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New citizens warmly welcomed



A very warm welcome to our latest citizens, who joined Mayor Hamish McDouall and the Council's Chief Executive Kym Fell at a special ceremony in April.

They are Ms Tipmaryann Mao, Cambodian; Mrs Yvet Mae Segovia Alelis, Filipino; Mr Raymund Serisola Alelis, Filipino; Dr Johanna Cornelia Coetzee, South African; Mr Andre Stefan Momberg Coetzee, South African; Mr Corne Vladimir Coetzee, South African; Mr Ingemar Jan Coetzee, South African; Mr Radu-Dorin Popa, Romanian; Mrs Gabriela-Mihaela Popa, Romanian; Mrs Candice Rosslee, South African; Mr Glenn Rosslee, South African; Mr John Randy Sa, Samoan; Mr Manjot Singh, Indian; Miss Soniya George, Indian; Mr Paul John Jackman, British and Miss Sophie Irene Tang, Chinese.

Mayor McDouall says Whanganui is attracting increasing numbers of new residents from all over New Zealand and the world.

"I appreciate this wonderful diversity every time we gather for one of these regular citizenship ceremonies," he says.

"Our new arrivals enrich our community with new perspectives and culture. People are choosing to migrate to Whanganui and our popularity is reflected in the increasing number of citizenship ceremonies we are hosting."

The Council is one of nine local councils taking part in a Welcoming Communities pilot programme, which supports local councils and their communities to become even more welcoming to recent migrants, former refugees, international students and New Zealanders coming from elsewhere.



90-minute parking for Victoria Avenue

Drivers can now park for up to 90 minutes in metered parks in Victoria Avenue, while Mobility Card Holders will get an extra 30 minutes on top of paid parking.

"This means people will be able to do more in the central business district, whether they are there to have lunch, shop, run errands, or attend meetings," says the Council's Compliance Team Leader Warrick Zander.

"We also want to make life easier for people affected by a disability or limited by mobility, so we will be providing an extra 30 minutes of free parking in addition to their paid parking time."

Parking in Victoria Avenue will cost the same (\$1 per half hour), but drivers are now able to stay in the same park for 90 minutes (which will cost \$3).

Mr Zander says people are generally parking in Victoria Avenue for longer than an hour and that parking spaces closest to Victoria Avenue are used for the longest amount of

"Most people who gave us feedback wanted to see an increase in parking time which is why we've added an extra half an hour on top of the existing 60 minutes," says Mr Zander.

For more information and other parking changes, visit www.whanganui.govt.nz/parking



90-minute spaces in Victoria Avenue. Photo: Wanganui Chronicle

The maximum parking time in Victoria Avenue is now

Some of the things you could do in 90 minutes:

\$3 = 90 Minutes (\$1 per half hour)

Sort out your banking

Get your hair cut

Visit the Sarjeant Grab a bite to eat

Mobility Card Holders will be entitled to an extra FREE 30 minutes of parking after any payment made.

Road maintenance

Repairs and sealing

Over the next two to three weeks, there may be limited parking and minor disturbances to traffic in the following areas, as roads are repaired and

- Queen's Park, at the front of the Sarjeant
- Kowhai Park (the north end of the park, between the boat ramp and the Whanganui Multisport Club on Anzac Parade)
- Jubilee Stadium (behind the stadium)
- The sealed area behind the former Wanganui Chronicle building (59 Taupō Quay)
- The Aramoho Cemetery
- Gonville Domain (parking area)

This work will be weather dependent.

Toilet repainting

Moutoa Gardens/Pākaitore

Beginning Monday May 14, the Moutoa Gardens/ Pākaitore toilets will be repainted. The toilets will be available for use during some times while the work is being carried out. A portaloo will also be onsite. This work is expected to take a week.

South Beach Café

Opening hours

Whanganui Airport's South Beach Café is open Monday to Friday from 6.00am to 5.00pm, Saturdays from 8.00am to 1.00pm and Sundays 12.00pm noon to 5.00pm. The café has a great brunch menu, and selection of gluten free and vegetarian foods.

Come and say hi to our friendly team.

Council meetings

We welcome the public to our meetings.

Council meeting Hearings on Long Term Plan submissions

9.00am to Thursday, May 3

Council Chamber

Council meeting

1.00pm, Tuesday, May 8

Council Chamber

Wanganui Rural Community Board Wednesday,

3.30pm

Committee Room 2

Council meeting

9.00am to 5.00pm, Wednesday May 16 and Thursday, **May 17**

Deliberations on the Long Term Plan

Agendas are available at the Customer Services Counter, 101 Guyton Street and the District Library

Full Council meetings are live-streamed at www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil and www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings

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