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Interest revving up for parking app

The ParkMate parking app is fast becoming a driving force at Whanganui District Council's pay-and-display car park areas.

Interest in the free app – introduced into Whanganui in early November – is increasing with a steady uptake so far among local residents.

The Council's Compliance Operations Manager, Warrick Zander, said the app was well-recognised throughout New Zealand and it was great that the technology was now available in Whanganui.

"Historically the only payment method in Whanganui has been coins, so it's good to be able to be more customer-friendly and offer an alternative method of payment for parking in our city.

"At the same time it's also excellent for people visiting Whanganui who are used to this technology and don't normally carry coins," he said.

Lead Parking Services Officer Sandra Barnes described the ParkMate app as an "easy, stress-free method of parking" and said a lot of regular car parkers had started using the software.

The app is free to download at Google Play or the App Store. Once registered, users can pay for parking with a credit or debit card – a small transaction fee applies.



The ParkMate app gets the thumbs up from Whanganui District Council Compliance Operations Manager Warrick Zander and Lead Parking Services Officer Sandra Barnes

ParkMate areas include all central city pay-and-display zones. Charges only apply between 8.00am-5.30pm (Monday to Saturday) at the pay-and-display sites.

Information signage about ParkMate is now displayed on all pay-and-display meters. Visit www.parkmate.co.nz for more details – a ParkMate how-to guide is available at bit.ly/2UOyQB

vibe. 2018 music festival hits all the right notes



The weather was as good as the bands at *vibe*. 2018 on Saturday, 15 December. The Whanganui District Council Youth Committee did an awesome job of organising the well-attended event and music was the winner on the day!

Classic bikes on show at the Sarjeant on the Quay

To coincide with the 2018 Cemetery Circuit, three beautiful motorbikes that have been lovingly restored by a Whanganui local are being hosted at the Sarjeant on the Quay until Monday, 7 January 2019.

This year's selection features a 1955 Triumph Tiger 110, a 1956 AJS 7R and a 1960 AJS 600cc competition scrambler (pictured) – something to please everyone from aficionado to budding enthusiast.

Entry is free and the Sarjeant on the Quay is open daily from 10.30am to 4.30pm, except Christmas Day.

Economic Development Strategy needs your input

Whanganui District Council wants 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 (with Whanganui River as a central theme).

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

Have your say
 Kōrero mai



Council holiday hours

Whanganui District Council **closes at 12 noon on Friday, 21 December and re-opens at 8.00am on Thursday, 3 January 2019**. For a full list of opening hours for Council facilities over Christmas and New Year please visit www.whanganui.govt.nz

Bylaw changes

Public Places, Parks and Reserves Bylaw 2016 and Signage Bylaw 2015

On Wednesday, 12 December 2018 Whanganui District Council adopted amendments to the Public Places, Parks and Reserves Bylaw 2016 with a commencement date of 12 December 2018, and revoked the Signage Bylaw 2015.

Copies of the bylaw are available at www.whanganui.govt.nz/bylaws or from the Council's temporary Customer Services area at 179 St Hill Street. This information is advertised pursuant to section 157 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Whanganui Airport café holiday hours

Whanganui Airport's South Beach Café is closed from Tuesday, 25 December 2018 until Tuesday, 1 January, 2019 with normal hours resuming on Wednesday, 2 January 2019.

Free hot drinks will be available to all airport customers via a vending machine during this time. Also, the airport terminal will open one hour before each scheduled flight and close shortly after each arrival/departure during the same period.

Baiting notices

Virginia Lake & Westmere Lake

Bait is being set for mice at **Rotokawau Virginia Lake Reserve** from Tuesday, 18 December 2018 until Friday, 4 January 2019. The Brodifacoum bait will be placed in approved bait stations around the aviary only. Signs are in place. Baiting for rats and mice is ongoing within the **Westmere Lake reserve area**. Generation bait is in secured stations away from walking tracks. Signage is in place.

Whanganui East Pool

The outdoor pool at the Whanganui East Aquatic Centre opens for summer on Boxing Day, Wednesday, 26 December 2018 at 12 noon. For opening hours please visit www.splashcentre.co.nz

Building up for lease

Whanganui District Council is seeking potential lessees for a commercial building at 301 Heads Road, Whanganui.

The site has high-profile road frontage, ample roadside visitor parking, excellent access, security fencing and a large metalled yard. Buildings include an administration block, lock-up garage and high-stud truck bay.

For more information visit Trade Me listing **#:1852664846** or contact Council Property Officer, Dianne Love, via email at dianne.love@whanganui.govt.nz or call 349 5159 or 0274 375 375.