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Art installation highlights iwi identity

A new art installation highlighting iwi identity is about to be featured in Whanganui's CBD. *Ngā Toi Matapihi* was conceived in partnership with local iwi and Whanganui District Council's community arts co-ordinator, Anique Jayasinghe, with support from the council's Town Centre Regeneration project team and Mainstreet Whanganui.

The council worked with artist co-ordinator and project contributor, Tapirioterangi Pirikahu, to select five other artists for the project – Naani Waitai, Cecelia Kumeroa, Luda Ashford, Natasha Keating and Maiangi Waitai.

The project aims to highlight iwi identity in Whanganui's town centre through vinyl artworks by six artists, and to enhance a currently unused commercial space in Whanganui's main street. Anique Jayasinghe says, "Each artist's vibrant artworks will be featured on the empty shop frontages of 149a and 149b Victoria Avenue at the intersection of Victoria Avenue and Guyton Street."



Detail from a section of the *Ngā Toi Matapihi* art installation opening this week in Whanganui's city centre

Ngā Toi Matapihi is scheduled to open for public display this **Friday, 20 May 2022**. The artwork is expected to remain on display to the community for up to six months, or until the commercial space is let.

Volunteer for planting day

A community volunteer riparian planting day is happening at the Castlecliff Domain (meet at the end of Seafront Road below Karaka Street – this area is known locally as Port Bowen Reserve) this coming **Monday, 23 May 2022, starting at 9.30am**. All are welcome to attend and refreshments will be provided. These plantings are part of the Healthy Streams initiative, a community project led by Whanganui District Council in collaboration with iwi, Horizons Regional Council, the Department of Conservation and community groups to enhance the quality of local stormwater run-off to our natural watercourses.



Call for input on open spaces



Whanganui District Council is seeking community input on its draft Open Space and Physical Activity Strategy. The new strategy is about creating vibrant open spaces that support health and wellbeing. This means promoting physical activity and play, as well as protecting our district's unique natural environment. The draft strategy has been developed after engagement with the community last year as well as ongoing discussions with Tangata Whenua and district councillors. These discussions have helped identify and refine some of the key issues and informed the direction of the draft strategy.

For more information, including how to make a submission, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/open-spaces or email: polycy submissions@whanganui.govt.nz Submissions close at **5.00pm on Friday, 10 June 2022**.

Apply now for \$600ships!

If you are a 12 to 24-year-old who has an exciting project, event, personal goal or an idea that could use some funding, apply now for the Youth Council's \$600ships! The \$600 scholarship programme is one way Whanganui District Council's Youth Council supports Whanganui rangatahi to help reach their potential in an area of interest or personal development. This year the \$600ships are targeted at three areas – environment and sustainability, diversity and culture, and youth development. The Youth Council would love to hear from young people who want to build on their own leadership and experience within the community and/or support the development of a social enterprise project that will benefit the community. For application criteria details and to apply, please visit: tinyurl.com/YC600ship Applications close at **midnight on Wednesday, 25 May 2022**.



WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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

- Open Space and Physical Activity Strategy Review

More details at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say



Emergency Mobile Alert

Nationwide test this Sunday, 22 May

A nationwide test of the Emergency Mobile Alert system is happening **this Sunday, 22 May 2022, between 6.00pm-7.00pm**. Emergency Mobile Alerts are messages about emergencies sent by authorised emergency agencies to capable mobile phones. More information at: www.getready.govt.nz/ema

Project / road works

Tawa St water, gas main replacements

A major joint infrastructure project is underway in Tawa Street involving the replacement of water and gas mains that supply the Gonville area.

Carlton Ave roundabout resurfacing

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is resurfacing the road at the Carlton Avenue roundabout next week. The work will be over three nights – **6.00am-6.00pm – from Monday, 23 May, concluding at 6.00am on Thursday, 26 May 2022**. There will be partial road closures in this area during the work with detours and traffic management in place.

For more information on both works, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/public-notice

Whanganui Ball Park

Renovation work on softball diamonds

Renovation work on two diamonds at the Whanganui Ball Park in Puriri Street began this Monday, 16 May 2022. Work is expected to take about four weeks and access to the park will be restricted to contractors during this time.

NZ Music Month prizes!

Whanganui Venues & Events is proud to get behind this year's NZ Music Month by running a competition. For the month of May, if you buy tickets to a show at the Royal Whanganui Opera House or Whanganui War Memorial Centre, you can go into a draw to win TWO tickets (plus other prizes) to a show in either June, July or August! More details at: www.facebook.com/whanganuivenuesandevents

Council meetings

Upcoming meetings

Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee	1.00pm Thursday 19 May	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Strategy and Finance Committee	1.00pm Tuesday 24 May	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Whanganui Rural Community Board	2.30pm Wednesday 25 May	Nagaizumi-cho Room, 101 Guyton Street

Agendas: www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas
Livestreamed council meetings: www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil
www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings
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Dog rego time is nearly here!

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