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Children's Commissioner attributes his optimism to his five years in Whanganui

BY DOUG DAVIDSON

The Children's Commissioner, Judge Andrew Becroft, was back in Whanganui last week to speak at a 20th anniversary dinner of the Restorative City Whanganui Trust, of which he is Patron. He spoke with the RCP on the background to Restorative Justice in Whanganui and also about his role as Children's Commissioner.

Back in 1988, as a District Court Judge in Whanganui, Judge Becroft called a public meeting to discuss Youth Justice and gauge interest in setting up a form of restorative justice based on similar principles to a Family Group Conference. He says, "We had no idea how many would

attend each conference to support the victim or offender and to illustrate that crime is a community responsibility."

Judge Becroft says, "Whanganui was the ideal size for a Restorative Justice scheme – small enough to get quick action and large enough to be effective." He adds, "I was tremendously privileged to be part of it. It was creative and national leading, in the first wave of Restorative Justice Initiatives throughout the country, each slightly different."

"It helped," he said, "that there was a receptive police force, an active iwi, a supportive bar, an influential Quakers group and a new idealistic judge," – himself. "It has helped put lives genuinely back on track and has stood the test of time. It is not a soft option and is also not an end in itself. It can lead to accountability through community work, counselling in areas such as drug use and anger management and a meaningful apol-

ogy project." Today there are close to 30 Restorative Justice Trusts throughout the country funded by the Ministry of Justice.

In 2001 Judge Becroft was appointed as the Principal Youth Court Judge and in 2016 became the Children's Commissioner. The appointment was effectively a secondment from the Courts and was initially for two years. However, the Minister of Social Development, Carmel Sepuloni asked him to stay on till June 2021 saying, "Judge Becroft has been doing an exemplary job as an advocate for the wellbeing of children and young people."

The staff at the Commission has increased from 12 full time equivalents to 20 and Judge Becroft says, "This is a reflection of a new focus on child and youth. It is an exciting time." He explains, "For 30 years as a country we dropped the ball on how we looked after children and youth. We trusted too much that adults would

make good policy for children. It was part of the trickle-down approach that left 10% of our children – enough to fill Eden Park twice over – with severe chronic health, education and poverty issues."

"The game changed just before the 2017 general election when all parties agreed to policies promising to end child poverty. The state of children was prioritised as never before and the Prime Minister has taken on the children's issue as her focal point."

She used her first speech in the UN to recommit the government to making New Zealand the best place in the world to be a child.

The Government recently released its Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy and while much of the media attention focused on the free school lunches pilot, "it was just one of 75 actions promised," says Judge Becroft.



Judge Becroft with Jenny Saywood, Chair of Restorative City Whanganui Trust

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Even though he has been away from Whanganui for 18 years, Judge Andrew Becroft, now the Children's Commissioner retains close links with people and organisations here. (See our front page article). It was no surprise to hear that he was coming to the 20th anniversary of Restorative Justice in Whanganui, for which he was a leading proponent. He remains as friendly and approachable as ever and a strong advocate for children and young people.



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pictures are beautiful - a powerful combination of shades and light.

It was a great opportunity to see behind the scenes at Amdram's latest production (page 13). There is so much work that goes on to prepare stage sets and paint scenes. It is worth going just to view the art work - but I understand the production - 'The Sound of Music' - is almost sold out already.

On the subject of art-work, check out Richard Wotton's photography at Space Gallery (page 15). My daughter was one of a number he photographed for his exhibition on people with tattoos. His

Congratulations to the police for challenging intermediate students to do their 'Physical Competence Test' (page 9). I have the times you need to do the test in - depending on your age. Regrettably, perhaps, my age is off the chart.

There are more articles on the upcoming Literary Festival including a panel discussion on 'Should we admire brilliant work done by bad people?' (page 4). It is not difficult coming up with examples.

- Doug Davidson

High tea for Hospice will conclude Heritage Month

Call it clever planning or a tongue twister, either way the plan for a 'Downton Abbey inspired high tea for hospice at Heritage House to end Heritage Month', was no coincidence.

"The theme and venue have a year date in common. Heritage House was built in 1912 and the Downton Abbey television series was set between 1912 and 1926," says Event Coordinator, Emma Anderson.

Heritage Month committee member, Andy Savage, said the high tea provides a wonderful opportunity to come together in one of Whanganui's finest heritage buildings at the end of Heritage Month.

"It is also a chance to celebrate the return of Downton Abbey to the screen while supporting a worthy cause".

Raffle tickets and a curated selection of vintage goods from the Hospice stores will be available to purchase during the high tea with all the proceeds from sales going directly to Hospice Whanganui.

Event Coordinator, Emma Anderson says, "dressing up for the high



A fitting scene from Downton Abbey enjoying tea.

tea is encouraged and you'll find the perfect special pieces, such as jewellery in a style similar to those worn in the art deco era as seen in the upcoming Downton Abbey movie, amongst the treasures at your local

Hospice shop".

Devine Catering has created an afternoon tea menu befitting of the 1920's. Tea and coffee will be served at tables arranged in banquet style resembling the grand dinners hosted by the

fictional Crawley family.

Tickets to the Downton Abbey High Tea are available online from eventfinder.co.nz or in person at iSite Whanganui.

Downton Abbey High Tea, Sunday 15 Sep-

tember 2019 2pm-4pm, Heritage House, 136 St Hill St, Whanganui. Tickets: \$34 + \$3.85 fees per person. <https://www.facebook.com/events/810596132645330/>

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Two local judges, Dugald Matheson and Philip Crayton with ex Whanganui MP and head of the Safe and Effective Justice Advisory Group, Chester Borrowes, at the 20th anniversary dinner

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Another important one, he points out, is a multi-ministry approach to reduce bullying by having evidence based programmes in schools to ensure that action is taken. Another is the goal to halve child poverty by 2028. He sees the strategy as "a terrific step forward - a game changer, creative and pioneering and not before time. We are at the cusp of ending 30 years of damage during which we fell out of the top group of countries (Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Switzerland) for how we look after our

children." The strategy is backed up by a 2019 budget allocation of \$3.5b.

The role of the Children's Commissioner is a high profile one and Judge Becroft says, "It take its toll. It would be the most challenging and fulfilling role I've had and it generates its own energy. There is also the enormous opportunity for advocacy for children's issues."

He describes himself as an optimist - which is quite apparent during the interview - and attributes some of his optimism to having spent five years in Whanganui.

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Provincial Growth Fund to give \$12 million towards Sarjeant Gallery redevelopment

Chairman of the Sarjeant Gallery Trust, Nicola Williams, says news that the Sarjeant Redevelopment project has secured Provincial Growth Funding is the best possible way to celebrate the Gallery's 100th anniversary.

She says the \$12million grant, which was announced by Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Fletcher Tabuteau, during a formal public ceremony at Pukenui Queen's Park on Friday, September 6, has enabled the project to get underway almost immediately as planned and secure the future of the Sarjeant Gallery and its nationally significant Collection for the next 100 years.

Ms Williams says the Provincial Growth Fund grant recognises the potential economic, social, educational and cultural benefits that the redeveloped Sarjeant Gallery will be able to provide to the region of Whanganui.

"I would like to acknowledge the community of Whanganui and the multitude of supporters around New Zealand and further afield in the UK, Europe and America who have been unwavering in their backing for the project.

"Thank you to each and every one of you for your support for the Sarjeant Trust's fundraising and friend-raising efforts over many years."

She also paid tribute to Greg Anderson, Director of the Sarjeant Gallery and his team for their outstanding work in relocating the Collection and maintaining a high standard of professionalism in the temporary gallery premises with a number of award winning exhibitions.

"I also wish to thank Whanganui District Council for their care-taking of the gallery over the past century and in particular, the work done in the past

eight years by elected members and staff to make the development a reality."

Mr Anderson says, "The future is now wide open. With the strength of a hundred years of collecting and exhibiting now behind the Sarjeant, we can use that as a basis from which to launch new ideas and partnerships; further enhanced community engagement and stronger iwi connections and collaborations. It was the intention of Henry Sarjeant that the Gallery be a source of inspiration for us all and by following the examples of collaboration and leadership laid down by Sir Archie Taiaoro, we will achieve this for our generation and the

generations to come. "Having celebrated the last century of achievement, we are keenly looking forward to another hundred years of inspiration and celebrating the legacies of Henry Sarjeant and Sir Archie Taiaoro."

The Sarjeant Gallery Redevelopment Project will see the 100 year old Sarjeant Gallery building at Pukenui Queen's Park earthquake strengthened and the construction of a new wing called Te Pataka o Sir Archie John Te Atawhai Taiaoro.

Artist's impression of the new wing of the Sarjeant Gallery showing the cafe on the corner



IDEA Services contribute 1000 volunteer hours supporting Castlecliff Coast Care

Certificates for contributing a combined total of 1,000 volunteer hours were awarded last week to helpers from IDEA Services Turoa Farm and Alma Road centres by Castlecliff Coast Care's Coordinator, Graham

Pearson who said, "Coast Care was pleased to recognise all the hard work provided by the volunteers over several years with certificates."

Graham explains, "Every Tuesday morning about 8.30am we catch up and

assess the weather situation at the coast and, provided it's a good weather forecast, my helpers duly arrive at about 9.30am to lend a hand."

"They are some of my most regular helpers," adds Graham. "Putting in

plants during the winter and at other times of the year and caring for the plants with bucket loads of mulch around each plant."

The volunteers have a couple of regular spots on the edge of the back dunes that they focus on. Their earlier plantings are now well established and are just starting to burst into flowers with this lovely spring weather.



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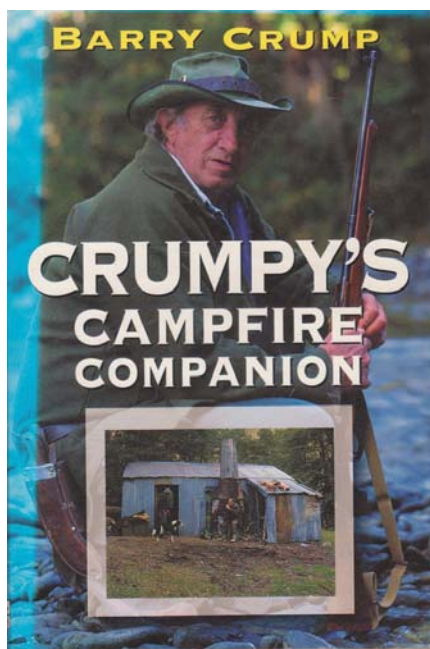
Panel discussion in Literary Festival

Should we stop reading, looking, listening to creative work when it transpires that its creator has done terrible things? The Whanganui Literary Festival is hosting a discussion on this issue from 5:30pm - 7pm on Wednesday, October 2 at Article Café on Drews Ave.

Those taking the challenge to tackle this contemporary dilemma are Mayor Hamish McDouall, Poet Airini Beu-trais, Carla Donson from the Women's Network, Jay Rerekura, raconteur extraordinaire, Terry Sarten, musician plus, Elise Goodge to referee and be all-round clever person.

This should be serious fun as there are so many examples to consider. Italian artist, Caravaggio, killed someone in 1606 but remains remembered for his paintings. The literary world has mixed thoughts about a number of authors - the poet, JK Baxter's name is bound to come up when such things are discussed. Michael Jackson's music has been tainted by scandal - should we listen to musician, John Martyn who was known for his violent alcoholic behaviour?

Take one of New Zealand's most popular authors - Barry Crump who sold over a million copies of his books. His relationships with women were



One of Barry Crump's books

marked by violence and domestic abuse.

How bad is too bad and ugly to contemplate? Do we accept some behaviour in creative people as a trade-off against the beauty of their work?

If an artist is a misogynist, with a history of violence or abusive behavior but manages to create breathtakingly brilliant work, do we still read, admire and appreciate the work or do we turn our

backs, cover our eyes, stop buying their books, music, art and never go to their movies again? And if this is a contemporary dilemma, do we exclude historical examples and, if so, where is the line for a 'use by' date?

Come down to Article Café at 5:30pm, pay koha at the door and join the fray as the ins and outs of this modern moral dilemma are wrestled into submission.

Local schools help make a difference with Cans for Good



Faith Academy School gave 197 to the Cans for Good campaign

Local schools from around the country have collected more than 30,000 cans in the annual Wattie's Cans for Good campaign which took place in August. Wattie's generously donated a further 25,000 cans taking the total number collected to over 55,000 cans.

In Whanganui two schools got involved. The small Whangaehu School donated 37 cans and Faith Academy gave 197 to the cause.

The cans go a long way towards helping The Salvation Army stock up its foodbanks to assist New Zealanders who are in need over the high demand winter period.

"We really appreciate the generosity and support from schools and kinder-

gartens for Wattie's Cans for Good", says Jono Bell, The Salvation Army's Director of Community Ministries.

"The cans collected are a vital part of the food parcels we provide to our families and help them keep food on the table while dealing with extra financial struggles. These cans are a great way to help reduce the stress on families who are doing it tough."

All cans donated through Cans for Good will go into Salvation Army food parcels enabling kindergartens and schools to make a direct and real difference to those in need in their local community. The Wattie's and Salvation Army partnership has been running for 26 years and has resulted in over 1,541,000 cans being donated.

Nearly \$200,000 awarded in grants in Whanganui region by NZCT for August

The New Zealand Community Trust awarded the following grants in the Whanganui region in August. The big winners were the Whanganui Sports Foundations (\$75,000), Wanganui Motor Cycle Club (\$56,500), Wanganui Football Union (\$19,325.41) and the Cancer Society (\$15,000).

Alzheimer's Whanganui - \$6,000 - Towards salaries of Diversional Therapist/Community Coordinator, Diversional Therapist/Community Support Coordinator, Manager and Office Manager.

Awa Kings Muay Thai Club - \$6,945.19 - Towards adult and youth gym and fight gear and scales.

Cancer Society of NZ Wanganui Rangitikei Waimarino Centre - \$15,000 - Towards salary of Volunteer Coordinator and Administration.

River Rockers Whanganui - \$2,000 - Towards travel and accommodation.

Wanganui Indoor Bowlers Association - \$907.50 - Towards hall hire.

Wanganui Motor Cycle Club - \$56,500 - Towards administration fees and safety airframe barriers. Wanganui Roller Sports

- \$6,604 - Towards artistic skating training sessions at Jubilee Stadium.

Wanganui Rugby Football Union - \$19,325.41 - Towards accommodation, costs of Match Day Doctor, ground hire costs, medical/ambulance assistance, and security costs.

Wanganui Sports Foundation - \$75,000 - Towards salary of Young People

Advisor and Young People Lead.

Wanganui Volunteer Coastguard - \$9,240 - Towards replacement pontoons for rescue vessel.

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Family Support Worker available for HeartKids in Whanganui

Dr Ruth Gorinski is a family support worker for HeartKids based in the Manawatu but working in Whanganui five hours a week. Helen Tweedale who is the Whanganui representative on the Manawatu HeartKids committee says, "It had been my dream to have a support worker available to Whanganui HeartKids and their families."

Ruth started just three months ago and will be visiting families offering support and advice on what help, including both financial and practical, is available. There are around 50 'HeartKids' in Whanganui registered with the organisation. She will also be present at the Star Ship clinics in Whanganui which happen about three or four times a year, when a cardiologist from Auckland comes down.

She is also in the process of setting up a 'Murmurs' coffee support group at the Columbus Coffee Café at Mitre 10 Mega. It will be a chance to chat and support each other. The day and time will be confirmed shortly. Otherwise, Ruth says, "I want to meet the



Helen and Ruth at the Columbus Coffee Cafe

needs of the children and their families as they express them. It needs to be done in collaboration."

