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Happy first birthday to New Zealand Glassworks!

New Zealand Glassworks (NZG) celebrates its first birthday on 29 September 2017 and to celebrate, NZG wants to give you a gift!

On Saturday, October 14, two works of glass, designed by members of the community, will be created by glass artists, as a fun and exciting way to celebrate NZG's first birthday.

"Our birthday competition will be a great opportunity for the community to get creative and design a piece of glass.

We get a lot of people coming in to see how glass is made, but to get their winning piece made will be something very special," says NZG Manager Scott Redding.

Mr Redding says during the first year of New Zealand Glassworks, the facility has grown into a vibrant national and community facility.

"It's been a brilliant first year. Not only are local artists using the facility, but it has attracted national and international artists too. One of the highlights has been introducing the art of glass making to people through our workshops. We had an 86-year-old participant at one of our workshops and she thoroughly enjoyed it."



A local glass artist demonstrating for a children's group at NZG

"The support shown from glass artists and the greater community has been extremely positive. People are amazed by the art glass on display and the facility as a whole. Having a facility and gallery at an international level has cemented Whanganui as the heart of glass for New Zealand and it can only grow stronger in years to come."

Mr Redding says the year ahead looks to be a busy one.

"NZG will be introducing more community workshops, including flameworking, bead making, and coldwork workshops during 2018. The annual New Zealand Society of Art Glass will have its member's exhibition at NZG during December and January and preparations have already started for the first Australasian Glass Conference to be held in Whanganui in February 2019."

How do I get my glass design made into a reality?

There are two categories for the competition running on Saturday, October 14, to celebrate New Zealand Glassworks' birthday.

Category one: 12 years and under

Category two: 13 years and over

To enter the competition, bring your glass design drawing to New Zealand Glassworks on Saturday, 14 October 2017. Category one will be chosen and made between 10.00am to 12.00 noon and category two will be chosen and made between 1.00pm to 3.00pm. If you can't make it on the day to submit your design, simply post it to NZG, 2 Rutland Street, Whanganui, no later than Wednesday 11 October 2017.

Visit www.nzglassworks.com for further details.

Billy Webb Challenge

Mark your diaries!

New Zealand's premier long distance single sculling race, the annual Billy Webb Challenge, will be held on Sunday, 26 November 2017. The Whanganui Rowing Association is extremely pleased to announce the return of crowd favourite and Kiwi icon, twice Olympic Gold Medalist, Mahé Drysdale and double Olympian Robbie Manson, the current New Zealand Single Champion.

The Billy Webb Challenge includes a Secondary School Sprint Regatta Challenge and the newly named 'Community Eights' (formerly the Corporate Eights), which gives colleagues, sports teams, families and other groups the chance to enjoy the camaraderie of training and racing together for a trophy.

Visit www.billywebbchallenge.co.nz for more information or contact Event Director Kat Wade on 021 032 7070.



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Design the next library card!

Whanganui District Library is launching a competition for three new library card designs.

Categories and themes

When designing your card there are three categories to choose from.

Category one - Reading

Category two - Preserving Memory

Category three - Connecting People

Your design should reflect your own interpretation of the themes in relation to the library.

Please note: Category one is age restricted to participants 13 years of age or under. All other categories are open to entrants of any age.

You are welcome to attach an explanation of your artwork when you submit it.

Please submit your designs by 3.00pm, 8 October 2017 by emailing info@whanganuilibrary.com, posting it to Private Bag 3005, Whanganui Mail Centre, 4541 or dropping it in to the Davis Library, Queen's Park, Whanganui.

A signed copy of the terms and conditions must be attached at the time of submission.

If you are 17 years or younger, a parent/guardian must fill in the parental consent statement to be considered eligible for the competition.

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/yd9d5frt> for the design template, terms and conditions and more information.

You can also collect hard copy information from the Davis Central City Library.

Is your cat wearing a bell on its collar?

The Council has recently received reports that pet cats are preying on birdlife in Council reserves. Parks Team Leader Wendy Bainbridge says visitors to parks have noticed cats targeting new chicks.

"We've been told this is happening frequently, particularly around Virginia Lake, where water birds are breeding at this time of year."

Ms Bainbridge says cat owners can help by attaching a bell to their cats' collars.

"At least the sound provides some warning they're in the vicinity."

The Department of Conservation provides advice on other things you can do to make your cat less dangerous to wildlife: www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/conservation-activities/make-your-cat-conservation-friendly/

Council meetings

We welcome members of the public to attend our meetings.

Property and Community Services Committee	1.00pm, Thursday, September 28	Council Chamber
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Council meeting	1.00pm, Tuesday, October 3	Council Chamber
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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