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Public transport boost set to roll out

Urban public transport infrastructure in the Horizons region is getting a \$9.2 million boost thanks to funding from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency. Whanganui will receive \$1.2 million from this amount to support a new, high-frequency bus route beginning in February 2023 along with other initiatives.

Whanganui District Council chief executive, David Langford, says Whanganui is ideally suited to public transport and the new infrastructure is another measure that will make catching the bus an appealing way to get around town.

“When we surveyed the community on public transport earlier this year, a frequent comment was people wanted to see more bus shelters and bus information that was easier to understand. With this funding from mid-2023 we’ll be able to upgrade up to 15 of Whanganui’s key bus stops across the network, installing all-weather shelters with good lighting and real-time digital signs that show exactly how far away your bus is from the bus stop.”

David Langford says the new shelters will be equipped with cycle parking facilities as well as designated e-scooter parking, so people can easily bike or scooter to connect with a bus stop.



“Alongside this we have funding from Waka Kotahi to work with the community to design an attractive bus hub in lower St Hill Street near Trafalgar Square (pictured). Community workshops for the St Hill Street bus hub will kick off in early 2023, so keep an eye out for details.

“These upgrades fit with our council’s commitment to take action on climate change and will give Whanganui people more options on how they choose to move around the city as they go about their day,” he says.

For bus timetables, and transport-related information including real-time bus tracking, visit: horizons.govt.nz

Property file / LIM report holiday period deadlines

- If you require a property file before the 2022-23 Christmas / New Year holiday period, Whanganui District Council must receive your request **no later than 5.00pm on Monday, 19 December 2022**. This means you will receive the electronic file before the council closes for the holiday period at 12 noon on Friday, 23 December 2022. Request a property file at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/property-file-request
- If you require a Land Information Memorandum (LIM) report before the 2022-23 Christmas / New Year holiday period, your completed application form and payment must reach Whanganui District Council **no later than 5.00pm on Friday, 9 December 2022**. The statutory 10-working day processing timeframe for LIM applications will be suspended from 12 noon on Friday, 23 December 2022 when the council closes for the holiday period until Tuesday, 10 January 2023 inclusive. You can apply for a LIM in person at council customer services, 101 Guyton Street, or online at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/lims

Hoops of fun this Sunday!

All are welcome to attend the **Hoops in Parks basketball event** at Castlecliff Domain **this Sunday, 11 December 2022, from 11.30am until 3.00pm**.

Come along and check out the new basketball hoops that’ve recently been installed at the domain – remember to bring along shoes, a hat and a drink bottle. There’ll be an opportunity to shoot hoops with some Tall Blacks and Black Ferns as well as watch some court action with a Tall Ferns-Tall Blacks vs Castlecliff community team game starting at 2.15pm. Following the basketball, the **Succulent Sun Daze street party** will take place on Rangiora Street **from 4.00pm to 7.00pm** with live music, games, an obstacle course, kai and more!

This event is supported by Sport Whanganui, Whanganui District Council, The Citadel, Whanganui Basketball Association, Basketball New Zealand, PAK’nSAVE Whanganui, Progress Castlecliff, The Lion Foundation, Wanganui Surf Lifeguard Services and Cliff Life.



Nominations open for Rural Community Board by-election

A by-election is being held to fill an extraordinary vacancy for a Whanganui subdivision representative on the Whanganui Rural Community Board.



Electoral officer Warwick Lampp says nominations opened on Thursday, 24 November 2022. He says, “Nominations must be made on the official nomination form, which is available on the Whanganui District Council website or by request from the council at 101 Guyton Street, Whanganui.”

Nomination forms and a by-election information sheet can also be requested from:

- Anna Palamountain, deputy electoral officer, Whanganui District Council: anna.palamountain@whanganui.govt.nz
- Warwick Lampp, electoral officer: iro@electionz.com or call 0800 666 048.

Candidate information is in the 2022 local government elections candidate handbook at: bit.ly/3EUjGPa

Completed nomination documents must be received by the deputy electoral officer at Whanganui District Council, 101 Guyton Street, Whanganui, **no later than noon on Thursday, 22 December 2022**.

Each nomination must be accompanied by a deposit of \$200.00 including GST, payable by eftpos, cash or online banking (see nomination form for bank account details).

Warwick Lampp says, “If there is only one nomination for the vacancy, the person will be elected unopposed. If there is more than one nomination, a voting process will be required to fill the vacancy.”

He says, “In that case a by-election will be conducted by postal voting using the First Past the Post (FPP) electoral system and candidate names will be listed in random order on the voting papers. The voting papers will be mailed out to electors on Thursday, 26 January 2023 and voting will close at 12 noon on Friday, 17 February 2023.”

AGM on 12 December

Resource Recovery Centre Trust
The Whanganui Resource Recovery Centre Trust is holding its 2021 annual meeting in the centre’s Harakeke Room at 79 Maria Place **from 11.00am next Monday, 12 December 2022**. For catering purposes, attendees are asked to please RSVP by 5.00pm this Friday, 9 December 2022 to: manager@wrrc.co.nz

Tea and Topics

Eco-cleaning solutions presentation and Canine Friends reading sessions

Tea and Topics tomorrow – **Thursday, 8 December 2022** – at Gonville Library, 44 Abbot Street, features **home-made cleaning solutions** with health coach, Irene Davis. The presentation is all about eco-friendly cleaning that cares for you and your family’s health – please bring pen and paper! This event is **from 10.00am until 12 noon** and all are welcome.

Also at Gonville Library tomorrow **from 3.30pm-4.30pm** are **Canine Friends Pet Therapy reading sessions** for 5-11 year-olds. Bring your favourite book or choose one of the library’s and read to a canine buddy for 10 minutes! Bookings are essential – please call 06 344 5872. For more information, visit: facebook.com/GonvilleLibrary

Royal Opera House

Box Office holiday period hours
The Royal Whanganui Opera House’s Box Office at 69 St Hill Street will close for the upcoming Christmas / New Year holiday period **from 1.30pm on Friday, 16 December 2022 until 10.00am on Monday, 9 January 2023**. If you are looking for that last-minute Christmas present, the Box Office is open for ticket sales until Friday, 16 December from Monday to Friday, 10.00am-1.30pm. Show details at: rwoh.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales

Ministry of Health notice

Whanganui’s drinking water is classified as plumbosolvent, which means some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water standing in the fittings for several hours.

Although the health risk is small, the Ministry of Health recommends that you flush a mugful of water from your drinking water tap each morning before use to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings. The Ministry of Health recommends this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies.

Director-General of Health

Council meetings

Upcoming meeting		
Council meeting	1.00pm Tuesday 20 December	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street

Agendas: www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas
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