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Community Link

Spade work scoops rewards at Dig In

The CoLab glass conference culminated at Castlecliff Beach on Sunday, 17 February with two public events – a Beach Dig In, which featured glass artworks donated by conference artists, and a Beach Furnace glass-blowing display.

Harking back to the “big digs” of the 1970s and 80s, the Dig In (pictured) proved a real drawcard for dozens of punters, who each paid to dig up a section of beach in search of “buried treasure”.

New Zealand Glassworks manager Scott Redding said the value of works up for grabs ranged from \$40 to \$4000, and he thanked Castlecliff locals and the Whanganui public for supporting the day.



Cycle Forward is geared up for cyclists with arthritis

Whanganui District Council is teaming up with Arthritis New Zealand to run the Cycle Forward programme, which aims to get people with arthritis into cycling.

The Cycle Forward programme is looking for 10 participants for the first intake, which begins on Wednesday, 13 March 2019. The programme is expected to expand to a further 20 participants later in the year. Those selected for the programme will be loaned a bike and helmet if needed and attend eight sessions over a six-week period.

To register for the Cycle Forward pilot programme please email your expression of interest to Arthritis New Zealand’s Educator, Lori Davis, at lori.davis@arthritis.org.nz



Arthritis New Zealand’s Educator, Lori Davis, with Whanganui District Council’s Active Transport Facilitator, Norman Gruebsch

Whanganui Arts Review

The receiving date for submissions to the 2019 pattillo Whanganui Arts Review is **Tuesday, 26 February**. Entrants can submit works between 10.30am and 4.30pm at the Sarjeant On the Quay, 38 Taupō Quay. A completed submission form must accompany every artwork being submitted for consideration.

The Whanganui Arts Review Exhibition opens on Friday, 8 March and runs until Sunday, 12 May. For more information and to download a submission form please visit: www.sarjeant.org.nz/arts-review

Creative Communities Scheme funding process

Round two of funding applications is open for the Creative Communities Scheme, and drop-in workshops will be held at the Gonville Community Room in Abbott Street (behind the Café Library) to explain the application process and help you to complete the application forms. You can access the Gonville Community Room through the Gonville Health entrance.

- Saturday, 23 February – drop in anytime between 10.30am and 1.00pm
- Thursday, 28 February – drop in anytime between 6.00pm and 7.30pm

The Creative Communities Scheme is a partnership between Whanganui District Council and Creative New Zealand to promote local arts. Round two of the 2018/19 Creative Communities Scheme closes at 12 noon on Thursday, 7 March 2019 for events that take place between Saturday, 30 March 2019 and Monday, 30 March 2020. Email Cath Watson at cath@cathwatson.com for more information or visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/funding



Aerial spraying scheduled for Araheke MTB Park

The Pauri tracks section of the Araheke Mountain Bike Park near Lake Wairua will be closed for aerial spraying later this week.

The spraying is part of an ongoing project between Whanganui District Council and Horizons Regional Council to remove willows to allow for the regeneration of native plants.

It is expected the aerial spraying, with Grazon or Tordon brushkiller, will be done on Thursday, 21 February or Friday, 22 February 2019, depending on weather.

Signs will be displayed at both entrances to the Pauri tracks the day before the spraying, which will be done at first light. The tracks will be closed to the public for 24 hours following the spraying.

WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

Whanganui District Council is seeking public consultation on the following topics:

- **Proposed Economic Development Strategy** (submissions close at 5.00pm on Friday, 1 March 2019)
- **Proposed Plan Change 55** (further submissions close at 5.00pm on Monday, 4 March 2019)
- **Proposed Arts and Culture Strategic Plan** (submissions close at 5.00pm on Friday, 15 March 2019)
- **Proposed Plan Change 57** (submissions close at 5.00pm on Monday, 18 March 2019)

For more submission information please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/our-district/have-your-say

Have your say

Kōrero mai

Stormwater upgrade installation of new pipes on Mill Road

As part of the stormwater upgrade to enable the expansion of the Mill Road Industrial Zone, a new stormwater system will be installed in Mill Road. Work began last week.

New pipes – 1200mm, 1350mm and 1600mm – will be installed along with manholes. The work is expected to take about seven months.

Speed restrictions and a one-way system controlled by traffic lights will be in place. Additional traffic management may be required and will be advertised.

Rates reminder

Instalment 3 due date 27 February

A reminder to all ratepayers that the due date for payment of Instalment 3 is **Wednesday, 27 February**.

For people who pay by instalment the Council offers direct debit as a payment method. Frequency of payments can be weekly, fortnightly, monthly, quarterly or yearly. Please contact rates department on (06) 349 0001 for further information.

You can also visit www.whanganui.govt.nz for online credit card payments.

Total fire ban issued

No open-air fires allowed

Fire and Emergency New Zealand has issued a total fire ban for the Whanganui urban area as well as a large part of the Whanganui District including Maxwell, Kai Iwi, Brunswick, Westmere, Rapanui, Otamatea, Mosston, Kaitoke, Fordell, Upokongaro, Mangamahu, Parakino and Papaiti.

No fires can be lit in the open air – this includes braziers and fire pits/bowls.

The total fire ban doesn’t apply to the Whanganui District’s northern zone but a permit is still required to light a fire in the open air.

Some exceptions may apply during prohibited and restricted fire seasons. Please visit www.checkitsalright.nz/faqs for more information.

Council meetings

You are welcome at our meetings		
Audit and Risk Committee	1.00pm Monday 25 February	Heritage House, 136 St Hill Street
Strategy and Finance Committee	1.00pm Tuesday 26 February	Heritage House, 136 St Hill Street
Statutory Management Committee	9.00am Thursday 28 February	Heritage House, 136 St Hill Street
• Submission hearing and deliberations – Speed limits bylaw review		
Council Meeting	1.00pm Tuesday 12 March	Heritage House, 136 St Hill Street

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.