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Whanganui Walls has 'meow' factor!

Eight walls in Whanganui's CBD were transformed into works of art late last week and over the weekend (18-21 March) as the Whanganui Walls Street Art & Music Festival returned for 2021.



After being forced to cancel last year's event because of COVID-19, the Whanganui Walls team were elated with the community support shown for the the four-day event.

Organisers said central Whanganui streets were "absolutely buzzing" on Saturday as crowds of people watched work proceed at each mural site. The Whanganui Walls Music Stage in Majestic Square on Saturday afternoon and evening, which featured local and national bands, also drew droves of locals.

For more street art photos and to view progress videos from the festival, check out the Whanganui Walls Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/whanganuiwalls



Palmerston North street artist Mantis applies finishing touches to his Farmers building mural on St Hill Street as part of Whanganui Walls

Open Studios continues

Meet Whanganui artists this weekend

The opportunity to meet the artists behind the art continues **this Saturday and Sunday, 27-28 March** with Artists Open Studios 2021. Celebrating more than two decades of art discovery in Whanganui, Artists Open Studios allows hundreds of artists to open their doors and share their unique craft with the public. (Some studios are also open this week - check artist profiles to confirm.)



For details of where to find an Artists Open Studios 2021 Trail Guide, plus a full listing of artists and planned events such as behind-the-scenes tours at Sarjeant on the Quay, please visit: www.openstudios.co.nz

'Priority products' plan

Product stewardship to be the focus

The Whanganui Resource Recovery Centre at 81 Maria Place has started collecting several "priority products" for a new central government-initiated product stewardship scheme.

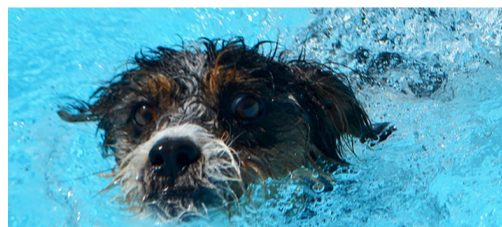
The project focuses on the most hazardous products and requires manufacturers, importers and retailers to take responsibility for their products by working with the government to set up recycling and reuse schemes. For more information, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/priority-products

Doggy Paddle day at Whanganui East pool this Sunday

Whanganui's dogs will be making a splash at the annual Doggy Paddle this weekend. This fun event for dogs and their owners will be held at the Whanganui East Aquatic Centre, 67 Tinirau Street, **this Sunday, 28 March 2021.**

Small dogs are invited for a swim between 1.00pm and 2.30pm, while medium and large dogs will have their turn between 3.00pm and 4.00pm. The event is open to council-registered dogs. Cost is cash-only \$2.00.

Don't forget to bring poo bags and leads. Please clean up after your dog and make sure you have control of your dog at all times.



Noah has been a "dog in togs" at a previous Doggy Paddle PHOTO: PAUL BROOKS

For more information about the Doggy Paddle, please visit www.facebook.com/SplashcentreWhanganui

For further details, email: splashcentre@splashcentre.co.nz or call the Whanganui East Aquatic Centre on 06 343 6650.

Apply for Whanganui River Enhancement Trust funding

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. For landowners undertaking environmental work, the trust will consider a subsidy for capital works (such as fencing) of \$2.00 for every \$1.00 put in by the applicant.

Application forms are available from Whanganui District Council at 101 Guyton Street. Applications close at midnight on **Friday, 23 April 2021.**

Arts funding round is open

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



Applications for Creative Communities Scheme Round 2 funding have opened so now's the time to act! Application 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@whanganuiandpartners.nz or call 06 349 3086.

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

Design a new library card!

There's just a few days left to enter Whanganui District Library's competition to design a new library card.

Get your creative juices flowing and submit your design no later than **12 noon next Wednesday, 31 March 2021.**

Whanganui District Library families outreach librarian, Becky Stanley, says the winning designs will be used as official Whanganui District Library cards and the winning artists will each receive a \$100.00 voucher.

Entries will be judged by Whanganui Mayor Hamish McDouall, Sietske Jansma from the Sarjeant Gallery and Lisa Reweti from the Whanganui Regional Museum.

The theme for this competition is: **Show us your story, Whanganui.** Entries must be submitted on a competition template that's available at all branches of the Whanganui District Library.

Submit your entry as a hard copy at any library branch. Entries can also be submitted by email in JPEG or PDF format to: Becky@whanganuilibrary.com

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



Council meetings

Upcoming meetings in March

Policy and Bylaw Committee	10.00am Thursday 25 March	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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Hearings and deliberations for Further Review of Gambling Venues Policy 2020

Strategy and Finance Committee	1.00pm Tuesday 30 March	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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All council meetings in April 2021

Property and Community Services Committee	1.00pm Tuesday 6 April	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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Whanganui Rural Community Board	3.30pm Wednesday 7 April	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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Policy and Bylaw Committee	10.00am Thursday 8 April	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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Hearings and deliberations for Dog Control Policy and Bylaw 2021

Policy and Bylaw Committee	10.00am Tuesday 20 April	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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Hearings and deliberations for Climate Change Strategy / Te Rautaki Huringa Āhuarangi

Agendas: www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas
 Livestreamed council meetings:
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