



Community Link



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Meeting the artists behind the art

The opportunity to meet the artists behind the art begins this **Saturday, 20 March** when Artists Open Studios returns for 2021. This event runs over two consecutive weekends – **20-21 March and 27-28 March**.

As the largest, longest-running and most diverse artist trail in New Zealand, this year's event celebrates 21 years of art discovery in Whanganui. An eclectic multimedia showcase of local talent, hundreds of artists will open their doors and share their unique craft over the two weekends. (Some studios will also be open between weekends – check artist profiles for confirmation.)

Also scheduled during the two weekends are workshops and entertainment events including an Artist's Palate progressive dinner experience, and a "look behind the scenes" at Sarjeant on the Quay.



For a full listing of contributing artists and planned events as well as where to find an Artists Open Studios 2021 Trail Guide, please visit: www.openstudios.co.nz

Home safety the focus as Family Fun Day returns

Safety around the home is the focus of Family Fun Day, which will be held at Springvale Stadium **this Saturday, 20 March 2021 from 10.00am-2.00pm**.

Safer Whanganui's community wellbeing manager, Lauren Tamehana, says the idea of Family Fun Day is to provide activities for all the family with an underlying safety message. "There's a theme of safety, but that's quite broad. The Whanganui community needs some fun. A lot of people have had it hard over the past 12 months."

This event is **FREE** and will include face painting, games, bikes, prizes and food, and a sausage sizzle at 12 noon.

Organisations taking part include Whanganui District Council Civil Defence Emergency Management Team, Whanganui District Health Board Bowel Screening Service, Red Cross, Community Legal Advice Whanganui (CLAW), Birthright, Neighbourhood Support and many others.

Child CPR demos

Fire & Emergency

Face painting

Papi Pods - safe sleeping wahakura

Free sausage sizzle

...and lots more!

Free family fun day

Creating safer homes together

Saturday 20 March 2021
10am - 2pm
Springvale Stadium
Whanganui

MOST CHILD INJURIES IN THE HOME ARE PREVENTABLE

Safer Whanganui

Whanganui Walls is back!

Whanganui Walls street art and music festival 2021 runs from **this Thursday, 18 March until Saturday, 21 March**. Seven New Zealand-based artists – Flox, Charles and Janine Williams, Swiftmantis, Milarky, Mica Still and local artists, Dan Mills and Mike Marsh – will create works of art on central Whanganui buildings over the course of the festival.

The event includes a line-up of bands from 1.30pm-10.00pm on Saturday, 21 March at Majestic Square featuring Pluto, Bad Hagrid, Raw Collective, DARTZ, Skilaa, Damn Raucous Brass and Whanganui's Licks. (Please note this is a **FREE** and **ALL AGES** gig but children must be supervised.)

Whanganui Walls programmes with a full festival map and music schedule are available from the Whanganui i-SITE Visitor Information Centre and Sarjeant on the Quay.



Arts funding round is open

Do you have a community arts idea that relates to diversity, accessibility or youth participation?

If so, applications for Creative Communities Scheme Round 2 funding are now open. Application information including guidelines and a downloadable form, can be found at: www.whanganuiandpartners.nz/resources/creative-communities

For more information, please email Whanganui & Partners' Community Arts Co-ordinator, Anique Jayasinghe, at: anique.jayasinghe@whanganuiandpartnersnz or call 06 349 3086.

Applications close at **12 noon on Monday, 5 April 2021**.



WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

Whanganui District Council invites you to have your say on these topics:

- Updates of Parking Controls
- 2021 Review of Significance and Engagement Policy

For more information, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say

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Shared pathway works

First stage of Whanganui East project

Work has started on the first stage of the Whanganui East shared pathway project. The work involves the conversion of an unsealed pathway on top of the stopbanks through Kowhai Park – from opposite Georgetti Road to the park's playground entrance facing Nile Street – to a mostly three-metre wide concrete path.

The total work for this section of the project is expected to take about five weeks. Although sections of the existing unsealed pathway will be closed at times, pedestrians and cyclists will still be able to use the existing Kowhai Park roadway. Alternatively, pedestrians can also use the footpath along Anzac Parade.

Funding applications

Whanganui River Enhancement Trust

The Whanganui River Enhancement Trust is calling for funding applications for Whanganui River enhancement projects. For this funding round, priority will be given to applications for innovative environmental projects that help contribute to the health and wellbeing of the Whanganui River catchment. Application forms are available from Whanganui District Council at 101 Guyton Street. Applications close at midnight on **Friday, 23 April 2021**.

Rabbit control

Operations taking place at two sites

Whanganui District Council contractors are conducting rabbit control operations at **Heads Road Cemetery** and **Bason Botanic Gardens** until the end of March 2021. Operations will take place at night between 10.00pm and dawn the next morning to minimise any disruption to nearby residents and businesses. Entrances to both sites will be staffed during the control operations.

Council meetings

Upcoming meetings		
Council Meeting	1.00pm Tuesday 23 March	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
• This meeting will begin with public-excluded items – it is anticipated that public business will resume at 1.45pm		
Policy and Bylaw Committee	10.00am Thursday 25 March	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
• Hearings and deliberations for Further Review of Gambling Venues Policy 2020		
Youth Committee	4.00pm Monday 29 March	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Strategy and Finance Committee	1.00pm Tuesday 30 March	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street

Agendas: www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas
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