Ruth took up the position because, "I had reached the point where I wanted to give back, to do something more philanthropic." She has had a successful career in education from early childhood centres right through to university and teachers' college.

They also have a 'HeartKid' who is now 31 with three children. But they didn't know there was a problem

till she was about to turn 21. "We were an active family with three sons as well, climbing mountains, biking and skiing." When she had a sit-down while tramping, they didn't take her seriously. "It even became a family joke when she wanted to go to bed at 7.30pm."

They took her to a range of specialists but it was thought that it was a side effect of going through puberty. They read broadly but a heart defect was never raised. However, just before her 21st she had

numerous cardiac arrests in one day. Finally they got the recommendation to see a heart specialist and a pacemaker was installed.

There were also the psychological side effects even after getting the pacemaker. She had to trust it, to believe that she wasn't going to die, that life could be fun again.

So Ruth is motivated to help others – but not as a medical specialist, which she is not – but to provide a listening ear based on her own experience.

~ Remembering our History ~ High wire act astounded crowd

A visiting travelling showman named Monsieur Vertelli, billed as "The Great Australian Blondin," caused a sensation in 1867 when he announced he would walk across the Whanganui River on the ferry wire. He promised it would be "the most daring act recorded in ancient or modern times."

Vertelli, true to his newspaper advertisement, appeared punctually at the stated time wearing his most colourful costume and bowed low to the crowd. He mounted the wire and, using a long balancing pole, successfully crossed the river to the Taylorville bank and then turned round and walked back across to the Whanganui side amid loud applause.

The showman then pushed a wheelbarrow across the wire and even offered to carry a passenger in the barrow, but no one accepted his offer. He had, however, lived up to his promise to "astound the admiring multitude".

This article is based on The Whanganui Story by Max Smart and Arthur Bates.



High wire performer Monsieur Vertelli

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What is all the fuss about fruit flies?

- Frank Gibson reports

On August 27, Dr Rudi Schnitzler who has 20 years of entomological research experience, gave a talk to Whanganui Science Forum about fruit flies. Rudi has worked for several years at the Plant Health and Environment Laboratory and is also a Research Associate with the New Zealand Arthropod Collection. He especially loves flies.

That pear that has been sat on the kitchen bench for a week. The one that has tiny little fruit flies crawling on it. Well they are not. Fruit flies that is. They are drosophilidae, better known as vinegar flies. They are hated by brewers and wine makers because the fungi spores that they carry will turn your expensive Pinot Noir into cheap vinegar.

Real fruit flies are larger and if you have definitely seen them in your kitchen you should be contacting MAF immediately.

A fundamental difference is where they breed. Vinegar flies will only breed in over-ripe or rotten fruit and vegetable matter. Fruit flies will only breed in fresh undamaged produce. Allowing for this, the exact definition of a fruit fly varies between sources. Rudi regards fruit flies as belonging to the family, Tephritidae. These vary from 2.5 to 10 mm long and are often quite colourful.

Fruit flies breed by females laying eggs in fruit. The eggs develop as larvae within the fruit or other healthy living plant material and then usually drop to the ground where they pupate into the adult form and begin a new cycle.

It is this life cycle that causes the fuss about fruit flies. The damage caused to the host plant can have a devastating effect on the commercial cultivation of that plant. In a country that has an economy based upon the growth and export of fruit and other plant products, the effects could be catastrophic.

Fruit fly species are found worldwide but some have ranges restricted by climate to certain areas. Countries experiencing invasions of fruit flies are almost always in close proximity to one

of these areas. It is thus no surprise that the six species that have been detected in New Zealand have come from the same area comprising South East Asia, Indonesia and Australia.

Rudi's area of special expertise is the parasitic fly family Tachinidea. However, in his time working at the Plant Health and Environment Laboratory in Auckland, he was present during two detections of fruit flies.

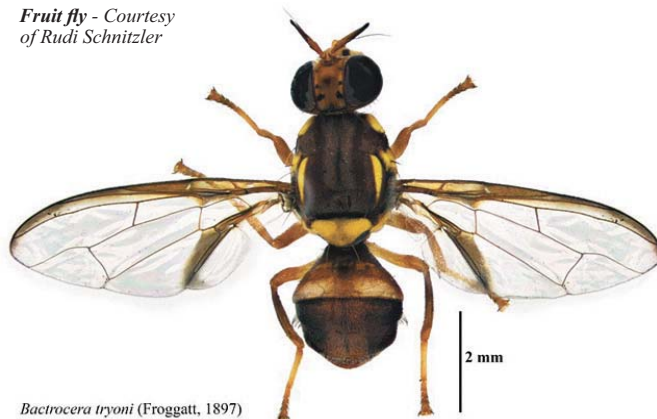
The 2015 discovery in Grey Lynn of a breeding population of Queensland fruit fly resulted in a response costing \$60 million but the insect was eradicated. This huge cost must be seen in view of the \$5 billion industry put at risk if the Queensland Fruit Fly became established.

Importers of fresh fruit

and produce have strict and clear guidelines to follow. These include pre-export inspections in the country of origin, disinfestation treatments such as keeping the produce at a low temperature for a certain length of time and low level irradiation for fruits such as mangoes. Transportation must be in such a way that infestation cannot happen and upon arrival the produce must be delivered immediately to an approved location for final clearance.

A much greater danger comes from people returning from abroad with fresh produce in their luggage. Although great effort goes into detection, the most important factor is the realization by travelers of the potential damage to the whole of New Zealand caused by bringing in infested fruit.

Fruit fly - Courtesy of Rudi Schnitzler



Bactrocera tryoni (Froggatt, 1897)

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It is a legal requirement to hold a Maritime VHF Radio Operators Certificate to use a VHF Radio unless it is an emergency. Learn correct calling procedures and how to use a Maritime VHF radio correctly by completing a Maritime VHF Radio Operators Certificate. A course will be held in Whanganui on September 20, 8.30am-2.30pm at the Riverboat Centre.

Learn the Rules of the Road at Sea and what the Buoys and Beacons mean. Learn what to do in an emergency and how to stay afloat and, more importantly, alive in the water. Be Prepared and make sure you have

the correct equipment on-board your vessel from a 6m tinny to a 60m yacht. Complete a Day Skipper course in a classroom. There will be a course held in Whanganui on September 21 and 22, 8.30am-4.30pm both days at the Riverboat Centre.

Be safe and keep your family safe. Have the correct lifejacket on-board for every family member. Make sure they fit correctly and most importantly Wear Your Life Jacket! Lifejackets save lives by helping you stay afloat thus conserving energy and help to preserve precious body heat enabling you to stay alert and conscious for longer.

To book online for either of the local courses, go to the Coastguard Boating Education website at www.boatingeducation.org.nz or ph 0800 40 80 90



We are known by some as The Hidden Gem: We are The Gonville-Castlecliff Bowling Club

We are a Two Green Bowling Club situated between homes that front Caius Avenue and Kings Avenue. Our main entrance is beside 11 Caius Avenue. Come through the gate, walk down the path, and marvel at the vista that opens up to welcome you.

Gonville Bowling Club Inc. was founded in 1911. Castlecliff Bowling Club Inc. was founded in 1918. In 2018 negotiations commenced to formalise the amalgamation of the two clubs culminating in the formation of the **Gonville-Castlecliff Bowling Club Incorporated.**

The amalgamation was ratified at a Special General Meeting on the 27th March this year.

We now see our Club as the Club of the Future
A Club that puts its members first
A Club that welcomes new bowlers



The Inaugural Opening Day for Our Amalgamated Club is Saturday 14 September 2019 at 2pm

NEW & INTENDING MEMBERS ARE VERY WELCOME
For further information please contact Beti 344 4998

And whose members are encouraged to support its Generous Sponsors:

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Farmers achieve fantastic results in environmental performance within 5 years

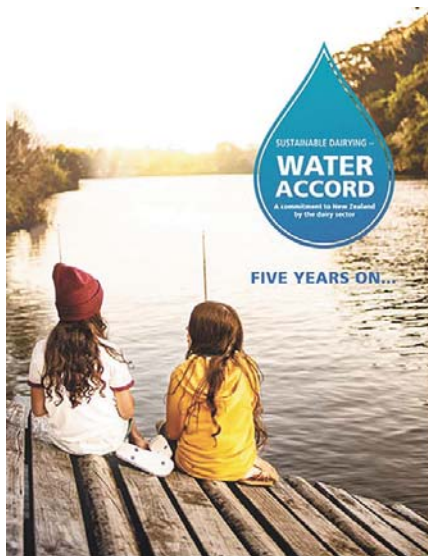
The Sustainable Dairying: Water Accord is a set of national good management practice benchmarks aimed at lifting environmental performance on dairy farms. It was launched in July 2013 and includes commitments to targeted riparian planting plans, effluent management, comprehensive standards for new dairy farms and measures to improve the efficiency of water and nutrient use on farms.

The Water Accord is one of the first actions for the new dairy industry strategy, 'Making Dairy Farming Work for Everyone.'

The fifth and final report on progress on the Accord has recently been released and shows how dairy farmers have achieved some fantastic results over the past five years.

Together Accord farmers have:

- Fenced off dairy cattle from 24,249km (98.3%) of measured Accord waterways. That's the equivalent of nearly 12 road trips from Cape Reinga to Bluff. Excluding stock from waterways is known to improve water quality.
- Installed stock cross-



PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE 2017/18 SEASON



The Report

ing points on 100% of bridges and culverts dairy cows use.

- Prepared 10,396 nutrient budgets – up from 6,400 budgets in the first year of the accord. Nutrient budgets require farmers to carefully plan nutrient applications and manage nutrient losses.

- Assessed 100% of Accord farms for effluent management practices – this process

checks that farms have appropriate infrastructure and systems in place to manage effluent.

- Developed riparian management plans to protect water quality on 52% of farms with waterways.

All of these achievements have been accomplished through the voluntary effort of farmers to do their bit to look after New Zealand's waterways.

The creation of artwork for display along the Lights On Bikes parade route on Friday, 27 September is underway, with workshops being run at several local schools.

On Tuesday, 10 September Sarjeant Gallery Educator, Sietske Jansma, spent time at Whanganui City College with Year 9 Pitoitoi and by the end of the lesson the room was full of golden cardboard fish decorated with hand-drawn patterns.

Ms Jansma says the golden fish will be suspended on sticks beside the awa near the Dublin Street Bridge skate park for the Lights On Bikes parade.

Whanganui City College Teacher, Phil Hopkinson, says Year 9 Pitoitoi is an inquiry-based learning class which has had extensive involvement with the Sarjeant Gallery education programme this year. He says this has included students biking along the shared pathways to study public art around town.

At the end of the lesson Ms Jansma addressed the class and said, "We've had a year of going around and looking at public art. Now we can end the year with you being public art".

Ms Jansma urged the students to come along and join in with the Lights On Bikes parade, which is open to everyone in the community.

Anyone interested can light up themselves and their wheels and gather at the Whanganui River

Students make art for Lights On Bikes



Whanganui City College students work on their art for Lights on Bikes

Markets area on Taupō Quay from 5.00pm on Friday, 27 September, where there will be food trucks and large floats.

At 6.30pm the parade will travel along the riverside to Cornmarket Reserve near the Dublin Street roundabout. Families can then choose to turn around or travel on

over the bridge to Kowhai Park.

The Whanganui City College golden fish will join numerous other artwork on display and performers will be positioned along the route.

Ms Jansma says spaces are still available for Lights On Bikes community art workshops.

"If you'd like to create a cool illuminated costume or help make beautiful art for the parade, phone Sarjeant on the Quay on (06) 349 0506."

More information about Lights On Bikes workshops and the parade is available on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LightsOnBikes/>

Let's talk Council issues... with Cr Rob Vinsen

Rates affordability ...it's at the top of my considerations

Whenever Council spends ratepayers money, the description is "Council will fund". But Council does not fund anything - ratepayers do. Some want Council- ratepayers-to fund issues that are Central Governments responsibility and resisting this is a key focus for me.

WDC Rates are placed 24th out of 67 local authorities by the Taxpayers Union survey. Compared to other council's the Whanganui District Council is lean - but the trend is up and vigilance by elected members is needed. FTE staff numbers have risen from 228 three years ago to 241 this year and Personnel Costs have risen from \$15.9M three years ago to \$17.8M this year. This years personnel cost increase of 6.72% was not justified in my opinion- however my motion to limit this to 5% did not gain majority support.

If I am re-elected I will continue to identify and put forward resolutions that can lower the cost of Council for the ratepayer. EXPERIENCE is a key attribute required of a Councillor to be able to identify where savings can be made and to be able to use the somewhat complicated process to implement them so that rates can be minimised.

I believe that the current Council, well led by Mayor Hamish McDouall, is a very good one. A mix of this EXPERIENCE, with some new energy added, will deliver the balanced Council that will be the best for this district's future.

Re-Elect

Rob Vinsen

for COUNCIL

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Whanganui

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BestStart Harrison Street celebrates 25 years as an early childhood centre

Twenty-five years ago, a couple transformed their garage and home in Harrison Street into one of the first early childhood centres in Whanganui, calling it 'Happy Days.' They expanded into the house and garden next door and operated the centre for about 12 years until they sold it to Kidicorp.

Kidicorp was a public company back then, which later became private under the ownership of its founders – Wayne and Chloe Wright. They

started Kidicorp in Tauranga 23 years ago. Now the company is a not-for-profit organisation with over 270 centres throughout New Zealand, making it the largest early childhood centre company in the country.

Ten years ago they built 'BestStart Glasgow Street' to meet the demand for early childhood places. It was the first purpose-built centre in Whanganui. Back then both centres were under the 'TopKids' brand and this continued two years ago when

all the different brands including ABC came under the one brand of 'BestStart.' Each centre also has the name of the street attached to it.

Kay Debnam was once the manager of BestStart Harrison Street but now works as a Business Manager for a number of centres. She says, "It is so much easier with the one brand."

There are some significant advantages of size. "The equipment is top quality and is up-to-date" says Kay, and adds "The teacher professional development is amazing. You get wonderful support to be the best teacher you can be and that means our children get awesome teachers." They do fundraise but only for charity. The surplus from the centres either goes back into the

centre or to the Wright Family Foundation which supports organisations such as, I Have a Dream, the Brainwave Trust and Plunket.

The Harrison Street facilities have been constantly renovated and updated while keeping their 'home away from home' character. There are separate outdoor areas complete with real grass – and mud.

They have a total of 16 staff, including part-timers and are licensed for 90 children. BestStart staffing ratios are one to 4 for children under two and 1 to 8 for those over two. Many of the staff have been there for over ten years and generations of children have played and learned at the centre.

On Friday, September 6, they had the cake cut by Dakota the 20-year-



Dakota and Sandy cutting the cake

old daughter of Centre Administrator, Carolyn and an ex-pupil herself and by Sandy (Nana) McCoskery. Nana, as she is popularly known, has worked at the centre off and on for 15 years

and is known as the 'Baby Whisperer.' The BestStart Regional Manager came up from Wellington for the event.

The children had cupcakes, balloons and a

special disco as well as being introduced to a couple of horses owned by one of the teachers.

BestStart Glasgow Street will be celebrating their 10th birthday later this year.

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Progress Castlecliff AGM this Saturday

The next AGM for Progress Castlecliff will be at the Duncan Pavilion at noon on Saturday, September 14. All are welcome.

