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Festival of Cultures reflect a growing multicultural Wanganui

BY DOUG DAVIDSON

The annual Whanganui Festival of Cultures takes place on this Saturday, October 19 at Majestic Square. This will be its ninth year. Expect to listen to music and watch the dancing of local Maori, Latin American, Punjabi, Indian, Fijian, Samoan through to Korean and Japanese drumming and the Scottish bagpipes.

Then there are the ethnic food stalls covering Sri Lankan, Dutch, Ukrainian, South African, Chinese, Thai, Fijian, Indonesian, Indian, Korean, German and local hangi.

This is a very different Whanganui from the one I came to back in 1987. We were a multicultural family. I am originally from Central Africa, our older daughter is a

Southern Indian and our younger daughter is part Maori/Samoan/Pakeha. We had lived in the UK and in India and one of my jobs had taken me to most of the countries of the South Pacific. Different ethnicities and religions were not common in Whanganui back then. A Festival of Cultures would have been a flop. Whanganui has changed for the better in my view.

In 2013/14 I did a series of articles on 'Born in another country - Living and Working in Whanganui.' I ended up covering over 30 countries from Argentina to Zimbabwe, from Belgium to Mongolia, from Somalia to the Pacific Islands and I could have continued. These representatives were making positive contributions to our city and the rest of us benefited.

Helen Puhipuhi set up 'Born & Raised Pasifika' early childhood centre back in 2003 in Aramoho and recently added another centre in Tawhero to meet the growing demand. As she says, "There are so many of us here." She believes it is about 4% of the people of Whanganui which would make it at least 450.

"The first Pacific Islanders to come were Cook Islanders," she says. "Many have intermarried with Maori and their descendants have strong Maori connections." Helen came



Representatives from Festival of Cultures and Born and Raised Pasifika

to New Zealand in 1970 from Fiji on a Commonwealth Scholarship and settled in Whanganui in 1982. She says many other Fijians have come here to do farming or forestry and a few to play rugby.

At the Festival they will not only be performing but will also be offer-

ing Pasifika food, which Helen adds "always sells out." It will be fusion food - Samoan chop suey, Cook Island potato salad, Fijian raw fish and plenty of taro and curries.

Saskia Bloot came to Whanganui six years ago after meeting local, Alex Ferguson, in Europe. She

will be reviving the Dutch stall after people asked her about the delicious Dutch Doughnuts. Back in Holland these, along with appelfelden (apple turnovers), are made for New Year's eve. She will also be selling small biscuits which are normally made just for Santa Claus

on December 5, when children receive their Christmas presents.

"Unfortunately," Saskia says, "there is no longer a Dutch club here but I can keep up my Dutch by speaking to a handful of other Dutch people."

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The Festival of Cultures is a time to celebrate the advantages of a growing multicultural community has to offer. (See our front page). Come along, sit back, enjoy the music and dance and forget any diets by eating a range of ethnic foods.

The event will be a 'zero waste' one so you can also enjoy the fact that the plates, cutlery, bags and napkins as well as any leftover food, will be recycled (page 12).

There are a couple of other articles on recycling. Check out the Whanganui Environment Base at the Resource, Recycling Centre for all the different things you can recycle (page 8). We also have another 'Recycling Champion' – Ann and John Handley (page 8).

If you love travelling especially overseas, you will love Helen Goldfinch (page 3). Check out the range of countries she has visited. Next week we will have her article on travelling on the Ghan rail-



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way in Central Australia and invite other readers who have done/are doing some unusual trips to contact us.

If you are into 'business networking' consider joining the Whanganui Business Network. I enjoyed meeting with them as a visitor (page 22).

There is a report on what is happening in Hong Kong from a talk given to members of Whanganui Rotary. It provides a different point of view from one that many of us have (page 26).

- Doug Davidson

Cancer Society staff wins \$1000 of Bach use

The over 30 Office Products Depot shops throughout the country run a monthly competition for their customers. The latest was a photograph competition where the competitors needed to come up with a picture showing that they needed a break. The prize was a \$1000 voucher for Bachcare Getaway with Nescafé.

The local Cancer Society entered and won. Manager, Jane Burgess said, "Four of us were pictured with speech bubbles above each of us dreaming of skiing or being in a hot tub or on a beach." They won and now have to choose a weekend, a location and a bach for all of them to spend the \$1000 prize.

Jane added, "It will be our Christmas treat. Because we are a charity, as a staff we don't normally get perks, this is particularly welcome."

Warren Ruscoe, Managing Director of Meteor Office Products Depot in Whanganui said that, "Four customers in the Whanganui region have won in the last year including a hamper and chairs."



Cancer Society staff and volunteers, Cheyenne Akehurts, Jane Burgess, (standing) Emma Anderson, Kerri Dewson-Pratt and Gillian White with Warren

~ Bouquet of the Week ~

We received the following nomination for Agnes Stevenson "for bouquet of the week as she deserves this award 100 fold. She works as a carer for Health Care NZ and is the sweetest, kindest, most thoughtful woman, who says it is an honour to offer care to her clients. She definitely goes above and beyond the line of duty and is not one to complain."

She has been doing this work for 24 years and her nominators say, "She is loved by all the people she cares for."

The RCP surprised her at the Health Care NZ offices, (she thought she was coming in for some training requirements). She said that, "The bouquet is recognition for the team work of all the carers and the office staff. It is a privilege to go into people's homes and you treat them with respect."

Agnes was not happy to have her photo taken – so that is her behind the beautiful bouquet of flowers, put together by Nicola and her team at the Flower Room, an Inter Flora Top 20 Club member. Agnes also received a voucher for two for lunch at the Grand Irish Pub.



Festival of Cultures reflect a growing multicultural Whanganui

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Apart from Dutch and English, Saskia also speaks French, German, Italian and Spanish.

Kulwinder Kaur came to Whanganui in 1999 from North Punjab in India. Her father and uncle had preceded the family and had set up an Indian restaurant. Most Punjabis are of the Sikh religion and Kulwinder says, "We have about 40 Sikh family in Whanganui. We don't have a gurdwara (temple) here so we either get together socially or go to the temple in Palmerston North."

The Whanganui Punjabi Cultural Club will be dancing a popular Punjabi female dance - the giddha. This is an energetic, colourful dance in which the women clap the rhythms.

Irina Kapeli is from Russia but teaches Street Latin dances in Whanganui, assisted by her partner Rene Olmos, who is from Argentina. They will be doing a dance together and then members of their group will also dance.

Irina's family came to New Zealand in 1996 and after attending Epsom Girls, she studied dance at University. She focused on Latin American dances and soon had her own studio in Auckland and now in Whanganui. She says 'Latin American dancing is especially big in Europe and Russia'.

Queral Scott is another person who met a Whanganui man when he was in Europe and returned with him to live here. This time it was in Barcelona in 2010. She uses her Spanish language skills to teach at Whanganui High School and is part of the small group who organise the annual Spain and Latin American Film Festival. She also helped lead a group of teachers, parents and students on a two week trip to Spain earlier this year.

With the help of her friend Lucrecia Garat, she is

making cakes and biscuits from Spain and Argentina for the festival.

The festival is a great opportunity to enjoy what our multicultural town has to offer both in terms of entertainment and food but also in appreciation of the value of diversity.

- Doug Davidson

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Whanganui Spring Challenge takes all-women teams into the region's hill country this Saturday

The Spring Challenge North all-women's event will embrace an area that has long been left uncharted by adventure races, when it takes 145 teams through the Whanganui hill country on Saturday.

A total of 481 women - competing in teams of three or four - will begin with a raft stage and then navigate their way on foot and on mountain bikes through their 3-hour, 6-hour or 9-hour courses.

Spring Challenge Whanganui route planner and course designer, Dan Moore, grew up in and spent his school years in Whanganui. After competing in two Adventure Racing World Championships (Australia and Reunion Islands), undertaking six Godzone Adventure Races in New Zealand and taking on the Coast to Coast multisport race many times, Dan has put all his knowledge to good use.

"I'm stoked to return

to Whanganui to design these Spring Challenge courses, as it is a bit of an unknown spot for adventure racing. There's been events pass through the region, like the Mountains to Sea Multisport Race, but none where competitors have to navigate in teams," Dan says.

Although the courses (which remain a secret until the map hand-out on Friday night) seem reasonably short in distance, don't be deceived into thinking that means they are easy.

"They are steep and slippery, so make sure you wear grippy sneakers and mountain bike shoes. The courses are primarily on Whanganui hill country and while the stage distances are not as long, compared to previous Spring Challenges, the intricate nature of the terrain will make up for this. Stay focused on your maps as the teams that will do well, are the ones that take their time and remain on

the intended route."

"The courses will have a character all of their own and will be like no others we have run in the North Island. This is unique country and involves minimal time in public areas," Dan says. He thanks the local iwi for their support of the Spring Challenge Whanganui and especially for preparing the hangi which will be laid down near the finish line to feed the hungry hordes.

"I can't wait to see all the women out there enjoying their adventures in this special part of New Zealand on Saturday," Dan summaries.

Founded and organised by six-time World Adventure Racing Champion, Nathan Fa'avae and his wife

Jodie, this is the 4th year the Spring Challenge has come to the North Island. The popular annual adventure race just clocked up its 13th year in the South Island at a sell-out event in Cromwell last



month.

Support crews and the public will be able to see teams moving through the course at a few points on the course and this information will be passed on in the support crew hand-

book. The finish line location will be on the Spring Challenge website www.springchallenge.co.nz on Friday evening.

Schedule:

Friday: 3pm-5pm - Registration (Whanganui War Memorial Centre, Watt Street). 5pm-6pm - Map and course release. 6pm-7:30pm - Race briefing and welcome.

Saturday: 6am start - All 9-hour teams and 6-hour super veteran and open. 9am start - 6-hour teams. 12 noon - All 3-hour teams.

Sunday: 10am to 11am Awards and prize giving (Whanganui War Memorial Centre, Watt Street).

Intrepid traveller and travel writer - Helen Goldfinch

Helen Goldfinch has not only a long history of travelling around the world and of writing about it but she also has a long history with the River City Press. Back in 1990 she took an article into the RCP. The owner and editor at the time, Rhonda Ander told her it "was too wordy and needed to be tightened." Helen did just that and the article was on the front page that week.

Rhonda was happy to have discovered such a contributor that she commissioned Helen to write a weekly human-interest story. Over six months she completed 30. "It was not easy," she says, "as I had to find most of them myself."

Over the next 10 years she did not write articles but the interest remained. So in 2000 she paid a \$1000 to do a travel writ-



Helen (centre) is just across the valley from Morocco's Mt Toubkal with niece Suzie and sister in law Kathy Vitkovsky

ing course over 12 months at the NZ Institute of Business Studies in Auckland. "It was absolutely worthwhile," she says, "I learnt so much more."

In the meantime she continued travelling. A highlight in the 1990s was doing a Tim Round tour starting in Hong Kong, across to Beijing in China and then to Ulan Bator in Mongolia, train across to Moscow and St Petersburg, bus to the Baltic countries and back on the train west across the rest of Europe.

In the 2000s she travelled across China, this time to the western part, attended the Pushkar Camel Fair in Rajasthan, India, visited Morocco, Turkey, Spain, Sri Lanka, trekked the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu in Peru,

did a safari in Kenya and Tanzania, cruised down the Danube and staying on in Rumania, visited Central American countries of Cuba and Mexico and stayed a week with friends in the Faroe Islands - somewhere between Iceland and Norway in the North Atlantic Ocean with a population of around Whanganui's.

She also went to Antigua in Guatemala to observe the Catholic festival of Semana Santa (Holy Week of Easter). It involves carrying heavy wooden floats through the streets. The biggest require 80 people to carry them, with changes every 15 minutes. Overall more than 2000 carriers take part.

When pressed to select her favourite place, she

says, "Iran because of the people. It was the most interesting of the places I have visited with doing the Inca Trail the most rewarding."

Earlier this year, she did the Ghan rail trip through the centre of Australia. Her article 'Riding the Rails' will be in next week's RCP.

The RCP encourages readers who have done interesting trips to exotic unusual places to contact us as we would like to publish your stories. These can be written by yourself and edited by us or can be written following an interview with the RCP journalist.

Helen has ideas about a couple of different countries to visit next year. Expect to read about them in the RCP.



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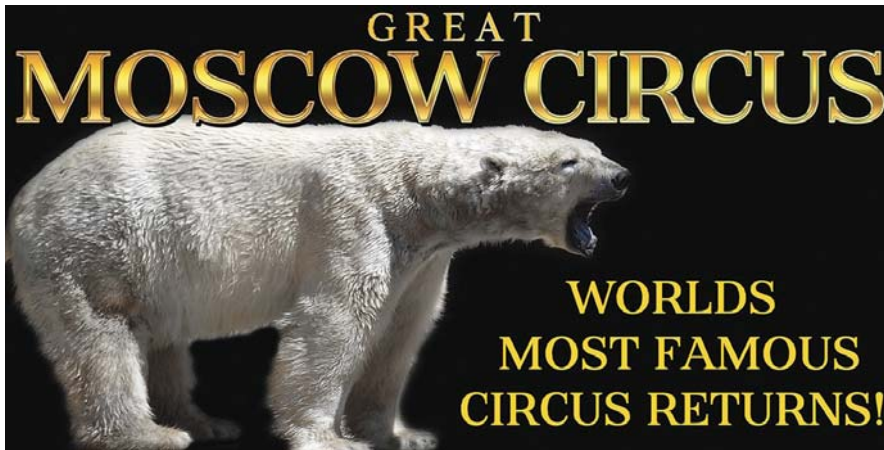
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~ Remembering our History ~ Craftsman fitting out riverboats

Swiss-born master builder, Nicholas Meuli, is best known for his buildings in Whanganui, including the Royal Opera House, but his tradesmen also fitted out the cabins of a number of riverboats.

The Whanganui Chronicle reported in 1894 on the work of Mr Meuli, recording breathlessly that "his piece de resistance is manifest in the steamer Wairere. A month prior to the shell of the steamer arriving bare, plans for all the woodwork and cabin fitting were sent out to him.

"From those plans, with no other guide or instruction than the scale, Mr

Meuli commenced work. By the time the Wairere arrived all the fittings were ready to be put in, and strange to say, no discrepancy whatever occurred; to the hair's breadth, each piece fitting into the other."

Mr Meuli went on to provide the cabin fittings for at least two other riverboats, the Manuwai and Waione. The former's saloon was beautifully furnished, the wooden panelling being bird's eye maple and mahogany, lined out in gold.

This article is from The Whanganui River Annual 2006.

Myles Fothergill to focus on Q-West aspirations

Whanganui & Partners Board Director and Chair, Myles Fothergill, has announced he will resign from his role with Whanganui District Council's economic development agency to focus on his family and business.

Myles Fothergill says he has made the decision for a number of personal, professional and business reasons. "As the Whanganui Port Revitalisation Project gains momentum, I want to be able to focus on my future aspirations for my company, Q-West Boat Builders and in that capacity to pursue economic growth opportunities for the port and indeed the wider business community."

He says, "My family's wellbeing is also paramount, so my ongoing work/life balance is an extremely important factor that I have taken into consideration."

Whanganui District Council Chief Executive, Kym Fell says, "Myles has been a Director of Whanganui and Partners for the past three years and has contributed significantly towards the success and growth of Whanganui & Partners. His valuable insights and experience will be missed, however I am certain that the Board will maintain the high level of leadership and support that Myles has helped establish."

"I personally would like to thank Myles for the dedication he has shown to Whanganui & Partners and acknowledge the vast contribution he has made



Myles Fothergill

towards Whanganui's economic growth."

"I completely understand the reasons for Myles' decision and I look forward to working with him as a key stakeholder in Whanganui's future port redevelopment and economic growth in the marine sector in Whanganui."

Myles Fothergill says, "I am particularly proud to be leaving Whanganui & Partners in excellent shape and in excellent hands. It has been an absolute privilege to have played a part in creating an outstanding organisation that I have immense pride in."

"My thanks go to Mayor-elect Hamish and elected members, as well as to Council Chief Executive, Kym Fell for their immense support of Whanganui & Partners and myself over the past three years. The future of Whanganui looks bright."

Myles Fothergill will remain involved with Whanganui District Employment Training Trust, INTRANZ, 100% SWEET and Whanganui High School Board of Trustees.

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Art therapy - "a vehicle for social and personal transformation"

A new art therapy session run by a local artist explores specific mindfulness techniques the facilitator says can have a transformative impact on the psyche.

Local art enthusiast, Tom Turner, has been running art therapy sessions since July and from Tuesday, October 22, they are scheduled from 3pm to 4.30pm in the main rooms of mental health peer support service, Balance Aotearoa, who are based in Community House.

Tom's mindfulness based art therapy sessions begin with intentional breathing practise and mindful movement, before participants explore one or more, "art

based interventions".

Tom says using chalk pastels, with fingers wrapped in cloth, participants are encouraged to generate small circular, repetitive movements on paper, creating spontaneous abstract imagery.

These repeated motions have therapeutic benefits when practised mindfully for an extended length of time.

He says reflexive movements - like drawing circles - has a therapeutic capacity; but there are variations to be explored - with different psychotherapeutic effects.

Personal stress, depression and anxiety are just some of the problems activities like this can assist with.

"I call them Soul Rubbings, because the process puts us into a Metaphysical state, allowing us to commune with our souls. Triggering emotions, thoughts and changes in energy."

"Drawing Reconnects us with our feelings - and while the end result doesn't depict anything specific, they are actually visual mind maps."

One of Tom's personal heroes from his time studying fine art as an undergrad is Joseph Beuys - a conceptual artist who declared everybody is an artist.

Tom lives by this philosophy.

He says that life is an art work - that we are born into a mould and it is up to us to re-shape that mould however we see fit.

With art therapy, Tom aspires to help people gain greater agency.

"If I can help them take one step, as a guide and empower them to take that next step, then I'll be succeeding."

"Art is where the therapy is, I'm just the facilitator."

His classes are part of a student placement he is required to complete while pursuing a Masters Degree in Arts Therapy, with Whitecliffe College of Arts & Design.

Tom is well known in

Whanganui having studied at the Quay School of Fine Art, following which he's been active in the arts community, including opening an art space on Dublin Street inspired by his ideas about social art.

Many remember his public sculptural installation in Majestic Square, a participatory art work, where members of the public donated plastic bottles, or wrote their thoughts on a piece of paper to be placed inside or in between the bottles.

He sees art as a vehicle for social and personal transformation.



Art therapy tutor
Tom Turner

Pigeon racing results

The St Johns Club Wanganui Pigeon Racing Adjunct held its fifth race in the 2019 Old Bird Season with a race from Auckland. The race attracted 86 pigeons from 7 flyers. The winner from the loft of Geoff Underwood covered the 318km in 4hr 33min 34sec, with an average speed of 1163.6 meters per minute or 70kph. The pigeons experienced fine weather conditions on their flights to Whanganui.

Results were: Geoff Underwood, 4hr 33min 34sec; Dave Lacy, 4hr 33min 55sec; B and A Fairweather, 4hr 34min 25sec; Robert Barnes, 4hr 34min 34sec; Jim Pullins, 4hr 34min 34sec; Don Lacy, 4hr 35min 17sec; Klem Ryder, 4hr 46min 59sec.

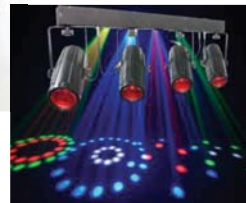
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Here come the Brides



A new show in a new gallery. A fantastic collection of wedding dresses will star in a new exhibition in the Whanganui Regional Museum's Samuel Drew Gallery. The wedding is a ceremony that has been around forever. It started out as a contract, for mainly economic and political reasons, becoming more focused on romantic love in the nineteenth century.

The wedding ceremony has changed as society has changed. A combination of more liberal sexual standards, tolerance of different living styles, greater secularism, economic independence of the young and the changed role of women has brought significant changes to a well-loved rite of passage.

Opening on Saturday 19 October, 'Here Come the Brides' shows off some of the outstanding wedding dresses in the Museum collection, plus others borrowed for

their rarity, or ingenuity or their fascinating story line.

The show runs for six months. The Museum is open every day (except for Christmas Day and Good Friday) and entry is free. Everyone is welcome.

Golf results

Tawhero 9 Hole Golf Results

Hidden Hole Round 1: 15 October:

Division 1 Combined: Peter Granger 24, Sam McGregor 30, Ray Rahui 31.

Division 2 Combined: Patrick O'Leary 26, Bev Shingles 26, Leo Boyle 27.

Spring quiz winner

Congratulations to Sharyn Cooke, who is the lucky winner of our Spring Quiz. Sharyn has won a Showerdome valued at \$299.

Thank you to everyone else who entered. Watch out for more competitions over the next few months.

RCP - the good news paper

Lower North Island passenger rail business case progresses



Horizons Regional Council has endorsed in principle Greater Wellington Regional Council's Lower North Island Passenger Rail business case which, with input from Horizons, has assessed options for the future of passenger rail along the western corridor between the Manawatu and Wellington regions.

The new business case covers six options, with the preferred option being a Dual Mode Multiple Unit (electric / diesel hybrid) and services of up to three return trips from Palmerston North to Wellington per weekday, with two return trips per weekend day and a return trip from Levin each weekday.

The business case proposes 100 per cent of network infrastructure, 90 per cent of the rolling stock, and 50 per cent of the operations cost will be covered by NZTA and Crown capital expenditure.

Horizons Chair, Bruce Gordon, says there has been significant investment to retain the Capital Connection over the past three years.

"In addition to the \$610,000 spent to date, a further \$220,000 will be rated for in Years 2 and 3 of our Council's current Long-term Plan," says Mr Gordon.

"However, the existing service rolling stock is nearing the end of its life. Added to this is the unprecedented urban growth in the southern part of our region, increasing road safety issues, increased awareness of vehicle emissions

and their impact on climate change and uncertainty over the Otaki to north of Levin expressway.

"Exploration of and a greater reliance on other transport modes is vital."

Horizons will be asked to cover a local share of the capital and operational expenditure for the 2025-26 implementations and beyond. Revenue estimates have been conservative, however the expectation is that there will be increased patronage which will help to offset costs.

"Working alongside Greater Wellington Regional Council to improve rail initiatives for the Lower North Island is mutually beneficial," says Mr Gordon.

"Not only will the existing Capital Connection service be upgraded from one return weekday trip to multiple, new offerings will provide sustainable, modern, dual-mode trains to service burgeoning Wairarapa and Kapiti-Manawatu corridor commuter and tourist markets with faster, more frequent and rapid turnaround choices."

The Lower North Island Passenger Rail business case will be submitted to NZTA later this month, with a decision on central government funding approvals required by June 2020.

Horizons will introduce the finalised business case to their community in their 2020-21 Annual Plan, with how it intends to fund the region's portion included in consultation for their 2022-32 Long-term Plan.

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There are three professional acupuncturists in the Clinic, Jason and Jessica Zhang were Doctors specializing in acupuncture and Chinese medicine in China and have been members of Acupuncture NZ and ACC treatment providers for 20 years. Ann Liu joined the clinic in May 2019. She has a Master degree in Acupuncture in China. She also is a member of Acupuncture NZ and an ACC treatment provider.

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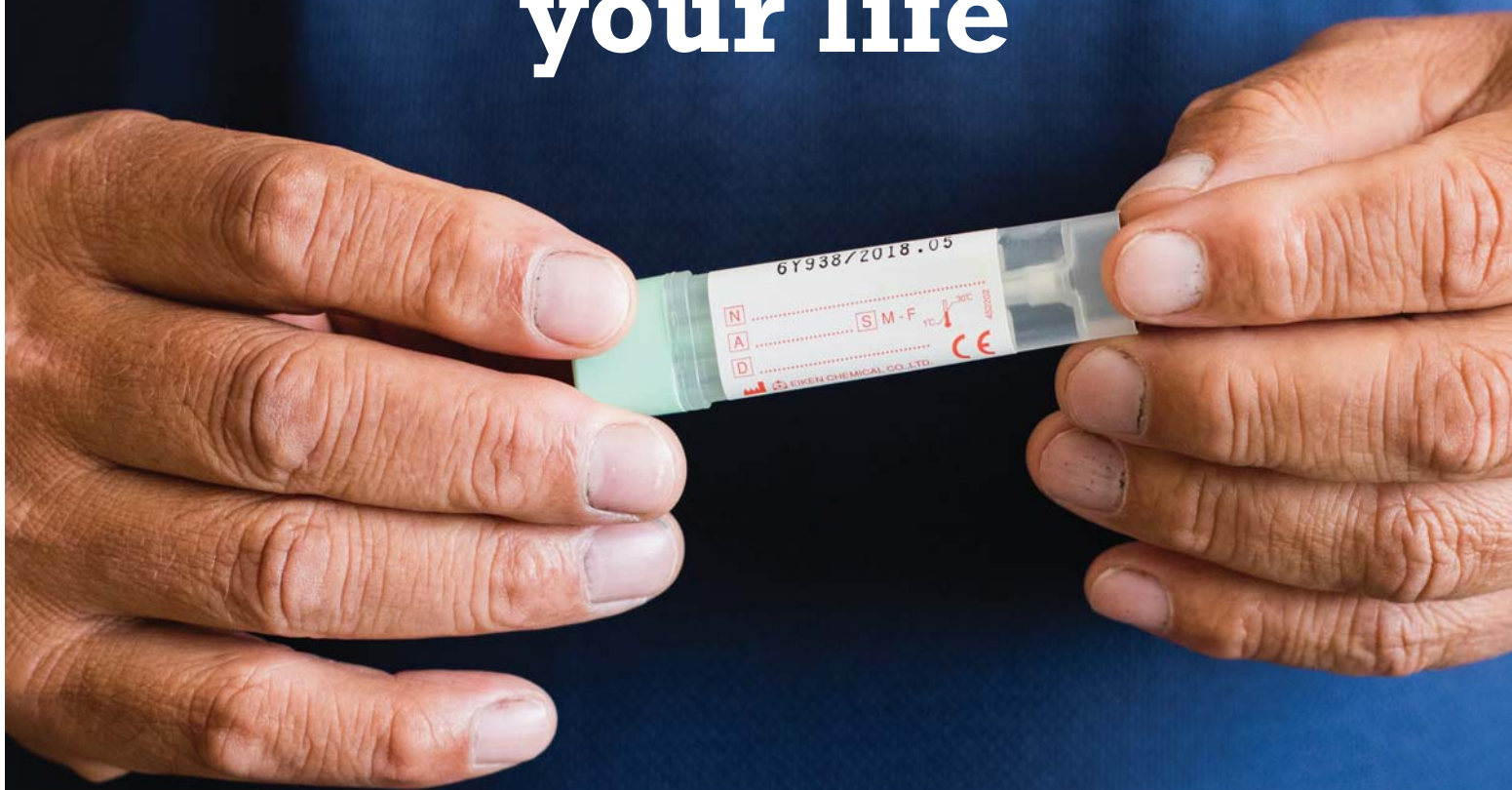
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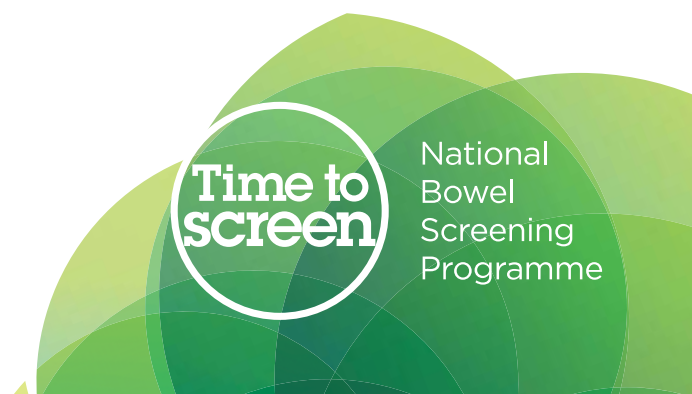
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Recycling Champions - Ann and John Handley



Ann with WRRC Manager, Dale Cobb

Ann and John Handley are not new to recycling - it has been a way of life for them for many years. They are deserving recipients of the Whanganui Resource Recovery Centre/RCP Recycling Champion Award and receive a \$50 voucher from Caroline's Boatshed.

