

# Mosquito Point comes out swinging

Remember soaring out over Whanganui River on the swing at Mosquito Point?

On Monday, 3 December Mayor Hamish McDouall and Whanganui District councillors gathered at Mosquito Point for a blessing by kaumātua John Maihi and a celebration of the reinstallation of the swing.

The original version of the swing was put up by members of the public decades ago, with the Council taking over maintenance in the 1990s. However, in July 2016 the swing was removed after rot was discovered in the pole and it was considered unsafe.

Last year Horizons Regional Council provided steps, seating, a changing room and new plantings, and Whanganui District Council installed new picnic tables and upgraded the road that leads to the site.

"The community has been very keen to see the swing back at Mosquito Point, as it's been a public facility for decades.



Mayor Hamish McDouall got into the swing of things at Mosquito Point on Monday, 3 December

"It's great that it's installed in time for summer," Mayor McDouall said.

# Nanogirl Labs' science show set to ignite young minds



At 10.00am on Thursday, 13 December, Majestic Square will resound with an explosive and exciting free science show aimed at children aged 8-13 years (but suitable for whole families)

This 45-minute street busker-style show, presented by Nanogirl Labs, aims to ignite young New Zealanders' enthusiasm for invention and innovation.

The bilingual show, titled Mātātoa, uses storytelling to convey science concepts, exploring the legends of Tāwhirimatea, Rūaumoko, Tangaroa and more.

Copies of The Kitchen Science Cookbook – created by Nanogirl Labs co-founder Dr Michelle Dickinson (pictured) – will be for sale at the event. This is the only time a free Whanganui show could be scheduled – thanks Nanogirl

For more information go to: nanogirllive.co.nz

## Collier doco sheds a light

Confluence, Whanganui's co-working space at 15 Watt Street, will host Michael Heath's documentary film, *Edith Collier:* A *Light Among Shadows*, on Thursday, 6 December 2018 at 6:30pm.

A fundraising event for the Sarjeant Gallery Redevelopment Project, tickets cost \$10.00.



Whanganui artist Edith Collier

The documentary tells the story of Whanganui artist Edith Collier's life and work and reflects the impact of the values and attitudes towards women of her time. Seating is limited and 100 percent of the ticket price from this screening will be donated to the Sarjeant Gallery Redevelopment Fund.

A Light Among Shadows is the first of two fundraising films – the second, Edith Collier: A Village by the Sea, will screen at Confluence on Thursday, 31 January, 2019 at 6.30pm.

Tickets to both films are available from the Sarjeant on the Quay, cash on the night, or by booking online. For more information and to book online go to: www.confluence.kiwi/store/p71/TT\_LAS.html



### **Request for tender**

# Contract No. 1834: Heads Road water main renewal - Gonville to Kings Ave

Whanganui District Council is inviting tenders for the replacement of the water main on Heads Road between Gonville and Kings Avenue.

The tender documents are available at: www.tenderlink.com/whanganui

Tender Link Reference: WANGDC-835605

Tenders for this contract must be submitted no later than **4.00pm on Thursday, 20 December 2018**.

To register with Tender Link, please go to: www.tenderlink.com/whanganui

It is free and easy to register. For Tender Link enquiries, please call 0800 698 363.

For any other assistance, please contact the Council's Procurement Officer, Lana Treen, at lana.treen@whanganui.govt.nz or between 10.00am and 3.00pm Monday to Friday at (06) 349 3105 or on 021 263 7801 outside these hours.

### **3 Bridges Marathon**

#### No vehicle access at Kowhai Park

If you're planning to visit Kowhai Park this Saturday, 8 December, please be aware that there is no vehicle access to the park between 5.30am and 1.30pm while the annual 3 Bridges Marathon is underway.

Runners and walkers will be using the park's through-road for the event.

Visitors to the playground are encouraged to park their vehicles on side roads and to take care crossing Anzac Parade to enter the park. Thank you for your patience.

#### Want free vibe, tickets?

#### 5 double passes up for grabs

*vibe.* 2018 music festival, organised by Whanganui District Council's Youth Committee, will be held at Cooks Gardens on Saturday, 15 December.

Five double passes are up for grabs. To enter go to the Youth Committee's Facebook page: facebook.com/WDCYouthCommittee

#### **Council meetings**

#### You are welcome to our meetings

Wanganui Rural Community Board	3.30pm Thursday 6 December	Heritage House, 136 St Hill Street
Council meeting	1.00pm Tuesday 11 December	Heritage House, 136 St Hill Street
Statutory Management Committee reconvening	9.00am Thursday 13 December	Heritage House, 136 St Hill Street

• Deliberations - Castlecliff Reserve Management Plan

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 District Library.