Openings for committee members, including a treasurer and people with fund-raising skills.

Please feel free to invite interested friends and family.
- Colin Gates, Chairperson of Progress Castlecliff

Re-elect ALAN TAYLOR TO COUNCIL

Whanganui District Council needs ALAN TAYLOR to promote:

- Evidence based decisions
- Infrastructure resilient to expected climate change
- Broad spectrum economic development
- District-wide arts and culture vitality as a point of difference for Whanganui
- Effective, low carbon, solutions to waste management and transport
- Local government funding reform
(continued reliance on unfair and outdated rating is not sustainable)
- Clarity, simplicity and workability in our District Plan

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Local Police challenge Intermediate students to do the 'Physical Competence Test'

For the last seven or eight years the police have been challenging students of intermediate age to try out the 'Police Physical Competence Test'. This is the same test police have to do as one of the fitness criteria before they are accepted into police training.

The schools do it in teams of four with the fastest team overall winning a trophy. Then it is up to individuals and, from the results, the two fastest boys and two fastest girls are selected to go to a national competition at the Police College in Porirua in November.

The police told the RCP that, "The kids love it and it helps to break down barriers between police and the kids."

The schools participating were Fordell, Kai Iwi, Ohakune, Upokongaro, Hunterville, Wanganui Intermediate, Rutherford,

St Marys, Whangaehu, Brunswick and St Annes.

The test is a 400 metre course which includes:

- Pushing a car trailer 10 metres;
- Running 200 metres;
- Walking along a five metre right angle beam, one metre off the ground;
- Jumping a 1.8 metre long jump;
- Climbing through a 1.3 metre high window;
- Climbing over a solid 1.8 metre high wall;
- Dragging a body (weights 74kg) 7.5 metres;
- Climbing a 2.2 metre high wire fence.

Feel free to try it at home.

Local students give the Police Physical Competence Test a go



Stall holders wanted for 'Nourish Your Soul Day' later this year



Natasha Spicer, Robin Williamson and Tracy Dillon

For the last two years Tracy Dillon, Robin Williamson and Natasha Spicer have organised the Nourish Your Soul Day held at Whanganui Girls College which has received wide support from the community. They comment, "We are passionate about natural healing and wellness and by running this day we hope to create more awareness."

Now it's time for a third wellbeing-centred day. The Nourish Your Soul Day is a great way for people to get a taster of what is available in Whanganui. There will be the same variety of stalls on offer – some new, some familiar – offering natural products, massage, iridology, colour therapy, Norwex, readings, reflexology, crystal light bed treatments, Reiki, books, CDs, Doterra oils, crystals, sprays

and incense.

Alongside the stalls will be free talks and mini-workshops on topics such as clairvoyance, Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT Tapping), crystal bowl sound healing, Jin Shin Jyutsu.

The trio say, "If you're curious and need some time out to nourish Your Soul, come along on Saturday, November 2 between 9.30am and 4.30pm to explore something new. It will also be a great opportunity to get vouchers and items for Christmas gifts."

"The proceeds from gold coin entry donations go to the Whanganui Women's Network to support their awesome work."

If you would like a stall, please contact Tracy on 021761511 or Natasha on 0272531858. You can email them on nourishyoursoul@gmail.com

Calling all inventors, makers and creators... A chance to show your creations

Maker Faire, the family-friendly showcase of innovation, resourcefulness and creativity is returning to the capital for a second year and is looking for makers to join the line-up.

Maker Faire Wellington brought to you by Capital E will see inventors, scientists, crafters, artists, tinkers and DIY-enthusiasts take over Shed 6 on Wellington's waterfront come Sunday, October 20.

Makers are encouraged to apply to showcase their talents at the festival. Whether your interests are in technology, engineering, science, performance or art - Maker Faire Wellington wants to hear from you - the weirder and more creative the better.

Interactive workshops, displays or presentations are desired, giving attendees the opportunity to learn new skills in resourcefulness.

Last year's Maker Faire Wellington festival saw makers from across the country show off their skills, ranging from a Stupid Robot Fighting League, learning how to sketch your dream pair of shoes and 3D jewellery printing.

If connecting with a

community of like-minded inventors and creatives while sharing your skills with the public appeals to you, apply now at <https://wellington.makerfaire.com/call-for-makers/>

Maker Faire is on October 20 at Queens Wharf, Shed 6 and Capital E in Wellington 10am-4pm. All ages are welcome. Tickets \$9 adults (16 years and over), children free with an accompanying purchased ticket from <https://wellington.makerfaire.com/>

For more information contact Alana Hepburn, Sputnik on behalf of Capital E, 04 801 9484 or 021 255 7033, alana@spuntik.co.nz

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for Council and Health Board

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19 & 20 October 2019 - 9am to 5pm

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For more info visit the Facebook page: 'The Beautiful State Weekend - Whanganui'

Registration: Toni 06 929 5469, email: toni@provenperformance.co.nz



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LABOUR WEEKEND 2019

Friday 25th October - Sunday 27th October
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UCOL Educational Performance results

The Tertiary Education Commission has released 2018 educational performance results of all Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics across the country. UCOL outperformed the sector average in three out of the four key indicators.

Ranking second highest in the country for two of the key measures, qualification completion rates at UCOL in 2018 were

67%, well ahead of the sector average of 52% and first year retention rates are 74% at UCOL compared to an average of 63% in the sector. First year retention rates are the proportion of learners who completed a qualification in 2018 and re-enrolled with UCOL in 2019.

Student progression rates for study at levels 1-4 are 41% at UCOL, fourth in the country ahead of

the 34% sector average. UCOL's course completion rate is 76% compared to a sector average of 81%.

Progression is the proportion of students in 2018 who continued study at a higher level after completing a level 1-4 qualification. Course completions are the proportion of individual courses or papers completed in 2018.

UCOL Chief Executive, Dr Lynn, said these results

mean students at UCOL are doing well, that UCOL is performing at a high level relative to its peers and employers, students and industry can have continued confidence in the Institute.

"UCOL teaching staff and student support services are skilled at what they do and I commend their contribution to the results. Our students are committed to doing well, our staff are skilled and talented profes-

sionals and our graduates tell us that UCOL prepared them for work. For example, recently we spoke with a registered nurse at Mid-Central DHB who trained at UCOL and she was full of praise for the training and support she received and doing the job that she loves. With that being said, we want to do even better and intend to become a Category 1 Institute in 2021."



UCOL Whanganui campus



WANGANUI SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

Whanganui City College have busy month with Showtime Spectacular and Whanau Day

Tena koutou katoa,
As I write this article our senior students are sitting our "Derived Grade" Examinations that are taking place under strict exam conditions in our hall. These exams are important for the students and whanau as they give a gauge on how they sit leading up to the national examinations in November. Good luck to all seniors involved.

We invite current and future students and whanau to the "WCC Showtime Spectacular" in the school hall at 6pm on 18 September. We have performances from our Music students, Kapa Haka group "Te Roopu o Punawai", National champion Hip Hop Group "Aotea Empire", Cat walk display from our Fashion and Design students with a mystery guest super star and displays of Art and Technology. Our Military Academy will also be putting on a drill presentation. So keep 18 September free.



Aotea Empire, the school's Hip Hop group to defend their national title next week

Our best wishes to Aotea Empire, the school's Hip Hop group, who go to Queenstown to defend their national title on 19 September. These girls have been putting in hours and hours of work in preparation for this event. Our best wishes and aroha to the girls and their awesome teacher, Pauline Hi-

roti.

Finally, I want to thank the support of our whanau, staff and students for a really productive term 3. I look forward to the next phase of the year with anticipation. The key to our success has been involving our whanau in the learning and developing of their tamariki/mokopu-

na and long may this continue. We have our final Whanau Day of the year on 26 September and we look forward to meeting you all then.

Ma te atua, hei manaaki, hei tiaki. Kia tau te Rangimarie.

- P Kaua, Tumuaki/Principal, Whanganui City College

Church bell is ringing again



Fr Marcus Francis and Patrick Seconi in front of the new bell tower

- by Sue Seconi

Fr Nathaniel Brazil of the Catholic parish of Whanganui - Te Parihi Katorika Ki Whanganui blessed and incensed the new Bell Tower during the Sunday 9.30am Mass on September 1. It was relayed onto the overhead enabling the congregation inside to witness this occasion. The bell rung constantly during the Gloria.

It was rung for the last time on Wednesday, February 27 at the angelus. The bell tower, which was up against the north side of the church wall, was pulled down because it had become unsafe. While the new metal tower was constructed and positioned outside the priest's sacristy door, the 150 year old bell was cleaned, polished and lacquered.

This completes the work on the bell and bell tower which was part of the maintenance up-grade programme being undertaken on St Mary's Church.

But it has given rise

to the bell's history and significance of bells since parish priest, Fr Marcus Francis, invited parishioner's feedback about this treasured gift handed down from our faith ancestors.

The history of bells dates back to AD400, somewhat superstitiously to drive away unwanted spirits and unwelcome demons. Down through the centuries however, tradition has spoken of bell-ringing - this joyful noise - as alerting us to important events both happy and sad.

Like or loathe a pealing bell, the bell has been associated with Catholicism since the first settlers arrived in Whanganui in 1851. First Parish Priest, Fr John Pezant S.M. in March that year, rang the first bell when he established himself in the first priests' residence-cum-church on the corner of Taupo Quay and St Hill Street.

When the first St Mary's gothic style Catholic Church was

built in 1855 in Victoria Avenue, a fine three hundredweight (150 kg) J Murphy bell from Murphy's foundry in Dublin was rung. Twenty years later the bell went mute. It was put in storage because the church had borer eaten timber and consequently had to be pulled down. It rang again when the new church was erected on the same site.

Amongst so much change in the church and society down through the decades, what hasn't changed is the same bell being rung for the angelus at weekday midday Mass and Sunday Mass.

We have, in our possession, a famous high quality bell in the world bell alongside St Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne, St Mary's Cathedral in Cork Ireland, St Thomas the Apostle in Douglas, Isle of Man and Basilica of St John the Baptist in New Foundland Canada. And that's worth ringing the bell for!



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The Great Family Scavenger Hunt starts September 30



Whanganui Learning Centre

The Whanganui Learning Centre has been championing "Talking Matters" throughout the city, last year we hosting "Ngā Hekenga" to encourage talk and

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sharing between parents and caregivers and their tamariki, moko and rangatahi.

This year, throughout the forthcoming school holidays, we are running a Scavenger Hunt. Children of all ages are encouraged to join a special WLCT Facebook page to get their clues (one a day) and use them to fill in a booklet that we will provide once they register at our Centre in 232 Wicksteed Street.

Registration is open now so parents need to pick up their booklets at the Whanganui Learning Centre for a Monday, September 30 start.

The event culminates with a free Sausage Sizzle at Kowhai Park at noon on Friday, October 11. There will be free kai and spot prizes provided by our wonderful sponsors.

Children will need to bring along their booklet filled with their response to the clues they got each day.

West Coast Bombers host double header derby this Saturday

Double the derby returns to Whanganui this Saturday as the West Coast Bombers Alternative Skate League plays host to two exciting games of Roller Derby at Jubilee Stadium.

A full action and full contact sport, Roller Derby is a fast-paced game which is played on quad skates in close quarters to the crowd, it's the perfect family outing to get some adrenalin filled action while avoiding the winter chills in the comfort of Jubilee Stadiums indoor venue.

In this weekend's Double Header, The West Coast Bombers' Sister League from Levin, the Whenua Fatales, will be taking on a mixed team from Tauranga and Hamilton with a start time of 2pm. This promises to be an exciting game with some bit hits and crafty strategy. Be in to see some high class derby all round.

In the second game, the Local West Coast Bombers Development Team, The Stealth Bombers, will show off their new found skills against Taupo's Huka Dolls at 3:30pm. This game promises to be a thriller with a number of debutants, along with many of the old favourites all chomping at the bit to



Photo courtesy of West Coast Bombers

play. Doors open at 1:30pm on Saturday, 14 September. Due to the popularity of the free entry, the West Coast Bombers will once again not ask for an entry fee, but they will accept a koha or canned food item which will be passed onto a local charity.

The West Coast Bombers invite you to bring comfy chairs and cushion and cheer on your local teams! There will also be a free skate event on Sunday, 15 September at the Rink in Hatrick Street

from 4:30pm - 6pm. Everybody is welcome. For more information find the West Coast Bombers online or on Facebook.

Memorial service for hit-and-run victim

A memorial service for hit and run victim, Fay Butler of Wanganui Masonic Village, will be held on Thursday, 19 September at 2pm in the Masonic Court Rest Home Recreation Room.

The memorial is open to the public and they would like people who knew Fay to participate in the service.

A light afternoon tea will be held at the conclusion of the service.

VOTE TO RE-ELECT JENNY DUNCAN
FOR WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL

Some of My Community Focused Priorities

Housing Crisis.
Rising rents with fewer houses available, we're at crisis point. Council must continue to take leadership, facilitating and enabling the build of many more homes. We must move faster. Homes are needed now.

Affordability.
Rates are our biggest challenge. It's difficult to balance the need to keep rates affordable and to keep providing the services we need to make Whanganui an attractive place to live and invest in. It's not an easy task and a new system is needed. I am interested in your ideas on this.

Communication.
Our council meeting is livestreamed via Facebook to make it easier for our community to engage with our decision making. Often we don't talk to the right people or groups in our community. I'd like to see us do much better so that we have you, our community, feeling like you've been heard.

FIND ME AT -
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VOTE TO RE-ELECT KATE JOBLIN FOR COUNCIL

Pretty much we all want the same thing, we want to be well and live in a safe community. We want suitable housing, fit for purpose city infrastructure, stable and full employment and to be part of a community that is connected - a community that values everyone. Council must be a strong partner in building and improving these aspects of our community.

"I fiercely want Whanganui to succeed - but it must succeed for all of us".

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Age Concern Whanganui supports older drivers to stay safe on the road and to know the alternatives. We do this by offering senior driving programmes - in 2019-2020 in Whanganui and Marton: Keys to Safe Driving, CarFit and Hanging Up the Car Keys. All are free and require you to book.

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sponding to hazards. This refresher course aims to increase your knowledge of legal and safe driving practices and to build your confidence. Feedback includes: "It was helpful, useful and informative ... I am now more confident and competent and much more aware". The next Whanganui course is on Tuesday, October 8, 10am - 2.30pm.

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Stage set crew: Willy, Kieron, Geoff and Terry with Dianne in the middle and Andrea and Lyn on the bottom step

Any musical production involves a lot more people than the singers with building the stage sets as important as any. Geoff Campbell leads the stage set team using his experience in building stage sets as well as being a performer himself.

He says, "The director of the show gives me his/her vision and we make a rough sketch, then it is down to the details. It has to be period correct so the setting has to be an Austrian chateau for 'The Sound of Music'. Fortunately, the show is different from the movie with extra songs to allow us time to change the set between scenes."

In amateur theatre nothing is wasted so they were able to bring four towers

out of storage, build another two and make them into French doors. They were then painted to look like stone and are placed on wheels to allow them to be moved around.

You need a good artist to paint the background scenes and fortunately Amdram was able to call upon Carol Teutsher who has done some huge scenes - not just on the stage but on two sides of the theatre. Each side would be 15 metres by three metres high. Expect to be impressed.

Geoff says, "Many thanks to John Fern of Gunzini Kitchens for their help. We gave him sketches for doors and the church window frame and handrails for the steps. He drew them on the comput-

er and machine cut them - all for no cost."

