

# Community Link

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## Sculpture offers grand Bason views

A sculpture that received funding from Whanganui District Council's Public Art Fund was officially opened at the Bason Botanic Gardens on Saturday, 29 April 2023 as part of the garden's new Lakeside Trail.

Whanganui artist Ivan Vostinar (pictured right) was granted funding for his sculpture, *How Do I Relate With Nature*, in 2021. The Lakeside Trail, which has been developed by the Bason Botanic Gardens Trust over several years, was originally scheduled for completion in the same year, but was delayed by the pandemic.

The now complete Lakeside Trail walkway encircles the Bason's lake and offers expansive views of the gardens alongside the sculpture.

The *How Do I Relate With Nature* sculpture is of a reclining figure 4.6 metres tall, and is located at the highest point of the trail. Close by, Ivan Vostinar has also created a seat that complements the sculpture to encourage walkers to reflect and enjoy the view. Both the Lakeside Trail and seat were financed by private donations.

Whanganui District Council's Public Art Fund is an annual match-funding scheme that supports innovative public art by Whanganui artists. The fund has contributed to pieces around the city such as large-scale murals, sculptures and bus shelter beautification. For more information, please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/public-art-fund](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/public-art-fund)



## Velodrome project on track



The velodrome under construction at Cooks Gardens in 1995

Preparation continues for the reinstatement of the velodrome track at Cooks Gardens. The New Zealand-sourced Accoya modified long-life wood to be used for the new track has arrived in Whanganui and is in storage.

Following shipping delays, a container of tools and equipment sent from Germany by specialist contractor Velotrack is now expected to arrive in mid-May. The Velotrack contracting crew is also currently experiencing visa processing delays.

In anticipation of work starting, the under-track construction area of the velodrome has recently been cleared by the Whanganui Cycling Club in collaboration with Whanganui District Council. Read more about this project at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/projects](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/projects)

## Events funding now open

Whanganui & Partners provides funding and support for events that have a significant economic impact and positive contribution to the Whanganui community.

Applications for events happening between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024 are now open – more information at: [discoverwhanganui.nz/business/event-support-funding](http://discoverwhanganui.nz/business/event-support-funding) Applications close at 5.00pm on Friday, 2 June 2023.



## Design concepts for Streets for People Guyton St project



The Whanganui community has a chance to view and scrutinise initial design concepts for the Streets for People Guyton Street (pictured above) project this week. Draft design workshops will be held at the Cooks Gardens Event Centre tomorrow, **Thursday 4 May 2023, with sessions at either 1.00pm or 5.30pm.** All are welcome to attend, whether you've taken part in previous workshops.

This Whanganui District Council project, which is 90 percent funded by central government through Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, focuses on the section of Guyton Street between St Hill and Wicksteed streets. For more details, please email: [streetsforpeople@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:streetsforpeople@whanganui.govt.nz)

## By-election for rural board

A by-election will be held to fill an extraordinary vacancy for a Kai Iwi subdivision representative on the Whanganui Rural Community Board. For a nomination form, a by-election information sheet and other by-election details, please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/community-board-by-election-2023](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/community-board-by-election-2023) or email: [anna.palamountain@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:anna.palamountain@whanganui.govt.nz)

Nominations close at **12 noon next Thursday, 11 May 2023.** If there is more than one nomination, voting papers will be mailed out to electors on Thursday, 15 June 2023, with voting closing at 12 noon on Friday, 7 July 2023.



## WRET funding open

**Applications close this Saturday**

Applications are open for a special funding round from the Whanganui River Enhancement Trust (WRET). Priority consideration will be given to applications for innovative environmental projects that help contribute to the health and wellbeing of the Whanganui River catchment.

Download a printable application form at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/public-notice](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/public-notice) Applications close at **11.59pm this Saturday, 6 May 2023.**



## Tea and Topics – 11 May

**Canine Friends Pet Therapy talk**

Tea and Topics at Gonville Library, 44 Abbot Street, **next Thursday, 11 May**, will present Hannah Li and her team of Canine Friends Pet Therapy volunteers.

Canine Friends Pet Therapy is a nationwide network of people who share their well-behaved, friendly dogs with aged-care residents, hospital patients and school reading sessions. Hannah Li's talk will outline how you or your organisation can request a visit, and how you can also join as a volunteer with your own furry friend. There will also be a meet-and-greet with dogs that are already in the programme. Please note library staff and the dog's handlers will be present at this event.

If you think you have the perfect canine companion to join this programme, please call **Gonville Library on 06 344 5872** ahead of the talk to register your attendance and receive information on assessment procedures. The event will start with light refreshments from 10.00am until 10.30am, followed by the presentation. All are welcome to attend.

## Apply for \$600ships!

**Youth Council funding closes 18 May**

Whanganui District Council's Youth Council is calling for applications for this year's \$600ship scholarship programme.

District rangatahi – young people aged 12 to 24 years – who have exciting projects, events, or ideas can apply for this funding. Funding this year will focus on environment and sustainability, diversity and culture, arts and technology, and youth development.

Applications close at **5.00pm on Thursday, 18 May 2023.** Find an application form and more information at: [linktr.ee/wdcyouthcouncil](http://linktr.ee/wdcyouthcouncil)



## Council meetings

Upcoming meetings in May		
Aspirations and Projects Committee	9.30am Tuesday 9 May	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton St
Council meeting	9.30am Wednesday 10 May	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton St
• Hearing of submissions for Annual Plan 2023/24 consultation		
Agendas: <a href="http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas">www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas</a>		
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