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More water drinking fountains

Whanganui District Council is one of three local councils to increase access to drinking water in the community.

Whanganui, along with the Rangitikei and Ruapehu district councils, has teamed up with the Whanganui District Health Board, Sport Whanganui and Te Oranganui's Healthy Families Whanganui Rangitikei Ruapehu to extend the water-only schools' initiative beyond the school gates and into the community.

Three water fountains are being installed in Whanganui as part of the initiative, along with two planned for Ruapehu and three for Rangitikei.

Already installed are fountains at the Tregenna Street fishing platform and the Kai Iwi Beach Domain at Mowhanau, while another is planned for the bike park at Springvale Park. All fountains have a bottle-filling tap as well as a drinking fountain.



Mayor Hamish McDouall with Wendy Bainbridge, Team Leader Parks, at the Tregenna Street fishing platform

The joint approach to increasing access to water in sport and recreation spaces was supported by funding from the Four Regions Trust.

Chair of Four Regions Trust, Dot McKinnon says, "We are very supportive of the move to improve the health and well-being of our community in a sustainable way by ensuring that access to water isn't a barrier to making a healthy choice."

As well as \$5,000 funding from the Four Regions Trust, the Council allocated \$10,000 in its 2017/18 Annual Plan to increase public drinking fountains in the community.

Mayor Hamish McDouall says the Council is appreciative of funding from the Four Regions Trust and all organisations who supported the funding application.

"Providing more drinking fountains around the district and in our parks will help to create healthier drinking choices and result in better health for our community," he says.

"The \$10,000 allocation will extend the number of fountains in high usage areas, ensuring our community and visitors have access to free, safe drinking water."

Council Parks Team Leader Wendy Bainbridge says it was great to work with neighbouring local councils on the joint project.

"We expect the fountains will be well-used as people are out and about enjoying Whanganui's beautiful parks, reserves and recreational facilities."

It is hoped the initiative will encourage people to 'fill and go', reducing the impact from rubbish and waste.

Other fountains supplied by the Council are located at Cooks Gardens, Peat Park, Springvale Park, Kowhai Park, Castlecliff Domain, Queen's Park, Wembley Park and Virginia Lake.

Proposed Significance and Engagement Policy 2017

Have your say

Kōrero mai

We are consulting on our Proposed Significance and Engagement Policy 2017.

The purpose of the policy is to enable the Council and our communities to:

- Identify the degree of significance attached to proposals and decisions
- Provide clarity to communities about how and when they can expect to be engaged with
- Inform the Council, from the beginning of the decision-making process, of the extent and type of public engagement required

Submissions close at 4.00pm, Thursday 30 November 2017.

Please visit www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay for more information and an online submission form.

You can also visit the Council's Municipal Building at 101 Guyton Street or the Whanganui District Libraries for hard copies of the proposed policy and submission form.

Keep your animals safe during Guy Fawkes Night

Animals are often scared by fireworks and loud noises, so with Guy Fawkes Night this Sunday, November 5, it's a good time to think about how to keep them safe.

On Guy Fawkes Night and throughout the week, make sure your dog is secure and can't escape from your section when the loud noises start. If you are letting off fireworks at home, lock your dog in a safe place like the laundry or garage.

As well as the loud fireworks noise, running and shouting can also upset dogs. They react to the way we behave - if you shout or run at a dog it might chase and attack you.

Our Animal Management Officers will be out and about on Guy Fawkes Night, keeping an eye on dogs that may have been frightened and escaped their property. If dogs are found wandering during the night, Animal Management Officers will attempt to return them home rather than impound them.

Rangiora Street Rejuvenation work

Ongoing work on the Castlecliff Rejuvenation Project will close part of Rangiora Street during November.

Rangiora Street will be closed from Seafront Road to Karaka Street from 7.00am on Wednesday, November 1 to 5.00pm on Thursday, November 30.

Contractors will build a raised platform for slowing traffic in the block as part of the rejuvenation project. A detour will be put in place via Seafront Road, Manuka Street and Karaka Street.

Access for property and business will not be affected. The footpath will remain open. If you are a cyclist, please walk your bike on the footpath during the work.

Request for Proposal

Contract No.1788: Whanganui War Memorial Centre – Concert Chamber HVAC

We are inviting tenders from suitably experienced contractors for the Design and Construction of the HVAC for the Concert Chamber and Pioneer Room at the Whanganui War Memorial Centre.

The full tender document can be downloaded from www.tenderlink.com/whanganui

Tender Link Reference: 'WANGDC-787115'.

If you are not already registered with Tender Link, please go to www.tenderlink.com/whanganui

It is free and easy to register. For Tender Link enquiries, please phone 0800 698 363.

Tenders must be submitted online only at www.tenderlink.com/whanganui no later than 4.00pm Thursday 16 November 2017.

For further assistance, please contact the Tenders and Contracts Secretary, Lana Treen, at lana.treen@whanganui.govt.nz or on 349 3105.

Council meetings

We welcome members of the public to attend our meetings.

Youth Committee	4.00pm, Monday, November 13	Council Chamber
Statutory Management Committee	9.00am, Tuesday, November 14	Council Chamber
	Hearing of submissions on the Easter Sunday Trading Policy and the Proposed Gambling Venues Policy	
	This meeting will reconvene on Tuesday, November 21	
Audit and Risk Committee	1.00pm, Monday, November 20	Committee Room 2
Property and Community Services Committee	1.00pm, Wednesday, November 22	Council Chamber

Postponement: The Infrastructure and Special Projects Committee meeting scheduled for November 7 will be postponed until there are enough agenda items.

Agendas are available at the Customer Services Counter, Municipal Office Building, 101 Guyton Street and the District Library two working days prior to the meeting.

Our monthly Council meetings are live-streamed on www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil