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WAST founding trustee Marie Butturini and Libraries and Community Manager Pete Gray at the Hakeke Street premises

New self-service library for Whanganui East

Whanganui District Library will open Whanganui’s first suburban self-service library in Whanganui East on Wednesday, 23 January 2019, in partnership with the Whanganui Advocacy and Support Trust (WAST) community centre.

The new Hakeke Street Library will be situated at 65 Hakeke Street, in part of the former New Zealand Railways complex that also houses Love and Learn Care and Education. There will be a collection of around 2000 adult and children’s fiction and non-fiction books, with a focus on the most popular titles and free wifi internet access will be available.

The library will be self-service, but WAST staff will be able to provide basic assistance for library members during opening hours (9.00am – 1.00pm weekdays, except Wednesdays).

Libraries and Community Manager Pete Gray says, “No one should be excluded from the library by distance or cost and through this partnership the library will build deeper connections into our community.

“As far as we know, the suburban self-service library is a new model for New Zealand.”

This is the first of several self-service libraries planned for the city. Whanganui District Library would like to hear from any organisations who are interested in hosting a self-service library in other suburbs.

Mr Gray says, “We want the community to feel it’s their space and look after it. It’s not a Council space; rather, it’s the Council putting something into a space that is there for the community.”

Mosston Road restrictions and detours

As part of the Mosston Road stormwater pipe upgrade, which involves upgrading stormwater services to the Westbourne Manufacturing Zone (Mill Road/Manuka Street), several road closures can be expected in the coming weeks.

From Wednesday, 7 November to Monday, 31 December 2018, there will be residents-only access to Mosston Road (between Ruapehu Street and Titoki Street). Detours will be in place for other traffic.

Kowhai Street will be closed at the Mosston Road end of the street. Residents-only access will be available from Miro Street.

There will be no heavy vehicle access to Castlecliff via Mosston Road. Heavy vehicles are required to use Heads Road and Liffiton Street to access and exit Castlecliff.

Heavy vehicle detours will be signposted along SH3 and Heads Road. Thank you for your patience during this work.



The official ribbon cutting...(from left) Paul McArdle of Bike On New Zealand Charitable Trust, St Marcellin student Sandra Fernandez, Tawhero School student Anna Falconer and Mayor Hamish McDouall

Shared cycle track opens

There were shrieks of delight from Tawhero and St Marcellin school students as a shared cycle track linking the two schools was officially opened on Monday, 5 November.

Funding for the track was courtesy of Bike On New Zealand Charitable Trust and benefactors Dora and Bruce Gollan.

The Council’s Active Transport Facilitator, Norman Gruebsch, says its purpose is to increase the cycling abilities and confidence of younger riders, providing them with a safe and accessible place to hone their cycling skills.

It will also be available to the wider community as a walking track.

Planned works

November 2018

- Flood damage recovery:** Whanganui River Road RP49.8 (Jerusalem Bluff Retreat and Kauwaeroa drop-out)
- Pre-resealed road maintenance:** Papaiti Road, Makirikiri Valley Road, Marangai Road, Whanganui River Road, Alma Road, Glasgow Street, Heads Road, Kowhai Street, Peakes Road, Portal Street, Webb Road
- Unsealed road grading:** Kauarapaoa Road, Rangitatau East Road
- Kerb and channel renewal:** Liverpool Street (Harrison Street to Bell Street), Taupo Quay (St Hill Street to Wilson Street)
- Footpath renewal:** Liverpool Street (Harrison Street to Bell Street), Taupo Quay (St Hill Street to Wilson Street)
- Pavement reinstatement:** Liverpool Street (Harrison Street to Bell Street), Taupo Quay (Victoria Avenue to St Hill Street)
- Water table/culvert maintenance:** Area-wide pre-reseal repairs, Kauarapaoa Road
- Mowing and vegetation treatment:** Whanganui River Road, areas of Kai Iwi, Fordell, Okoia, Putiki
- Water main works:** Anzac Parade (Nixon Street to Nile Street), Kemp Street (Takarangi Street to Putiki Drive)
- Stormwater:** Mosston Road (Tongariro Street to Ruapehu Street), Mosston Road (Ruapehu Street to Kowhai Street), Heads Road (Mosston Road to Cross Street)

Bason Botanic Gardens

Opening hours extended

The Bason Botanic Gardens’ opening hours have been extended. The gardens will now open from 8.00am to 8.00pm each day until 1 December, then the closing time will be increased to 8.30pm for the summer. Visit www.whanganui.govt.nz/parks-reserves for more information.

Council meetings

You are welcome to our meetings

Council	1.00pm Tuesday 13 November	Council Chamber
Statutory Management	9.00am Wednesday 14 November	Council Chamber
Signage Policy - Hearing of Submissions and Deliberations		
Property and Community Services	1.00pm Tuesday 20 November	Council Chamber
Audit and Risk	1.00pm Monday 26 November	Nagaizumi- cho Room
Youth Committee	4.00pm Monday 26 November	Council Chamber
Infrastructure	1.00pm Wednesday 28 November	Council Chamber

Agendas are available at www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas or view hard copies at the Council at 101 Guyton Street or the District Libraries.

Have you received your household waste survey?

If you live in the urban area of Whanganui and haven’t received your household survey, please call 349 0001 or email: stuart.hylton@whanganui.govt.nz

• Closing date has been extended to Friday, 9 November 2018

For more information, please visit www.whanganui.govt.nz/waste-survey