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Riders enjoy Community Bike Park

Riders of all ages are enjoying the recently-completed first stage of Whanganui's community bike park, thanks to the efforts of the Whanganui Mountain Bike Club and donations from community groups and businesses.

The bike park, which is adjacent to the Splash Centre, is a community-based project initiated by cycling enthusiast Greig Brodie and created in partnership with Sport Whanganui, the Whanganui Mountain Bike Club, the Splash Centre and various local businesses. The Whanganui District Council has made land available for this project and has supplied plants for landscaping around the facility.

The first stage of the project was to build a junior pump track and fence the facility but, due to weather delays, completion of stage one took longer than expected.

Sport Whanganui's Community Sport Manager Jodie Brunger says she is pleased people have been using the junior track.

"Throughout the first stage of developing the bike park, we kept the community informed through print and social media. As a result, we've had other organisations get in touch with us to see how they can help with the project. We have had lots of support from businesses and volunteers to help get the track to where it is today, which has been awesome."

Stages two and three of the bike park will include a senior track, a learn-to-ride track with traffic lights and a roundabout for children 10-years old and under who are learning to ride. A water fountain, picnic tables and shade sail will also be installed.

It is estimated the bike park will be completed by March 2018.

Leighton Toy, the Council's General Manager, Property says that without support from local businesses and volunteers from the Whanganui Mountain Bike Club, the project wouldn't have happened.



Young people enjoying the junior track at the Community Bike Park

"This is a really good example of how community, business and the Council can come together to make something great happen. The contribution from businesses and volunteers shows real community spirit and the park will be another recreational asset for Whanganui when it is completed.

"Even though it is a facility for bike riders, when the picnic tables and shades are installed it will be useable as an outdoor area for everyone. The Council is really happy to have been able to make the land available for this purpose."

Planned works

Pavement maintenance: Whanganui River Road, Mangamahu Road, Rangitatau East Road, Rangitatau West Road, Gilbert Street

Unsealed pavement maintenance: Parihau Road, Kaikokopu Road

Pavement renewal: Rangitikei Street, Kitchener Street, Eastown Road (Wilkie Street to Benefield Street)

Road resealing: Glasgow Street at the Halswell Street roundabout, Bell Street at the Ingestre Street roundabout

Kerb and channel renewal: Wilson Street (Ridgway Street to Maria Place), Liverpool Street (Keith Street to Harrison Street)

Footpath renewal: Wilson Street (Ridgway Street to Maria Place), Liverpool Street (Keith Street to Harrison Street), Parsons Street (Great North Road to Tregarth Street)

Pavement reinstatement: Wilson Street (Ridgway Street to Maria Place), Liverpool Street (Keith Street to Harrison Street)

Grass mowing: Makirikiri Valley and Kai Iwi

Vegetation treatment: Rangitatau East Road

Tree removal

A mature oak tree on the corner of Liverpool Street and Victoria Avenue has been pencilled in to be removed in late March 2017. The tree is in poor condition structurally and has significant decay within the main stem, increasing the likelihood of collapse. The crown of the tree has major weaknesses after being struck by vehicles as well as large areas of decay. The high chance of collapse, combined with the heavy use of the area, means that the tree poses a risk to the public. A young oak tree will be planted in its place.

Expressions of Interest

Contract No.1769 – Mosston Road Stormwater Upgrade

We are inviting electronic expressions of interest (EOI) from suitably experienced contractors and their affiliates for construction of a new stormwater main from the Titoki wetland area in a south-westerly direction towards the Wharf Street boat ramp.

A copy of the full EOI document is available at www.tenderlink.com/whanganui

TenderLink Reference: 'WANGDC-759573'. The EOI closes at 4.00pm on Thursday 23 March 2017.

Council meetings

We welcome members of the public to attend our meetings.

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| Whanganui District Council Forestry Joint Committee | 2.00pm – Thursday, March 23 | Committee Room 2 |
| Property and Community Services Committee | 1.00pm – Tuesday, March 28 | Council Chamber |
| Wanganui Rural Community Board* | 1.00pm Wednesday, March 29 | Committee Room 2 |

* Please note this meeting is at an earlier time than originally advertised

Agendas are available at the Customer Services Counter, Municipal Office Building, 101 Guyton Street, the Whanganui District Library, or at www.whanganui.govt.nz/ agendas, two working days prior to the meeting.

Have your say Proposed Local Alcohol Policy



The Council is developing a policy to reduce alcohol-related harm in our district. You can help make this a policy that works for everyone by giving us your feedback.

Hard copies of the proposed policy, the Statement of Proposal and submission form are available from the Customer Services Counter at the Council's Municipal Building, 101 Guyton Street, at the Davis Central City Library, or at the Gonville Café Library.

To submit your feedback please complete the submission form online at www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay or you can email your thoughts to policy submissions@whanganui.govt.nz or drop a submission form into the Council building.

All consultation information is available at www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay.

For further information contact Marianne Cavanagh at marianne.cavanagh@whanganui.govt.nz or call 349 0001.

Submissions close at 4.00pm on Monday 15 May 2017.

What's on at the Sarjeant

Metamorphosis: something old, something new
4.30pm – 5.15pm, Saturday March 25
Jazz standards for the modern age. Musicians include Rick Baum, John Scudder, Aydie Holland, John Steedman and Clyde Dixon. Admission \$12.00 or \$10.00 for Gallery Friends and Stars. Available from Sarjeant on the Quay or by phoning 349 0506. This is part of a series of performances under the banner of Musicians for the Sarjeant, a fundraising group for the Gallery's redevelopment project.

PicChat 19/19
Doors open at 7.10pm for a 7.30pm start
Friday March 31
Whanganui Musicians Club, 65 Drews Avenue
PicChat 19/19 is 10 guests speaking to 19 images for 19 seconds each on subjects that they are passionate about.

Admission \$15.00 or \$12.00 for Gallery Friends and Stars, including a complimentary drink. Ticket numbers will be limited. Purchase yours from Sarjeant on the Quay, 38 Taupo Quay, or by phoning 349 0506.

What's on at the Museum

Not-Quite-Live Drawing
4.30pm to 6.30pm, Tuesday March 23
Visit the Whanganui Regional Museum after hours for your chance to explore and draw behind-the-scenes specimens not currently on display. Some materials are supplied, but please don't bring any wet materials. Supper provided. Koha appreciated. To book please phone 349 1110.