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Keeping safe around home pools

With sunny weather finally here, Whanganui District Council is encouraging pool owners to make sure they understand what they need to do to keep children safe around home pools.

The council's pool inspector, Tom Martin, says home pools are a fantastic way to cool off and have fun in summer but owning a pool comes with responsibilities, even if there's no small children at your place. "If a pool can hold water to a depth of 40 centimetres or more you legally need what's called a 'barrier' surrounding the pool – this rule applies for all pools, including inflatable, portable and kitset pools."

He says for some pools, the barrier needs to be a fence but for higher pools the sides of the pool can count as the barrier – and no pool fence or consent is needed as long as certain conditions are met. "If your pool has sides less than 1.2 metres high, you'll need a pool fence and it has to be 1.2 metres or higher. The rules are a bit different if your pool fence forms part of your boundary fence – in that case, the fence needs to be 1.8 metres or higher."

People need a building consent for a pool fence at a cost of \$320.00. "As well as checking the fence is at the correct height, we'll make sure it has the right sort of gate (opening outwards) and fencing material, and that it meets the standards for any windows and doors opening into the pool area," Tom Martin says.



Pool owners are responsible for making sure children are supervised around pools at all times.

Tom Martin says the rules apply regardless of whether you own a property with a pool or rent a property with a pool. "Please get in touch with the council to arrange a building consent for your pool fence so you can have peace of mind this summer and get on with enjoying all of the fun that a home pool brings."

To arrange a building consent for your pool fence or to simply ask for advice, call the council on 06 349 0001 and ask to speak with Tom Martin. You can also check out the Residential Pools page on the council's website at: bit.ly/3H9dWno

Streets for People meetings

The first community co-design workshops for the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency-funded Streets For People projects on lower St Hill Street and Guyton Street start on **Thursday, 2 February 2023**.

Whanganui District Council is directly inviting stakeholders on Guyton and St Hill streets to take part in the workshops, with members of the wider community also welcome to attend. To register your interest, please email: streetsforpeople@whanganui.co.nz

New Sarjeant Gallery director

Andrew Clifford (pictured), currently director of Te Uru Waitākere Contemporary Gallery in West Auckland, has been appointed to the role of director of the Sarjeant Gallery Te Whare o Rehua Whanganui.

"I'm honoured to be joining the Sarjeant team at a really important moment in its history. The current redevelopment will be an incredible upgrade on what is already one of the most beautiful gallery buildings in Aotearoa," he says.

Andrew Clifford officially starts his new role in March.



Vintage Weekend returns!

Following COVID-19 disruptions, Whanganui Vintage Weekend returns for 2023 this weekend from **Friday, 20 January until Monday, 23 January**.

Among a range of scheduled events over the weekend is the Mainstreet Caboodle on Saturday, 21 January, beginning from 10.30am at Majestic Square. This venue will feature live music throughout the day in a family-friendly atmosphere with the Carnival of Costumes fashion show starting at 2.00pm a highlight. This year's Carnival of Costumes competition has been organised by local fashion icon Ardon England, and prizes include gift cards and food / drink vouchers. The competition is free to enter – just arrive on the day in vintage attire or register your interest in advance at: ardon@ardonengland.com

The Caboodle's Ridgway Street Stage will also feature live entertainment on Saturday from 10.30am until 4.45pm – likewise, an eclectic line-up of bands will play on the Block One Stage in lower Victoria Avenue from 1.30pm till 10.00pm.

For a full list of events for this year's Whanganui Vintage Weekend, please visit: whanganuivintageweekend.nz

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Council holiday hours

Wellington Anniversary Day

Whanganui District Council will be closed **next Monday, 23 January 2023** for Wellington Anniversary Day (observed). For a list of opening hours for council facilities, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/public-notices

Whanganui District Plan

Operative date for Plan Change 54

Public notice is hereby given in accordance with Clause 20 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991 that Whanganui District Council has approved Plan Change 54 – Industrial to the Whanganui District Plan. Full details of the provisions are available at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/plan-change-54

These changes to the District Plan were approved by resolution of Whanganui District Council on 20 December 2022 and will become operative on **25 January 2023**. For any queries please contact the council's principal policy planner, Justin Walters, on 06 349 0001 or email: justin.walters@whanganui.govt.nz

ROAD CLOSURE NOTICES

- Full road closure details are available at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/public-notices
- **Nixon Street between Anzac Parade and Moana Street** will be closed to all through traffic for approximately six months until **5.00pm on 30 June 2023** for the installation of new underground infrastructure.
 - A section of **Tinirau Street between Kepa and Patapu streets** will be closed to all through traffic **from 7.30am on Tuesday, 17 January until 6.00pm on Friday, 27 January 2023** for the installation of a raised roading platform.
 - KiwiRail is making rail and road repairs to the **Western Line** railway crossing **this Sunday, 22 January 2023 from 7.00am until 5.00pm**. Western Line will be closed to all through traffic while the repairs are made with detours in place.
 - A part of **Wicksteed Street near the Wicksteed / Dublin streets** intersection will close for road repairs **from 7.00am on Tuesday, 24 January until 6.00pm on Friday, 27 January 2023**. Access to Wicksteed Street will be limited during the work.
 - A section of **Fitzherbert Avenue between Burns and London streets** will be closed to all through traffic for pre-seal road repairs **from 6.00am to 6.00pm on Saturday, 28 January and Sunday, 29 January 2023**.
 - A part of **Pukenamu Drive** immediately in front of the Sarjeant Gallery Te Whare o Rehua Whanganui will be closed to all through traffic from Drews Avenue to Cameron Terrace for a week **from 6.00am on Friday, 27 January until 3.00pm on Friday, 3 February 2023** to allow a crane to undertake work on the Sarjeant Gallery redevelopment.

Council meetings

Meeting in February		
Council meeting	9.30am Tuesday 14 February	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street

Agendas: www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas
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