderful accolade for what everyone who lives here knows – Whanganui is the most beautiful city, small or not, in New Zealand!"

"I also wholeheartedly congratulate Progress Castlecliff for their recognition in these awards – they are a tremendous example of effective community advocacy for our city and district."



"While we celebrate our achievements, we cannot rest on our laurels. The goal now is to continue to seek further improvements in keeping Whanganui clean and beautiful – many thanks to Keep New Zealand Beautiful."

To read more about Whanganui's successes in the KNZB awards, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/news-knzb

Newcomers meet-up event

The Whanganui Newcomers Network and English Language Partners Whanganui are holding a meet-up event for newcomers at Suite 6/66 Ingestre Street on Friday, 13 November 2020 from 10.00am-11.30am. This event is an ideal opportunity for newcomers to Whanganui who need language support to connect with people in the local community and this service provider. All are welcome.

For more information, contact Jacqueline Brand-Holt on 021 135 9948 or email: whanganui@newcomers.co.nz. Visit the Whanganui Newcomers Network at: facebook.com/whanganuineewcomersnetwork

Maria Pop Up available

The Town Centre Regeneration Project is looking for a mobile food business to set up shop at the Maria Pop Up space in Maria Place. Come and help us make the space a vibrant and fun destination for the community. There's street art, a giant pool table, a table tennis table and beanbags – we just need a business onsite to look after them for summer! For more information please call project manager, Ellen Young, on 022 108 8188.

New Tylee Cottage artist-in-residence to give talk

Acclaimed Whanganui-born photographer Anne Noble – and the new artist-in-residence at Tylee Cottage – will give an illustrated talk about her recent projects that explore human relationships to the natural world at Sarjeant On The Quay, 38 Taupo Quay, on **Wednesday, 11 November 2020 from 7.30pm-9.00pm**. Entry is free and all are welcome.



PHOTO: MICHAEL MCKEAGG

Anne Noble (pictured) was awarded the Order of Merit for services to photography in New Zealand in 2003. In 2009 she was a recipient of a New Zealand Arts Foundation Laureate Award and the Massey University individual research medal. She was appointed as Distinguished Professor of Fine Art in 2013. For more information, please visit: www.sarjeant.org.nz/current-events

Long-Term Plan surveys

You're invited to have your say on Whanganui District Council's vision for our **Creativity** in the district by taking an online survey at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/9NMNW8Z. This survey and others will help the council draft its Long-Term Plan 2021-2031.

We're keen to know if you agree with our focus areas and if you have other ideas you'd like to share. Our aim is to create a knowledge economy that's driven by arts and innovation, and humming with cultural personality. To complete the surveys, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/long-term-plan

London Street works

Retaining wall work starts on Monday

Construction of a 100 metre-long concrete and steel retaining wall on London Street – opposite the Z Energy service station and between Fergusson Street and the Whanganui SPCA Centre – will begin on **Monday, 9 November 2020**. This work is scheduled to finish in late February 2021 and will complete the London Street shared pathway.

Traffic management will be in place along this part of London Street (also State Highway 3) during the work. On-street parking in this area will be restricted, lane widths reduced and a 30km/h temporary speed restriction imposed. Access to private and commercial properties will remain. Please note SH3 lane closures with associated detours may be required during the works.

Senior driver events

Age Concern offering free courses

Age Concern Whanganui is offering free events to senior drivers to encourage driver confidence and road safety. *Staying Safe* is a refresher driving course for seniors on **10 November and 2 December from 9.30am-2.45pm**. *CarFit* on the **mornings of 26 November and 10 December** offers older drivers a 20-minute check on how well their cars "fit" them personally. For venues and to book times, please call Age Concern Whanganui on 06 345 1799.

Free budgeting advice

Tuesday clinics at Gonville Library

Gonville Library and the Whanganui Budget Advisory Service are holding budgeting advice clinics in advance of Christmas **every Tuesday between 9.30am and 11.30am** at Gonville Library, 44 Abbot Street. Come along for an informal chat about budgeting, debt management, KiwiSaver and retirement. For more information, please call Gonville Library on 06 344 5278 or the Whanganui Budget Advisory Service on 06 345 3746.

Council policy adopted

Whanganui District Council considered and adopted the Psychoactive Substances: Local Approved Products Policy 2020 on Thursday, 22 October 2020. A copy of the policy is available online at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/policies or from Council Customer Services, 101 Guyton Street.

Council meetings

You are welcome at our meetings

Meeting next week

Youth Committee	4.00pm Monday 9 November	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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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 DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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

- Review of Gambling Venues Policy
- Whanganui District Heritage Survey
- Long-Term Plan 2021-2031

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

Long-Term Plan 2021-2031

Whanganui District Council is holding community conversations about its Long-Term Plan 2021-2031 and wants to hear your ideas and aspirations for Whanganui for the next 10 years. Look out for the council's pop-up stall and have a chat with our friendly council officers at these places and times:

- **Aramoho Shopping Centre – Wednesday, 4 November from 11.00am-2.00pm**
- **Rangiora Street Library, Castlecliff – Saturday, 14 November from 10.00am-2.00pm**
- **Majestic Square, Victoria Avenue – Wednesday, 18 November from 11.30am-2.00pm**

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