Ann makes up her own cleaning products using baking soda, white vinegar and lemons from the backyard. She also makes Morsbags out of old pillowcases and curtains and distributes them to help eliminate the use of plastic bags. Using recycled jars of course, she preserves jams and chutneys.

In her spare time, Ann volunteers each week at the Whanganui Resource Recovery Centre, always willing and happy to share her knowledge.

John keeps a great vegetable garden/orchard and shares the produce amongst friends and families. A local lawn mowing company drops off their grass clippings which he uses to make his own compost. He also has a worm farm and all household vegetable scraps are dug back into the soil.

Hot water for the dishes comes from the kettle on the fire and John's clothes come from Op Shops.

Both have been lending a hand in the building of the earth house over at Putiki and are members of Rebs (River Exchange & Barter System).

They religiously separate all their household rubbish so at the end of the week when all is recycled, they are left with a bread bag of rubbish.

The Whanganui Environment Base (WhEB) at the Whanganui Resource and Recycling Centre of-

fer huge opportunities to recycle a wide range of goods. Outside the building is the battery drop off

bin as well as a container for all things to do with brushing your teeth - used tooth brushes, toothpaste tubes, packaging and floss containers. No electric toothbrushes though.

Also before you enter the main door, there are seedlings grown mainly from seeds supplied inside and available for a koha. There is also a spot to drop off your used coffee beans which are great for the garden. As you go into the building there is even a box full of bags which you can use and/or contribute to.

Inside is the Re-Use Academy run by the Sustainable Whanganui Trust. There are separate rooms with headings such as Nik-Nak Nook (think puzzles, plastic cutlery and even a clock), Garden Grotto filled mainly with plant pots, Paper Palace, Textile Treasures with boxes labelled under different colours, Crafty Corner, Jar Bar (jars complete with lids), Mosaic Mansion with china.

Along the corridor is 'Worm Wees.' You can buy wees at \$1 a litre (dilute it 1:10 with water). At the end of another corridor is 'Green Bikes' - but that is another story.

Here is an exhausting but not exhaustive list of what you can drop off and/or pick up:

- Jars & bottles - magazines, coloured paper, posters, wall paper, decorations
- Egg containers - cardboard and boxes
- China & tiles - sewing gear, wool, thread, fabric, patterns
- Shells - cake & other

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UCOL Whanganui students awarded scholarships

Fifteen students received scholarships to a total of \$14,500 at UCOL Whanganui's semester two scholarship ceremony on 9 October.

UCOL Whanganui awards scholarships twice a year to help students cover study and living costs.

Scholarship applicants were assessed on their academic achievements, effort, future plans, character, financial situation and how they contribute to UCOL and their community.

UCOL Whanganui Campus Manager, Bronwyn Paul, says the selection panel received many high quality applications, making it difficult to choose the scholarship recipients.

"It was really hard to pick the recipients because all of the applicants' grades were really good

and they all had unique stories."

Paul says scholarships play a big part in helping students achieve their academic goals.

"It's easy to assume that all students have laptops and other equipment that helps with their studies, but that's not the case. Sometimes a scholarship is the difference between a student being able to afford a laptop or not."

"These scholarships are really important to our students. A lot of them ask throughout the year what scholarships they can apply for."

The scholarships were donated by Akoranga Education Trust, Arthur Wheeler Leedstown Trust, George Bolton Trust and The Grand Hotel.

Security student, Adrian Takiari, says he was overwhelmed to receive an Akoranga Education Trust

Scholarship.

"I never thought in my wildest dreams that I would be the recipient of a scholarship. This opportunity will help me pursue my career."

Adrian says his scholarship money will help him cover stationary costs and a trip to Wellington Airport for CCTV training.

Once he finishes his studies, Adrian's goal is to work as a security officer for First Security.

A moment of silence was held in remembrance of long-time scholarship donor, Ed Boyd, who passed away in September. Through his business H&A Print, Boyd donated scholarships to Whanganui students for nearly 40 years.

Scholarship recipients:
Arthur Wheeler Leedstown Trust Scholarships

Trinity Rowe - NZ Diploma in Business

Kristine Lott - Bachelor of Design and Arts

George Bolton Trust Scholarship

Amie Simpson - Bachelor of Design and Arts

The Grand Hotel Scholarship

Kassia Jones - NZ Certificate in Baking

Akoranga Education Trust Scholarships

Diana Tamaniyaga - Bachelor of Nursing

Taylor Head - Bachelor of Nursing

Fiona Te Haara - Bachelor Nursing

Tracey Grant - Bachelor of Nursing

Kyle Knox - NZ Certificate in Automotive Engineering

Lucas Waiariki - NZ Certificate in Music

Carla-moana Thompson



Graham Adams of the Akoranga Education Trust with scholarship recipient, Adrian Takiari

- NZ Certificate in Study and Career Preparation (Health Pathway)

Adrian Takiari - National Certificate in Security (Site

Management)

Lauriel Masson-Oakden - Bachelor of Design and Arts

Joann (Jody) Edmonds -

NZ Diploma in Arts and Design

Taylor Chadfield - NZ Certificate in Food and Beverage

Whimsical tales of old Wanganui

Episode 6: Thomas Atkins; a 'somewhat confirmed offender'



Atkins owned a 4-cylinder Rover motor-car like the one pictured above. Was this the vehicle he "furiously drove" around the Guyton Street intersection?

- By Murray Crawford
Our last episode saw local petrol-head Thomas Atkins fined for travelling in his motor-car at an "unreasonable" speed (probably about 15mph) along Bell Street. The year was 1905.

By 1906 the Motor-car Act had been updated and Atkins was among the first to feel its effects: "The first cases heard in Wanganui under the Motor-car Act were heard in the Police Court yesterday morning, when Thomas Atkins, E. Johnston and Jas. Coleman were charged with having driven round a corner at a speed considered dangerous to the public." (Chronicle, 5 December).

The evidence of two constables was submitted, alleging that the defendants "drove their motors round the Guyton Street corner of the Avenue at an excessive speed despite the fact that they had been warned."

Coleman was acquitted, while Atkins and Johnston were each fined 10s plus costs. But the following year Atkins was again pinged by the law, alleged to have rounded the same intersection at the dizzying speed of 14mph. The charge of "furious driving", a carry-over from the days of "furious riding", earned him a fine of £5 plus costs, the Resident Magistrate labelling him "a somewhat confirmed offender". It was a busy day for the R.M. who, besides presiding over the usual cases of arrears in maintenance

and parents failing to send their children to school, also had to deal with a gaggle of other lawbreakers - a second motorist charged with furious driving, three cyclists fined for riding on footpaths and a man fined for leaving his trap untended.

After this offence there are no more references to court appearances by our hero. He had either learned his lesson (unlikely) or had learned how to escape the constabulary's attention. However, Mr Atkins' entrepreneurial proclivity was evident as he regularly advertised the sale of eggs from a wide variety of hens - black orpingtons, bluff orpingtons, white wyandottes, minorcas, golden-pencilled hamburgs and many more. He even leased out part of his premises to a dentist and his Carbine Stables became a drop-off collection point for lost and found items, missing dogs and on one occasion a runaway horse and gig.

Next episode: A rocky road ahead for the Carbine Stables.

- Murray Crawford is the author of "Whimsical Tales of old Wanganui", available at River City Press, \$35 per copy. All proceeds to Alzheimers Whanganui.

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NZ Waterskiing Championships to be held in Whanganui next year



Nick Bakker in a recent competition

Young Wanganui water skiers Molly Derolles and Jack and Lucy Silver will be well prepared for the New Zealand championships at Lake Wairarapa this season.

The championships are being held in early April, the week before and during Easter.

Derolles and the Silvers are training at a ski school in Florida.

Jack Silver is recognised nationally as a real talent in the sport, with the championships involving three disciplines. At the last

national the teenager won in his division gold in the tricks and slalom and silver in the jumps. In addition he won silver overall.

Wanganui, in the Central Region, will be strongly represented at the nationals, especially if Lily Meads returns for them. Lily, whose father Simon is the Central Region's Coaching Director, is skiing at Collegiate events in the United States.

Club spokesman, Ron Bakker, said 150-170 competitors are expected

for the championships. 250-300 people, supporters and spectators, would be on site daily.

Divisions to be contested range from Under 12 to Senior Men's and Senior Women's. The best skiers, across all divisions, ski in the Open event. Those in the Open qualify for it through national rankings.

Ron said all of the New Zealand regions, Northland, Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Central, Canterbury and Southern, would be represented at the champi-

onships. Competitors ski for individual and team honours.

Spectators will be well catered for at the championships, with a marquee on site and providing viewing. A canteen and bar will be operating and there will be ample car parking.

The evergreen Trevor Fowler and another experienced skier, Nick Bakker, are among older Wanganui skiers who will compete at the championships. Fowler is in the Men's 65+ Years Division.

Donate for Blind Week and support Kiwis living beyond vision loss

This week more than 1500 volunteers around the country are gearing up to support the Blind Week street collection on Friday 18 and Saturday, 19 October.

An important moment in the annual calendar of Blind & Low Vision NZ (formerly Blind Foundation), the street collection plays a crucial role in raising funds and awareness needed to provide practical and emotional support for New Zealanders who are blind or have low vision.

Timed as the charity transitions from Blind Foundation to Blind & Low Vision NZ, General Manager Fundraising, Cherie McClintock, says the organisation has been doing a lot in the lead-up to this year's Blind Week to make sure people know Blind & Low Vision NZ is still the same organisation that has had an important role in our communities for over 129 years.

"We have changed our name to be more inclusive of the different types of sight loss people who use our services experience. We had heard that many people with a small amount of vision don't think of themselves as blind and simply do not realise that our services



Blind Week collector Sue Fraser

are available to them. Indeed, more than 75% of people using the services of Blind & Low Vision NZ have low vision."

Less than a third of the income of Blind & Low Vision NZ comes from the government. The rest is thanks to the generous and compassionate support of New Zealanders.

"We are extremely grateful to the generous people who donate their time or money towards

supporting people who are blind or have low vision with the tools and know-how for doing the things they want to in life," says Cherie.

The Blind Week street collection is on Friday 18 and Saturday 19 October, so look out for volunteers in your community with their bright orange bibs and buckets. For more information visit: blindweek.org.nz or call 0800 787 743.

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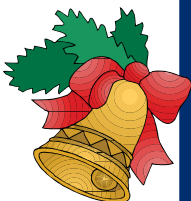
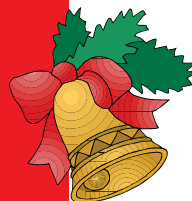


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Whanganui Kindergartens celebrate volunteers

To a not-for-profit organisation, good volunteers are vital and kindergartens in Whanganui are lucky enough to have attracted great ones. This year the AGM of He Whānau Manaaki Free Kindergarten Association will be held in Whanganui, to recognise the joining of the 15 Whanganui and Central Plateau kindergartens to the family.

Whānau Manaaki means "caring family" and the AGM is the chance to recognise how volunteers play a part. Volunteers like speech and language therapist, Virginia Cameron, who for the past eight or so years has visited Gonville and Central Kindergartens supporting children's oral language and social relationships, donating her time, training and expertise.