The church stain glass windows look very real - even familiar. Terry Lobe photographed the stain glass windows at the Sacred Heart Chapel at Jane Winston and they have been reproduced to look like the originals, especially when there is a light from behind.

When the RCP turned up to see the work in action, they were working on the big brass bed. Geoff points out, "It has to be strong enough to hold the combined weight of seven people jumping up and down - including Maria." The curved steps look like solid marble ones - on wheels.

Work started two months ago and the crew have been working four nights a week and sometimes at the weekends. Some men say, "Our wives volunteered us," but there is also the attraction of "great suppers" thanks to crew member, Dianne Blaire. One of the cast members is an electrician so that helps.

There are other teams working on costumes and lighting and as Geoff says, "Everyone is important." As for his crew - "I can't keep them away. I told them not to come over Father's Day weekend as I was kite flying but they came back. I can't speak highly enough of them."

LETTER - good response to article

Dear editor,

The Grassroots Singers are really pleased to report success from the article in your paper asking for a Musical Director and more singers.

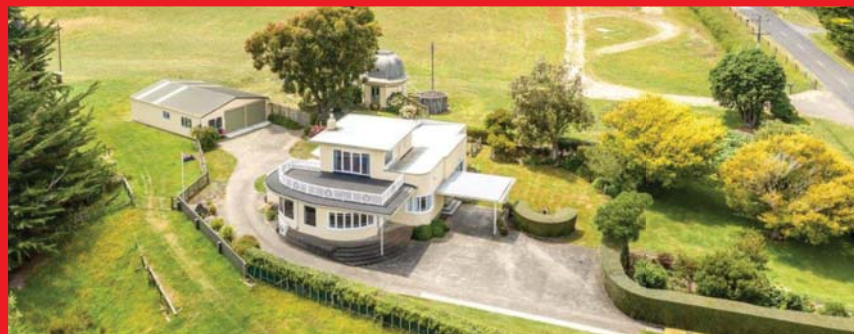
We now have a short term Musical Director, Gordon Dryden, who has offered to direct us while visiting his old home town of Whanganui from his current home in Queensland.

Although still needing someone permanent, we are delighted to accept Gordon's offer. So for four Wednesdays from September 18th at 7 to 8.30pm, in the Castlecliff Pavilion we will singing under Gordon's direction.

This will keep our group singing and, as Ruth points out, provide singing energy for when we do find a permanent Director. We have also invited the two new voices who responded to the River City Press article to join us. Another positive outcome.

Thank you, Lyn Pearson

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The new guides features plenty of walks and cycle trails suitable for all seasons.

"The great thing about the Must-Do's Walking Guide is that it covers all sorts of walks around the country, from short 30 minute urban walks to multi-day hikes," says Kath Webster, AA Traveller editor.

The Must-Do's Cycling Guide includes the following section looking forward to when the trail will go across the

river and down through Aramoho.

Upokongaro to Tasman Sea, 19km: From Upokongaro, the trail follows SH 4 for a short distance then crosses the new bridge (opening to be advised). It then follows the new cycle trail by the river into the city. The riverside boardwalk detours into backstreets before returning to trace the river to the Tasman Sea.

Follow your nose, or keep an eye out for the cycle trail signage to keep on track. The trail ends at North Mole, a moody, driftwood-strewn beach on the northern side of the Whanganui River breakwater.

Head back to the city along the same route or explore the bohemian



suburb of Castlecliff with its cafés and galleries. A day or so in Whanganui is a great way to bookend your journey.

Safety is a key component of both guides, with details such as terrain, fitness level required and best times to walk covered in the walking guide and New Zealand road rules and safety tips for cyclists covered in the cycling guide. The guides also feature maps, track and trail overviews, local tips and highlights and information on places to stay.

It is the first time AA Traveller has given the "Must-Do's" stamp to its guides.

"Our 101 Must-Do's campaign was so popular over summer, with Kiwis ticking off 'Must-Do's' in their backyard that we've decided to make all our guides 'Must-Do's'. We're also planning North Island and South Island Must-Do guides," Kath adds.

The Must-Do's Walking Guide and Must-Do's Cycling Guide are available free at AA Centres, DOC Visitor Centres, i-Sites, airports, many accommodations, attractions and tour operators. Electronic versions are also available at <https://issuu.com/aatraveller>

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Multiple Sclerosis Wanganui

Awareness Week

September 3 - 9

Over 4000 NZers affected by MS - Street appeal this Friday

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Awareness Week 2019 runs from September 16 to 20. This is an annual event for MSNZ.

MS is a disease of the central nervous system the cause of which is unknown. The course of MS is unpredictable and variable and it affects more women than men. Although there is no cure there are treatments which can modify the disease course and there are symptomatic treatments.

It is estimated there are 2.5 million people worldwide and around 4,000 people in New Zealand with MS. In the Wanganui region we assist 50 persons who are affected some of whom have young families and are still working. Symptoms of this disease vary widely from day to day and from person to person and can include extreme fatigue, loss/changes in sensation, problems with balance and walking, loss/changes in vision and many more.

The regional MS Societies offer support and advocacy for people with MS and their family/whanau and awareness and education for the public, residential care facilities and any other interested parties. The national office was formed for and continue to advocate for systemic change so people with MS in NZ



Sandra Rickey and Allan Willis-Croft, from last year's appeal

have access to first world treatment, resources and services to improve their well-being and quality of life.

We need to raise around \$6,000.00 per year to keep the local society running so we hope for about \$2,000.00 in our annual collection – anything over that is great.

We will have two tables at Trafalgar Square between 10am and 2pm Monday - Friday collecting for MS. The Street

Appeal will take place on Friday between 10am and 2pm with collectors down the Victoria Avenue, Aramoho Shopping Centre and

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Former Sarjeant Gallery staff member displays his own flora series photographs at Space Gallery

After 30 years at the Sarjeant Gallery as the staff photographer, Richard Wotton retired last year to devote more time to his personal projects. His interest in photography began in 1967, shooting motorsport in England on his OE and apart from exhibitions at the Sarjeant he has had his work displayed in a number of galleries around New Zealand, including Te Papa.

In the early stages of his career he worked almost exclusively in black and white until the late 1980s. After completing two series of building interiors – on industrial smoko rooms and a study of tattoo studios, he took a 20-year break from personal photography.

From 2009 to 2013 he photographed a series of New Zealand vernacular architecture, mostly in the Whanganui, Manawatu and

Hawke's Bay regions, before two years working on portraits of tattooed people which culminated in an exhibition of 45 portraits at the Sarjeant Gallery in late 2016.

The Flora Series, begun in November 2018, is the first sustained body of colour work he has undertaken for 35 years. It captures both the beauty and decay of subject matter "sometimes picked, sometimes pinched and, quite often, simply found lying on the street."

Banana passionfruit vines thrive in the semi-rural Whanganui suburb where he lives and where he and his wife walk frequently. "At a conservative estimate, I must have walked past them at least three thousand times before, last November, my attention suddenly became focussed on the way the light was striking a particular vine with its

hanging flowers," Richard says.

It was the beginning of what has proved to be an exciting, fulfilling and ongoing photographic journey for him. "Every walk has become a treasure hunt, with subject matter popping up from the profusion of our garden plants, roadside growth and among garden rubbish my wife has put aside for disposal. Even my late mother-in-law has made a posthumous contribution: a wilted freesia (series #123) from her grave at Aramoho Cemetery."

The series is about unconventional beauty, as Richard quickly came to realise that the damaged and decayed has an appeal of its own.

The exhibition opened at Space Gallery, 66 Taupo Quay, Whanganui, on September 11 and ends on September 21. Gallery hours are Wednesday to Saturday, 10am to 2pm.



Richard with Sarah of Space Gallery

Latin America and Spain Film Festival - films from Chile and Ecuador



Black Quixote

Saturday, September 14 @ 4pm: Broken Panties from Chile. 101 minutes. 2018. Drama: Five women live in a large hacienda in rural Chile: matriarch Matilde, her three biological daughters and an adopted one. On her deathbed, Matilde confesses to the village priest that she killed her husband 40 years ago and buried him inside a chest in the garage, a chest that contained another body.

The news shocks the entire household and secrets long buried will now be made public in this dark comedy.

Thursday, September 19 @ 7pm: Black Quixote from Ecuador. 80 minutes. 2016. Drama: A black Quixote and an Andean Sancho, marginalized and dreamy Latin Americans, kidnap the queen and the princess of Spain, whose identities they do not know and fight to win their love.

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New member, Colin Thompson, spoke to his fellow Wanganui Rotary Club members on the changes that he has experienced working in the travel industry. As he pointed out, "I joined Thomas Cook and Son travel consultants before the Beatles brought out their first record." That was in 1962 and Colin worked for Thomas Cook in the UK and New Zealand before becoming an

independent travel broker, now in Whanganui.

He described a travel broker as "a travel agent without a shop. We have the same products but we can offer a much more personal service in your home or over a cup of coffee in a café." NZ Travel Brokers are associated with Hello World for buying power but the brokers are not directed in their selling.

As a junior in Thomas

Cook, Colin wasn't allowed to serve the public for two years. Instead they did filing and he still remembers the file numbers – 174 for passports and visas, 180 for seat reservations on trains. Back then agents had to phone for airline reservations as there were no computers. You had to rely on airport guides for details.

Agents had their own interpretations for

airlines. British airlines, BOAC became 'Better on a Camel,' Belgium airline Sabina, became 'Such a bloody Inconvenience. Never Again,' and Irish Airline, Air Lingus was 'Air Fungus.'

There have been major changes in ship sailings. Through to the 1970s there were regular trips from the UK to South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and North America with Cunard, Shaw Savill



Colin with Rotary President, Steven Lace

and Castle lines. Now it is almost all cruises including river cruises and no longer just for the rich.

New destinations have come through. As Colin said, "Who would have thought in the middle of

the Vietnam war that the country would become a major tourist destination?"

He was asked if he could match airline prices which some agents claimed to be exclusive

to them. "Airlines dictate the prices and they are the same to everyone." He advised that "as commissions on air tickets are small, check to see whether the agent places a booking fee on top."



5-minute French Omelette with Bacon, Crème Fraîche & Chives

"One of the great things about eggs is how quickly they can be transformed into an utterly delicious dish with a few bits and bobs from the fridge or pantry," says Julie.

"Eggs have saved the Biuso family from starvation on many a night. I'd be home late with no time to shop, the kids would be fractious, the husband nagging (true!) and I'd open the fridge hoping to find something there, and, oh the relief to find a dozen eggs! With a bit of cheese or bacon, a few tomatoes, some herbs from the garden, and maybe a salad and bread, I could have a tasty and substantial meal on the table in no time."

An omelette is a 5-minute meal, ready when you are. This one's a bit richer than a regular cheese omelette – a real meal that will keep you satisfied for hours – and there's a bit more prep to do. Two-egg omelettes are easy to cook to order. Have all the ingredients prepared and everyone ready and waiting before you start, then off you go ...

Ingredients
12 large vine tomatoes
150g streaky bacon, chopped
8 medium (size 6)

eggs
Salt
Butter
4 Tbsp crème fraîche
4 Tbsp freshly grated parmesan cheese
2 Tbsp snipped chives
12 large vine tomatoes roasted or grilled

Instructions

1. Grill bacon until crisp, or fry in an oiled pan.
2. Have remaining omelette ingredients ready, then make omelettes one at a time.

3. In a small bowl lightly beat together 2 eggs with a pinch of salt. Heat an omelette pan or small non-stick pan until it is hot enough to sizzle a knob of butter immediately without it turning dark brown.

4. When pan is the right heat, drop in a knob of butter and once it melts and sizzles, pour in beaten eggs, then, using a fork, simply lift the egg from the bottom of the pan as it sets, letting unset egg fill in the space on the bottom of the pan. When the egg is about 70% set, drop in a little bacon, a spoonful or two of crème fraîche, a sprinkle of parmesan and a good smattering of chives, then fold the omelette over itself. Cook for a little longer to ensure egg is just cooked and filling is heated, then slide omelette onto a heated plate. Dust with parmesan and sprinkle with chives. Serve immediately with roasted tomatoes, then continue making remaining ome-



lettes.

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Lies, Lies, Lies – Adele Parks

After years together, the arrival of daughter Millie sealed everything in place. So what if Simon drinks too much sometimes – Daisy's used to it, she knows he's letting off steam. Until one night at a party things spiral horribly out of control. And the happy little family of three will never be the same again.

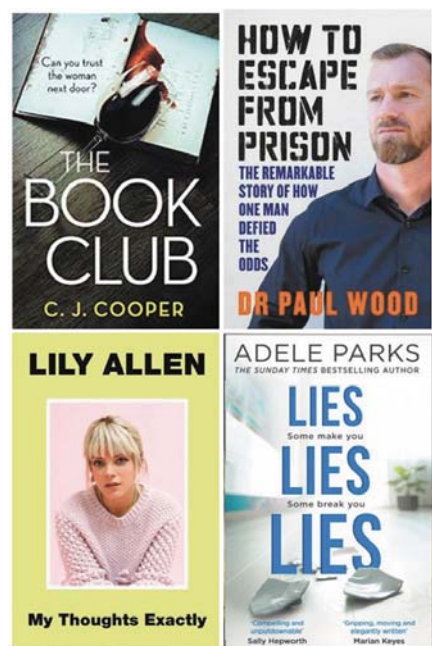
My Thoughts Exactly – Lily Allen

This is Lily's autobiography about fame, breakups and breakdowns. Love and mothering. Making mistakes and owning mistakes. Addiction and sobriety. Anger and mental illness. This is her truth.

The Book Club – C.J Cooper

Can you trust the woman next door? The book club was Alice's idea. It was her way into our group. I knew from the day she arrived that she couldn't be trusted. And I was right. Because Alice didn't come to the village for peace and quiet. She came for revenge.

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Steelform Wanganui vs West Coast

Saturday, 2.30pm, Cooks Gardens



Can Whanganui beat West Coast this Saturday?

Who would ever have envisaged that West Coast would start as the top contenders and Wanganui second to bottom in a Heartland rugby match? But that is the situation going into the third qualifying round of the 2019 Mitre 10 sponsored championship at Cooks Gardens on Saturday.

Coast has started with three victories, two of them by close margins, to lead the competition with Steelform Wanganui on the penultimate rung of the 12 team competition without a single success.

A one point loss to Buller in Westport last weekend (21-22) makes it a local record four successive Heartland defeats since Wanganui last won a championship victory, three of them at the start of this season after losing 7-17 to Thames Valley in the 2018 Meads Cup semi-final.

This campaign the blue and blacks have lost the Bruce Steel Cup 18-28 to Wairarapa-Bush in Masterton, gone down to defending champions the Valley Swamp 30-36 on Cooks Gardens and been pipped by a single point by Buller in Westport a week ago.

Wanganui led at various stages in every game but costly mistakes and a nightmare of gifted penalties – opposing goal-kickers converting 11 of them into winning points – have provided the Butcher Boys with only three consolation bonus points, 11 adrift on top of the table West Coast.

In contrast to Wanganui's 11 conceded successful penalty goals second placed North Otago is next, giving away six successful kicks. There is only one other side without a victory, bottom

placed Ngati Porou East Coast who has been years without any success.

In contrast to the Butcher Boys West Coast (9th in 2018) has enjoyed a dream start with wins over King Country 56-27, Lochore Cup champions 27-21 and Mid Canterbury 43-41. The other unbeaten side, North Otago, started with an away 26-20 victory over last year's Meads Cup runners-up South Canterbury and winning 25-11 at home against Wairarapa-Bush and 34-30 v Poverty Bay in Gisborne.

