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Putiki kura get moving for ShakeOut

Whanganui District Council's Emergency Management Team were at Putiki on Monday, 14 October 2019 to lead tamariki from Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Atihaunui-A-Paparangi, Putiki Kindergarten and Putiki Wharanui Te Kohanga Reo through their ShakeOut earthquake drill and tsunami hiko (evacuation).

The mustering point for the tsunami hiko was at the top of Putiki Hill, from where the students then returned to Te Anaua Street for a supplied lunch from the Rapid Relief Team.

This year's national ShakeOut earthquake and tsunami drill is **this Thursday, 17 October 2019 at 1.30pm**. For more information, please visit: www.shakeout.govt.nz



Tamariki descend from the Putiki Hill mustering point during a successful ShakeOut earthquake drill and tsunami hiko for Putiki students on Monday

Notice of intention to grant a ground lease

Pursuant to Section 54 of the Reserves Act 1977, Whanganui District Council hereby gives notice of an intention to issue a ground lease to Hockey Wanganui Incorporated for the term of nine years over approximately 11,000-square metres of land contained in Computer Interest Register 624496 described as part of Section 396 Right Bank Wanganui River, Part Lot 1 and Part Lot 2 DP 11412, commonly known as Gonville Domain, for the purposes of sport and recreation.

Written submissions (stating the grounds for objection) to the issue of the lease should be forwarded to the undersigned by **4.00pm on Friday, 15 November 2019**.

Further information relating to the issue of this notice can be obtained from the Council's Lease Administrator, Tania Nossiter, by calling (06) 349 3189.

New Council to be sworn in Festival Of Cultures is back

Voter turnout for the Whanganui District in this year's local elections was 44% of all eligible voters. The average voter turnout throughout New Zealand was 48.3%.



Preliminary results for the 2019 elections for Mayor, Whanganui District Council, Whanganui Rural Community Board, Whanganui District Health Board, and the electoral system and representation polls are available on the Council's website at: www.whanganui.govt.nz

A swearing-in ceremony for the Mayor, Councillors and Whanganui Rural Community Board members will be held at the Royal Wanganui Opera House, 69 St Hill Street, on **Thursday, 31 October 2019 at 4.00pm**. The ceremony will be open to the public and free to attend, and will also be livestreamed on the Council's Facebook page.

The Whanganui Festival of Cultures finale returns to Majestic Square for its ninth consecutive year **this Saturday, 19 October 2019 from 10.00am to 3.00pm**.

The festival finale is a chance for people of all cultures, backgrounds, ages and interests to come together in the heart of Whanganui to share food, conversation and engage with one another all while having a great time.

Performers include the phenomenal IPU New Zealand Kodama Japanese Drum Team along with a plethora of national and local talent. As well as entertainment, there will also be a record 27 food stalls to choose from during the family-friendly event. For more information, please visit: www.facebook.com/WhanganuiFestivalCultures



Bollywood coming to town

In association with Embassy 3 Cinema, the Multicultural Council of Rangitikei/Whanganui is screening the Bollywood movie, *The Zoya Factor*, **this Sunday, 20 October 2019 at 1.30pm**.



The Zoya Factor stars Sonam Kapoor and Dulquer Salmaan and is a 2019 Indian Hindi-language romantic comedy about a girl who becomes a lucky charm for the Indian cricket team during the 2011 Cricket World Cup. Tickets cost \$11 and are available from Geeta's Spices, 69 Guyton Street, and Tasty Indian, 156 Victoria Avenue, Whanganui. For more information, please call Pushpa on 021 025 40709.

Rabbit and rat baiting Rotokawau Virginia Lake

A rabbit and rat baiting operation is under way at Rotokawau Virginia Lake. Rabbit bait (Pindone) has been set at the top end of Virginia Lake, while rat bait (Pestoff) has been laid at the Great North Road end of Virginia Lake.

All baits are in approved stations, and the operation will be completed before the end-of-year school holidays.

Harper St tree removals Road repairs needed due to ponding

Two trees are being removed in Harper Street to allow for roading repairs. Infrastructure work to resolve significant water ponding on the roadway and along the kerb and channelling in the worst-affected area of Harper Street near the Abbot Street entrance will begin after the trees' removal.

Shared pathway link Balgownie Ave crossing upgraded

The upgrade of the City to North Mole shared pathway link between Balgownie Avenue and the Whanganui River pathway has been completed.

The previously gravel access route around the Affco yard has now been concreted wall-to-wall to provide a wider and smoother route. The updated crossing, along with new lighting, has been installed from Balgownie Avenue to the entrance of the shared pathway to improve safety and accessibility.

Council Public Art Fund Applications close 11 November 2019

Whanganui District Council's Public Art Fund is now open for applications. This fund is designed to support the delivery of innovative and exciting public art in Whanganui.

All applications for the Council's Public Art Fund must be submitted by **12 noon on Monday, 11 November 2019**. For more information on the match fund including the type of projects funded, and to download an application form in Word or PDF format, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/funding

GET READY TO Shake Out

OCTOBER 17TH 1.30PM

TOMORROW 1:30PM

NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE DRILL AND TSUNAMI HIKOI

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