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Summer fun at Whanganui East Pool!

The Whanganui East Pool (pictured) on Tinirau Street is set to open for the 2023 summer season. The pool complex includes a 33-metre outdoor pool, a learner pool, hydro slide, diving board and barbeque facilities. The pool will open from **12 noon on Monday, 9 January 2023**.

Whanganui District Council's general manager community & customer experience, Marianne Cavanagh, says, "The pool was not open during the 2022 summer season and we know how much it was missed by our community. We are delighted to welcome a new team of lifeguards and are looking forward to opening for summer."

A team from Community Corrections is currently undertaking general cleaning and maintenance, while pool and hydro slide safety checks have been ticked off ready for the new season.

The council's aquatic services manager, Lucy Thompson, says, "The Whanganui East Pool provides a great space for Whanganui East residents, as well as the wider community to cool off, get active and spend some time together. The pool complex includes shade structures, but please remember to cover up with sunblock and a hat."



Entry to the Whanganui East Pool is \$4.00 for adults, children \$3.00, pre-schoolers and spectators \$1.50, and \$11.00 for a family pass.

Opening hours are Monday to Thursday from 10.00am-6.00pm, and Friday to Sunday from 10.00am-5.00pm. These times may vary – to confirm hours, please visit: www.facebook.com/SplashcentreWhanganui

Riverbank fitness park a step up for community wellbeing

An outdoor fitness park on the bank of the Whanganui River officially opened on Monday, 19 December 2022, in time for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Located on the shared pathway between Whanganui City Bridge and Cobham Bridge near the *Hear My Train a Comin'* train sculpture, vehicle access to the park is available from the Taupo Quay freedom camping site.

The park is made up of five fitness stations, each made of durable stainless steel by Norwell Outdoor Fitness and Play. The stations target a range of muscle groups and can be used for strength training or cardio.

The Rotary Club of Whanganui funded \$30,000 towards the project as part of its centennial celebrations with the remaining \$25,000 funded from Whanganui District Council's sport and recreational facilities advisory group.



Ali Arc Industries donated two fitness stations. The council will maintain the park, and the project is supported by Ngā Tangata Tiaki o Whanganui and Tupoho.

Register now for Streets For People co-design workshops

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 will start in February 2023. Whanganui District Council's town centre regeneration team successfully secured \$1.26m of central government funding in September through Waka Kotahi to work directly with the community to co-design and trial a range of streetscape improvements in both of these areas.

The council's general manager community property & places, Sarah O'Hagan, says this external funding will be split across two projects – with Guyton Street likely to include a range of streetscape improvements to the road and pathways, and lower St Hill Street to focus more specifically on supporting public transport including the new 2023 high-frequency bus route.

The first community co-design workshop will be for the lower St Hill Street project and will be held in the first week of February 2023. The 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

Sarjeant on the Quay gets ready for move next June



Sarjeant on the Quay at 38 Taupo Quay – the temporary home of the Sarjeant Gallery Te Whare o Rehua Whanganui since 2014 – will close its doors at the end of June 2023 in advance of the gallery reopening at Pukenui Queen's Park in 2024, the Sarjeant's 105th year. The Sarjeant's object gallery above the isite Visitor Information Centre at 31 Taupo Quay will close at the end of January 2023.

The closures will allow gallery staff time to consolidate and pack down the galleries, classroom, gallery shop (pictured above), offices, workshops, studio and collection store before moving to the redeveloped Sarjeant Gallery at Pukenui Queen's Park.

For more information, please visit: www.sarjeant.org.nz/news

Council holiday hours

Whanganui District Council closes at **12 noon this Friday, 23 December 2022** and reopens at **8.30am on Wednesday, 4 January 2023**. For a list of opening hours for council facilities over the upcoming holiday period, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/holiday-hours-2022

No swimming at port

Injury risk in wharf / boat ramp areas

Whanganui District Council reminds people that swimming at the Whanganui Port site in Castlecliff is dangerous and encourages the community to head for safe swim spots this summer. The port area is particularly unsafe for swimming and bombing because the water depth around the structures is currently very shallow. Jumping from these structures is prohibited because of the risk of injury.

It's also important that boats and swimmers don't mix. There are two areas where the water is deeper are dangerous – one is used by commercial vessels and the other is the ramp where trailer boats are launched and retrieved. Warning signs are in place, and swimmers are advised to use Castlecliff Beach and to swim between the flags.

By-election nominations

Whanganui subdivision vacancy

A by-election is being held to fill an extraordinary vacancy for a Whanganui subdivision representative on



the Whanganui Rural Community Board. Nominations must be made on the official nomination form, which is available on the Whanganui District Council website or by request from council customer services at 101 Guyton Street. Nomination forms and a by-election information sheet can also be requested from:

- Anna Palamoutain, deputy electoral officer, Whanganui District Council, at: anna.palamountain@whanganui.govt.nz
- Warwick Lampp, electoral officer: iro@electionz.com or call **0800 666 048**.

Candidate information is in the 2022 local government elections candidate handbook at: bit.ly/3EUJGPa

Completed nomination documents must be received by the deputy electoral officer at Whanganui District Council, 101 Guyton Street, Whanganui, **no later than 12 noon this Thursday, 22 December 2022**.

Work on Airport Road

New water main install from 9 January

Whanganui District Council contractors will install a new water main along Airport Road from the intersection of Airport and Landguard roads from **Monday, 9 January until Friday, 31 March 2023**. The new water main will connect with the council's wastewater treatment plant.

During the work period a 30km/h temporary speed zone will operate in this area from Monday to Friday and temporary traffic lights or stop-go traffic control will be in place at certain times. Signs will be displayed with speed restrictions during this period. Both lanes will remain open in this area where possible over the work period, but traffic may be reduced to one lane at certain times for safety reasons due to limited visibility or limited berm width.