Kindergarten provides an attractive and fun environment for children to play and learn in and families often work to maintain our grounds. Harriette Vine Kindergarten will acknowledge Jayden Chant's role. Head teacher, Brenda Kidd says, "He's just a young man but he does



Volunteers were celebrated at The Whānau Manaaki Annual General meeting: Jayden Chant, Steven Hessel, Helen Brown, Lizzie Condliffe, Norma, Toni Clark, Aaron King-Parkes, Virginia Cameron, Jodannah Hina, Joseph Rickard

all of our rubbish shifting, water blasting of the equipment, including decking and picnic tables - all our heavy lifting and garden planting etc.... this is done in his own time over the weekends and during term breaks."

Wanganui East Kindergarten is truly grateful for Lizzie Condliffe and

Aaron King-Parkes' support in many ways - mending equipment, attending working bees and identifying and helping to complete upgrades to the kindergarten environment.

Te Puna Ako Ki Totara Puku will acknowledge its student teachers, Michele Bourke and Jo-

seph Rickard for the extra hours they volunteer each week at the kindergarten, providing welcome extra pairs of hands to the teachers. These are just some of the volunteers who will be acknowledged, as each of the 15 kindergartens in the Whanganui and Central Plateau regions have volunteers to thank for the support they provide in so many different ways.

Whānau Manaaki's chairperson, Amy Weightman, says kindergartens struggle to maintain high quality services while not being properly funded by government. "Maintaining a 100% qualified teaching staff whilst only being funded for 80%, while keeping costs down to families, stretches the budget. Having gifted, talented and generous volunteers greatly relieves the pressure on our not-for-profit services. Thank you to all who have contributed."

Some of the local Volunteers Recognised at AGM last night
Aramoho Kindergarten - Toni Clark

Barsanti Kindergarten - Mary Kumeroa.
Central Kindergarten - Virginia Cameron.
Durie Hill Kindergarten - Christine Smith.
Gonville Kindergarten - Willie Robinson, Helen Brown and Norma.
Harriette Vine Kindergarten - Jayden Chant.
Marie McFarland Kindergarten - Jodannah Hina.

Maxwell & Districts Kindergarten - Andy Constable.

Putiki Kindergarten - Papa Peter Watson.

St Johns Hill Kindergarten - Steven Hessel, (Rachel's husband).

Te Puna Ako Ki Tōtara Puku - WECELC - Michele Bourke and Joseph Rickard.

Wanganui East Kindergarten - Aaron King-Parkes and Lizzie Condliffe.

'2040' movie offers practical solutions to global warming - screening next Thursday



What's your 2040? Global warming, sea level rise, civil unrest, marine degradation - or a world that's healthier and fairer than the one we live in today? As reprieve from the usual doom and gloom stories about the future of our planet, Australian filmmaker, Damon Gameau (That Sugar Film) jumps on a plane (offset with certified carbon credits) to travel the world in search of a better 2040.

His daughter Velvet, whom we meet in the opening scene - they're planting a tree - will be 27 in 2040 and Gameau's narration - "So, Velvet ..." - is addressed to her. It was shown at the 2019 NZ International Film Festival (NZIFF).

It screens in Whanganui at the Collegiate School Auditorium on Thursday, October 24 from 6.30 to 9pm.

Horizons Councillor, Nicola Patrick, describes it as "a stunning uplifting movie filled with practical solutions and hope, much of which is transferable to New Zealand and Whanganui. It's timed to build on our climate strike activities and change in councils so we can keep moving forward."

Rebecca Priestley from the NZIFF de-

scribes it as follows:

"Gameau explores only technologies and practices that currently exist and examines what the future would look like if we embrace these solutions today. His journey takes us from regenerative farming practices in rural Australia to a Bangladeshi village powered by distributed solar home systems; from marine permaculture experiments in Woods Hole, United States, to an on-demand autonomous electric vehicle in New York City."

Guided by expert commentary from the likes of Kate Raworth, author of Doughnut Economics and Paul Hawken, founder of Project Drawdown, he zooms forward to 2040 to see how these technologies and practices could improve energy, transport, food production and more to create a better 2040 for Velvet and her friends.

Along with some cheesy humour, mostly at Gameau's expense, the film delivers surprises, revelations and an inspiring vision of the future. As Gameau says, "We have everything we need right now to make it happen." So let's get started. — Rebecca Priestley.

WHANGANUI FESTIVAL OF CULTURES

SAT 19 Oct 10AM
MAJESTIC SQUARE

'Zero Waste' at Festival of Cultures

Last year's Festival of Cultures was part of a pilot programme to ensure the event was 'zero waste.' This year, assisted by significant support from the Council's Waste Minimisation Fund, it will again be a 'zero waste' event. All food carts and stalls will be using fully recyclable products supplied by the organisers and purchased from the local Green Choice brand.

This brand is owned and distributed by Uni-Pak, a company based in Whanganui. Uni-Pak says they carefully select their product manufacturers following extensive product testing and evaluation to make sure they comply with the relevant international standards and certifications.

The Green Choice range of products does not contain petroleum-based plastics, chemical dyes or inks. Only plant-based materials are used and they believe that, with the public's preference to use take away/convenience food likely to continue, using least harmful products is the smartest choice.

The product range includes tableware, drinkware, containers and bags and the range will continue to increase. You can check out the products on www.green-choicepacific.co.nz.

Stuart Hylton from the Waste Minimisation Fund says, "We are pleased to support this event's endeavours to be



Helen from Born and Raised Pasifika, Geoff (Mainstreet), Deog, (Korean Society), Kelly (Mainstreet) and Hadi holding different recyclable items

'zero waste' by using fully compostable materials and collection systems. Council sees this type of waste free event being the forerunner to have all public events in Whanganui 'waste free.'

Hadi Gurton is the educator for Zero Waste Education and says, "The really good thing about this approach is that you can leave any surplus food in the container and put them together in the green waste bin." He adds, "This waste will be taken to 'Easy Earth' who are operating a 'Hot Rot' composting system. Previously all waste from the festival and other events would go straight to landfill."

Hadi, who is originally from Belgium says, "This festival not only celebrates our diversity but also the fact that we all live in a finite world with limited natural resources. It is great to show our shared concern for our future."

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Katy Newton - Welcoming Communities Co-ordinator

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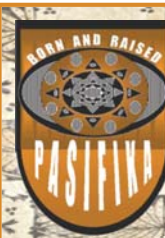
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10:00-10:15	Official welcome Kaumatua Uncle John Maihi
10:15-10:30	Te Taikura o te Awa Tupua Kapahaka
10:30-10:45	IPU Japanese Drummers
10:45-10:50	Carlos Navae Mariachi and Latin Music
10:50-11:05	Whanganui Fijian Youth
11:05-11:15	Indian Dance Performance
11:15-11:30	Community Drumming Whanganui
11:30-11:45	Dance Whanganui - Salsa.
11:45-12:00	Whanganui Punjabi Cultural Club
12:00-12:15	Aro Music
12:15-12:25	Wanganui Highland Pipe Band
12:25-12:40	Aziza Bellydance
12:40-12:50	Born and Raised Pasifika
12:50-1:00	Korean Drummer
1:00-1:10	Carlos Navae Mariachi and Latin Music
1:10-1:20	Samoan EFKS Youth Group
1:20-1:35	Manawataki
1:35-1:50	Hula Beatz Fitness
1:50-2:35	Aro Music
2:35-2:50	IPU Japanese Drummers
2:50-3:00	Thanks and closing

Food Stalls

- Sri Lankan Community of Whanganui
- Dos Locos Taco
- Condimento Latino - Latin American
- Gourmet Express Caterers
- Delicious Dutch Doughnuts
- Island Food
- Ukrainian
- South African
- Chinese
- Thai
- Filipino
- Indonesian
- Indian
- Korean
- Dumpling House
- Bratwurst Bros - German Sausages
- Whanau Group - Hangi
- Born & Raised Pasifika - Pacific Island
- Eves Apple - Real Fruit Ice Cream
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- Firebird - International Street Food
- Greek Souvlaki
- Get A Drink
- The Coffee Man



Information Stalls

- Multicultural Council of Rangitikei/Whanganui
- Ukrainian Educational and Support Trust
- New Zealand Electoral Commission
- Whanganui District Council



MAINSTREET
WHANGANUI



Space Gallery to move into spacious heritage building next year

John Williams took ownership of 18 St Hill Street on October 9. John and Sarah, his daughter and business partner, will move Space Gallery into the building next year.

Sarah said her father – an architect and engineer – is excited about this new venture, having always wanted to own commercial property.

This sentiment is amplified regarding this building, since John currently works in Christchurch where he has witnessed architectural heritage carnage.

“Like many in Whanganui this is a wonderful

heritage building which he will take great pleasure in making good use of.”

The 1907 building is the original home of the Dalgety and Company warehouse and head office. It is a former wool processing premises with a massive two storey interior complete with original scales for weighing wool bales and an inter-storey conveyor belt.

With its open plan space, varnished timber floors, reinforced timber supports and exposed brick walls, the interior has a classically, “industrial feel to it, which we hope to complement.”

The downstairs interior will repeat the layout of the current premises with the creation of three exhibition spaces. Additionally the space will furnish a venue area, which will facilitate exhibition functions and others. Space has also been demarked for a converted gallery shop and stock room.

The Space studio artists will move into the extensive upstairs space. Sarah plans to utilise remaining floor space to create another events venue, potentially for private hire.

“We have discussed as well, the possibility of taking out a section of the

upstairs floor, to create a mezzanine viewing platform.”

Sarah said the move is possibly semi-permanent. The decision by her father to buy was well timed, given plans by owners of the current premises to repurpose the interior.

“This year has been an excellent test whether we can sustain the new business model and generate enough community support.”

“We have been fully booked throughout and the community has been behind us all the way.”

Space studio artists

Sandra de Kock, Perry Davies, Patrick Drabczynski and newcomer, Glen Hutchins, will move into the upstairs space at 18 St Hill Street.

Sandy has been with Space Gallery four years, having operated from a home studio previously and is never looking back.

She says working the centre of town has increased her motivation and output; she feels more involved in what's happening and benefits from increased exposure.

Sandy describes her work as spontaneous and intuitive. She works in various media and is known for her vividly colourful gestural style. Most of her new works are acrylic based.

Her upcoming exhibition in the gallery, titled ‘Kalahari’, runs from November 6-16 and refers to sensory memories of time spent travelling across the desert that conjoins three different African nations.

Artist Perry Davies’ esoteric works belie his sense of humour.

Originally from Auckland he says he, “was always the art boy at school, but decided to go off and build houses.”



Space Gallery studio artists, Perry Davies (left) and Sandra de Kock (right), with gallery owner, Sarah Williams and daughter, Addison (centre) at the new Space premises

land he says he, “was always the art boy at school, but decided to go off and build houses.”

It wasn't until his 30s he returned to art. Initially trained as printmaker, he eventually became a lecturer at an Auckland art school.

Since then he has worked across different mediums, despite “loving the structure and process of print.”

“I am famous in Wellington for my birdhouses, of which there are a couple of hundred,” he says.

This reputation stems from the ten years he spent running a studio/gallery in rural Hawkes Bay, where his furniture constructions garnered interest among tourists.

He has spent the past two plus years in Whanganui, mostly painting on wooden board and picture frames in his stylised, figurative non-representational style, infused with ironic social commentary

and private jokes. He says the first person he met upon arrival in the city was Sarah.

NZCT Grants - Masters' Games big beneficiary

NZ Community Trust (NZCT) awarded the following grants in the Whanganui region in September:

Aramoho Bowling Club - \$7,000; Towards contract cost of aeration of greens, green fertilisers, chemicals and sprays and salary of Greenkeeper.

Central Region Rowing Development Trust - \$58,684.34; Towards accommodation, double rowing skiffs, GPS speed coaches, and row suits.

Central Region Tournament Water Ski Association of NZ - \$5,211.48; Towards marquee, tables, chairs, lights, chiller trailer, etc. and porta-showers.

Christian Social Services Whanganui - \$10,000; Towards salary of Foodbank Coordinator.

Wanganui Community Sports Centre - \$20,000; Towards redress and non-slip floor application for Springvale & Jubilee Stadium.

Wanganui Sailing Club - \$6,087; Towards two replacement trailers.

Wanganui United Cricket Club - \$6,000; Towards balls and training equipment, playing caps for juniors and playing uniforms for senior teams.

West Coast Bombers Alternative Skate League - \$2,470.20; Towards stadium hire.

Whanganui New Zealand Masters Games Trust - \$50,000; Towards salary of Games Manager.

ASK A PROFESSIONAL

Last week marked a very important week in the Veterinary world: **World Vet Nurse appreciation week**, where we acknowledge, thank and celebrate the often unsung heroes of the vet clinic.

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Alzheimers memory walks raise awareness and reduces stigma

September was World Alzheimers Awareness Month and Alzheimers New Zealand Memory Walk to Parliament took place on Wednesday, 25 September and was the first of many Memory walks held around the country in September.

The Wellington walk ended at the steps of Parliament where MP and convener of the Parliamentary Friends of Dementia group, Michael Wood, was presented with the findings of the world's largest survey on attitudes to dementia and stigma.

At the heart of the Dementia Declaration, which was launched earlier this year, is the message that it is time people with dementia were treated with respect, supported to make decisions that are important to them and get the help they need.

Dementia is going to be one of the greatest health challenges as we head into the 21st century. As of now there is no treatment or cure and support services are already struggling.

Memory Walks are a way of including people in our community

to help with raising awareness, reducing stigma and promoting services available to help.