So many surprise results, hopefully, will help Wanganui climb the table if it can break out of the present doldrums by eliminating costly errors and play to its potential. West Coast has only beaten Wanganui three times in 20 matches since 1985 and the two local scalps were 21-5 in 1995 and 25-24 in 2013. The only home win was 23-17 in 2014.

Wanganui, who won 33-21 in Greymouth last year after being matched 14-all at half-time by a solid home forward pack, has averaged a winning margin of 38-17 including a top score of 74-6 at Cooks Gardens in 2016, the last time Coast played in the city.

West Coast has currently 13 of the reps who played so strongly for the first 40min against Wanganui last season before being run around the field by fitter Butcher Boys. Coast has scored the most points (126) and tries (18) of any union this year, ahead of South Canterbury (117 – 17).

Lock, Sam Liebezeit and flanker, Josh Tomlinson, have each scored three times with 11 players collecting tries. Fullback, Todd Struthers, has kicked 31 points.

Loan players in the

squad include Canterbury University hooker, Trent Lawn, 1.98m Auckland University lock, Tumama Tu'ulua, Belfast No 8, Amenatave Tukana and New Brighton lock, Boris Van Bruchem. Hooker, Troy Tauwhare, (over 65 caps) and second five, Sione Holani, were in the NZ Heartland squad that played against Manu Samoa in Auckland recently.

Coast has only qualified once for the Meads Cup semi-finals, losing 40-18 to unbeaten Wanganui here in 2008. The Butcher Boys claimed the first of seven Heartland titles that year with a 27-12 win at Cooks Gardens.

There have been two Lochore Cup finals for the red and whites who

lost 21-11 to North Otago in 2009 and 47-15 to Mid-Canterbury in 2017.

West Coast finished ninth overall last year, missing any play-offs after being fined \$10,000 by the NZRU for fielding an unregistered player in the first four qualifying rounds.

This year, however, it has been a great start for the union. Whether that unbeaten record continues on Saturday remains to be seen because history and Wanganui's determination to halt a current losing streak could be a determining factor.

The Toyota Wanganui Development side plays Wairarapa Bush in the curtain-raiser.

– John B Phillips

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Nature needs us, join the Whanganui District to help this Conservation Week

Conservation Week is celebrating its 50th year and, even though that's a half century of inspiring effort, Whanganui Community Ranger Jaycee Tipene-Thomas says nature really needs our help.

"We need to take action for our taonga this Conservation Week by giving our native species and natural landscapes a helping hand."

Jaycee says this year is about reflecting on five decades of amazing people who have saved species, restored habitats and inspired the next 50 years of protecting our native taonga.

"New Zealand's wildlife is still in crisis with more than 4000 of our native animals and plants threatened or at risk. This Conservation Week we want you to join us and do something, whether big or small to create change. The biggest threat to native plants and wildlife is from introduced predators like rats, stoats and possums."

Getting rid of predators is an important first step. People can help by setting traps on their properties or joining a local predator trapping group to help New Zealand achieve its Predator Free 2050 goal.

"Cleaning up waterways, protecting marine habitats, getting rid of weeds and planting native species are other actions people can take to help protect our biodiversity. Creating change can be big or small and when we pull together, we can make a big difference," Jaycee says.

"Be part of the solution this year and join us".

Conservation Week runs from 14-22 September and the Department of Conservation is encouraging people to get involved in conservation-related activities during the week.

"There are over 100 public events in the Central North Island region alone which is awesome. So check out an event near you," Jaycee says.



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Events and dates are:

SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

Bushy Park – Tarapurui Celebration, opening of the new educational centre by the Minister of Conservation, Hon. Eugenie Sage (10am-4pm)

DOC show and tell, Hakeke Street Library Community day (11am-12pm)

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

Guided Nature tour with Botanist Colin Ogle, Gordon Park Scenic Reserve (1pm-4pm)

WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

Weeding at Whitiua Scientific Reserve, transport available from DOC office (9am-4pm) transport bookings essential.

Mitre 10 Mega Ladies Night, eco-inspired activities (7pm-10pm) - bookings essential for catering purposes.

SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

Wētā motel workshop, Mitre 10 Mega, Whanganui (10am-2pm)

SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

South Beach clean up, Main entrance off Airport Road, Whanganui (9am-12pm)

Castlecliff Beach clean up, Surf club carpark, Whanganui (1pm-3pm)

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Take a fresh look at Bushy Park Tarapurui

Bushy Park Tarapurui is celebrating – a new name, a new logo, a new visitor centre and a renovated homestead.

Bushy Park Trust Chair, Kevin Ross, said it was an exciting time for the forest sanctuary and historic homestead.

"Many people have worked tirelessly over the years to get us to this milestone. We are grateful for all those who have gone before and to those who have worked on this new major project. We

particularly want to thank our many volunteers and the team of tradies – they have been amazing. Shane Stone Builders have been outstanding.

"The homestead is looking better than it has for many many years. The tinge stained glass window is back to its former glory."

The new visitor centre is in the renovated stables and will be opened by Minister of Conservation, Eugenie Sage and Whanganui Mayor Hamish Mc-

Douall, on Saturday, 14 September at 2pm.

"We are honoured to have the Minister join us for this auspicious occasion, as well as Forest & Bird CEO, Kevin Hague and other special guests. All are welcome to join with us."

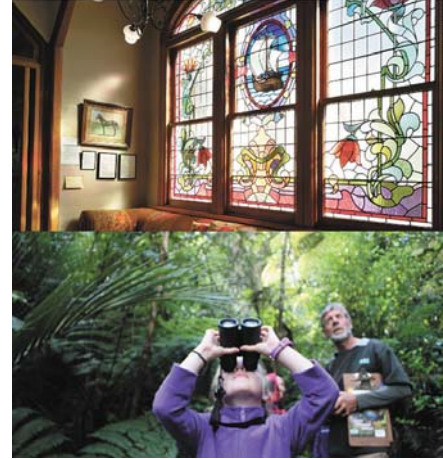
There will be short guided walks through the forest available between 10am and 1pm, where visitors can see endangered native birds inside the pest-proof fence.

People can also take short tours of the Category One Edwardian homestead (built in 1906) or enjoy a Devonshire tea provided by the new custodian, Dale Pullen.

"Entry is free – it is always free entry now. We're seeing our visitor numbers increasing too."

As well as food for purchase, visitors can BYO picnic on the lawn, at the wetland amphitheatre or at Taane whakapiripiri (the outdoor classroom).

Mr Ross said the new name reflected a strengthened relationship with



local iwi Ngaa Rauru Kii-tahi and meant "place of abundant bird life".

"We're grateful to the many volunteers who have given so much to this beautiful place, in particular the active support we receive from the Rotary Club of Wanganui North and the regular Tuesday and Thursday volunteers. We're always looking for more volun-

teers and supporters, so please come out and see how you could get involved."

This event is part of Whanganui Heritage Month, being coordinated by the Whanganui Heritage Trust. The forest sanctuary is open during daylight hours and the historic homestead Tuesday-Sunday, 10am-4pm.

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Rising star of the piano playing next week

Tony Chen Lin



Following the outstanding success of his duo concert, "Twenty Fingers" in November 2017, Chamber Music Wanganui is delighted to host this return visit from Tony Chen Lin, on Friday 20 September, 7.30pm in the Royal Wanganui Opera House, as part of his 14-center solo tour for Chamber Music NZ. This is the fifth concert in Chamber Music Wanganui's celebrity subscription series and it is a concert not to be missed. He has drawn praise from such great pianists as Tamás Vásáry...

"Tony Chen Lin is a true artist. Rarely have I encountered a finer musician who has something truly exceptional to say in music. He has a strong musical personality that speaks to audiences and possesses the technique which is expected today, but also artistry which is not always expected." – Tamás Vásáry

...and from the critics: "Lin played the wistful, slow movement with such sensual intensity that you could almost sense an audience holding its collective breath, perhaps hoping that this moment of bewitching musical magic would never end." The Press, 2018.

After receiving his

Bachelor of Music in piano performance and composition at Canterbury University in 2009, Tony moved to Europe where he completed his Master of Music in Freiburg, Germany. In 2015 he graduated from the Konzertexamen (Soloist Diploma) programme with Distinction.

Tony regularly performs in New Zealand and Europe, notably at the Semaine Internationale Piano & Musique de Chambre festival in Switzerland where he also gave masterclasses and as soloist with the Stuttgart State Orchestra as part of the "Rising Stars!" Festival.

Tony's debut solo album "Digressions" was released in April 2018 on Rattle Records and reached No.1 on the Radio New Zealand Classical Chart. He currently resides in Budapest.

On this 2019 tour, Tony's programme "Dreams/Fantasies" features Mozart's Fantasy and Sonata in C minor, K. 475/457, Schumann Fantasie in C Major, op. 17. This concert is especially sponsored by Belton, Smith & Associates, Wanganui.

Tickets are available from the Box Office of the Royal Wanganui Opera House. Adults \$35.00, seniors \$32.00, subscribers \$20.00 or prepay, students \$5.00.

Election candidates for both the Whanganui District Council and the Whanganui District Health Board have been given the opportunity to submit a 'candidate profile' about themselves so the public have a chance to get to know a bit about them before the elections.

These will continue for one more publication in River City Press before the voting papers get delivered. Here are the third lot of candidates to feature.

Hadleigh Reid - WDC candidate



It has been a challenging, educating and interesting three years on Council and I have decided to put my name forward for three more. I have been impressed with the calibre of our Mayor, Councillors and the council staff and together we are working hard and working well for all those who call Whanganui home. Whanganui is doing well and I would like the opportunity to continue my input into the future of this great little city.

Our population is growing after many years of decline. While that is good news for most, it has created severe housing issues for some within our community. We have initiated some significant areas of rezoning to allow for more residential development and much needed housing. We continue to lobby central government for more social housing and are doing our best to streamline council processes for developments.

We have big plans for our port, the Sarjeant Gallery, Velodrome and our Commercial Pilot Academy and with a good injection of Central Government funds the next three years will prove to be rather pivotal and very exciting.

With your help, I am looking forward to being part of the next Council and continuing to provide good leadership, vision and decisive decision making.

- Hadleigh Reid

Ross Fallen - WDC candidate



One full-time role; Whanganui: It is a \$70 annual million business; be a shareholder. Only tick names you think will make a difference. You do not have to tick all 12. Change is good.

Proven years of community leadership and a determined voice: We lack, at council, a community based voice. Despite a rejuvenated council, its 2019 community survey shows public confidence has actually decreased to around 56%. We must improve council's communications. I am not into blaming a strong council but rather seeking better communication, transparency and new faces at the table. Seven were changed in 2016. The sky did not fall.

Infrastructure of roads, paths, wastewater and sewerage are being updated. We are certainly pushing up on being a heritage, arts and sports town. This 'growing' of Whanganui means what to our rates? Our drinking water remains poor. We need a secure, refuse kerbside collection service and a halt to any new projects outside of the Ten Year Plan.

Community highlights include Aramoho School action group, Aramoho Rail footbridge replacement, successful Otamatea Reserve upgrades, engagement in various Castlecliff and town rejuvenation initiatives, liquor outlet concerns, demonstrating for a compliant dog pound, directly confronting anti-refugee-racism, supporting pensioner housing retention and initiated the community polling on fireworks. Extensive board highlights include former Chair of Artists Open Studio (2016-mid 2019) and roles on Mainstreet Board. I walk my talk.

Council needs to have added vibe and robustness to match where we are going. Vote for a known community voice, vote Ross Fallen.

- Ross Fallen

Graham Adams - WDHB candidate



Re-elected to the board in 2016 after a gap of 9 years I have experienced no difficulty in devoting the time the position demands as well as maintaining my longstanding involvement with other organisations - Age Concern, Grey Power and the Ratepayers' association.

Undoubtedly the appointment of our new CEO, Russell Simpson, was the right one. He has settled in exceptionally well to an environment which needed change for the betterment of the 65000 population the WDHB serves. A significant number live in rural areas and I support 100% the Board's commitment to addressing the needs of those people as well as delivering a wide and increasing range of services for everyone.

I very much wish to continue my association with the Board for one more term in order that I may continue to encourage our CEO with the outstandingly beneficial changes he is implementing.

- Graham Adams - Your Voice - Number 1 Choice

Judith MacDonald - WDHB candidate



Judith has successfully served three terms on the DHB board and considers there is more work to do and plenty of passion in the tank to drive positive change for our population in regards to access top quality health care for our region.

Born and bred in Taihape and having served sixteen years as a health clinician, leader and manager in the rural district serving Marton, Taihape and Ruapehu was excellent grounding for a senior leadership role at the District Health Board, before leaving to step back into her area of interest and passion which is primary care. For the past sixteen years, Jude has been the

leader of Whanganui Regional Health Network which is a PHO (primary health organisation) and a provider of health clinic services. During this time, she has led the establishment of four clinics which serve the Whanganui region; Gonville Health, WAM, Ruapehu Health and Taihape Health.

She is proud of the progress these clinics have made in embedding a close partnership relationship with the community they are serving and with Iwi that are effective and forward thinking.

Primary care working closely and effectively with Hospital Specialist services is, at times, challenging but rewarding. Being an active and informed clinical leader on the board ensures that the clinical, community and patient voice is heard.

Health is a complex business and translating government policy into a local context requires careful handling and people who know the business of health. I am that voice on the board.

Charlie Anderson - WDC and WDHB candidate



When I first came to council, Mayor Annette said "Beware what you wish for Charlie", she was dead right. I had no idea how the council process worked. With the best intentions, I made promises I struggled to keep. I came to council to sort stuff out, yeah right.

Briefly this is how it works:

An Item is presented to council usually by a council officer. Then its questions time only, the presenter leaves the table, we then comment, we get one turn, no back and forth discussion, then the item is put to the vote.

With twelve councillors and one mayor, seven votes "For" an item, beats six "Against" every time, and vice versa. That's the process, no exceptions, democracy. The same process is adopted for committees, although a little less formal. It's all based on a quaint little book called "Standing Orders".

Step outside these guidelines at your peril. I have once or twice and still carry the scars. Although a frustrating restriction at times, imagine the chaos in a suspense

filled chamber without the control of standing orders. Despite this, other than the day to day chores, council manage and support some very exciting projects, twelve million from government for our world class art gallery, the pending port development and the magnificent "New Zealand International Commercial Pilot Academy". This on its own has put Wanganui on the world stage.

This is a great council, vote carefully for the new one.

- Cr Charlie Anderson

Jo Meiklejohn - WDC candidate



Jo Meiklejohn is standing for Council having worked in Council for over eight years as 'Team Leader Parking' with responsibilities for animal control. For the last two years she worked as a Business Improvement Analyst similar to a role she had when she worked for Central Government as a Strategic and Development Analyst.

She says that "My last project for the Ministry of Health was a \$21m one, on bowel cancer screening trials." She adds, "The core issue is to ensure the user gets the best outcome possible."

She loves living in Whanganui and it was when the Ministry of Health wanted her to live permanently in Wellington that she chose to resign instead and work for Council. She has been active in the community having been a board member on the Whanganui Regional Community College and a Government appointee to the Regional Employment Access Council.

Jo is now working part time and has the time to be a councillor, something she has always wanted to do. Having been on the 'inside' she is well aware that the commitment is a big one. She is also keen to see wage earners standing and being elected to council as they can bring a broader perspective and a wider knowledge.

