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Public Art Fund opens this Friday!

Calling all artists – Whanganui District Council’s Public Art Fund opens for applications this **Friday, 23 June 2023!** This annual contestable fund seeks to promote the creation and delivery of contemporary and diverse public art that celebrates the distinctive environments, histories and communities of the Whanganui region.

The fund is aimed at established and practising artists who aspire to create artwork in a public space and includes mediums like temporary installations, sculpture, murals, land art, digital art, moving image, and sound or light art. The fund also requires match-funding, which means additional support is a requirement of the fund. This can include in-kind or financial support from external sponsors to assist with material, fabrication or installation costs.

Information sessions are available for those interested in pitching their application idea or asking questions about the process with the council’s creative community advisor, Anique Jayasinghe. The 30-minute sessions are available to book between 12.30pm and 2.30pm on Friday, 30 June, or Friday, 7 July. To book a session time, please email: anique.jayasinghe@whanganui.govt.nz or call 06 349 3086.

Applications close at **5.00pm on Monday, 17 July 2023**. To view previously funded projects and for more information, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/public-art-fund



Whanganui artist Cecelia Kumeroa’s *Waka Maumahara* at Rotokawau Virginia Lake was created with support from Whanganui District Council’s Public Art Fund

Sarjeant on the Quay open day this Saturday, 24 June!

Sarjeant on the Quay at 38 Taupo Quay closes to the public on Friday, 30 June 2023, in advance of the reopening of the redeveloped Sarjeant Gallery Te Whare o Rehua Whanganui at Pukenui Queen’s Park next year.



To mark the occasion, Sarjeant on the Quay is holding a community day **this Saturday, 24 June**, to celebrate the final exhibitions in this space, *He Tohu Tēnā Pea - It Is Perhaps A Sign* and *The Sun Sets Beneath The Ocean*. Community day activities and times:

- 11.00am -12 noon** – Storytelling on mattresses with Lisa Reweti from Whanganui Regional Museum
- 1.00pm-2.00pm** – Sample a free Kaputi cup of tea and enjoy the exhibitions
- 1.00pm-3.00pm** – Making puffa stars with the Sarjeant Gallery’s education officer, Sietske Jansma.

Update your contact details with the Splash Centre!

There are some “behind the scenes” changes coming to Whanganui District Council’s aquatic facilities – the Splash Centre and Whanganui East Pool – as systems are upgraded over the next few months.



The upgrades will include a more streamlined approach to memberships, as well as the booking of lanes and other spaces, and Learn to Swim classes. The goal is to reduce waiting times in queues and improve access to all of the centre’s facilities.

To do this, the Splash Centre needs to make sure that everyone’s contact information is up-to-date and correct. To update your contact details, head into the Splash Centre at Springvale Park and talk with one of the friendly staff – you can also email: splashcentre@splashcentre.co.nz or call 06 349 0113.

Flushing of city water mains from today until this Friday



Whanganui’s city water mains are receiving a clean out from **today, Wednesday 21 June, until and including this Friday, 23 June 2023**. Whanganui District Council contractors will complete the daily flushing **between 8.00am and 5.00pm over the three days**.

Flushing of the water mains throughout Whanganui is used to remove any sediment build-up in pipes as well as ensure that fire hydrants are operating properly. This work involves forcefully releasing water through the pipes, via the hydrants.

If you notice some water discoloration, air in the water, or low water pressure after your street has been flushed we recommend you run your outside taps for 10 to 15 minutes. If the water hasn’t cleared after 15 minutes please call the council’s infrastructure team on 06 349 3047 or after-hours on 06 349 0001.

WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

Whanganui District Council invites you to have your say on these topics:

- Public Places Bylaw consultation
- Community Views Survey 2023

More details at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say



Rates rebate reminder

Apply for rebate by Friday, 30 June

Ratepayers who may qualify for a rates rebate must apply by **Friday, 30 June 2023** for the 2022-23 rating year (the rating year runs from 1 July to 30 June). If your income is low to moderate (maximum \$28,080) you may be eligible for a rates rebate of up to \$700.

To determine whether you are eligible, Whanganui District Council requires your gross income earnings (before tax) for the tax period ending 31 March 2022. The rates rebate will be calculated on your income earnings and your 2022-23 Whanganui District Council rates and Horizons Regional Council rates. For more information, please contact the council on 06 349 0001 and ask for the rates team.

Weekend road closure

Purnell-Ingestre streets intersection

The intersection of Purnell Street and Ingestre Street will be closed to all through traffic **from 7.00am this Saturday, 24 June until 5.00pm on Sunday, 25 June 2023** to allow KiwiRail to make rail crossing repairs. Hatrick Street East and West will serve as detours around the worksite during the repairs. (Please note this work was originally scheduled for 10-11 June.) More information at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/public-notice

Dog registrations

Notices mailed out to dog owners

Dog registration notices have been mailed to dog owners. Delivery may take some time so please keep a lookout in your letterbox. Pay your dog registration **on or by Monday, 31 July 2023** to receive a prompt payment discount. You can pay your dog registration at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/pay-dog-rego

Council meetings

Meetings next week

Extraordinary Council meeting	4.00pm Monday 26 June	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton St
Strategy and Policy Committee	10.00am Tuesday 27 June	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton St
Council meeting	1.00pm Tuesday 27 June	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton St
• Adoption of Annual Plan 2022/23		
Whanganui Rural Community Board	2.00pm Wednesday 28 June	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton St
Operations and Performance Committee	10.00am Thursday 29 June	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton St

Meeting in July

Council meeting	9.30am Tuesday 11 July	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton St
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• Strike rates

Agendas: www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas
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www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings