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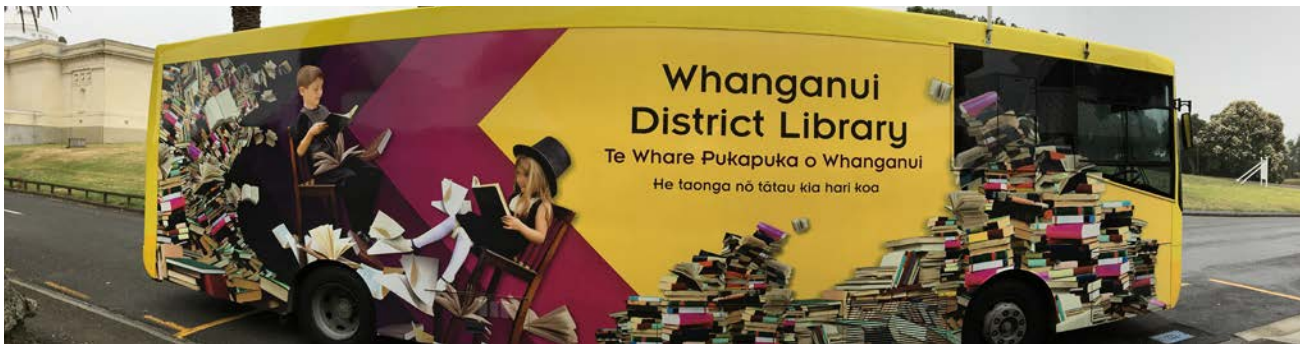
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Makeover for Mobile Library bus



Ko te manu e kai ana i te mātauranga nōna te ao

"The bird who eats from the tree of knowledge owns the world"

This appropriate saying is one of several words of wisdom in te reo Māori and English which adorn Whanganui's eye-catching Mobile Library.

As part of an exterior refurbishment, the Mobile Library bus has been given a colourful yellow repaint and stand-out graphics. Pictures of books and children reading take up one side, while the other features a tui in flight, flying towards a harakeke (New Zealand flax) for sustenance, with literary quotes in the shape of its leaves.

Other upgrades to the 2003 Mann bus include repairs to the coach, new windscreens, manual skylights, blinds and interior lighting. The project was completed by Kiwi, the original manufacturer and it is the first time the bus has had a 'revamp'.

The tui was chosen for the imagery because it is significant to Whanganui and has a special association with oratory, speech and song. The depiction of its flight on the mobile bus represents the connection between library users across the Whanganui district.

Library assistants and drivers Wigs Arathoon and Graham Howes (pictured) say feedback on the exterior has been excellent.

"We love it, locals love it and we have had many overseas tourists taking photographs," Graham said.

The pair believes the striking exterior will not only make the bus more visible on the road but also attract more users to the already-popular service.

"The bus belongs to you, the Whanganui community. We have everything a normal library has, just on a smaller scale," said Wigs.

That includes talking books, DVDs, fiction and non-fiction, magazines and a dedicated children's section. You can also join the library on board.

Regular stops include several crèches and Graham says children love climbing on the bus to pick a favourite book.

"It's all about promoting reading and books. If you can read and write, half the battle's won," says Graham.

Other stops include Whanganui's Market by the River on Saturday mornings and regular visits to schools, residential care facilities and pensioner housing units. The bus also visits Mowhanau Beach village.

A new 2017 timetable with some changes and new stops will be available at www.whanganuilibrary.com



Sarjeant Gallery Events

Art Fix

2.00pm Thursday, February 9

Join Curator and Public Programmes Manager Greg Donson for a friendly chat about art works featured in the exhibition 'Vignettes: 30 Years at Tylee Cottage'.

Susan Frykberg: It shows really, a rather beautiful spirit

2.00pm and 3.00pm Saturday, February 11

To complement her new exhibition, sound artist and composer Susan Frykberg has created a performance piece in response to the life and art of Edith Collier. Frykberg will be accompanied by musician Ingrid Culliford, actor Kerry Girdwood and others for an immersive and multi-sensory experience. This event is free, but each session is limited to 30 people so booking is essential by phoning 349 0506.

The Company: In Concert

7.30pm Tuesday, February 14

A Valentine's Day concert! High-energy original and traditional acoustic bluegrass music. Nashville based, New Zealand born George Jackson on fiddle and banjo; Brisbane's guitar guru Jamie Clark; tenor vocals and mandolin of Townsville native Michael Patrick and Norwegian born double bassist Markus Karlsen. Tickets \$15.00 pre-sale and \$20.00 door sales. Purchase from the Gallery or by phoning 349 0506 www.thecompanybluegrass.com

All events are held at Sarjeant on the Quay, 38 Taupo Quay.

Planned works

For a full list of planned works for the Whanganui District during February 2017, please visit www.whanganui.govt.nz/plannedworks

June 2015 flooding event clean-up: Remedial work continues on Whanganui River Road (Oyster Bluff) and Tokomaru West Road. Major roadworks will take place on Somme Parade between Cumbrae Place and Roberts Avenue (retaining wall).

Pavement maintenance: Whanganui River Road, No 2 Line, Mangamahu Road, Denlair Road, Rangitatau East Road, Rangitatau West Road, Gilbert Street, Montgomery Road

Kerb, channel and footpath renewal: Wilson Street (Ridgway Street to Maria Place), Liverpool Street (Bell Street to Keith Street)

Grass mowing: Areas of Fordell, Okaia and Mangamahu

Vegetation treatment: Areas of Brunswick

Creative Communities Scheme funding

Round 1 of the Creative Communities Scheme is open for 2017. The scheme is a partnership between the Council and Creative New Zealand to promote local arts. Previous recipients have received funding for film festivals, videos, arts workshops, concerts, a podcast series and more.

Workshops on submitting your application will be held later in the year. For more information about the workshops, please watch this space, or email cath@cathwatson.com.

The closing date for round 1 applications is 12.00 noon on Friday 21 April 2017 for events which take place after 21 May 2017.

For an application guide (offered in several languages) and an application form, please visit www.whanganui.govt.nz/funding

Fix-it form

If you see something which needs some attention, whether it be a pothole, damage to a footpath or a kerb, litter, noise, graffiti or more, one way you can tell us about it is through our online Fix-it form. Visit www.whanganui.govt.nz/fixitform to tell us what the issue is.

Council meetings

We welcome members of the public to attend our meetings.

Property and Community Services Committee
1.00pm, Tuesday, February 14 (Council Chamber)

Whanganui Rural Community Board – 3.30pm,
Wednesday, February 15 (Committee Room 2)

Audit and Risk Committee – 1.00pm, Monday,
February 27 (Committee Room 2)

Youth Committee – 4.00pm, Monday, February 27
(Council Chamber)

Strategy and Finance Committee – 1.00pm,
Tuesday, February 28 (Council Chamber)

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

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