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Whanganui East Pool to be ready for summer



A contractor prepares to remove large tree roots found underneath the floor of the Whanganui East Pool

Refurbishments made to the Splash Centre over the Christmas and New Year Period mean a partial closure, but the Whanganui East Pool is on schedule to be open in time for the warmer months.

The leisure area of the Splash Centre will be closed for refurbishment from Friday, December 22. The work includes repainting the 25-metre pool, lazy river and spa pools. A new floor surface will also be laid. During this time the steam room, sauna and café will be closed and the entrance will be relocated.

The 'older' part of the Splash Centre, which includes the Splash Deck fitness centre and 25-metre training pool, will remain open during the refurbishments. After the initial work is completed, the hydrotherapy pool will be repainted. The work will be completed by Edmonds Painting Ltd.

The only day the Splash Centre will be fully closed during the Christmas period is Christmas Day. There will be no change to the entry price, Splash Centre Manager Dave Campbell says.

"The perception is that we get lots of people through in late December and early January, but that is not the case.

"We are much busier during school term time, where we can see up to 750 school children having lessons every week, whereas there are no swimming lessons during the Christmas and New Year period.

"We also hope it will encourage people to visit the Whanganui East Pool, which is scheduled to open on December 22, weather dependent. With the good weather we have been having lately, we hope it will be open just before Christmas so our community have more than one option for pool swimming."

Approximately \$300,000 is being spent on getting the Whanganui East Pool ready for use over the summer season.

"Contractors are excavating a large section of the main pool and pouring a new concrete floor slab, removing the old lining and pipes in the main pool and replacing them. Repair work will be made to a leak in the learners' pool and both pools will be repainted," says Mr Campbell.



Sports Hall of Fame inductees

Rugby player Peter Henderson (right) and the Lints family are the 2017 Inductees for the Whanganui Sports Hall of Fame.



Peter Henderson (1926-2014) is rated as one of the fastest All Blacks of all time. Nicknamed 'Sammy', Peter was a New Zealand sprint champion with a quickest 100 yards time of 9.7 seconds.

Whanganui-born father and son combination, Alan Bruce Lints (left, below) and Alan Brodie Lints (below) have represented New Zealand in men's hockey, as well as being involved in the sport at international levels. More at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/sportshall



Summer Show for glass art

Between Friday, December 1 2017 and Wednesday, January 31 2018, the New Zealand Society of Artists in Glass (NZSAG) will hold its annual exhibition at New Zealand Glassworks in Rutland Street.

Enjoy the diverse range of work from 38 artists from NZSAG. The exhibition provides a platform for emerging and established artists, while providing entertainment and education for the broader community. All works at the Summer Show are available for sale.

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Survey and FAQs

A nationwide test of the Emergency Mobile Alert was held on Sunday November 26 2017.

If you'd like to give feedback to the Ministry about the Emergency Mobile Alert, please complete the feedback form available from: www.civildefence.govt.nz/emergencymobilealertfeedback/

If you did not receive the alert, check out the FAQs at <https://tinyurl.com/y9s6n43u>

Booking a park

A friendly reminder

With summer almost here, it is time to book if you are considering using a Council park or reserve for an event, including a wedding, family gathering or children's birthday party.

Please be aware that bookings for parks or open spaces must be made at least four weeks in advance.

The application form is available online from www.whanganui.govt.nz on our Parks and Reserves page and from Customer Services. Completed applications can be emailed to wdc@whanganui.govt.nz or returned to Customer Services.

There is a non-refundable Administration Charge of \$50.00 per booking.

Depending on the type of event, additional licences may be required. A list of frequently asked questions is also available on our website.

For more information, please visit Customer Services or contact us on 349 0001.

Virginia Lake work

Twin Bridges

Between Monday December 4 and Friday December 8, contractors will be removing debris from one of the ponds at the Twin Bridges water garden at Virginia Lake. Heavy machinery will be operating. Please observe the warning signs.

Council meetings

We welcome the public to our meetings.

Council meeting	1.00pm Wednesday, December 6	Council Chamber
Wanganui Rural Community Board	3.30pm Thursday, December 7	Committee Room 2
District Plan Hearing Plan Change 46 Otamatea West	10.00am, Monday, December 11 Reconvening 9.00am, Tuesday, December 12	Council Chamber
Council meeting	3.00pm Monday, December 19	Council Chamber

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

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