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Get a taste of Council career paths

Senior students – polish up your CVs! This year Whanganui District Council, in conjunction with 100% SWEET, will provide a week’s work experience to selected students.

To help you make an informed decision about where you’d like to be, an information booklet *Make Great Happen* has been produced, detailing the various Council roles.

Hard copies of the booklet are available from the Council’s temporary Customer Services area at 179 St Hill Street, or can be downloaded through the link below.

Make sure you leap on this brand new opportunity to get an insight into a typical week in your area of interest.

There are five placements available in Term 1. Are you:

- intrigued by Emergency Services Management or Earth Sciences? Apply for the Civil Defence and Emergency Team placement.
- passionate about planning towns and cities? Get some experience with the Planning Team.
- a writing enthusiast who loves language? The Communications Team would suit you well.
- motivated to interact with people in the community, check out safety issues and ensure rules are being followed? Walk the journey with the Compliance Team.



Catherine Dutton, Whanganui District Council’s Human Resources Manager and Jason Shailer, Youth Manager at 100% SWEET, with the Council’s *Make Great Happen* career taster booklet

- keen on keeping our parks and community facilities looking great? Spend a week with the Property Team.

Applications for Term 1 close at 5.00pm on Sunday, 27 January 2019. For information about work experience vacancies in Terms 2 and 3, and to submit your application visit: whanganuidc.recruitmentthub.co.nz/Vacancies/4459997/title/Whanganui-District-Council-Career-Taster-Programme

Rotokawau Virginia Lake fountain seen in new light



Whanganui artist Amla Meijer takes a break during painting of the swan mural on the Higginbottom Fountain box at Rotokawau Virginia Lake

The Higginbottom Fountain at Rotokawau Virginia Lake now has a new lease on life after comprehensive upgrades were completed late last year.

Whanganui District Council Parks Team Leader, Wendy Bainbridge, says the lights on the fountain “were continually failing and had become uneconomic to repair”.

The upgrade was a complex procedure that involved installing new LED lights and drilling under the lake to replace ducting and cabling.

Powerco donated \$10,000 towards the upgrade, and funds were also provided by the Eleanor Burgess Trust with the Council contributing to installation costs.

If you haven’t already, get up to the lake to see the new swan mural on the fountain box by local artist Amla Meijer – the fountain also has a free 40-minute lighting display every evening that coincides with the switching on of streetlights.

The light display can be activated at any other time by putting a gold coin into the fountain box’s slot mechanism.

Nominate your best read



Willow Hasler and Jahvontae Herewini entered the Best Reads 2018 competition at the Gonville Café Library last week

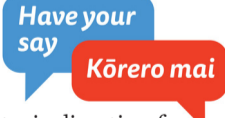
What was the best book you read last year? Gonville Café Library is running a Best Reads 2018 competition, which is open to all library users in Whanganui.

Fill in an entry form at either the Gonville Café Library or the Davis Library, or tell them about your favourite read on the Gonville Café Library Facebook page and they’ll do the entry paperwork for you.

There is a main prize draw on Friday, 1 February 2019. Put your thinking caps on!

Arts and Culture Strategic Plan open for consultation

Whanganui District Council wants your input on its proposed Arts and Culture Strategic Plan.



The plan establishes the Council’s strategic direction for arts and culture over the next 10 years. In conjunction with the creative sector, a vision statement for Whanganui has been developed – “Creativity is at the heart of our identity”.

This vision is supported by five goals: increasing mana whenua participation, developing the championing of arts and culture, connecting creative communities, creating a prosperous creative economy and providing access and engagement in the arts for all.

All consultation information is available at www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay. You can also email your thoughts to polycysubmissions@whanganui.govt.nz. Submissions close at 5.00pm on Friday, 15 March 2019.

Mosston Road stormwater upgrade

Kowhai Street temporary closure

Mosston Road has temporarily re-opened to through traffic while the Mosston stormwater upgrade work focuses on the Kowhai Street stage of the project.

Kowhai Street (between Mosston Road and Miro Street) will be open to residents only with work expected to take about three to four weeks.

Please take care while travelling in this area, be aware of all temporary speed limits and follow the signposted detours.

Thank you for your patience.

Consultation on speed limit bylaw review

Submissions close 8 February 2019

Public consultation on changes to speed limits on Castlecliff Beach, and Rapanui and Francis roads closes at 4.00pm on Friday, 8 February 2019.

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.

For submission information please visit www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay

Input for Economic Development Strategy

Submissions close 1 March 2019

Whanganui District Council is calling for public input on its proposed Economic Development Strategy.

The strategy sets a 10-year vision for Whanganui to be vibrant, prosperous and rich with opportunities based on retaining, growing and attracting business.

Five priorities are identified in the strategy as drivers for the district’s development potential through to 2028 and beyond.

These include a transport and freight gateway, training and development, agricultural development, food and innovation, and tourism.

Public submissions close at 5.00pm on Friday, 1 March 2019. For submission information please visit www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay

Council meetings

You are welcome to our meetings

Property and Community Services Committee	1.00pm Tuesday 5 February	Heritage House, 136 St Hill Street
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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.