Alzheimers Whanganui held their Memory Walk on Saturday, September 28. Despite inclement weather the walk was well attended and was lead out by a very colourful Whanganui Highland Pipe Band. The Rapid Relief Team supplied the marquees, BBQ and goods and manpower for the BBQ donating all monies raised to Alzheimers Whanganui for the second year in a row.

The main focus of the Alzheimers Whanganui Memory Walk was about raising awareness, reducing stigma and promoting the services available such as education, information resources, support for the person with dementia and carers/family, whānau and the wider community, social activities and outings and a comprehensive library service. Alzheimers Whanganui services covers the same area the WDHB serves.

Alzheimers Whanganui encourages the



Alzheimers Whanganui Memory Walk last month

community to become involved, come and see what is offered, become a volunteer or a

Dementia Friend. There are many ways to help and if you wish to do so just contact Alzheimers

Whanganui Inc (06) 345 8833 or email Sharon admin@alzheimerswhanganui.org.nz

New strategy to drive digital innovation and opportunity

Whanganui District Council's new Digital Strategy, aims to create a framework to drive digital innovation and opportunity in Whanganui, in partnership with the community.

The Council's Policy and Governance Manager, Stephanie Macdonald-Rose says, "Whanganui has been recognised nationally and internationally for its digital innovation and inclusion for some time. This strategy is about building on this reputation and working with the community to drive digital innovation and opportunity in Whanganui."

"We live in a world where technological change is fast-paced, with the job market forecast to be transformed by technology in coming years."

"We want to build on the great things we are already doing as a district in the digital space, while also setting our sights on emerging opportunities for our community."

Stephanie Macdonald-Rose says the Council engaged with a number of stakeholders when drafting the strategy. "We asked them to think about our strengths and opportunities; our gaps and challenges; and any new or innovative technology that could benefit or disrupt Whanganui."

"A key message to emerge from these sessions was a desire to see Whanganui succeed by choosing to be 'digital by design'. This means that the district has a proactive approach to preparing for the future."

"However, it is also important to make sure that no one is left behind. The importance of this was reflected in some of the 15 submissions we received and some changes were made to ensure that these inclusion and equity commitments were clearer."

The key focus areas of the Digital Strategy, which is now available on the Council website, <https://www.whanganui.govt.nz/Your-Council/Plans-Strategies/Strategies>, are connectivity and inclusion, a high-value creative economy, innovation and a digital council.

"Although this strategy was formulated by the Council, delivery of its actions will be a collaborative, community-focused effort. Now it has been approved, a detailed action plan will be developed with our community partners," says Stephanie Macdonald-Rose.

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International Concert Organist to perform on Sunday

Christchurch's Town Hall organist, Martin Setchell, is an international concert organist with an impressive background of performing, teaching, writing and speaking about the organ. He will be playing at Christ Church Anglican, Wicksteed Street on Saturday, October 19 at 2pm. Born and bred in England, Martin was awarded a Fellowship of the Royal College of Organists and came to New Zealand in 1974 to take up an appointment with the University of Canterbury School of Music, becoming Associate Professor of Music. In 1997 he was appointed curator of the Rieger pipe organ and in 2008 he was honoured by the city of Christchurch for his services to music and the Town Hall organ in particular. He does regular concert tours in New Zealand and overseas. This year his concert tours outside New Zealand include Australia, Germany and to the Bergen Festival in Norway. He has produced a number of CDs of organ music on organs in New Zealand and the UK. His most recent record-



Organist, Martin Setchell,

ing is 'Resounding Aftershocks,' recorded in January on the newly restored Christchurch Town Hall organ. The programme for his concert at Christ Church is entitled 'Celebration' and will include 'Mons' by Leidvin Takle, which was specially written for Martin Setchell and the re-opening of the Rieger organ. Other composers include Bach, Vivaldi,

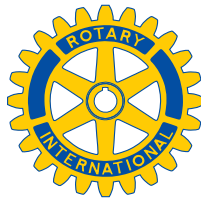
Albinoni, Guilman, Bridge, Reger, Gardner and Languetuit. Copies of 'Resounding Aftershocks' and another CD, 'Cardboard Capers' will be available to purchase. Tickets cost \$25 for adults, \$20 for Friends of the Organ with children and students free of charge. They can be purchased from the Church office or at the door.

Laser Lights spectacular for Hospice



Hospice Whanganui held their laser light extravaganza on Monday, October 14 at Cooks Garden. The weather played nice and the Whanganui community support was outstanding. Approximately 1200 people turned up on the night to enjoy the evening entertainment leading up to the light show. The Whanganui High School bands delivered polished performances and the crowd loved it. The Japanese Drum Team's co-ordination and energy was remarkable. With an overcast sky, the scene was ready for a spectacular laser light show choreographed to music. This was a fund raising event for Hospice Whanganui to help them provide specialist care at no cost to members of our community with a life-limiting illness. Hospice couldn't have put this major event on for our community without the generous support of the following:

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Organiser, Sandy McDougall says, "Please take this as a personal thank you - your willingness to support this event is very much appreciated."



FOODBA



Help stock up the City Mission for those who are finding it hard

The annual city-wide food bank drive – a time to help support those who are finding life challenging – is on Thursday, October 24. Organised by the Rotary Club of Wanganui North and supported by the Wanganui community, this is a great project. The food collected is for the City Mission's food bank and is necessary for their ongoing work within Wanganui.

The food drive is now in its 28th year and was an initiative of the Rotary Club of Wanganui South. When that Club folded in 2017, Wanganui North was asked to take over the project. Project Organiser, Terry Coxon, said that Wanganui North was delighted to be involved and it is a very rewarding community event. As well as Rotarians, over 100 students from Whanganui Collegiate help with the collecting and sorting of food and there is also great support from other Rotary clubs and from residents of Wanganui who give freely of the time and vehicles to assist with the collection. Vehicles, drivers and collectors will assemble at the War Memorial Hall forecourt at 5pm on 24 October and after receiving instructions, leave the forecourt at 6pm. With sirens blaring, each vehicle covers a small portion of the city looking for food parcels that have

been left alongside letterboxes or front fences. There is always a great response to the collection and Terry is hoping this year's collection will be better than ever. After the parcels have been collected the vehicles go to the covered area between NZ Post and Farm Supplies in Park Place where the food is sorted into categories. All types of foodstuffs are accepted and each year

about 130 full banana boxes are given to the City Mission for distribution.

Carrie Brown of the City Mission is always very grateful for the response from Wanganui people. "Without this help and the initiative of the Rotary Club of Wanganui North, the City Mission would be struggling at times to help people in need," said Carrie. "It is this love and support of the

good people of Whanganui that makes a difference to people's lives," she added. More drivers and vehicles are needed to help with the collection and if you can assist, please contact Terry Coxon at 0274450460 or Graeme Carter at 344 4764. And then there is the food – please remember to put your contribution outside the front gate by 6pm on Thursday, 24 October.



President of the Rotary Club of Wanganui North, Dugald Matheson with Karrie Brown, Manager of the City Mission in the food bank. Dugald, who is a judge in the Whanganui Court said, "Being part of the City Mission food drive helps give me a really good feel for the needs of some of the people I meet in Court."

How to donate on the Foodbank Drive night

From 6pm onwards listen for the sirens of cars in your area. They will drive along the street to alert households and then return and repeat the drive slowly. Please bring your donations to the gate or leave them by the letter box. If you are going to be away please leave your donation with a neighbour to pass on.

The clearly marked cars will be driven by Rotary Club of Wanganui North members and other volunteers. Senior students from Whanganui Collegiate will be the runners picking up your donation. If you do get missed but wish to make a donation, please phone 345 2139 extension 1.

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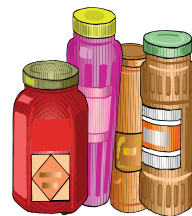
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- Baking products - flour, sugar, cornflour, baking powder
- Spreads such as peanut butter, marmite, vegemite and jams
- Rice, pasta and pasta sauce
- Tea, coffee, drinking chocolate
- Sweet and cracker biscuits including lunchbox items
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Your ultimate spring cleaning checklist

Spring has sprung and as the weather warms, it's that time of the year where we often clean parts of the house that haven't had much attention during the year. It may seem like a big task, which is why putting together a checklist can make the job a little easier.

You'll probably need a few pairs of hands to get it done, so get the kids on board one weekend, assign jobs, give incentives and you'll be done in no time. It's a great chance to get the whole family involved and helping out.

Here are some of the top areas to tackle when spring cleaning.

Kitchen

Clean your oven and stove top. Get ready for those summer dinners with friends and family by cleaning your oven and stove top. Keeping them clean will improve the effectiveness of them too.

Defrost your freezer. This one should be done at least once a year to ensure efficiency of your freezer. It's something that can be ongoing whilst other jobs are being performed around the house, so do this one early on in the day and come back to it at the end. Here is a guide on how to do it.

Clean out that fridge. It's easy to forget about the

fridge. Every so often, take everything out and give it a thorough clean. It will improve the efficiency of the fridge and keep your food fresh for longer.

Declutter and reorganise the pantry. Empty bottles hanging around? Expired items? Decluttering is super helpful in the long run.

Bedrooms

Wash your pillows. Everyone knows it's important to wash pillow cases but how often do you wash the actual pillow? Keep it clean to keep you healthy throughout the year.

Declutter and reorganise your closet. Time to go through your clothes and split them into four categories: keep, give away, sell and throw out. Make sure you don't just throw away everything – give your local charity shop a call and give your clothes to somewhere in need.

Bathrooms

Declutter and reorganise the cupboards. Have expired or outdated medicines sitting around? Get rid of them, you'll be surprised by how much extra room you'll free up.

Tile cleaning. If you have tiles, now's a great time to give them a good clean and keep your bathroom looking spotless.

Unblock your drains. Drains often gather a lot of grime over time, so pouring some drain unblocker down your drains won't do any harm even if they aren't actually blocked.

Living room

Lampshades. Ever thought about cleaning these? They can be dust traps, so take them off their stand and give them a good wipe down.

Coffee tables. Mugs, handbags, plates – we put plenty of things on coffee tables, so they're always in

need of a good clean.

Outside

With summer coming, it's the perfect time to prep your outdoor area for those summer barbecue dinners with friends and family.

Replace any broken bricks or tiles in your courtyard. Get your courtyard ready for the warmer nights ahead by fixing up any broken tiles or bricks.

Trim trees/bushes/hedges. Sprucing up your backyard by trimming back overgrown greenery can do wonders! If you can't do this one yourself, call in an expert.

Clean outdoor lighting fixtures. This isn't one we often think of, but can help keep your outdoor area looking it's best for the summer season.

Water blast. Water blasting can seriously transform your backyard. It is always worth it for the facelift. If you don't have time to do it yourself call in an expert.

Around the house

There are some tips that go for the whole house – so when you're done with each room give the whole house a once over with

these last tips.

Skirting boards. This is a common part of every room that never gets the attention it needs. Being down at ground level, it collects all the dust and dirt that falls from above as you clean. By doing it last you'll make it easier for yourself.

Clean the carpet. This can be a big task and can require heavy-duty equipment. Contact a business in this field if you don't have the time to do it yourself.

Wipe doorknobs and light switches. This is definitely something that goes unnoticed most of the year. Who thinks to clean these? Yet, they probably are touched more than anything in the house, meaning more germs.

Spot clean your walls. As you move through each room, check the walls and clean the marks to keep your home looking spotless.

It seems like a long list but as the saying goes, many hands make light work, so enlist your family to help out or get specialists to help.



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Renovations & Improvements

~ Colour trends for 2020 ~

In November Rebecca and I are going through to Palmerston North to hear all about the Dulux colour trends for 2020 and this will be an exciting day where we get to indulge our senses with the gorgeous new colours coming through. Below are four different trends to help with your summer makeovers.

'Grounded' is a simple, neutral palette filled with plenty of warmth. Get rid of your clutter and start making minimal choices that show off craftsmanship, comfort and longevity. Evoke emotion with the use of texture and tactility. Bring accent colours through in artwork,

rugs and cushions. Look towards Dulux Lyttleton Quarter, Tapawera, Glen Murray, Sandfly point double, knot and gold pheasant for inspiration.

'Cultivate' is a nature inspired scheme. This is a space where you can rejuvenate and be inspired. This palette is calm and gentle with lots of layering. Layer greens upon greens that reinforce our connection with nature. Add plants to your scheme either real or faux as both will bring this scheme to life. Colours to play with would be Dulux Tauherenikau, Jadeite, Hancock, Te Aroha, Matamata.

'Indulge' is a palette which takes us some-

where far removed from our busy day to day life. Surround yourself with rich layers of decadent fabrics and rounded forms such as ottomans and plush drapery. Soften hard surfaces with velvets and fringing etc. Colours for the indulgent palette will start with Dulux Trentham, Subtle Violet, Pukehina, Broadway, Tamaki, Kelburn to name a few.

'Comeback Style' sees a mix of contemporary and vintage pieces. It is creative and bolder than the other styles. Create a highlight area with a vibrant clean colour. Bring a bold sofa into the scheme with a patterned rug. Think big bold



'Comeback Style'



'Cultivate'

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artwork on the walls. To achieve this look start looking at Dulux Master Blue, Katikati, Fortrose,

Warmth or Misty Grape. Have fun with these schemes and don't be afraid to try something

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What does your child learn in Secondary School?

You will find that what (and how) your child learns at secondary school is quite different to when you were at school.

Nowadays the focus is on developing a range of skills and abilities that they need to continue their education, get into the career they want and be successful in life, rather than just teaching facts and figures.

State and state-integrated schools and kura use the National Curriculum as a framework to develop teaching programmes that are relevant to their students. Primary schools and kura begin delivering the National Curriculum

and secondary schools continue it at the higher levels.

What will my child learn in years 9 and 10?

These are the first two years of secondary school.

In these years your child will learn English, maths, science, health and physical education, social sciences and can choose from a range of options across the arts and technology. Optional subjects may also include languages, economics and textiles.

Schools and kura can vary in the optional subjects they offer so ask your child's teacher or dean or check the school or kura website for more

information on the options they offer.

What will my child learn in years 11, 12 and 13?

In the senior years your child will specialise in subjects that fit with their interests and abilities and their tertiary education and career plans. During this time there's a greater choice of subjects but the teaching is still guided by the National Curriculum. The subjects your child takes in these years will be assessed in relation to NCEA.

In year 11 most schools will require your child to study the core subjects of English, maths and science, although there may be a variety of classes they can take in these subjects. As well as these core subjects your child will take 3 other subjects. English and maths credits are required for NCEA Level 1.

In most schools in year

12 English is a compulsory subject and in year 13 there are usually no compulsory subjects. Your child can choose what they study from the subject areas offered by the school or kura or if a subject they're interested in learning is not offered, they can talk to the school about doing the subject through Te Kura (The Correspondence School) or through a neighbouring school.

The New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) can help with information on the subjects available at secondary school and are your first stop for information about NCEA. Find out all about NCEA from the NZQA website, (www.nzqa.govt.nz/audience-pages/parents/) there is also a NZQA NCEA Guide mobile app you can download.

Careers NZ can also help you and your child to make decisions about sub-



ject choices and provide guidance about NCEA, career planning and ongoing study. Check out the Careers NZ website (www.careers.govt.nz) for information and tools to help, or call them toll free on 0800 222 733.

Go to the Youth Guarantee website, (www.youthguarantee.net.nz/) see how your child's skills and interests relate to industry and work with them to

begin planning a pathway from NCEA Level 2 into a vocation or career. - www.education.govt.nz

Tips to help your child get ready for school

Get your child used to the school or kura

Here are some ideas to help your child become familiar with the school or kura:

- visit the school or kura with your child
- get the principal and teacher to meet your child
- arrange some settling-in visits with their teacher before their first day

• have a play at the school in the weekend - run around, climb on the playground equipment, kick a ball on the field.

Teach your child the practical skills they'll need

Before your child starts school, it's helpful if they can:

- do up their shoes
- put on and take off their coats
- go to the toilet and wash their hands
- blow their nose
- unpack and hang up their bags where they are told
- recognise when they are thirsty and get a drink of water

• ask for things they need.

Help them get ready to learn

They may find it easier to participate in the class if they:

- can sit on a chair at a table for a short time to complete an activity

- are comfortable being away from you
- know how to take turns and wait for things
- know the names of colours
- know the letters of the alphabet
- know the numbers 1 to 9
- can hold a pencil correctly and use scissors
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- are able to hold a picture book and turn the pages carefully.

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of science careers on offer across our primary industries, from fisheries to forestry, agriculture to food and biosecurity.

"This scholarship programme is aiming to encourage PhD and Masters Students to pursue research within the primary industries, particularly where there are science and skills gaps. Innovation is vital to capitalise on the opportunities and mitigate the challenges our primary industries are facing."

Dr Roche says New Zealand's primary industries offer potential to work in an incredibly diverse range of areas that are important to building New Zealand's sustainable future. These include protecting and sustaining land and water resources, innovating through genetics, harnessing the value and

power of data to develop production systems that have a positive impact on the environment, and responding to changing consumer food preferences.

The total value for each PhD scholarship is up to \$50,000 and each Masters Scholarship is up to \$12,000.

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Is your child changing schools?

If your child is changing school or kura for any reason, you need to let the school know they are leaving and which school they will be going to and make sure they are enrolled in their new school. This includes moving to a new primary school, kura, intermediate or secondary school.

Once your child is enrolled at a new school, all their personal records will be sent from the previous one.

How do I enrol my child? What paperwork do I need to provide?

You enrol directly with the school or kura. Contact them to find out their enrolment process and to get their enrolment forms.

Documents for enrolling

Check with the school

or kura to see what paperwork they want. They will want things like:

- a copy of your child's birth certificate or passport as proof of age
- a copy of their immunisation certificate (this is in the back of your Well Child book or ask your family doctor for a copy)
- medical information including your doctor's contact details
- any legal documents, for example custody or access agreements the school should know about
- if your child has been enrolled in early childhood education, their National Student Number (NSN), and ECE leaver's record
- contact details – your family phone numbers and address and someone at the school or kura can

call in an emergency if they can't get hold of you.

Can I enrol my child at any school I like?

Not always.

If the school has an 'enrolment scheme', in other words, is zoned, this gives them the authority to restrict enrolments to families living within the zone. If you want your child to attend a zoned school and you live outside the zone you will have to apply to go into their ballot. You can read more about ballots and zones.

If you live in an area that has a choice of more than one school you can find out what some of

your different options might be by reading the section on the different types of schools available.

What if a school refuses to enrol my child?

First of all, contact the school and ask whether they have an enrolment scheme, and if so, get them to explain how you can apply to enrol.

If they don't have an enrolment scheme, they should not turn away any enrolments. If they do, ask the school to put the refusal in writing. You can then contact your nearest Ministry of Education office for advice.
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Brazilian Rhythms shaking things up at Lucky Bar this Sunday

If samba gets you shaking get down to Lucky Bar this month. A French born Armenian, Brazilian music performer, Nicola Són is bringing his international flavour to Whanganui audiences on Sunday, October 20 when the singer, songwriter

and guitar-player will perform his unique blend of French and Brazilian sounds at Lucky Bar on Wilson Street. Són sings poetically in French, set to rhythms and sounds from both Brazilian and French traditions creating a sound that is at once stylistically recog-

nisable and surprising. Són is completing the third stage of a global 2019 tour in New Zealand, having performed extensively in Europe before he hit Japan at the beginning of October. The tour celebrates the release of a re-recording of one of his hit singles.

In a previous album trilogy and an EP with the hit "Amanhã já era", the artist explored different areas of Brazil and their specific rhythms. He recorded great names of the Brazilian scene, João Donato, Casuarina or Zeca Baleiro. In April 2019, Nicola

Són released a single in the vein of "Amanhã já era", but this time in 2 versions, Portuguese and French: "A pura essência da malemolência" and "La malemolence". A native Parisian of Armenian descent, Són has been a permanent resident of São Paulo for the past 5 years.

Throughout his prolific recording career, he has cemented a cultural bridge between Brazilian music and chanson française - a style of French songwriting that blends poetry with music. His debut album, Parioca (2010), was produced in Rio and influenced by 60's samba-jazz fusion Sambalanço. Sambalanço is a modified evolution of samba infused with American Jazz and Caribbean rhythms, with the addition



Nicola Són

of wind instruments. His album, Nord Destin (2013), showcased legendary pianist composer, João Donato, as well as carioca samba ensemble, Casuarina. Concluding his Brazilian trilogy with panache, Sampathique (2016) was directed by 80's influential producer, Paul Lepetit, known as

the catalyst of Vanguardia Paulista, São Paulo's vanguard renaissance. "Os Corações ternos", track #4 on the disk, effectively paired young Nicola Són with seasoned Brazilian rock star, Zeca Baleiro, who would later select the song to be featured on his best-of duets compilation.

WANGANUI SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

Cullinane College students gear up for exams and prizegiving



Cullinane College Year 13 Cohort

Recently a number of our students undertook Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. It was a real highlight in our community and I want to congratulate the young men and women for their wonderful role modelling and courage to make such a strong commitment. It has been a pleasure observing the academic progress of our senior students this term. The majority of Years 11-13 students are continuing to work diligently and are putting themselves in a

strong position to be successful in their studies. On September 18th our Year 12 and 13 students attended their final retreat at Rana. The senior retreats are tradition at our College and are a passing of the mantle for the Year 13 leavers to the incoming Year 13 for the following year. This is a very spiritual occasion and a way for our Year 13 students to reflect on their year and achievements at secondary school. It is also an opportunity for the Year 12 going into Year 13 next year, to consider how they

will spend their final year at school and set their aspirations. **Looking Ahead:** Important Dates in Term 4 we would like to sign post to our College community: Monday, 21 October: Year 10 & 11 Retreat; Friday, 1 November: Maori Academic Prize Giving; Tuesday, 5 November: Leavers Mass (9.30am), Sports Prize Giving (11.15am), Senior Prize Giving (6.30pm); Thursday, 7 November: NCEA Exams begin;

Friday, 15 November and Monday, 18 November: Junior Exams. 2020 enrolments are now open. If your child is intending to attend Cullinane College next year they must be enrolled to be eligible to apply for our Scholarships and attend the Year 9 Orientation Day in November. If prospective students and their families would like more information regarding our College, please visit our College website or Facebook page or alternatively contact our College directly.

Whanganui Business Network - local group for local business people



Some of the members - standing from left - Aaron Toy, Moira Hart, Daniel McKechnie, Damian Andrews, Stuart Paulin and Colin Thompson. Sitting - Natalie Sara, Samantha Bills, Stacey Hyland and Rod Hart

The Whanganui Business Network was set up recently to help local business people meet weekly to support and learn from each other while helping grow business. They meet on Wednesday at 7.15am, at Article Café for coffee and croissants for an action-packed meeting. They invited me to come and give them a once over and the first thing I picked up on was the cheerfulness and laughter. They clearly enjoyed an early morning meeting and the company. Mortgage Advisor, Moira Hart, gave a brief overview of the purpose of the group, which is to "gain knowledge and oversight of other members and their businesses to be able to refer people to them with confidence." Members also develop skills in public speaking (from 60 seconds to 10 minutes). Chair of the group, Financial Advisor, Rod Hart, gave a short education slot on 'Asking for Referrals' saying that they are "The most effective and cost effective way to generate new business." Members suggested referrals can come through di-

rect requests, fridge magnets, business cards and brochures. Each member gives a 60 seconds summary of what has been happening in their business. Travel Broker, Colin Thompson, showed new travel brochures pointing out that despite the internet, brochures remain very popular. They include the Trans-Siberian train trip, battlefield tours and diving in the Asia/Pacific region. Other speakers advised on mortgage refinancing, tips for tax payments, bank interest rates, building trends, legal issues and setting up a new IT business. Daniel McKechnie from A+ Plumbing spoke about the need to invest in training new plumbers. It costs \$15,000 to get through an apprenticeship and about 6.5 years. Rod gave out some insurance statistics such as 96% of New Zealanders insure their own home and 92% their car. However, only 15 to 20% take out income protection, despite a lifetime's earning likely to be well over \$1million. It was Stacy Hyland's turn to do the 10 minute

presentation. She was one of the four founders of Dewhurst Law. Now they have a staff of 10 including an office in Palmerston North and a representative in Wellington. Her focus is on conveyancing or buying and selling a house. She pointed out that people should not be scared of contacting them as the initial consultation is free. There are many pitfalls when buying a house especially if it is a private sale. There are complications of titles, services, cross-leases, contributions of partners or friends, wills and so on as well as the need for the buyer to do due diligence. The meeting finished with referrals and testimonials as well as 'one to one' sessions where you learn a lot more about the other person's business so you can refer people to them, with knowledge and confidence. Membership is only \$200 a year and the breakfast only \$10, with a strong recommendation to try out Caroline's croissants. Contact Rod on 021 638 545 or Colin on 348 2498 for more information.

