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Innovation Quarter launched



Mayor Hamish McDouall cuts the ribbon with kaumatua John Maihi

Three Whanganui organisations have co-located in a central city space, The Innovation Quarter (IQ), with the aim of maximising partnerships and opportunities.

Whanganui District Council's economic development agency, Whanganui & Partners, the Whanganui Chamber of Commerce and the Whanganui Māori business network, Te Manu Atatū, have joined as partners and co-founders and will share the IQ workspace in St Hill Street.

Whanganui & Partners Board Chair, Myles Fothergill said, "Each organisation has its own important role in building resilience in the Whanganui economy, providing important business-related services and supporting prosperity and opportunities. We see co-locating as a real opportunity to support and take full advantage of each other's strengths.

"IQ provides both a physical space and a virtual platform for people to share knowledge and collaborate."

The Innovation Quarter will be open to anyone who wants to discuss a business idea, receive guidance and resources or access statistics and databases. Advice and support will be available for start-ups or to work through Council requirements for new or expanding businesses.

Carol Hayward, Chair of Te Manu Atatū, said, "Our shared vision is Te Hoe Ngatahi, or 'rowing together and actively engaged in achieving the same goals'. We are excited by the possibilities presented by the establishment of the Innovation Quarter, which includes a new Māori Business Hub and we are privileged to be a part of this opportunity for the betterment of all."

"As well as helping to grow existing businesses, IQ will support the next generation of entrepreneurs where dreams and ideas become business realities."



Carol Hayward, Myles Fothergill and Raewyn Overton-Stuart

Raewyn Overton-Stuart, President of the Whanganui Chamber of Commerce, said, "The Innovation Quarter presents an ideal environment to develop local solutions to global challenges. We are looking forward to it being a place where people can be inspired and where innovation is encouraged."

Visit whanganuiandpartners.nz or www.facebook.com/whanganuiandpartners to keep up-to-date with developments at Whanganui & Partners.

Self-service at the Library

New self-checkout and return equipment at Whanganui District Library Te Wharepukapuka o Whanganui is not only convenient for users, but also frees up library staff to help customers browse the shelves.

Three self-checkout kiosks and two bookcases, which automatically mark books as returned, have been installed at the Davis Central City Library. New checkout equipment for staff to use at all Whanganui libraries has also been installed, which will speed up the issuing process.



Children's Librarian Becky Stanley with the new self-checkout equipment

The upgrade involved tagging more than 100,000 books, CDs, DVDs and other materials using a Radio Frequency Identification system. Improved content software will also give users a heads-up on new titles, recommended reads and publicise upcoming promotions.

Billy Webb Challenge 2017

Head to Settlers Wharf, directly opposite Moutoa Gardens Pakaitore, from 10.00am on Sunday 26 November to catch the biggest spectacle to happen annually on the Whanganui Awa - the Billy Webb Challenge. This is a high calibre event with Olympic and World Champions racing and it's free for all of the community to enjoy.

If you need more incentive to be part of this iconic event, head to the Facebook page and click that you are 'going' and you will be in the draw to win a return trip for two on Air Chathams - but you have to be there to win!

For all event information visit billywebbchallenge.co.nz and [facebook.com/billywebbchallenge](https://www.facebook.com/billywebbchallenge)

Car park sealing

Virginia Lake

The Virginia Lake car park will be re-sealed on Tuesday, November 28 and Wednesday, November 29. During this time it will be closed. Alternative parking is available in Babbage Place.

Rates instalment

Due date reminder

A reminder to all ratepayers that the due date for payment of Instalment 2 is **Wednesday, 29 November 2017**. Please ensure payments reach our office by close of business on this day.

We offer direct debit as a method of payment. Frequency of payments can be weekly, fortnightly, monthly, quarterly or yearly. Please contact the rates department for further information on 349 0001.

You can also use your credit card to pay your rates online. You will need your email address, credit card details and your property and notice numbers, which can be found on your rates invoice.

Find out more about ways to pay on www.whanganui.govt.nz/rates

Proposed grazing lease

Kai Iwi

Under 73 (1) of the Reserves Act 1977, the Council intends to issue a 10-year grazing lease for 16.9 hectares at Kai Iwi.

The land is part of the Kai Iwi 6A1 Block XV, Nukumarū Survey District and the Nukumarū Recreation Reserve, located adjacent to the mouth of the Kai Iwi stream.

Any person who objects to the proposed lease can lodge written notice of their objections and reasons by 5.00pm on 11 December 2017 to elana.macdonald@whanganui.govt.nz or PO Box 637, Whanganui 4541. For more information, please phone 349 3096.

Council meetings

We welcome members of the public to attend our meetings.

Statutory Management Committee	9.00am, Thursday, November 23	Council Chamber
Review of Parking Bylaw and Management Plan	Reconvening for deliberations on Thursday, December 7	
Strategy and Finance Committee	1.00pm, Tuesday, November 28	Council Chamber
Council meeting	1.00pm, Wednesday, December 6	Council Chamber
Whanganui Rural Community Board	3.30pm, Thursday, December 7	Committee Room 2
District Plan Hearing Plan Change 46 Otamatea West	10.00am, Monday, December 11	Council Chamber

Agendas are available at the Customer Services Counter, Municipal Office Building, 101 Guyton Street and the District Library two working days prior to the meeting.

Our monthly Council meetings are live-streamed on www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil