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Christmas Parade full of festive fun

Spectacular floats and magnificent weather contributed to the festive atmosphere at the Mainstreet Whanganui Christmas Parade on Saturday, 14 December 2019.

Hundreds of Whanganui residents turned out for the annual event, which this year featured 41 floats. Mainstreet Whanganui's Events Marketing and Promotions Manager, Kelly Scarrow, said the event was the biggest and best yet. "This parade was a record breaker – thank you to everyone who participated!"



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Council holiday hours

Whanganui District Council closes at **12 noon on Tuesday, 24 December** and reopens at **8.00am on Monday, 6 January 2020**. For a full list of opening hours for Council facilities over the Christmas and New Year period, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz

Gravel area of Mill Rd

Planned closure January-April 2020

The gravel section of Mill Road from the intersection of Rakau Road and Mill Road to the intersection of Manuka Street and Mill Road will be closed from **Wednesday, 8 January 2020 until Friday, 3 April 2020** to enable contractors to reconstruct and finish the surface of the road. Once completed the fully-sealed road will provide extra access from the Mill Road commercial zone to and from Castlecliff. Both Manuka Street and Rakau Road will remain open at all times for businesses and residents during the construction, and the only section of road closed during this time will be the current gravel section.

New artwork installation at Winter Gardens a glass act

Whanganui District Council's Community Projects Team was busy last week installing new artwork in Rotokawau Virginia Lake's Winter Gardens outdoor display area, which has recently been revamped.

The new artwork is by local artist Claire Bell and features finely detailed images of ferns engraved onto opaque glass panels. Ms Bell says she developed the design by sketching ferns in the fernery "with the idea of evoking a misty, perhaps pre-colonial landscape".

The Council's Senior Parks Manager, Wendy Bainbridge, also commended the excellent work on the Winter Gardens upgrade by long-standing contractor, Nikki McDowell.



Student gift to dog pound



A group of St George's students presented Whanganui District Council's Lead Animal Management Officer, Bernie Compton, with a donation to the Council's dog pound recently. The Year-8 students raised money for the donation as part of a leadership module by selling free-range eggs and cards at school

Whanganui East Aquatic Centre dives into summer



The Whanganui East Aquatic Centre at 67 Tinirau Street reopens for cool pool fun in the sun this summer **next Thursday (Boxing Day), 26 December 2019, from 12 noon until 5.00pm**.

Opening times over the Christmas-New Year period are:

- 27-29 December 2019 – 11.00am-5.00pm
- 30-31 December 2019 – 11.00am-6.00pm
- 1-2 January 2020 – 12 noon-5.00pm
- 3-5 January 2020 – 11.00am-5.00pm

For Whanganui East Aquatic Centre opening hours from Monday, 6 January 2020, visit: www.splashcentre.co.nz

Camping restrictions

Temporary freedom camping ban

Kowhai Park North, near the Whanganui Multisport Club at 141A Anzac Parade, will be closed to freedom campers from **12 noon on Tuesday, 31 December 2019 until 5.00pm on Thursday, 2 January 2020** for a Wanganui Motorboat Club event. Alternative Whanganui freedom camping sites can be found by using the CamperMate smartphone app or by contacting the Whanganui i-SITE Visitor Information Centre at 31 Taupō Quay – call 0800 926 426 or visit: www.visitwhanganui.nz/whanganui-i-site-visitor-information-centre

Tree removal

Sarjeant Gallery Redevelopment project site

Several trees will be removed from the Sarjeant Gallery Redevelopment site in Pukemanu Queen's Park during January 2020. The trees affected are a small stand of oaks and phoenix palms located in the building site area behind the gallery building. The trees are not protected, or listed as having any specific heritage value. Timber from the oaks will be milled and, depending on the quantity and quality obtained, may be able to be incorporated into the redevelopment.

LIM applications

Whanganui District Council advises that the statutory 10-working day processing timeframe for Land Information Memorandum (LIM) applications will be suspended from **Tuesday, 24 December 2019 until Wednesday, 15 January 2020 inclusive**.

Late-night shopping

Mainstreet Whanganui has joined with local retailers to hold the Late Night Shopping Evening **this Thursday, 19 December, from 5.00pm-8.00pm**. Mainstreet will also have \$500.00 in vouchers to give away to lucky shoppers.

WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

Whanganui District Council invites you to have your say on the following topic:

- **Majestic Square Redevelopment**

For more information please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/Your-Council/Have-Your-Say

