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New Aramoho library a page turner

Aramoho will be the next Whanganui suburb to get its own self-service library when the dental clinic at the former Aramoho School in Mitchell Street is converted in April.

Hellen Puhipuhi, who runs the Born & Raised Pasifika Early Childhood Centre that has been based at the Aramoho School site for the past 18 years, says it's marvellous to be getting a new injection of life on the premises after the school was closed in 2016.

"This will be a great way to bring our community together. Rather than driving to town, locals will be able to walk here with their families, enjoy some books, have a cuppa and get to know each other," Hellen Puhipuhi says.

The Aramoho library will be stocked with 1200 adult and children's fiction and non-fiction books, with a focus on the most popular titles. There will also be free wi-fi internet access and two desktop computers to access digital services. A self-service machine will be in place for issuing and returning books and paying overdue charges by eftpos.

The self-service library will be open four days a week from early April – Tuesday to Friday, from 11.00am-3.00pm. Volunteers will also be on hand to help visitors.



Whanganui District Council libraries manager, Pete Gray, and Hellen Puhipuhi of Born & Raised Pasifika Early Childhood Centre in Aramoho

Whanganui District Council libraries manager, Pete Gray, says, "As far as we know, installing self-service libraries in suburbs is a first for New Zealand and the world."

Aramoho is the third Whanganui suburb to get its own self-service library, after Whanganui East and Castlecliff.

Lake Wairitoa spraying

Herbicide use at lake next week

To manage the water weed hornwort (*Ceratophyllum demersum*) in Lake Wairitoa, Whanganui District Council will spray herbicide in the public swimming and water skiing areas on **Wednesday, 27 January 2021**.

A boat-mounted spray unit will be used to spray Reglone herbicide, which is specifically formulated for use on submerged aquatic weeds. Once the spraying is completed, please do not draw water from the lake for bathing or drinking, or use for fish farming or watering livestock. Swimming in the lake will also be prohibited for 24 hours after application of the herbicide.

Summer pool hours

Whanganui East Aquatic Centre

The Whanganui East Aquatic Centre has opened for pool-side summer fun and sun. Opening hours during the summer school holiday period are **Monday to Thursday – 11.00am-6.00pm**, and **Friday to Sunday – 11.00am-5.00pm**.

Facilities at the centre include a 33-metre main pool, learners' pool, hydroslide, picnic and lawn spaces and shaded area. For more information, contact the Splash Centre on 06 349 0113 or visit: www.splashcentre.co.nz

Getting all fired up for Whanganui Vintage Weekend

It's time for the sights and sounds of yesteryear once again! Bayleys Whanganui Vintage Weekend returns for 2021 from this Friday, 22 January until Monday, 25 January inclusive, with a huge range of events and activities on offer to people of all interests and age groups.

Whanganui District Council is associated with several events including the **Sound the Alarm! Fire Watchtower and Vintage Engine Open Day**, which will be held near the historic Fire Watchtower in Cooks Gardens (pictured) on **Saturday, 23 January 2021 from 11.00am-1.00pm**.

Built in 1891 and the only surviving example in the country, the Fire Watchtower's significance has been recognised by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga with its classification as a Category 1 historic place. To honour the tower's status, Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga will hold a ceremony with invited guests in the Cooks Gardens Event Centre before the start of the free open-day event at 11.00am.

Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga staff members and the council's heritage advisor, Scott Flutey, will then be on-hand to answer questions from the public about the tower.

Two vintage fire engines – a 1938 Chevrolet example sourced from Taihape with assistance from Bruce Ardell and the Whanganui Vintage Car Club, as well as a 1931 Austin 7 type from Hawke's Bay – will also be on display from 11.00am to 1.00pm for all to enjoy.

For more details about Vintage Weekend events including Whanganui Regional Museum and New Zealand Glassworks activities, please visit: www.whanganuivintageweekend.nz



NZ Masters Games entries

Entries are still open for the Downer New Zealand Masters Games, which be held in Whanganui from **5-14 February 2021**. With more than 50 sports on offer to competitors, an action-packed nine days of fun and games is guaranteed. If you would like to be part of the Masters Games but not compete in an actual sport, you can also enter as a supporter and receive the same entry-fee inclusions as a competitor. For more information, please visit: www.nzmg.com

WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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

- Climate Change Strategy / Te Rautaki Huringa Āhuarangi
- Dog Control Policy and Bylaw 2021

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

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Council meetings

You are welcome at our meetings

All council meetings for February 2021

Chief Executive Review	10.00am Thursday 4 February	Nagaizumi-cho Room, 101 Guyton Street
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Please note – there are no public items of business scheduled for this meeting

Council Meeting	1.00pm Tuesday 9 February	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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Youth Committee	4.00pm Monday 15 February	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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Strategy and Finance Committee	1.00pm Tuesday 16 February	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee	1.00pm Thursday 18 February	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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Property and Community Services Committee	1.00pm Tuesday 23 February	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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Whanganui Rural Community Board	3.30pm Wednesday 24 February	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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Agendas are available at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas
 Full council meetings are livestreamed at: www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil
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and you're invited!

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22-25 JANUARY 2021

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