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New citizens made to feel at home

The first Whanganui citizenship ceremony of 2019 was held on Thursday, 14 March, at the Alexander Heritage and Research Library. Mayor Hamish McDouall said the library provided a stunning backdrop to welcome the 23 new citizens.

“By making the declaration, receiving the certificate and signing the book, you are adding to the diversity of New Zealand and the pluralism of Whanganui. You are not losing who you are, but you are now embracing a new future.

“Thank you for choosing New Zealand and Whanganui, and for making the bold and brave decision to formally become New Zealanders,” Mayor McDouall said.

The new citizens and their nationalities are: Mr Nestor Bulala Buico, Mrs Elsie Castor Buico, Mrs Aubrey Rose Buico Elli, Mr Christian Castor Buico, Miss Neselle Castor Buico and Master Gian Karyll Castor Buico (Philippines), Mrs Yan Feng and Mr Yipeng Zhang (China), Mrs Sharon



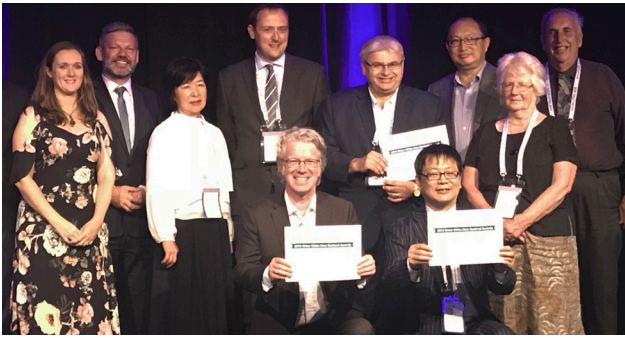
Santos Fernandez, Mr Jasper de Lara Fernandez and Miss Sandra Victoria Santos Fernandez (Philippines), Mr Jijo Mathews (India), Mrs Karyn Reid (Australia), Mrs Kalisi Coqamaiba Savu (Fiji), Mr Denning Iosua Tyrell (Samoa), Mrs Marie Antoinette Van Der Bank (South Africa), Ms Hannah Ronis Florence Chapman-Searle (Australia), Mr Bernd Kraus and Ms Alexandra Fox (Germany), Mrs Lis Nielsen (Denmark), Mr Peer Hollandsbjerg Nielsen (Denmark), Mr Peter Reginald Thomas Pearce (United Kingdom), Mrs Carryn Michelle Wilkins (United Kingdom/ South Africa).

Sister Cities recognition

Whanganui District Council was honored with the award for Best Local Government Project at the Sister Cities New Zealand annual conference in Palmerston North last week, 21-23 March 2019.

The Council won the award for its recent 30-year anniversary celebrations with Whanganui’s Japanese sister city, Nagaizumi-cho.

As well as accepting the award, Mayor Hamish McDouall (pictured, with other award recipients) presented at the conference on the Council’s International Relations Strategic Review and its implementation.



The review is the Council’s way of assessing future international relations to ensure a mutually beneficial exchange of social, cultural and economic outcomes.

Book of condolences opens

In the wake of the Christchurch attacks, a book of condolences for the Muslim community will be open weekdays from 10.00am to 4.00pm in the Whanganui War Memorial Centre foyer until Friday, 5 April. Whanganui District Council will then send the book to Christchurch City Council on behalf of the residents of Whanganui.

Street artists set to arrive

Whanganui art lovers are in for a treat this weekend. Along with the continuation of Artists Open Studios on 30-31 March, Whanganui Walls street art festival starts on Thursday, 28 March and runs to Sunday, 31 March. Eight international and New Zealand-based street artists will each use a CBD wall to create original street artworks. Please visit www.facebook.com/whanganuiwalls for more information.



WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

Whanganui District Council is seeking public consultation on the following topics:

- **Age-Friendly Whanganui online survey** (survey closes on Sunday, 31 March 2019)
- **Water Supply Bylaw Review** (submissions close at 4.00pm on Friday, 12 April 2019)
- **Proposed Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy** (submissions close at 5.00pm on Friday, 12 April 2019)
- **Annual Plan 2019/20 Consultation Document** (submissions close at 4.00pm on Wednesday, 24 April 2019)

For more consultation information please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay



Duncan Pavilion to host Council committee

Castlecliff community welcome

At the request of Castlecliff community group Progress Castlecliff, Whanganui District Council has agreed to hold one of its committee meetings at Duncan Pavilion in Castlecliff next week.

The Property and Services Committee meeting will be open to the public and offers Castlecliff locals – along with all residents of Whanganui – the chance to view a formal Council meeting in their own suburb.

Working in conjunction with Deputy Mayor Jenny Duncan, Progress Castlecliff organiser James Barron initiated the idea of introducing Councillors to the Castlecliff community by conducting a meeting at the suburb’s sea-front venue.

The Property and Community Services Committee discusses and makes recommendations on cultural facilities such as parks, sporting and recreational activities, the Town Centre and Castlecliff regeneration projects, waste minimisation and emergency management. It is chaired by Cr Helen Craig.

The Property and Services Committee meeting will be held at Duncan Pavilion, Rangiora Street, Castlecliff at **1.00pm on Tuesday, 2 April 2019.**

Works postponed

Planned road resurfacing deferred

Planned resurfacing work for two central city Whanganui streets has been deferred until two major public events – Artists Open Studios and the Whanganui Walls street art festival – have finished.

Work was to begin in Drews Avenue (Ridgway Street to Watt Street) and Guyton Street (Victoria Avenue to Wicksteed Street) this week.

Once dates are confirmed, large visual display signs will be in place with more information for motorists travelling in these areas.

Council meetings

You are welcome at our meetings

Property and Community Services Committee	1.00pm Tuesday 2 April	Duncan Pavilion, Castlecliff Beach
Council Meeting	1.00pm Tuesday 9 April	Heritage House, 136 St Hill Street
Infrastructure Committee	1.00pm Tuesday 16 April	Heritage House, 136 St Hill Street
Strategy and Finance Committee	1.00pm Tuesday 30 April	Heritage House, 136 St Hill Street

Agendas are available at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas or view hard copies at 179 St Hill Street (the temporary Council Customer Services area) or the Davis Central City Library.

Full Council meetings are live-streamed at www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil and www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings

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