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Jumbo crossword

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1 Protester's sign (7)

4 Preventive measure (10)

9 Passengers' attendant (7)

13 Abominable snowman (4)

14 Sky fluff (6)

15 Harvested (6)

16 Continue obstinately (7)

19 Faultlessness (10)

20 Fragrant (8)

21 Criminal deception (5)

24 Idle talk (6)

25 Ethics (anag) (6)

27 Cascade (9)

32 Launching device (8)

33 Burning (6)

34 Sea robbers (7)

38 Feasible (8)

39 Crops up (6)

40 Regulation (4)

41 Leather belt (5)

42 Haggard (5)

45 Resort in desperation to inadequate remedies (6,2,6)

52 Push down on (5)

55 Gain points (5)

56 Whittled (4)

57 Get even for (6)

58 Got (8)

61 Appropriate (7)

62 Thawed (6)

63 Bullfighter (8)

66 Viewer (9)

68 Puts up (6)

69 Travelling show (6)
- 73 Greek S (5)

74 Writer (8)

76 Painstaking (10)

81 Connecting (7)

82 Gloss (6)

83 Illuminates (6)

84 Astound (4)

85 Trailblazer (7)

86 Interfering (10)

87 Small amount remaining (7)
- DOWN**

1 Foot the bill (3,2)

2 Star-shaped symbol (8)

3 Thin (6)

4 Planet (5)

5 Posing no difficulty (4)

6 Amount overdue (7)

7 Beverage holder (6)

8 Sung drama (5)

10 Stratum (4)

11 Spendthrift (7)

12 Save from danger (6)

17 Deep contemplation (10)

18 Swooped (5)

22 Bombast (8)

23 Fasten (5)

24 Sorted into categories (7)

26 Factual (4)

28 Fan (7)

29 Celtic language (6)

30 Shuts (6)

31 Goes bad (6)

33 Bewildered (2,3)

35 Change (5)

36 Continent (4)

37 Decelerate (4)
- 43 Gun kick (6)

44 Most bad (5)

46 Vegetable (4)

47 Citrus hybrid (7)

48 Red suit (6)

49 Place the foot (5)

50 In unison (8)

51 Playground plank (3-3)

52 Exceptionally smart, prematurely advanced (10)

53 Jealousy (4)

54 Melancholy (7)

59 Light meal (5)

60 Horse gait (4)

64 City head (5)

65 Confronted boldly (8)

67 Large orange gourd (7)

68 Far beyond the norm (7)

70 Two-piece beach suit (6)

71 Talented (6)

72 Acerbic (6)

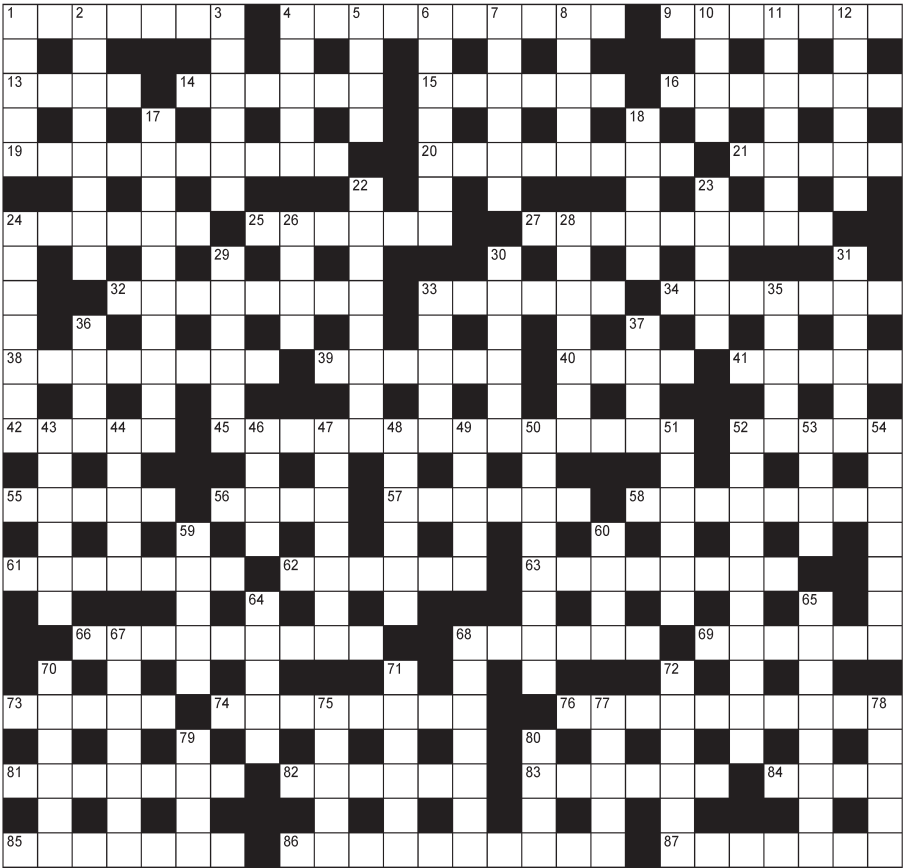
75 Give the slip (5)


77 Bird of prey (5)

78 Feel (5)

79 Gambler's stake (4)

80 Too (4)





EACH number in our Code-Cracker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. For example, today 24 represents B, so fill in B every time the figure 24 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 alphabetic letters as you identify them. Visit www.codecracker.co.nz

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Sudoku

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MEDIUM

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

Last week's CodeCracker

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Last week

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

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Last week's crossword solution

ACROSS: 1 Spiel, 4 Repaired, 9 Afraid, 14 Fluke, 15 By leaps and bounds, 17 Apple, 18 Bit, 19 Bicycle, 20 Enjoyment, 21 Pretty, 24 Dislocate, 25 Leeway, 26 Merged, 29 Answerable, 31 Dot, 32 Ballad, 33 Diva, 35 Ego, 37 Bang, 39 Notorious, 40 Brass band, 41 Tardy, 42 Imprison, 47 Decadent, 51 Plots, 55 Propeller, 56 Criticism, 58 Rate, 59 Coy, 60 Look, 61 Snatch, 62 Tie, 63 Mechanical, 66 Dreary, 67 Circle, 69 Connected, 72 Fossil, 73 Colleague, 75 Display, 77 All, 80 Elder, 81 Start from scratch, 82 Erred, 83 Defend, 84 Sideline, 85 Fever.

DOWN: 2 Physician, 3 Enemy, 5 Et al, 6 Addenda, 7 Rhododendron, 8 Denim, 9 Absence, 10 Real, 11 Impure, 12 Busby, 13 Settled, 14 Feather, 16 Pull strings, 22 Combat, 23 Wallaby, 24 Dowager, 25 Latest, 27 Grimace, 28 Palace, 30 Ears, 32 Board, 34 Audit, 36 Asia, 38 Aim, 42 Impel, 43 Promote, 44 Idea, 45 Oblong, 46 Couch, 48 Compact disc, 49 Dirtied, 50 Net, 51 Protein, 52 Scythe, 53 Disenchanted, 54 Film, 57 Inched, 64 Avalanche, 65 Pressed, 66 Dilated, 68 Crossed, 70 Neutral, 71 Riddle, 72 Flora, 74 Leads, 76 Peace, 78 Urge, 79 Omen.

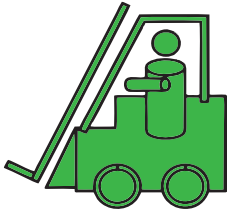
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Insert the missing letters to complete ten words — five across the grid and five down.
More than one solution may be possible.

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Last week



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ELECTION 2019 RESULTS

A message from Hamish McDouall, Mayor Elect, Whanganui District Council



Mayor Hamish McDouall

As Mayor Elect, I'm excited to be leading the Council through a period of growth and change for Whanganui District.

Our district's population and GDP has risen. We have preserved what we treasure, our reputation has been burnished and there's a real buzz about the place. We have also ticked off a number of key projects in the past three years. However, there's unfinished business – major capital projects to be finished and Government money to be attracted here.

There hasn't been a big change around the Council table at this election but I'm looking forward to working with the two new members – Brent Crossan and James Barron, who will bring fresh views and experience. The Council is now younger

and more diverse. I am also looking forward to working with the returning Councillors to build on the good work of the past triennium.

One of the most exciting decisions the Council has made is our commitment to the Whanganui Port. Bringing funding forward to this year shows Wellington that we are committed to future-proofing this important facility and to bring jobs here and we await announcements around Government investment.

In September the Government allocated \$12 million from the Provincial Growth Fund so we can begin the redevelopment

ment of the historically significant Sarjeant Gallery Te Whare o Rehua. This shows confidence in Whanganui's future both as a destination and in the role of the creative industries in our economic development.

Climate change is a reality we must meet head on. The Council has started the process of developing a comprehensive climate change strategy and action plan addressing both community and Council mitigation and adaptation.

As always, there is a lot going on in Whanganui and a lot is planned. Let's work together to make this community the best it can be.

Whanganui District Health Board 7 vacancies

Main, Annette	elected
Anderson, Charlie	elected
Baker-Hogan, Philippa	elected
Chandulal-Mackay, Josh	elected
MacDonald, Judith	elected
Hylton, Stuart	elected
Adams, Graham	elected

Bennett, Mary

Brown, Tanya

Firmin, Kiritahi

Vinsen, Lynne

Smith, Debra

Teki, Christie

Barron, James

McDonnell, Te Aroha

Morris, Victoria

Edmonds, Matthew

Kate Joblin

"Thank you for your support in the District Council Election. I am grateful and humbled by your support, kind regards Kate."



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to all those in Whanganui who supported me in the Whanganui District Council election.



Brent Crossan

THANK YOU!



Thank-you so much for re-electing me to the Whanganui District Council for another three years. It is a true honour to represent Whanganui in this capacity and I will do the best I can to help make this an even better place to live!

Hadleigh Reid



Tēnā koutou.

A heartfelt thank you to the voters of Whanganui who re-elected me to the Whanganui District Council.

I cannot express enough how much I appreciate your belief in me. You mean a great deal and I'll be working hard for the next 3 years to fulfil my commitments to you.

Congratulations also to the winning candidates and to all of those who had the courage to stand.

To my support team at home and wider - thank you. To my billboard installers and hosts, running mates, event organisers - it is only with all your support that running is possible.

Thank you, I am immensely grateful.

May we all progress and prosper as a district in a healthy, positive and respectful way.

Ngā mihi - Cr Jenny Duncan



THANK YOU VOTERS

I want to sincerely thank all those who voted to re-elect me for what will be my final term on the District Health Board.

Congratulations too for choosing to re-elect my five colleagues. I am sure we are all looking forward to the views which the new member, Josh Chandulal-Mackay will express on a wide variety of topics.

**Thank you again
GRAHAM ADAMS**

THANK YOU WHANGANUI

for re-electing me to the
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and the
Whanganui District Health Board



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Baker-Hogan**

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Velodrome as an
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for the Region".*

ELECTION 2019 RESULTS

~ Whanganui District Council and Poll Results ~

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Mayor of Whanganui District 1 vacancy

McDOUALL, Hamish Crichton	Independent
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As the number of candidates did not exceed the number of vacancies, Hamish Crichton McDouall is elected unopposed as Mayor of Whanganui District.

I declare Hamish Crichton McDouall to be elected.

Councillors for Whanganui District 12 vacancies

CHANDULAL-MACKAY, Joshua Buchanan (Josh)	Independent	9055
REID, Peter Hadleigh (Hadleigh)	Independent	8658
DUNCAN, Jennifer Ruth (Jenny)	Independent	8265
CRAIG, Helen Marguerite Mary	—	8238
JOBLIN, Kathleen Frances (Kate)	Independent	7583
ANDERSON, Charles George (Charlie)	Independent	7343
VINSEN, Robin Victor (Rob)	Ratepayer Focused	6918
BAKER-HOGAN, Philippa June	Velodrome Events Centre	5853
TAYLOR, Alan Richard	—	5602
CROSSAN, Brent Raymond	—	5163
BARRON, Ross James (James)	—	4663
YOUNG, Graeme Walker	—	4492
LEBO, Danielle Lija (Dani)	—	4248
BARON, Steve	Truly Independent	4203
FALLEN, William Ross (Ross)	Independent	4148
BENNETT, Mary Bessina	—	3677
PRASAD, Vijeshwar	Independent	3388
FIRMIN, Kiritahi Jennifer Charmaine	—	3200
DUFF, Sharon Stuart	Independent	3178
BRIGHTWELL, Raymond John (Ray)	Independent	2979
EDMONDS, Matthew Lyle	Independent	2836
MEIKLEJOHN, Jo Ann (Jo)	Independent	2237
REWETI, Phillip Tuhinga (Bear)	—	2214
ANDERSON, Rodger David	—	2048
SHAND, Daniel James (Dan)	—	1905
MORDEY, Sam William	—	1850

SHEEHY, Jill Faith	—	1477
FOTHERGILL, Graeme Robinson	—	1439
URRY, Matthew Joseph	—	942
Informal	—	55
Blank	—	41

I declare Joshua Buchanan Chandulal-Mackay, Peter Hadleigh Reid, Jennifer Ruth Duncan, Helen Marguerite Mary Craig, Kathleen Frances Joblin, Charles George Anderson, Robin Victor Vinsin, Philippa June Baker-Hogan, Alan Richard Taylor, Brent Raymond Crossan, Ross James Barron and Graeme Walker Young to be elected.

Members for Whanganui Rural Community Board

Whanganui subdivision 2 vacancies

WELLS, David John	—
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As the number of candidates did not exceed the number of vacancies, David John Wells is elected unopposed. A by-election to fill the remaining vacancy will be held early in 2020.

I declare David John Wells to be elected.

Kai Iwi subdivision 3 vacancies

DICK, Michael Kenneth	—
FALKNER, Sandra Faye	—
SKILTON, Grant Andrew	—

As the number of candidates did not exceed the number of vacancies to be filled for this election, Michael Kenneth Dick, Sandra Faye Falkner and Grant Andrew Skilton are elected unopposed.

I declare Michael Kenneth Dick, Sandra Faye Falkner and Grant Andrew Skilton to be elected.

Kaitoke subdivision 2 vacancies

ASHWORTH, William Mataio (Bill)	—
DUFF, Alistair Keith	—

As the number of candidates did not exceed the number of vacancies, William Mataio Ashworth and Alistair Keith Duff are elected unopposed.

I declare William Mataio Ashworth and Alistair Keith Duff to be elected.

Poll Results

Electoral System Poll

The result of this poll is **binding** on Whanganui District Council for the 2022 and 2025 triennial local authority elections.

Do you want to elect candidates using the First Past the Post electoral system, or the Single Transferable Vote system?

I vote for First Past the Post (FPP)	10608
I vote for Single Transferable Voting (STV)	2590
Informal	10
Blank	915

Representation Poll – Basis of election

The result of this poll is **non-binding** on Whanganui District Council.