She points out that, "I am not a single issue candidate. I support what is in the current annual plan but beyond that, I would use my training as an analyst to make decisions on what Whanganui needs. She would put into action her election slogan - 'Affordability - Common Sense - Experience.'

Break the Silence #justiceforjazz - vigil this Saturday

Family and friends of Jasmine Wilson welcome you to join them at Majestic Square this Saturday, September 14 where they will be holding a vigil with the full support of the Women's Refuge to remember Jasmine, who was tragically lost on August 2.

The vigil will be between 11am and 3pm. There will be live music, courtesy of DRXNES and DJSAMALAMB. White Ribbon riders will be doing motorbikes rides.

There will also be face painting, a rock hunt, spot prizes, raffles and food. It will be a family friendly event.



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resenting nineteen sanctuaries met in Whangarei to share their knowledge and experience. They included Fiona McGowan and Esther Williams from Whanganui.

Northland has the most connected network of Sanctuaries protecting kiwi. How did this happen? Pests of course, such as farm dogs, town dogs, rats, mice, hedgehogs,

possums, ferrets, cats, stoats and weasels, are a major problem, but with predator control, 2000 kiwi are thriving. In the Hunua range, kokako flourish. This Auckland City Council Reserve of 2 000 hectares survives through constant ground pest control with a couple of aerial drops. Esther says, "Evidence through rat footprints in tracking tunnels throughout the park's grid, showed 50% rat population before the use of 1080, but only 5% afterwards." This led to kokako's dramatic increase.

Zealandia in Wellington was the result of the vision of Jim Lynch of creating a sanctuary in a city. It has now become a hub for tieke/saddleback, kaka and tuatara. Both kaka and tieke fly over the predator-free fence to surrounding pest free properties. The prospect of native birds, usually seen in isolated patches of dense forest, encourages town dwellers to control both pets and predators.

The halo vision in Taranaki binds landowners to plant appropriate native trees, improve waterways, destroy pests and create a corridor from Rotokare to Taranaki/Egmont National Park. North of Whanganui,

Bushy Park with assistance of Horizons, has a pest control scheme involving surrounding landowners.

The Uenuku iwi live at the base of Ruapehu where, over the years, the native kiore disappeared because of the introduction of ship rats, which also occupied titi/shearwater burrows. The local held a tangi for the last kakapo.

Esther says, "To bring back the mauri / life force, knowledge and to repair damage, the Uenuku are preparing a Sanctuary, Pokaka. This area includes Makatote, Manganuioteao, and Ruatiti. The wetland at Erua

will be managed - a first in the world. The rhythm of nature will be restored. Tuna/eel will migrate. Kereru will follow the seasonal food chain."

Myrtle rust, has been out of the spotlight but is not forgotten. Spores blow from South America on trade winds to Hawaii, Australia and New Zealand. The disease exists on 24 host species, manuka included. Ramarama is the worst affected. Long term management requires scientific solutions which are being continuously worked on.

Predator Free NZ 2050 underpinned many speakers' talks. Esther and Fiona say, "We reflected

on what we value and how we can stop the decline of critically endangered species in our eco systems. The consensus of managers and volunteers who trap and poison large and newly-formed areas confirms 1080 as our most vital tool for now."

Their conclusion is, "In the history of sixteen Sanctuary annual meetings, science is paving the way for bringing back the birdsong. Participants faced issues of community participation and downright opposition, finance, environmental knowledge, the law and whether to fence or not."



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Manfield circuit final round results



Hilary Ashworth (Whanganui) in her Honda Civic 2200 was first past the chequered flag in front of Brett Paton (second) and a spinning Oliver Fisher.

The final race of the Chris Amon, Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Race series (Round 4) took place on Sunday, September 1 at Manfield in Feilding. Around 110 entries were received for this round including the following Whanganui drivers: Hilary Ashworth, Ernie Greenwell, Sandra Eden, Michael Eden, Ian Williamson, Ross Francis, Paul Bass, Stu Robertson as well as Bill Richie and Layton Hammond from Marton. Racing was helped by a fine

and sunny day albeit with a cold wind.

Results for Whanganui drivers included:

- Hilary Ashworth first in Race 2 of the RS Cup in her Honda Civic 2200.
- Ian Williamson first in Race 19 the Formula First Cup in his Ford Mustang.
- Sandra Eden in her BMW 3000 came third in Race 3, the Classic Cup.
- Michael Eden fourth in Race 3, the Classic Cup, in his Vauxhall Firenza V85000.



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Money raised for Loud Shirt Day goes to The Hearing House and the Southern Cochlear Implant Programme so that deaf and hearing-impaired children get

the therapy they need to listen and speak like hearing kids. The aim is for deaf children to focus on their abilities not their disability; both charities want deaf kids to be able to maximise their potential - so your donation helps deaf and hearing-impaired kids have a better future.

The Hearing House is based in Auckland and provides services to families living north of Turangi and the Southern Cochlear Implant Programme is based in Christchurch and provides services to families in the rest of the country. Loud Shirt Day donations go to the region in which they were raised. Neither charity charges deaf children or their families for their services.

It is really easy to get involved. Just register your organisation, school or community group online to fundraise and you will be sent a free fundraising pack. Ask everyone to wear their loudest, brightest shirt and to bring a donation to put into the fundraising box supplied in your pack. Once the day is over put the donations into the supplied banking bag and drop this into your nearest ASB or make a donation online.

You can run a Loud Shirt Day on another day if September 27 doesn't work out for you.

Whangaehu Catchment community grants awarded



Horizons Regional Council has awarded six grants to community projects which aim to improve the Whangaehu Catchment.

The Ngā Wai Ora o te Whangaehu grants programme assists community groups in accessing resources to work towards achieving the aspirations of the community in improving the health of the catchment. The funding for this programme comes from central government's Freshwater Improvement Fund and Horizons Regional Council who administers the fund.

Horizons councillor and chair of Ngā Wai Ora o te Whangaehu Governance Group, Bruce Rollinson, says the quality of the applications that came through this year were impressive.

"We received eight applications, seeking a total of \$103,000. From the \$33,000 available I'm pleased to announce we were able to grant six projects covering different areas of the catchment, which is great," says Cr Rollinson.

"This programme is in its second year and the increase in and quality of applications received has been great."

"Much of the Whangaehu Catchment covers rural landscape that doesn't otherwise receive much attention in terms of river access."

"This year's funding was awarded to:
• Ruapehu College: To purchase equipment to implement a stream monitoring plan, looking at changes as the stream moves through different land uses with technical support from Horizons' environmental educator. This

project will also involve some stream restoration.

• Mo Te Katoa Marae: Continuation of an ongoing project which has so far seen willow removal and riparian planting along the Makotuku Stream. This year's funding will enable further riparian planting of the stream and the installation of a barrier to help stop dumping of rubbish into the Makotuku Stream.

• Makaranui Whanau and Winiata Campsite Trust: The restoration and protection of the Taonui Stream and Tuna Reserve at Makaranui, fencing and planting is to occur at the confluence of the Taonui Stream and Mangawhero River and restoring tuna habitat with the aim to eventually have an area that people can access the river to see the tuna.

• Ohakune Primary School: To develop a walkway along the Miro Street Stream which runs through the middle of Ohakune, create an area for students to access the stream for monitoring purposes and some restoration of stream habitat.

• Raetihi Promotions Charitable Trust: Continuation of an ongoing project to develop and enhance the walkway and access points along the Makotuku Stream within Raetihi Township.

• Horopito Ratepayers Association: To introduce a predator trapping line along the Makotuku Stream for the protection of whio populations.

More information on the programme can be found at www.horizons.govt.nz and applications for the grants will reopen mid 2020.

Green Party hosting candidates meeting on Green Issues next Tuesday

Jan Harrison, Convenor of the Green Party Whanganui, says they have invited candidates for Council to speak and answer questions on green issues. The meeting will be on Tuesday, September 17, in the Function Room of Stellars from 7 to 9pm.

The questions will include the following:

1. What are your views on the Council providing a kerbside recycling service?

2. Will you support WDC paying the Living

Wage to all its workers? Please explain your views.

3. Do you have both an understanding of, and commitment to, the co-governance relationships being discussed with Iwi and Council? Please explain your views.

4. What ideas do you have towards making Whanganui resilient to the expected effects of climate change?

5. What are your views on the council providing more electrical vehicle



charging points at some council owned sites around Whanganui? Both fast chargers as well as the slower 16 amp chargers.

Depending on time, candidates will be asked to talk on a green initiative they would promote if they were elected.

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Jumbo crossword

- ACROSS**

1 Throbbled (5)

4 Not in working order (3,2,10)

14 Bishop's hat (5)

15 Bungling (5)

16 Direct and outspoken (10)

17 Heading (5)

19 Moose (3)

20 View (7)

21 Frozen pellet of rain (9)

22 Plundered (6)

25 Dangled (9)

27 Piano foot levers (6)

28 Burst (6)

33 Speaking very quietly (10)

35 Twosome (3)

36 Grey tin alloy (6)

37 Ship's prison (4)

39 Signal (3)

41 Food connoisseur (7)

42 Airmen (anag)(6)

43 Written testimonial (9)

44 Doesn't go (5)

45 Turned upside down (8)

50 Added message (1,1)

51 Disadvantage (8)

55 Additional (5)

58 Incorrect (9)

59 Turn (6)

60 Tomb inscription (7)

61 Consume (3)

63 Den (4)

64 Alcoholic spirits (6)

65 Total (3)
- 66 End of working days (10)

68 Putrid (6)

69 Daycare centre (6)

71 Cleaving (9)

76 Dash symbol (6)

77 Advertising leaflets (9)

79 Wandering (7)

81 Filled pastry (3)

84 Completely satisfied (5)

85 Music hall variety show (10)

86 Pier (5)

87 Prod (5)

88 Rarely, if ever (4,2,1,4,4)

89 Footfalls (5)
- DOWN**

2 Agree (6)

3 Oust (5)

5 On (4)

6 Atrocity (7)

7 Ring (6)

8 Power (5)

9 Chanted (7)

10 Location (4)

11 Choice (6)

12 Horse (5)

13 Taunted by audience (7)

14 Speak of (7)

18 The full number required to man a ship (10)

23 Creature with a shell (5)

24 Blooms (7)

26 Sudden strong increase (7)
- 27 Corpses (anag) (7)

29 Voracious fish (7)

30 Tossed (6)

31 Speak off the cuff (2,3)

32 Young cow (6)

34 Snatch (4)

36 Of punishment (5)

38 From Athens (5)

40 Forehead (4)

45 Model (5)

46 Decision (7)

47 Skating area (4)

48 Titillating (6)

49 Anaesthetic liquid (5)

50 Participate in (7)

52 Ghost (10)

53 Road-surfacing material (7)

54 Managing (6)

55 Tidal river mouth (7)

56 Play for time (5)

57 Celebrity (4)

62 Loft (5)

67 Feel contempt for (7)

68 Answer (7)

70 Camel train (7)

72 Of superior quality (7)

73 Defeated (6)

74 Writing desk (6)

75 Circus tent (3,3)

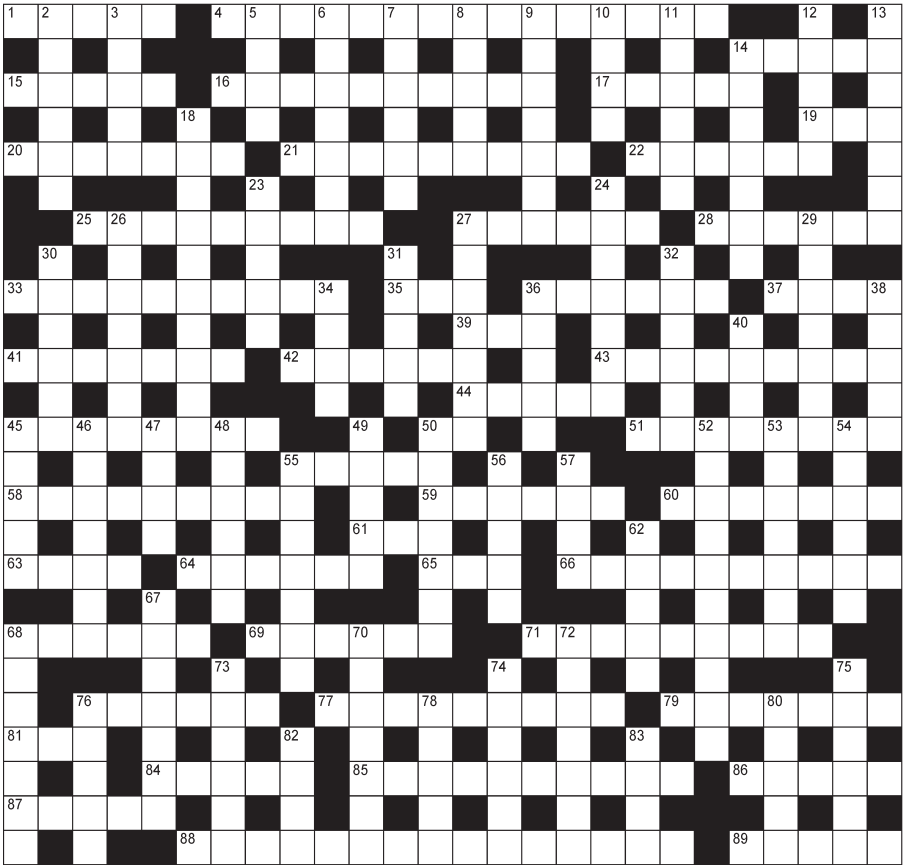
76 Takes notice of (5)


78 Morsel (5)

80 Skilled (5)

82 Fringe (4)

83 Too (4)





EACH number in our Code-Cracker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. For example, today 6 represents F, so fill in F every time the figure 6 appears. You have one letter in the control grid to start you off. Enter it in the appropriate squares in the main grid, then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and control grid. Check off the list of alphabetical letters as you identify them. Visit www.codecracker.co.nz

1	2	3	2	4	5	1	6	7	5	8	9
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25		26		5		7				11	5
1	18	22	10	17		8	22	10	11	4	5

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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Sudoku

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		1	7			6		
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	9				6			
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	2		9		4		5	
5				8	7			9
			5	1				

HARD

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

Last week

4	2	7	1	3	9	8	5	6
9	8	5	6	2	4	3	1	7
6	3	1	8	7	5	4	9	2
5	7	4	3	1	8	6	2	9
8	9	6	7	4	2	1	3	5
2	1	3	9	5	6	1	7	8
3	4	2	5	6	1	9	7	8
1	6	8	2	9	7	5	4	3
7	5	9	4	8	3	2	6	1

Last week's CodeCracker

1	P	2	A	3	E	4	R	5	N	6	C	7	L	8	S	9	O	10	V	11	Y	12	M	13	B
14	H	15	I	16	T	17	Z	18	W	19	D	20	J	21	F	22	U	23	Q	24	K	25	X	26	G

Last week's crossword solution

ACROSS: 1 Actor, 4 Hell for leather, 11 Logic, 14 Auger, 15 Chronometer, 16 Hypnotic, 19 Palette, 20 Cobra, 21 Parachute, 24 Esperanto, 26 Idling, 27 Remove, 31 Abhor, 32 Schedule, 34 Ornamental, 38 Poultry, 39 Useful, 40 Lagoon, 41 Mock, 42 Smudged, 45 Employment, 50 Slacken, 54 Arch, 55 Falcon, 56 Attach, 57 Anomaly, 60 Foundation, 61 Intrepid, 62 Forge, 65 Pruned, 66 Screen, 67 Absconded, 72 Strategic, 73 Radio, 74 Split up, 79 Life-size, 80 Entertained, 81 Lapse, 82 Stood, 83 In the land of nod, 84 Bandy.

