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Enthusiasm for Whanganui Port masterplan

WHANGANUI PORT REVITALISATION PROJECT

Mayor Hamish McDouall and the Port Revitalisation Team are delighted with the number of people who took the time to give feedback about the draft masterplan for the Whanganui Port.

More than 140 formal online submissions were received, as well as lots of interesting and varied comments and questions on the Whanganui District Council's Facebook page.

"The number of comments and ideas about the Port demonstrates that our community is really interested in the revitalisation of this area and excited about its future," said Mayor Hamish McDouall.

"I thank everybody who took the time and effort to have their say. While most of the comments have been positive and give the Port Revitalisation Team the big thumbs up to get the development underway, we've also had lots of questions about environmental issues, funding, partnerships and recreational and commercial activities.

"We've put together a list of the most commonly asked questions on our website so our community can see how we are working through certain issues.

"When working in partnership with our community, iwi, Castlecliff residents and the Government, it takes time to come up with an approach which works for everyone. In the words of Rachel Hunter, 'it won't happen overnight, but it will happen'," said Mayor McDouall.

The next step in the Port Revitalisation is to update the reference groups representing the recreational and community, industry and education sectors followed by a final masterplan which will be shared with the community.

Short-term milestones for the project include the relocation of Q-West Boat Builders to its new premises and working to see if there is potential for Cloudy Bay Clams to operate from the Port.

"We are also awaiting May 1, the date Midwest Ferries has told us it will give us its comprehensive business plan and environmental impact report for a Whanganui to South Island ferry service.

"I believe a ferry could be an exciting opportunity for Whanganui. The Midwest Ferries proposal is a very ambitious initiative from an environmental, capital raising and operational perspective and we've had an alternative proposal for a ferry, so it's a matter of watching this space to see whether the proposals are sufficiently feasible to be presented to the Government by the Port Revitalisation Team."

A list of commonly-asked questions about the Port Revitalisation, plus more information about the project can be found on www.whanganui.govt.nz/portFAQs



Parks Week 2017 March 4-12

Parks play a vital role in creating livable cities and thriving communities. From the idyllic Bason Botanical Gardens to the legendary Kowhai Park, Whanganui has some of the best parks in Aotearoa. Let's celebrate them this March.

Colour in the Park Chalk art competition

Victoria Park, 1.00pm-3.00pm, Sunday March 12
Come to Victoria Park and help brighten the place up by taking part in our chalk art competition.

Pics in the Park

4-12 March 2017

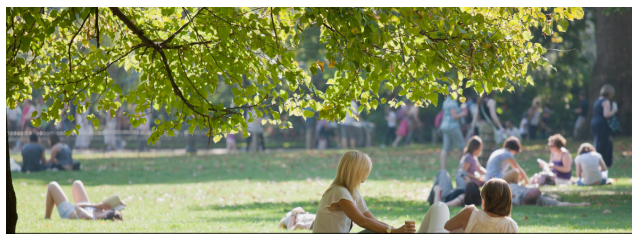
Which Whanganui park do you love? Tell us by sending us images of you, your family and friends having fun in one of our many world-class parks during Parks Week 2017.

Magical Park

Springvale Park, until March 12

Experience Springvale Park in a completely new way using augmented reality on your mobile device. Want to know more?? Visit www.geoar.tech/our-game

Full details on Parks Week can be found at www.whanganui.govt.nz/parks-week



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Horizons Regional Council wants to hear your views on flood protection for Whanganui

Come along to a public meeting, visit our stand at the River Traders Market or contact us directly and tell us whether you think additional measures need to be considered following the 2015 flood.

We invite you to visit us at the following venues:

- Wednesday 22 February 7pm Whanganui War Memorial Centre
- Saturday 25 February 8.30am River Traders Market
- Monday 27 February 7pm Whanganui Girls' College
- Saturday 4 March 8.30am River Traders Market



Visit www.horizons.govt.nz
to find out more or contact us
toll free 0508 800 800

Planned works

For a full list of planned works for the Whanganui District during February 2017, please visit www.whanganui.govt.nz/plannedworks

June 2015 flooding event clean-up: Remedial work continues on Whanganui River Road (Oyster Bluff) and Tokomaru West Road. Major roadworks will take place on Somme Parade between Cumbrae Place and Roberts Avenue (retaining wall).

Pavement maintenance: Whanganui River Road, No 2 Line, Mangamahu Road, Denlair Road, Rangitatau East Road, Rangitatau West Road, Gilbert Street, Montgomery Road

Kerb, channel and footpath renewal: Wilson Street (Ridgway Street to Maria Place), Liverpool Street (Bell Street to Keith Street)

Grass mowing: Areas of Fordell, Okaia and Mangamahu

Vegetation treatment: Areas of Brunswick

Westmere Lake pathway closed

Starting this week, work will be undertaken on the path of the western side of Westmere Lake. During the work the pathway will be closed, so please use the eastern side of the walkway. This work is weather dependent.

Kaitoke subdivision by-election result

In accordance with section 86 of the Local Electoral Act 2001, I hereby declare the result of the by-election held on Friday 17 February 2017

Whanganui Rural Community Board

Kaitoke subdivision – election of one (1) member

Duff, Alistair 142
Matthews, Duncan M 129
Hackett, Peter 95
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I therefore declare Alistair Duff to be duly elected.

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Council meetings

We welcome members of the public to attend our meetings.

Audit and Risk Committee – 1.00pm Monday, February 27 (Committee Room 2)

Youth Committee – 4.00pm Monday, February 27 (Council Chamber)

Strategy and Finance Committee – 1.00pm Tuesday, February 28 (Council Chamber)

Council – 1.00pm Wednesday, March 8 (Council Chamber)

Agendas are available at the Customer Services Counter, Municipal Office Building, 101 Guyton Street, the Whanganui District Library, or at www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas, two working days prior to the meeting.