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Welcome to our newest citizens

A group of 23 people were welcomed as New Zealand citizens at a ceremony at the Council Chamber in the first week of September.

The new citizens are Mrs Wendy Bullock (British), Mr Albert Santos Favis (Filipino), Mrs Sabine Hormann (German), Mrs Tiji Jose (Indian), Mrs Lissy Joseph (Indian), Mrs Neethu Joy (Indian), Mr Rene Cristian Olmos (Argentinian), Miss Nilda Serrano Pagba (Filipino), Mr Alfons Reitsma (Dutch), Mrs Lisa Ann Rodgers (British), Mrs Amie Lea Simpson (American), Mrs Patricia Ann Birkinshaw (British), Mr Ulyses Pizarro Espiritu (Filipino), Ms Elizabeth Margaret Wilson Gray (Australian), Dr Daniel Aron Hermann (Hungarian), Mr Zsolt Gabor Hermann (Hungarian), Mrs Reka Hermann (Hungarian), Master Benjamin David Hermann (Hungarian), Mrs Linda Kealey (American), Mr Gurdev Singh Sandhu (Indian), Mr Harry Paul Stobbe (Canadian), Ms Renata Szarvas (Hungarian).

Mayor Hamish McDouall, who hosted the ceremony, said the event was “yet again, packed.”

“It is always very exciting to see a range of nationalities make New Zealand and Whanganui their home. Amongst the new citizens, a record five Hungarians will now call Whanganui home adding more diversity and culture to our district. They join others from various places in Asia, Australia, North America and Europe. Some of these people have lived here for a very long time and have contributed massively to the arts, education, business and health sectors. These people have all been welcomed by the citizens of Whanganui over time which is a tribute to our hospitality.”

Parks, Open Spaces and Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy

Have your say
Kōrero mai

Whanganui District Council is currently developing strategies to ensure all residents have access to quality indoor and outdoor places to live healthy and active lifestyles. We would like to hear your thoughts on our district’s parks, open spaces and sports facilities.

The Council manages more than 122 parks and open spaces on behalf of our community, from neighbourhood parks such as Te Mana Park, to active parks like Peat Park or premier parks like Queen’s Park.

This strategy will consider how we manage our parks and open spaces and build on Whanganui’s sporting history and reputation. It will include points of difference like our rivers, lakes, Velodrome Track, stadiums and sporting green spaces, quality cricket wickets and Cooks Gardens as well as the Sports Hall of Fame and the New Zealand Masters Games.

We believe if our district’s parks, open spaces and sports facilities are accessible and inclusive to all, more residents will be able to enjoy these community facilities and participate in physical activities leading to better health outcomes.

You can tell us what you think and help develop this strategy by putting bit.ly/2xbex into your web browser or visiting Viewpoint Whanganui www.whatdoyouthink.org.nz

Engagement closes on Monday, 12 October 2018.

Community lease available

Otamatea Reserve

Whanganui clubs and community organisations have an opportunity to lease part of a Council-owned building at Otamatea Reserve, 134A Great North Road.

The Wanganui Dog Obedience Club leases the other half of the building and uses part of the reserve for training and competitions.

Council Property Officer Dianne Love says the lease includes a large meeting room, two separate toilets and a small separate kitchen. Some refurbishment is needed before the space becomes available and there is potential to improve the facilities.

“It would be wonderful to see this room being used again by a club or community organisation or even an individual. It has a lovely reserve outlook, there is ample parking and it would be available for use seven days a week.”

Mrs Love says flexible letting arrangements would be available to an approved group or groups.

“Ideally it would be good to have a long-term lease but we are happy to discuss details with anyone interested in the lease.”

Please contact Dianne Love for more information at dianne.love@whanganui.govt.nz or call 349 5159 or 0274 375 375.



The Council-owned property at Otamatea Reserve which can be hired out for community activities

Durie Hill Elevator

Temporary closure

A fault with the Durie Hill Elevator means it won’t be working for approximately four weeks. During this period, all mechanical parts will be overhauled and new cables will be installed. We’ll let you know when it’s up and running again via *Community Link* and our Facebook page.

Heads Road restrictions (correction)

Mosston Road stormwater upgrade

Works will be carried out on Heads Road (past Mosston Road at the Castlecliff end) until December 2018. This change has been decided in consultation with residents in the area.

The Mosston Road stormwater pipe upgrade involves upgrading stormwater services to the Westborne Manufacturing Zone with a 1350mm concrete pipe. For a full list of the planned works for this project, please visit www.whanganui.govt.nz/plannedworks

Please note, in the print version of *Community Link* (26 September), we advertised that the detours on Ruapehu Street were postponed, whereas the Ruapehu Street detour will be in place for seven weeks.

Street names wanted

When a new street is created as part of a new development, the developer can submit up to three street names in order of preference to the Council.

We want your suggestions on potential street names so our planning team can provide developers with a list when they are looking to name new streets.

If there is an existing common or established theme in the area, priority will be given to continuing this theme. If names are suggested which aren’t similar to the theme of the area, or there is no established theme, the name should reflect a traditional or appropriate Māori name, historical person or event or significant geographical or topographical feature.

To submit a potential street name, please visit www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay

Submissions close on Friday, 12 October 2018.

Council meetings

We welcome the public to our meetings.		
Infrastructure	1.00pm, Wednesday, 3 October	Council Chamber
Council	1.00pm, Tuesday, 9 October	Council Chamber
Statutory Management	9.00am, Thursday, 11 October	Council Chamber
Youth	4.00pm, Monday, 15 October	Council Chamber

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