DOWN: 2 Cougar, 3 Obese, 5 Echo, 6 Lookout, 7 Odours, 8 Leer, 9 Amenable, 10 Rhythm, 11 Lengthened, 12 Gate, 13 Cocaine, 17 Steer, 18 Wainwright, 22 Hatch, 23 Footwork, 25 Spoiled, 26 Ideally, 28 Abloom, 29 Cupful, 30 Famous, 33 Epsom, 35 Liken, 36 Urge, 37 Clue, 42 Scarf, 43 Unctuous, 44 Dearth, 45 Encroached, 46 Pine, 47 Ovation, 48 Mutate, 49 Niche, 51 Lone, 52 Compose, 53 Eulogy, 58 Advertised, 59 Piece, 63 Defiance, 64 Snips, 65 Puddles, 68 Bailiff, 69 Banzai, 70 Halted, 71 Cursed, 75 Image, 76 Afro, 77 Beta, 78 Veto.


5x5

	H		S	
R		R		R
	B		D	
M		D		E
	T		E	

Insert the missing letters to complete ten words — five across the grid and five down. More than one solution may be possible.


Last week

F	A	K	E	S
L	U	N	G	E
A	D	O	R	N
S	I	T	E	D
H	O	S	T	S



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Dale Whitaker is first recipient of the 'Recycling Champion' Award

Dale Whitaker is the first recipient of the recently announced 'Recycling Champion' Award. As her colleague at the Court House, Sheryl Chapman who nominated her says, "Dale goes above and beyond to recycle. In her own time, frequently in the weekends, she will take all the empty cardboard boxes and the milk bottles to the Resource Recovery Centre. She

will even collect empty plastic water bottles used by staff to have them recycled." This was evidenced when the RCP went to the courthouse to tell her that she was the first recycling champion and offered to take her to the recycling centre to have a photo taken. Dale insisted on coming in her own car as she had a pile of boxes and milk bottles to take. She pointed out that

she takes the lids off and gives them to the centre to be used for artworks. Check out the mountain to the sea artwork which graces one wall in the centre. It looks wonderful with the different coloured milk bottle tops. Dale also makes sure any food waste from the Court House either goes to a friend who keeps chickens, or to her own worm farm. Councillor Rob Vinsen,



Rob Vinsen, Dale Whitaker and Dale Cobb, Manager of the Centre

who helped to initiate this award said, "It is great to get it underway and Dale is a very worthy winner,

demonstrating her passion for minimising waste." Dale received a \$50 voucher from Caroline's

Boatshed for being the winner. You can nominate someone for the award

either at the Resource Recovery Centre or send it to rivercitypress@xtra.co.nz

New website provides A-to-Z list of all things recyclable locally

A new website has been developed to provide an A-to-Z listing of all items the Whanganui Resource Recovery Centre can recycle.

A collaboration between Whanganui District Council, Sustainable Whanganui and the Whanganui Resource Recovery Centre, the website also offers information on ways to reduce, repurpose and recycle items so that less waste is sent to landfill.

The Council's Waste Advisor, Stuart Hylton

says, "Until now Whanganui residents haven't been able to go to a single source for guidance on what they can recycle - with the ReSource Whanganui website we can now offer definitive information at one online location with an easy-to-use A-to-Z system."

The ReSource Whanganui website was created with support from the Council's Waste Minimisation Fund.

For more information on recycling anything from aerosols to zippers go to:

resourcewhanganui.org.nz

LETTER - climate change

Dear editor

For past elections, our local daily paper has sponsored and organized a forum during which interested voters could meet candidates for District Council. These were well attended and useful opportunities to ask either individuals or everyone running about specific issues that may not have been covered in the rather brief candidate statements.

They apparently didn't benefit the corporate bottom line enough to continue though.

Could I please use your letters column to ask a question of all candidates that is extremely important to me, and I hope, others?

I would be most interested to know each candidate's thoughts on climate change, how our city is approaching it now and what should be done to prepare for its effects in the future.

The responses would certainly help with my voting decisions. I may have missed something, but so far, only two candidates, Councillors Josh Chandul-Mackay and Alan Taylor mentioned climate change in their published statements. Both acknowledged that it will be a major issue, so many thanks Councillors, you have at least one vote.

- Lorna Sutherland

Our Weather

Thursday 12 September

16°C High
9°C Low



Friday 13 September

17°C High
9°C Low



Saturday 14 September

16°C High
7°C Low



Sunday 15 September

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8°C Overnight



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Joy BURNET,
aged 93 years, died 7 September 2019.

Fay Lorraine (O'Brien) BUTLER,
aged 79 years, died 28 August 2019.

Malcolm Clarence John CRAIG,
aged 75 years, died 9 September 2019.

Julianne DEVINE,
aged 83 years, died 9 September 2019.

Neil Wilson GERRIE,
aged 82 years, died 1 August 2019.

Flora Jean (Jean) HICKEY,
aged 96 years, died 5 September, 2019.

Bryon Ernest HILLS,
aged 87 years, died 5 September 2019.

Alexander Wylie JUNER,
aged 86 years, died 7 September 2019.

Stuart Blake LINTS,
aged 70 years, died 6 September 2019.

John Lawrence (Jack) O'NEILL,
aged 88 years, died 31 August 2019.

Mona PATEA,
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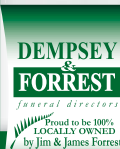
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The general nature of the business to be conducted under the licence is as a **Cafe/Restaurant**.

The days on which and the hours during which alcohol is intended to be sold under the licence are **Monday to Sunday, 9.00am to 10pm**.

The application may be inspected during ordinary office hours at the office of the Whanganui District Licensing Committee at 101 Guyton Street, Whanganui.

Any person who is entitled to object and who wishes to object to the issue of the licence may, not later than 15 working days after the date of the publication of this notice, file a notice in writing of the objection with the Secretary of the District Licensing Committee at PO Box 637, Whanganui 4540.

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New Entrants - Year 8
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- Seven new entrant places
- Ten more places across the school
- If out of zone applicants exceed number of places a ballot will be held on Friday, 25th of October 2019.
- Confirmation of acceptance Monday, 28th of October 2019

We encourage you to visit our website for details about our school
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Vanessa Duncan Principal
principal@kaitokeschool.com
Concord Line, RD 2, Whanganui
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MOSSTON SCHOOL 2020 ENROLMENTS

Enrolment applications are invited from parents who would like their child/ren to attend Mosston School at any time in 2020.

Under our enrolment scheme, in-zone students have automatic right of enrolment. Please see the school website or visit the school office for information on the zone.

Applications for enrolment must be at the school by **Tuesday the 15th of October**. The number of out of zone applications is greater than the places available so a ballot will be held on **Friday the 25th of October**.

We have up to 12 spaces for out of zone enrolments from New Entrant to Year 4.

For further information or to submit an enrolment please contact the school office on ph 345 5432, email office@mosston.school.nz or contact the Principal Michelle Watson: mwatson@mosston.school.nz

www.mosston.school.nz



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Dan Shand for District Council

Authorised by D. Shand, 527A Rapanui Road, Whanganui

DURIE HILL SCHOOL 2020 ENROLMENTS

Enrolment applications are invited from parents who would like their children to attend Durie Hill School at any time in 2020.

Under an enrolment scheme, students will have an automatic right to enrol if they live within the school's zone. A map and explanation of the school's zone is available from the school. Please also see the school's website for details of the zone.

Students living outside the zone may still be able to attend, but parents will need to apply for enrolment. Parents should contact us immediately about this.

There are 20 Year 1/New Entrant out-of-zone places likely to be available for 2020 (children starting school for the first time in 2020).

The exact number of places available for students living outside the zone will depend on the number of enrolments received from students living inside the school's home zone.

There are no out-of-zone places currently available for 2020 at other Year Levels.

The deadline for out-of-zone applications to be received by the school for New Entrant students is Tuesday 15 October 2019.

If the number of out-of-zone applications is more than the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot is required it will be held on Friday 25 October 2019.

For information, and application or enrolment forms, please contact the principal or school secretary.

Parents of students living inside the zone should complete an enrolment form and hand to the school by this date also, so that the school can plan well for next year.

Contact details:

Principal - Geoff Simes
geoffs@duriehill.school.nz

Secretary - Jenny Matheson
jennym@duriehill.school.nz
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KAI IWI SCHOOL to be the best we can be

ENROLMENTS FOR 2020

Enrolment applications are invited from parents who would like their children to attend Kai Iwi School in 2020.

Under an enrolment scheme, students will have automatic right to enrol if they live within the school's zone.

A map and explanation of the school zone is available from the school office.

Student's living outside the zone may still be able to attend, however parents will need to apply for enrolment.

We have currently have up to 10 places in total available for our out of zone students from New Entrants to Year Eight.

The deadline for our out of zone applications is **Tuesday 15th October 2019**.

If the number of out of zone applications is more than the number of places available students will be selected by ballot.

If a ballot is required it will be held on **Friday the 25th of October**.

For information or enrolment forms, please contact the principal or school secretary.

SCHOOL VISITS WELCOME

Principal - Ross Harvey rharvey@welearn.school.nz Secretary - Wendy Wilson office@kaiiwi.school.nz
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Whanganui Repertory Theatre Presents

The Dignity Of Risk

by Joan Rosier-Jones
 Directed by Kerry Girdwood

Gala Opening
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The Irish Music and Dance Sensation
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 Including fees: Adult \$74.90, Senior/Student-Group 8+ \$67.90
 Child to 13 years \$59.90

Chamber Music Wanganui Subscription Series

Tony Chen Lin (solo piano)

Royal Whanganui Opera House, Friday 20 September, 7.30pm

Jacquin Trio

Prince Edward Auditorium, Thursday 17 October, 7.30pm

Per concert: Adult \$35, Senior \$32, CMW subscriber \$20, Student \$5.

Whanganui Literary Festival

Literary Quiz

Stella Quiz Room
 Friday 27 September, 6.30pm
 \$10 per person (max 6 per team)

Joanne Drayton, Albert Belz, Ron Palenski, Fiona Kidman, Paul Cleave, Corey Mosel and Ajax,

Tina Makereti, Leah McFall

Concert Chamber WWMC

Friday 4 to Sunday 6 October

Tickets \$15 per speaker

Dinner with the Stars

Oaks Restaurant Cafe and Bar

Saturday 5 October, 6.30pm

Tickets \$45 - numbers limited

High tea with Amber Rose

Pioneer Room WWMC

Sunday 6 October, 3pm. Tickets \$30 - numbers limited

Jane Winstone Chapel

Schola Sacra Choir

John Rutter Requiem

Sunday 6 October 2.30pm

Adult \$25, Concession \$20

Repertory Theatre

The Dignity of Risk

Thursday 3, Friday 4 and Saturday 5 October, 7.30pm

Sunday 6 October, 2.00pm

Thursday 10, Friday 11 and Saturday 12 October, 7.30pm

Adult \$25, Senior/Student/Rep Members \$20

Wanganui Competitions Society

October Dance Festival

Monday 7 to Friday 11 October

Festival Pass - Adult \$14.50/Child \$8.50

or per day - Adult \$8.50/Child \$4.50 or per session - adult \$5/Child \$3

Belmont Golf Club

After 5 with Marilyn Waring

Friday 11 October, 5pm. Ticket \$40

Cooks Gardens

Laser Light Extravaganza

Monday 14 October, 6.30pm

Adult \$10, Child 5-12 years, \$5. Family 2A + 3C \$30

The Keys are in the Margarine

Sunday 20 October, 7.30pm

Adult \$25, Senior/Student/Friend OH \$20. Group discounts

The Boss - Bruce Springsteen Tribute Show

Saturday 16 November, 7.30pm. Tickets \$65

The Bee Gees - Night Fever

Tuesday 19 November, 8.00pm

Including fees: Adults \$76.50, Group 6+ \$71.50, Child to 12 years \$35.50

Imperial Russian Ballet

Swan Lake

Thursday 28 November, 7.30pm

Premium & A Reserve seating

Including fees: Adult \$95.75 - \$85.75.

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WHAT'S ON

IN THE COMMUNITY

Community News

Lake South performing at Lucky Bar this Friday



Lake South

Lake South is a critically-acclaimed multi-instrumentalist and singer-songwriter. He performs live electric Utopia music with guitar, voice, and midi triggers. He has toured not only New Zealand but also Europe, Canada, and Australia. He will be playing at Lucky Bar on Friday, September 13.

His songs have been featured on official Spotify playlists such as Indie Pop, Boho & Chill, Creativity Boost and Apple Music's Alternative A-list. Lake was long-listed for the Apra Silver Scrolls twice and a Critics' Choice finalist in the 2014 NZ Vodafone Music Awards. He has previously released five albums and three EPs under the Urbantramp moniker.

His latest album 'Wellington' was mostly recorded on the East Coast's Whanarua Bay with multi-instrumentalist and instrument maker, Phil Jones. It also features piano from Ben Tolich (Mali Mali), backing vocals from Penelope Esplin and drums from Boycrush's, Alistair Deverick. The video for the first single, South Coast, premiered on RNZ in June and second single, Holloway Road, is out now.

Some reviews area as follows:
"Nostalgic, elegiac synth-pop meditations on what it means to be a 20/30-something in modern Aotearoa."
— National Library of NZ.

"Complex, interesting, prematurely nostalgic . . . yet capturing the zeitgeist for his generation" — Elsewhere Music blog.

The show starts at 8pm. Tickets cost \$15.

At Wisdom is Yours

- Wellbeing Centre

Open Night "Clairvoyant Demonstration" 19 September, 7pm. All welcome. Gold coin Donation. Guided Meditation Saturdays 10.30 - 11am, Teens 13-19 year olds, Wednesday 3.45 - 4.30pm. Call us on 06 345 5002 or 0272531858 for more information or pop into 200b Victoria Ave. We are open Monday - Saturday.

What's On in the Community Notices

What's On in the Community notices are \$10 for up to 50 words with the option of a colour heading for an extra \$2 and/or a border for an extra \$10. RCP, 52 Ingestre St, Wanganui by Tuesday 1pm to place your advertisement.

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Sports Talk

with Mark Dawson



Mark Dawson

I have played a fair amount of sport over the years. I was never massively talented, never got anywhere near professional level ... a Leeds rep was the height of my prospects. But I was always competitive. Very competitive ... in fact, so competitive that, in a sport such as tennis or squash, I could beat players who were far better than me.

Being competitive gives you an edge. But now, it seems, it also gives you a bad name.

New Zealand's five biggest sporting codes are vowing to be less competitive.

Fun is the name of the game and they want to make playing sport more fun as they try to tackle a growing number of teens dropping out of active participation.

New Zealand Cricket, Football, Hockey, Netball, and (OMG!) New Zealand Rugby have

agreed to make major changes to the way kids play the game.

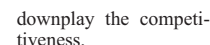
The focus will primarily be on taking part and having a laugh, with the notion of winning sent to the naughty corner.

About 600,000 kids participate in the five main sport codes each week, but numbers drop off once they become teenagers.

Sport NZ Chief Executive, Peter Miskimmin, said last week that more needed to be done to keep kids in sport for life, including "pushing back" on an "over-emphasis on winning".

