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Fun and games just common sense

On recent walks along Ridgway Street you may have been surprised to see people playing games – such as table tennis, giant Connect 4 and giant Jenga – in the open air.

In late November Paul Fletcher, of The Common Ground, opened a new “pop-up” café in a renovated shipping container on a piece of unused ground at 45 Ridgway Street, and the outdoor games are set up in front of the café. The café will be in place for six months.

Mr Fletcher says, “The commons, back in the day, was a public space where people gathered. We’re hoping to create just that sort of space – we would like this site to be a shared one, with everyone and anyone welcome to come and use the outdoor games.”

Ellen Young, Whanganui District Council’s Town Centre Regeneration project manager, says, “A core part of the Town Centre Regeneration Strategy is to create more activity in our central city spaces and provide young people with something to do, so it’s great to support this project as it really fits the bill.”

As well as providing a space to benefit the community, Mr Fletcher says The Common Ground also exists to provide local young people with “work experience in a highly supportive environment” and hopes to transition them into full-time employment. There are three young trainees at the moment.

Open from 7.30am-3.00pm Monday to Friday, the café is a non-profit business – 100 percent of any profits will be directed into community projects for young people.



Trainee Tom Ross, left, with Paul Fletcher of The Common Ground on duty at the storage container pop-up café at 45 Ridgway Street



Town Centre Chair, Councillor Helen Craig says, “Being open to new ideas and supporting social enterprise is vital for town centre vibrancy and Paul Fletcher, Council staff and the landowner are to be congratulated for rising to the challenge.”

Light Up Bikes makes the finals of nationwide award



The Light Up Bike Spectacle, held in Whanganui in May this year, has made the finals in the New Zealand Events Association’s Awards for 2018.

The Council-organised event is a finalist in two categories – Best Community Event 2018 and Best Local Government Event 2018.

There are nine categories overall. Winners will be announced at the NZEA Event Awards function to be held in Auckland on Tuesday, 26 March, 2019 at Shed 10.

Congratulations to the team who organised the event and to our wonderful, creative community and participants.

For further information on the NZEA Event Awards please go to: www.nzea.co/awards

Speed limit bylaw review



Consultation is now open on changes to speed limits on Castlecliff Beach, and Rapanui and Francis roads.

Whanganui District Council is reviewing the speed limits on Castlecliff Beach and is proposing to reduce the speed limit from 100km/h to 30km/h.

Also included in the proposed amendment is a reduction in the speed limit around Westmere School and on Rapanui Road, from Westmere School to State Highway 3, from 100km/h to 80km/h.

The consultation period runs until 4.00pm on Friday, 8 February 2019. For submission information visit www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay

Closure one for the books

All Whanganui District Library branches will be closing at 4:00pm on Thursday, 20 December 2018 for staff development.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause library users and look forward to seeing you when normal hours resume on Friday, 21 December 2018.

Planned works

December 2018

Flood damage recovery: Whanganui River Road RP49.8 (Jerusalem Bluff Retreat)

Pre-resealed road maintenance: Mangamahu Road, Papaiti Road, Whanganui River Road, Alma Road, Heads Road, Kowhai Street, Kaikokopu Road, Portal Street

Road resealing: Various streets and roads (identified by letter drop)

Unsealed road grading: Kauarapaoa Road, Rangitatau East Road, Okoia area

Kerb and channel renewal: Taupō Quay (Victoria Avenue to St Hill Street), St Hill Street (Guyton Street to Ingestre Street)

Footpath renewal: Taupō Quay (Victoria Avenue to St Hill Street), St Hill Street (Maria Place to Guyton Street)

Pavement reinstatement: Taupō Quay (Victoria Avenue to St Hill Street), St Hill Street (Guyton Street to Ingestre Street), Airport Road (Wastewater Treatment Plant entrance)

Water table/culvert maintenance: Area-wide pre-reseal repairs, Kauarapaoa Road

Mowing and vegetation treatment: Whanganui River Road, areas of Kai Iwi, Fordell, Okoia, Putiki

Water main works: Anzac Parade (Nixon Street to Nile Street), Liverpool Street, Grey Street, Anzac Parade (new toilet block on Anzac Parade)

Stormwater: Mosston Road (Heads Road east from Wharf Street). Mosston Road is closed from Ruapehu to Titoki Street – expected to re-open before Christmas

Request for tender

Contract 1835 Pavement Marking 2019-2021

The Whanganui District Council is inviting tenders from suitably experienced contractors for scheduled remarking of the Council’s pavement markings.

The tender documents are available at: www.tenderlink.com/whanganui

Tender Link Reference: **WANGDC-837525**

Tenders for this contract must be submitted no later than **4.00pm on Wednesday, 16 January 2019**.

For any other assistance, please contact the Council’s Procurement Officer, Lana Treen, between 10.00am and 3.00pm Monday to Friday at lane.treen@whanganui.govt.nz or on (06) 349 3105 or outside of these hours on 021 263 7801.

Council meetings

You are welcome to our meetings

Statutory Management Committee	9.00am Thursday 13 December	Heritage House, 136 St Hill Street reconvening
• <i>Deliberations – Castlecliff Reserve Management Plan</i>		

Agendas are available at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas or view hard copies at 179 St Hill Street (the temporary Council Customer Services area) or the District Library.