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# War Memorial Centre back in play

The Whanganui War Memorial Centre in Pukenui Queen’s Park reopened at midday on Thursday, 31 January after undergoing extensive seismic strengthening last year. The centre’s reopening was scheduled to coincide with the launch of the 30th anniversary New Zealand Masters Games on Friday, 1 February.

While seismic strengthening was underway, maintenance and redecorating work was also completed.

Whanganui District Council’s General Manager – Property, Leighton Toy, says “We’re pleased to have this building upgraded to 67 per cent of the New Building Standard, rather than the 34 per cent that was originally discussed. For not much extra outlay we’ve managed to get a significantly stronger building.”

Mr Toy says refurbishment of the concert chamber is still underway, and is due for completion in time for The CoLab Conference – a joint glass conference of the New Zealand Society of Artists in Glass and The Australian Association of Glass Artists – on 15-17 February.

The total cost of the project was \$4.58 million, with about \$2.6m allocated to seismic strengthening and \$2m to non-seismic upgrades.

“The Council received a contribution from The Lottery Grants Board, which offset the cost to the community,” Mr Toy says.

“Whanganui is known for its interesting architecture and we are fortunate to have the War Memorial Centre, given that it’s listed as one of the top 50 modernist buildings in the southern hemisphere.

“As well as being an attraction for visitors, the centre will be enjoyed by our community for generations.”



The 2019 Downer New Zealand Masters Games opening ceremony last Friday attracted a crowd of people to the newly refurbished Whanganui War Memorial Centre



New Zealand Masters Games Youth Ambassador Jaime Mayberry, of Whanganui Collegiate, holds the Masters Games’ torch aloft last Friday

## Volunteer reader needed for Dial the News service

Whanganui District Library is seeking a volunteer to join the dedicated group who produce the Dial the News service. The Dial the News team record themselves reading the *Whanganui Chronicle* newspaper daily, and people can listen to the recording by calling (06) 349 3290. The volunteer vacancy is for the Wednesday reading.

## Submissions closing for speed bylaw review

The opportunity for members of the public to make a submission on changes to speed limits on Castlecliff Beach, and Rapanui and Francis roads, closes at 4.00pm this Friday, 8 February 2019. Whanganui District Council is reviewing the speed limits on Castlecliff Beach and is proposing to reduce the speed limit from 100km/h to 30km/h. Also included in the proposed amendment is a reduction in the speed limit around Westmere School and on Rapanui Road, from Westmere School to State Highway 3, from 100km/h to 80km/h. For submission information visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay)



The team is seeking someone with a clear speaking voice who enjoys reading the newspaper and would like to make a difference in people’s lives. If you’re interested email Kat Schroyens with your details and she will organise a meeting to discuss the opportunity with you: [kat@whanganuilibrary.com](mailto:kat@whanganuilibrary.com)

## Tender request – Wikitoria Rd culvert replacement

Whanganui District Council is inviting tenders from contractors and their design affiliates for the detailed investigation, design and construction of the box culvert replacement as called for in the tender documentation. The tender documents are available at: [www.tenderlink.com/whanganui](http://www.tenderlink.com/whanganui) To register with Tender Link visit: [www.tenderlink.com/whanganui](http://www.tenderlink.com/whanganui). **Tender Link Reference: WANGDC-844255** Tenders must be submitted no later than 4.00pm on **Thursday, 28 February 2019**. For any other assistance contact the Council’s Procurement Officer, Lana Treen, between 10.00am and 3.00pm Monday to Friday at: [lane.treen@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:lane.treen@whanganui.govt.nz) or call 06 349 3105.

## Planned works

### February 2019

- Flood damage recovery:** Whanganui River Road (Jerusalem Bluff Retreat)
- Pre-resealed road maintenance:** Papaiti Road, Glasgow Street, Moana Street, Somme Parade, Drews Avenue
- Road resealing:** Various streets/roads (identified via letter drop)
- Unsealed road grading:** Kaurapaoa Road, Rangitatau East Road
- Pavement renewals:** No 3 Line
- Kerb and channel renewal:** Wilson Street (Maria Place to Guyton Street), St Hill Street (Guyton Street to Ingestre Street)
- Footpath renewal:** Wilson Street (Maria Place to Guyton Street), St Hill Street (Guyton Street to Ingestre Street), Victoria Avenue (Caltex to Dublin Street)
- Pavement reinstatement:** Wilson Street (Maria Place to Guyton Street), St Hill Street (Guyton Street to Ingestre Street), Airport Road (Wastewater Treatment Plant entrance)
- Mowing and vegetation treatment:** Brunswick area
- Stormwater:** Mosston Road (Wharf Street to Heads Road), Mosston Road (Heads Road to Cross Street)

## Road closure

**Mosston Road stormwater upgrade** Work on upgrading the stormwater pipe to the Westbourne Manufacturing Zone has resumed in Mosston Road, which will be closed between Kowhai Street and Titoki Street for up to eight weeks before being re-assessed. The closure was temporarily lifted over the school holiday period. If you’ve travelling in the Mosston Road area, please follow all detours. A detour is still in place for heavy vehicles, using Heads Road and Carlton Avenue to enter and exit Castlecliff and the industrial zone.

## Council meetings

You are welcome to our meetings		
Youth Committee	4.00pm Monday 11 February	Heritage House, 136 St Hill Street
Council Meeting	1.00pm Tuesday 12 February	Heritage House, 136 St Hill Street
Wanganui Rural Community Board	3.30pm Wednesday 13 February	Heritage House, 136 St Hill Street
Infrastructure Committee	1.00pm Tuesday 19 February	Heritage House, 136 St Hill Street
Audit and Risk Committee	1.00pm Monday 25 February	Heritage House, 136 St Hill Street
Strategy and Finance Committee	1.00pm Tuesday 26 February	Heritage House, 136 St Hill Street

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