Yep, sport should be fun - and it is. Personally, I also find winning fun - in fact, winning is much more fun than losing. But that's just me.

We need to keep kids active in sport and the obvious way to achieve that is to ban Fortnite, Minecraft and all PlayStation consoles. But failing that, let's up the fun quotient and



Mark Dawson

downplay the competitiveness.

If the price is that one day Tonga stick 90 points on the All Blacks; Zimbabwe scuttle the Silver Ferns; and the Black Caps lose a test match to Ireland, then so be it.

Teen Spoiler Alert: As you grow up, you're going to find that life in general is competitive.

Any correspondence to this column can be directed to email: rivercitypress@xtra.co.nz which will be passed on to Mark.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Phone 0800 229 6757. If you have a drinking problem maybe we can help. AA Wanganui area meeting list: Sunday, St Johns Lutheran Church Hall, 51 Liverpool Street, Wanganui, 9am; Monday, Friendship Hall, Morris Street, Marton, 7.30pm; Tuesday, 12.30pm, St Johns Lutheran Church Hall, 51 Liverpool Street, Wanganui; Wednesday, St Luke's Church Hall, 34 Manuka Street, Castlecliff, 7.30pm; Thursday, St Johns Lutheran Church Hall, 51 Liverpool Street, Wanganui, 7.30pm; Al Anon, Tuesday, Quakers, 256 Wicksteed Street, 7.30pm, Friday, Gonville Library meeting room, 12.30pm. Ph 0508 425 266.

Arthritis Whanganui

You GOUT to be kidding, its not all about the Kai. The what and how of Gout Arthritis. Madelein Wetzel: Rheumatology Nurse; Lori Davis: Arthritis Educator. Tuesday, 24 September, 7-8.30pm. Christ Church Community Hall, 243 Wicksteed St, Whanganui. To register please call Arthritis New Zealand on 0800 663 463 or email bookings@arthritis.org.nz. There is no charge for entry but donations are welcome and light refreshments provided.

At Wisdom is Yours - Wellbeing Centre

Open day this Saturday, 14th. \$20 for 20 minutes - Readings, Reiki, Craniosacral Therapy, Chair Massage and Sound healing. Ph 06 345 5002 for more information or pop into 200b Victoria Ave. We are open Monday - Saturday.

Clairvoyance Demonstration

Clairvoyance, philosophy and healing at the Wanganui Spiritual and Awareness Centre. Our Speaker this week is Cheryl Allen from Palmerston North. 25 Tawa

Street, Wanganui. Sunday's 7pm. All welcome. Cost by donation. Like our Facebook page or contact Robert on 345 6308.

Cottage Industry Craft Market

St John Building, 25 Tawa Street. Saturday, 14 September. Fabric, quilts, knitting, plants, jewellery, crochet, macrame, blanket craft, books, craft supplies, pumice art, hand-made cards, sewing and much more! Something for everyone, 10am - 2.30pm.

Country Road Variety Music Group

Now held 1st and 3rd Sundays each month at Club Metro. Doors open 1.00pm. \$3 entry. Lucky door prize - \$10. Bar snacks available. All welcome, especially singers and visitors.

Diabetes Wanganui Support Group

Sunday, 15 September, 2pm at St James Church Lounge, Boydfield Street, Wanganui East. Guest Speaker: Terry Arbuckle, Remedial Massage Therapist & Exercise Consultant from The Inspire Health and Fitness Centre. Shared afternoon tea. Members of the public and new members very welcome. Want to know more or need transport, phone our office 06 2813195 prior to 2pm Friday.

DVD Evening - The Sea of Trees

A man from USA goes to Japan to end his life at the notorious "Suicide Forest", near Mt Fuji. He meets a Japanese man also on the verge of killing himself. They embark on a quest of discovering themselves in the vast forest. Tuesday, 24 September, 6.30pm, Koha. Supper provided. To Register please call Pam on 345 5047 ext 3, or email pam.hopper@sojsj.org.au.

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Enjoy conversation with others of like mind. Sunday 2:00 - 3:00pm, Conference Rm, 1st Floor Community House, 60 Ridgway St. For more information Ph. 344 7057.

Health & Wellbeing Tent

'Removing Barriers' is setting up a tent at the Whanganui River Traders Market, 7 Taupo Quay. Allergy ADHD Wanganui will answer questions on allergy and food intolerance on Saturday, September 14 from 9am to 1pm. Free: Allergy pamphlets. For Sale: New and used allergy books.

History - Local - and - Beyond

(U3A) Next meeting Thursday, 19 September in Quaker Rooms, Wicksteed Street, commencing at 2pm. All welcome. Speaker: Lindsay Stockbridge. Subject: "Rimutaka Incline" 1875 - 1959. Enquiries Phone 344 4312.

Jigsaw Club

Next meeting 10am Saturday, 14 September at 379 Somme Parade. Contact Jack at 343 1404 or 021 02775391 or email rega21@xtra.co.nz

Liturgy - Spring, a Time of Change

Our lives too have times of change. We take time to perceive and appreciate these. Sunday, 22 September, 4-5pm. To Register please call Pam on 345 5047 ext 3, or email pam.hopper@sojsj.org.au.

MIST

Mental Illness Survivors Team, 315 Wicksteed Street, open 9.30am - 3.30pm, Monday to Friday. Closed statutory holidays. A place to share activities and socialise. We offer activities, acceptance and support.

Pot Luck Lunch

In recognition of the Suffragette Movement in New Zealand. Come, bring a friend and a plate of food to share. A panel of women will speak on 'what it has been like for a woman in business'. Saturday, 21 September, 11.30am - 3pm.

Registrations necessary please. Speakers: Karen Anderson (Hospice CEO), Tania King (Ex Principal of Girls' College), Debbie Hickford (Worksite Drug Testing & Health). To Register please call Pam on 345 5047 ext 3, or email pam.hopper@sojsj.org.au.

Seminar: Getting to Know the Bible Better

7.30pm, Tuesdays, in the Christadelphian Hall, 138 Great North Road. Topic this Tuesday, 17 September: "Jesus' Later Perean Ministry (Part 2)". All welcome. Supper and opportunity to chat. Sponsored by Wanganui Christadelphians. For more about us: www.thisisyourbible.com, or phone 342 7726.

Theosophy Whanganui

Exploring spiritual development, philosophy, religion, science and the arts. We have a small library, study groups and regular public discussions. Second Sunday monthly, 2pm. Back river entrance Community Arts Centre, 19 Taupo Quay. Contact Kirsty 021 2123819. TheosophyWhanganui@gmail.com.

Tui Motu Group

Tui Motu, an Independent Catholic Magazine, will challenge us to look with fresh eyes, with gospel eyes, at current social, ecological and spiritual values. Come along and contribute to the discussion-inter-church and inter-faith dialogue is welcomed. Wednesday, 18 September, 4.30 - 6pm with Sr Rita Cahill sj. To Register please call Pam on 345 5047 ext 3, or email pam.hopper@sojsj.org.au.

Voices for Hospice

A fundraising concert for Hospice Whanganui. Five local choirs to listen to. Three stirring songs for all to sing. Saturday, 14 September at 2.30pm. Central Baptist Church, corner Wicksteed & Dublin Streets. Admission and programme - \$15. Children - gold coin at door.

SINGOS STUDIO



VISIT John Singleton at 5 Peakes Road, Wanganui. He has published a book on London Street Games. games played from his youth and is available for sale, along with his other works on show at Singos Studio.



An Exhibit of Arts

SATURDAY 14 - SUNDAY 22
Community Arts Centre, 19 Taupo Quay
10am - 4pm, everyday.

Local Artist: John Singleton (Singo)
Paintings in oils and ceramics

John is also the Author of London Street Games book, his memories in illustrations and rules.

Invited Artist: Frances Sim-Higgins
Painter - Ceramicist - Tutor

The Lonely Bouquet Day brings joy to strangers

Volunteer for Blind Week and support Kiwis living beyond vision loss

The Blind Foundation is seeking volunteers to support this year's Blind Week street collection on Friday 18 and Saturday 19 October.

Volunteers play a crucial role in raising funds needed to provide practical and emotional support for New Zealanders who are blind or have low vision.

Liz Anstice of Invercargill, is this year marking five years volunteering for the cause and she appreciates the significance of Blind Week for many. A Blind Foundation client herself, she was diagnosed with Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP) nine years ago in her thirties and admits she never expected to go blind.

"No-one knows what it's like until they have gone through it. The first couple of years are tough but having the staff and the support of the Blind Foundation around you makes all the difference.

"Once you learn how to use a white cane, how to use voice over and technology, how to do everyday living with a vision impairment, then you just get on with living your life."

Liz explains Blind Week is important for highlighting how people who are blind or have low vision can live independently. Employed in a busy kitchen,



she says she got "the keys" to her independence from the Blind Foundation, which taught her the skills she needed to adjust to living with sight loss.

This year's street collection will also mark the first in the charity's new name: Blind & Low Vision NZ. By retaining 'blind' at its core and adding in 'low vision' the new name more clearly conveys that support is available for everyone whose lives are affected by sight loss.

Street collection volunteers will this year be wearing bright orange bibs and collection buckets with the new Blind & Low Vision

NZ logo, accompanied by 'formerly Blind Foundation' to help people recognise the organisation being represented during this transition time.

Liz says: "We really appreciate your support, for those that give their time or money throughout the country. This is an important cause. It's important to get your eyes checked regularly so you can prevent blindness, but if it's unavoidable and you lose your sight you are going to want some support."

To volunteer a few hours for Blind Week, visit: blindweek.org.nz or call 0800 787 743.

Members of the Whanganui Floral Art Group

Last week some surprised people discovered a solitary bouquet of flowers apparently abandoned on a park bench or by the river or lakeside. On closer inspection they found a card saying "I'm looking for a new home. Please take me home with you."

Members from the local Whanganui Floral Art Group made about 50 flower bouquets to leave in public places in the hope that they would bring cheer to someone and spread the joy of flowers. Contact details for the club were given on the card so people could ring and say where they found their bouquet. The response has been heart-warming with at least half the recipients ringing in, mostly delighted with their unexpected and much appreciated gift.

One elderly woman had just turned 98 and was "so

happy to have such lovely flowers for my birthday". A morning walker thought the bouquet had been left at the lakeside "in memory of someone – and was so happy to realise, on reading the card, that they were for me."

The Lonely Bouquet Day was initiated a few years ago and is dedicated to bringing joy to strangers through flowers. Whanganui Club members had so much fun making the bouquets they are planning to do the same next year. So watch out!

The Club is also celebrating its 50th anniversary with a special lunch at the Grand Hotel on Sunday, November 3. Invitations have been sent to all former members they could contact. If you haven't received yours, please contact Maree Murdoch on 342 1814.



PIPIRIKI PROJECTS

- Hunt Nation
- Heritage Trail
- First Aid Training
- Emergency Generator at Marae

JERUSALEM PROJECTS

- Solar Light
- Zumba at Marae
- Public Toilet
- Roadside Safety Mirror
- First-Aid Training



THE PRINCIPLES OF CLD-P

- shared local visions or goals drive action and change
- use existing strengths and assets
- many people and groups working together
- building diverse and collaborative local leadership
- adaptable planning and action informed by outcomes.



MATAHIWI PROJECTS

- Bus Shelter
- Solar light
- Muay Thai at Marae
- Emergency Management Plan
- First Aid Training
- Emergency Radio

RĀNANA PROJECTS

- Recycling Trailer
- Movie Night
- Emergency Management Plan
- Emergency Radio
- Roadside Safety Mirror
- First Aid Training



For more information check out the website at www.tclcd.co.nz Or better yet come to the River Valley Community Hub inside the Whanganui Recycling Centre next to the fire station on Maria Place. Contact Ramari 021 0319 555



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Lifestyle



\$779,000
WEB ID WGU70266

ARAMOHO 131E Roberts Avenue

In the true meaning of lifestyle, this property enjoys country living while still being within the city limits. Situated on an elevated 7,168 sq m (more or less) block with unobstructed views across Whanganui, you will struggle to tear yourself away. The four bedroom home offers fabulous open plan living that opens out to a covered patio and the entertaining deck beyond - summers will be your favourite season when you call this property home!

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Hillside haven



\$599,000
WEB ID WGU70253

ST JOHNS HILL 4 Hillside Terrace

Located in a cul-de-sac in popular St Johns Hill, this spacious three bedroom home has all you need. Built in the 1950s, it beautifully showcases polished floors and stylish scotia that are reminiscent of the art deco era. The large lounge has a feature open gas fireplace and picture windows that take in the view to the river. The separate dining room also enjoys the never-ending view and is adjoining the kitchen. The bedrooms are generous, and the master has the convenience of an en suite.

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Ponsonby in Whanganui



\$459,000
WEB ID WGU69802

TAWHERO 2 Watkin Street

Seamlessly blending vintage and contemporary class this beautifully restored villa, featuring pressed tin ceilings, character timber and stunning lighting, provides a stunning modern living environment. The modern kitchen links the character dining area with the modern entertaining space, that spills out onto the deck. In the summer months, stoke up the feature brick barbecue and let the fun begin! The formal lounge is a haven tucked away from the hubbub where the Victorian fireplace and the lar

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Perfectly pretty



\$449,000
WEB ID WGU68465

WHANGANUI EAST 124 Anzac Parade

Inside and out, this property has been perfectly maintained and is a home you will be proud of. From the white picket fence and the delightful gardens, to the generous living area and bedrooms, this property is beautifully presented. The modern kitchen enjoys views over the back garden and opens into the dining area, which in turn flows directly to the large lounge. Just down the hall is the formal entrance and a nook for reading or a home office. The main bedroom incorporates a bay window.

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Large character home



\$359,000
WEB ID WGU69049

GONVILLE 13 Mason Terrace

This four bedroom villa will surprise you! Sitting quietly in a corner of Mason Terrace the home offers two generously sized living areas, one opening to the front deck and the other to the rear deck and private backyard - so no matter where the sun is you can find a spot to relax or entertain. The kitchen is central to both living areas creating a great space for family or functions. The modern black and white bathroom is in keeping with the character of the house and there is a second shower.

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Jumpstart family life



\$269,000
WEB ID WGU69647

WHANGANUI EAST 26 Burton Avenue

What a great start for your family! Tastefully updated with new carpets and drapes throughout, this solid 1950s home enjoys gas hot water, an HRV system and ceiling and underfloor insulation. Currently configured as a three bedroom home, you could easily reclaim the lounge room and return to the original two bedroom layout. The low maintenance exterior is a bonus, giving you more time to spend in the easy-care garden or out and about at the weekends. Located close to the shops and schools.

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Townhouse, handy location



\$249,000
WEB ID WGU70041

TAWHERO 107A Carlton Avenue

A low maintenance townhouse in a great location, close to Carlton School and within walking distance to the Fitzherbert Avenue Shopping Centre - this property is a winner. The home is spacious, offering a large lounge/dining area with feature corner bay window that has views over Springvale Park. The kitchen has amazing conservatory windows and includes a breakfast bar into the living room creating the perfect open plan space for modern living.

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Attention all savvy ...



\$219,000
WEB ID WGU70240

WHANGANUI CENTRAL 126 Campbell Street

Deadline for all offers - 2pm Friday, 13th Sept 2019
Looking for a do-up? Wanting to add value and flip? Renovate and rent out?
• 1910s cottage on 511 sq m section (more or less)
• Four bedrooms
• Fully fenced
• Single garage
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• Current rates \$2,704.98pa
Lots of potential here to turn this property into a money spinner. Don't think about it too long - call us now!

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