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Summer swim spot monitoring

Before taking a dip at your favourite Whanganui swim spot this summer, you can easily check the quality of the water thanks to Horizons Regional Council's monitoring programme.

Horizons began its annual summer monitoring programme earlier this month. About 80 sites across the region, including beaches like Castlecliff and Kai Iwi and Dudding and Wiritoa lakes, are checked weekly.

Water samples collected by Horizons staff are sent to an independent laboratory for testing. Results are then uploaded to www.lawa.org.nz so people can check before they head out.

Swim spots are tagged by a red, amber or green location marker, indicating the most recent test results and if the water is suitable for swimming based on Ministry of Health guidelines.

Horizons environmental monitoring scientist Ian Hurst says staff monitor the levels of faecal indicator bacteria and potentially toxic algae (cyanobacteria) in the water.

"Coming into contact with water where these organisms are present in sufficient quantities can lead to conditions such as gastroenteritis, respiratory illness, and ear and skin infections."



At Kai Iwi Beach (pictured), please keep well clear of the cliffs as they are prone to slipping. A section of cliff face collapsed last week, showing slips can happen with little warning.

As well as checking water quality, Mr Hurst advises swimmers to stay out of the water if it has been raining heavily within the last 72 hours, as this can create faster-flowing water and contribute to higher levels of faecal contamination.

Read more in the Horizons' media release: www.horizons.govt.nz/news

Anzac Parade resilience



Whanganui District Council and Horizons Regional Council emergency management personnel will be out delivering packs to Anzac Parade residents later this week, with information on how they can be informed, prepared and ready to act in the event of a large flood.

The information packs are a result of recommendations from a strategy prepared by Massey University, alongside residents and both councils to improve community resilience and build awareness in an area which has a history of flooding.

Whanganui District Council emergency manager Tim Crowe will be one of the team delivering information packs this week.

"When we considered appropriate ways of providing information for households, we identified the need for information they can hold on to and refer to time and again as useful, particularly as there are a number of rental properties in the area, which usually see a turnover of tenants."

Horizons' early warning system has been identified as one of the key methods to ensure residents are informed and prepared. More information at: <https://bit.ly/47cCKoM>

Anzac Parade and neighbouring at-risk properties are invited to attend a **free sausage sizzle at Kowhai Park on Thursday, 23 November**.

Whanganui District Council also has a website page, with information specifically for Anzac Parade residents at www.whanganui.govt.nz/anzac-parade-flood

Horizons also has a page dedicated to flood risk on Anzac Parade at www.horizons.govt.nz

Share the Road 2023

Whanganui Intermediate School students last week had a first-hand look at how to keep safe around trucks and buses when they're out on their bikes as part of the national Share the Road campaign.

Share the Road is funded by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and is a collaboration between Whanganui District Council, Horizons Regional Council and Transit Group.

An extension of the Mā Ake Let's Go Whanganui skills programme, Share the Road encourages positive behaviour between cyclists and heavy vehicles. As part of learning about drivers' blind spots, the students got to sit in the driver's seat of a truck and bus to see for themselves how low the visibility is for drivers of large vehicles.

More information about Share the Road here: www.sharetheroad.org.nz



Musicians for the Sarjeant

The Sarjeant Gallery Te Whare o Rehua Whanganui presents Ngā Tai Huri Huri at the Royal Whanganui Opera House on **Sunday, 3 December 2023**.

This is a performance by Deborah Wai Kapohe, Stephen Diaz, Mone Isoda, Jasmin Ratana and the Whanganui Brass percussionists that ends with the Gareth Farr composition Ngā Tai Huri Huri.

The performance includes Tieke Tarapuruhi, a moving image work by Cecelia Kumeroa and Dr Vincent van Uitregt. This is a Musicians for the Sarjeant event.

Tickets are available from www.iTicket.co.nz or the Whanganui isite Visitor Information Centre for \$30.00 plus a booking fee.

Get nimble with Nymbi

Free sessions

Want to improve your balance and learn how to prevent falls? Whanganui District Library is offering free sessions to get started with Nymbi – a free app endorsed by ACC.

The sessions are part of the Appy Seniors smartphone skills programme.

Bring along your smartphone or tablet to one of the following sessions (bookings required):

Alexander Library (opposite the Davis Library, Pukenua Queen's Park)

• **2.00pm-3.00pm, Wednesday 22 November**

• **9.30am-10.30am, Thursday 23 November**

• **11.00am-12 noon, Thursday 23 November**

Hakeke Street Library (65 Hakeke Street, Whanganui East)

• **9.30am-10.30am, Friday 24 November**

• **11.00am-12 noon, Friday 24 November**

To book your preferred session, email rachel@whanganuilibrary.com, or call or text **027 211 4261**.

Christmas deadlines

LIM reports

If you require a Land Information Memorandum (LIM) report before the 2023-24 Christmas / New Year holiday period, your completed application form and payment must reach Whanganui District Council **no later than 5.00pm on Friday, 8 December 2023**.

Applications made after Friday, 8 December may not be processed before the council closes for the holiday period at **12 noon on Friday, 22 December 2023**.

The statutory 10-working day processing timeframe for LIM applications will be suspended from **12 noon on Friday, 22 December 2023 until Wednesday, 10 January 2024** inclusive.

Apply for a LIM report in person at Council Customer Services, 101 Guyton Street, or online at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/liims

Property file requests

If you require a property file before the 2023-24 Christmas / New Year holiday period, Whanganui District Council must receive your request **no later than 5.00pm on Monday, 18 December 2023**.

This means you will receive the electronic file before the council closes for the holiday period at **12 noon on Friday, 22 December 2023**.

Applications received after **5.00pm on Monday, 18 December** will be processed when the council reopens at **8.30am on Wednesday, 3 January 2024**.

Apply for a property file online at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/property-file-request

Justice of the Peace

Friday mornings at Alexander Library

A Justice of the Peace will be available in the Alexander Library **on Friday mornings from 10.30am until 12 noon** to provide JP services such as witnessing signatures on documents and certifying copies of documents.

This service is free with no appointment necessary. For a checklist of what to bring, please visit: www.justiceofthepeace.org.nz