Do you want to elect candidates based on a ward system, or do you want them to stand 'at large' (across the whole district)?

I vote to keep the voting area system as it is now – 'at large'	10373
I vote for a ward system to be considered by the Council	2327
Informal	8
Blank	1415

Representation Poll – Number of councillors

The result of this poll is **non-binding** on Whanganui District Council.

Do you want to keep the number of Whanganui district councillors at 12, or do you want to reduce the number to 10?

I vote for the number of councillors to be reduced to 10	8072
I vote for the number of councillors to remain at 12	5252
Informal	5
Blank	794

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Thursday, 17 October 2019

Community News



REVIEWS: Latest Books in the District Library



Flight or fright – Edited by Stephen King

17 turbulent tales about all the things that can go horribly wrong when you're suspended six miles in the air with hundreds of strangers.

99 Percent Mine – Sally Thorne

A poignant and witty romantic comedy about a twin battling her brother over their crumbling inheritance -- and his sexy best friend who is determined to knock down her walls.

Why Mummy Swears – Gill Sims

Welcome to Mummy's world... The Boy Child is connected to his iPad by an umbilical cord, The Girl Child is desperate to make her fortune as an Instagram influencer. Mummy has also found herself a new challenge, working for a new tech start-up. She's somehow rebranded herself as a single party girl. Can she keep up the facade while keeping her family afloat?

A Knife to the Heart – Barbara Nadel

A derelict villa near Istanbul holds dark spirits, secrets and murder. Retired inspector Çetin Ikmen must confront his demons to reveal the shocking truth behind a young girl's death.

These books are available at all good bookstores, and of course, Whanganui District Library!

BOOK REVIEW: Bill & Chops

The reluctant adventures of two cruisy Kiwi blokes by Noel Shepherd

- Reviewed by Doug Davidson

Noel Shepherd lives in rural Wanganui. He has worked at a variety of jobs: teaching, possum trapping, building and once held a guiding concession in Tongariro National Park and Kaimanawa Forest Park. His background comes into play in his writing.

A previous novella 'I'm OK' (he has written two with the other on 'Mulgan' the author of the iconic New Zealand novel 'Man Alone') was about surviving a climate disaster which wipes out most, if not all of New Zealand. His knowledge of the bush came through in that very readable short novel.

Bill & Chops is also very readable. It flows easily, doesn't demand too much deep thought or have words you have to check in a dictionary or allusions that you have to google to understand. But it keeps you interested and because of its relatively short length (only 183 pages) you can read it in a night or two and feel very satisfied at the end.

As the blurb says, "This is a story of trout fishing, bee-keeping, mayhem and maybe even murder, in small town New Zealand."

The characters are appealing with the exception of the 'baddies' – and enough character development to make them well rounded. You can smile with them, wonder about how they got to where they are at and hope that they will succeed whether it is in the business/community projects they are involved in or in the case of the lead character Bill, his romantic connections with Lucy.

You do wonder how it is going to end – and Noel has a twist which you are unlikely to guess. I didn't.

Bill & Chops is available from Paiges Book Gallery.

Holding a Referendum – 'Power to the people?'

One candidate for the District Council was advocating holding referenda to put into practice the term 'power to the people,' and to strengthen the connection between residents and the elected councillors.

Whanganui experienced referenda back when Michael Laws was Mayor. In 2005 each person listed on the electoral roll was given the opportunity to prioritize three projects out of 14 capital funding proposals. Voting was done by post with 54% of voters returning forms.

The Splash Centre extension came in first position followed by Central City Waterfront Development and Footpath upgrades.

Although the referenda were non-binding, the council changed its capital

priorities and voted \$2.5 million to the Splash Centre extension, \$600,000 to the riverfront development and an additional \$120,000 annually to footpaths.

There was a second referendum in January 2006 involving five issues. The rate of return went up to 55%. The results were:

1. Water fluoridation – 74% in favour.
2. Water softening – 75% in favour.
3. Spelling of the town's name – 82% in favour of Wanganui.
4. Size of council – 60% in favour for the number of councillors to be reduced.
5. Abolition of rural and urban wards – 53% in favour of one district wide ward.

The use of referenda was strongly supported by bet-

terdemocracy.co.nz. It said at the time, "It is entirely appropriate and not that surprising that a small deeply historic, vibrant city such as Wanganui is initiating such radical change – long may provincial New Zealand show us the way forward."

But when you look at the results and what change has happened since, you have to wonder about the effectiveness of referenda. It is ironic perhaps that we were asked to vote again at this year's election on the number of councillors and whether we should have voting for wards. Then there is the question of cost.



If you have any questions or concerns, contact me:

Cr David Cotton

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To all those who voted for me for Whanganui District Council and DHB, thank you for your confidence and support.

Charlie Anderson

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Rob Vinsin

Whanganui
District Councillor

Estelle Sung talks to fellow Rotary members on situation in Hong Kong

Estelle Sung was born and bred in Hong Kong but came to New Zealand in 1995. She came to live in Whanganui about three years ago. Following a recent trip to Hong Kong she spoke to fellow members on the situation there.

For those who have not been there, she explained that it is "a small but compact area of only 1000sq km." Apart from the shopping malls and Disney Land, it is also famous for the Rugby 7s, the racecourse and Underwater World Diving.



Estelle

It started off as a farming/fishing village with a salt production site and is now a major international financial centre. Hong Kong Island was ceded to the British following the first Opium War of 1842 with Kowloon added in 1860 and the New Territories leased in 1898. Following the Sino-British Joint Declaration in 1984, it was handed back to China in 1997 under a 'one country, two systems' agreement.

The current crisis can be traced back to an Extradition Bill introduced into the Hong Kong legislature in June, which allowed for the extradition of Hong Kong residents to mainland China, Ma-

cau and Taiwan. Estelle believes that such a bill "was completely normal" as most countries have extradition procedures. She pointed out that "Many young people don't trust China but also don't understand how it would work."

Following the initial protests, the Extradition Bill was withdrawn but the protesters are now wanting a commission into police behaviour, a retraction from the police description of protesters as 'rioters,' an amnesty for arrested protesters and universal suffrage for voting for the Legislative Council.

The protests have become increasingly violent with "burnings,

barricades, damages to Government buildings including computer systems, transport being disrupted and attacks taking place on the general public. Young people as young as 12 are involved." Estelle added, "The worst attacks were on the legislative headquarters; it was smashed open, ransacked and defaced with graffiti that could cost more than HK\$10 million and take weeks to repair." On the 93 train stations, 40 needed repairs to keep functioning and once the full line service was suspended due to widespread vandalism." By contrast Estelle argued, "Hong Kong police have been very restrained."

The most recent cause of protests was the ban against wearing face masks at protests. Estelle pointed out that there are 13 other countries which have similar bans with the Netherlands the most recent in 2019.

She said, "I feel heartbroken and I believe many media should report more widely and explain all the facts."

As for the future, Estelle hopes the order in Hong Kong can be restored as soon as possible.

In closing, Estelle played a video clip as a summary of her talk. <https://www.facebook.com/7NEWSBrisbane/videos/2421393854808518/>

Guided Walking Tours of downtown Whanganui returning



Some of the Walking Tour guides

The popular and inexpensive walking tours of downtown Whanganui are returning on October 26 and will run each Saturday and Sunday. They leave the i-Site at 10am and 2pm and cost only \$10 per person. For bookings at the i-Site, phone 349 0508.

It is an opportunity to learn about Whanganui's fascinating 19th and 20th century buildings and monuments, its history, people of interest and events that have fashioned our city.

They are led by knowledgeable local guides who are passionate about Whanganui and its history. In fact they have been moved to put the tours into poetry as follows:

*If you're visiting from overseas
There are buildings and sights that will please
And so much to do
You won't have to queue
The walking is really a breeze.
If you're a local do not pause*

*To learn more of this city of yours
Hear stories of old
Let history unfold
Be guided on one of our tours.
Surprises are more than a few
Did you know that we once had a zoo
The Red Lion burned down
Mark Twain came to town
He would really have liked our tours too.
To live here makes very good sense
With so many amazing events
Opera, glasswork and art
Moto-bikers play their part
Through the year the choice is immense.
Our guides just love having a chat
Two Peters, Bob, Robin and Pat
You'll meet Brian and Jan
Or Graham who can ... Like Norm entertain
just like that.*

Two free gigs at Lucky Bar & Kitchen



Spring is in the air and with the growth and vigour comes more incredible live music at the Lucky Bar and Kitchen. This weekend is a great chance to come and experience two free gigs. Friday, 18 October local super group 'The Mean Owls' perform. All members play in a host of our finest bands, but come together as TMO to conjure up an energetic and eclectic show not to be missed.

Then Saturday, 19 October the sensational 'Bittercup' rides into town. Here we get to embrace one of the country's finest artists at work. And there is awesome food available - Come and enjoy Chef Satoru's new creation - The Rice Burger - and a Zero Door Charge weekend at Lucky. Lucky is Whanganui's rad dining and performance space like no other. Come and experience the fun as it's the perfect spot in town to dine, catch up with mates and experience live.

Two free shows at Lucky this weekend. Friday 18th, 'The Mean Owls' and Saturday 19th, 'Bittercup' - 9pm starts.

Inaugural Lloyd Thomson Coxswain Shield awarded



Campbell Monk with Neil Thomson (Brisbane) to his left and Lloyd Thomson (the third) (Christchurch) to Campbell's right and surrounded by the Monk family

On Sunday October 13, following the Whanganui Rowing Associations Winter Series rowing regatta (The Richard Tonks 6k small boat race), the Thomson Family presented the inaugural Lloyd Thomson Coxswain shield to Campbell Monk - Aramoho Whanganui Club coxswain for the most points accumulated over the six series of winter racing.

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Bridge Club Monday Team Champions 2019



Pictured (not necessarily in order): Gaynor and David Mulholland, Wigs Arathoon and Pam MacLachlan

There are 26 married couples playing bridge regularly at the Whanganui Bridge Club and husband/wife combinations have performed noticeably well during the Whanganui Bridge Club's Championship series this year. The Monday Championship Teams competition was played over six nights and involved 14 teams of four. Gaynor and David Mulholland, Wigs Arathoon and Pam MacLachlan teamed up for a comfortable 7-point win ahead of Sunetha and Mervyn Peiris and Clare and Graeme Raisin.

While all of the club's premier competitions

have now been completed for 2019, there is a unique competition coming up on Friday, 1 November. Babich Wines have generously sponsored the NZ-wide simultaneous pairs for many years. It's an event for players of all grades and last year attracted a field of over 500 pairs. Clubs from all over New Zealand take part and all pairs play identical hands. A local result is available on the night but coordinating the NZ-wide result can take up to 24 hours. The event has gained increasing popularity and last year more than 50 clubs took part.

- George MacLachlan

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Freda has provided in her Will for a small fund to be given to Whanganui citizens (particularly young women), medical and animal welfare organisations for training, health or welfare.

This year there is a fund of \$3,500.00 to give to applicants.

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- A relevant CV and proof of Whanganui birth or domicile (if an individual)
- Proof of enrolment at a tertiary institution or training programme (preference will be given to a second or third year student)
- Charitable status or similar (if an organisation)
- Reason for requiring funds.

Applications which close on

20 November 2019 are to be sent to the
Freda Sutherland Memorial Trust,
C/- PO Box 789, Whanganui 4541.

Recent Bereavements

Sadly passed away recently...

Maurice James (Moe) ANDER,

aged 89 years, died 8 October 2019.

Denise Barbara (Eme) APELDOORN,

died 12 October 2019.

Bruce Victor FALK,

aged 73 years, died 12 October 2019.

David Ronald LOCKWOOD,

aged 77 years, died 8 October 2019.

John Michael MARDON,

aged 81 years, died 14 October 2019.

Graham Ashley Robert (Ashley)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Declaration of result of 2019 triennial local authority elections

In accordance with section 86 of the Local Electoral Act 2001, I declare the result of the election held on Saturday, 12 October 2019, for the Whanganui District to be:

Mayor of Whanganui District 1 vacancy

McDOUALL, Hamish Crichton	Independent
As the number of candidates did not exceed the number of vacancies, Hamish Crichton McDouall is elected unopposed as Mayor of Whanganui District.	

I declare Hamish Crichton McDouall to be elected.

Councillors for Whanganui District 12 vacancies

CHANDULAL-MACKAY, Joshua Buchanan (Josh)	Independent	9055
REID, Peter Hadleigh (Hadleigh)	Independent	8658
DUNCAN, Jennifer Ruth (Jenny)	Independent	8265
CRAIG, Helen Marguerite Mary	—	8238
JOBLIN, Kathleen Frances (Kate)	Independent	7583
ANDERSON, Charles George (Charlie)	Independent	7343
VINSEN, Robin Victor (Rob)	Ratepayer Focused	6918
BAKER-HOGAN, Philippa June	Velodrome Events Centre	5853
TAYLOR, Alan Richard	—	5602
CROSSAN, Brent Raymond	—	5163
BARRON, Ross James (James)	—	4663
YOUNG, Graeme Walker	—	4492
LEBO, Danielle Lija (Dani)	—	4248
BARON, Steve	Truly Independent	4203
FALLEN, William Ross (Ross)	Independent	4148
BENNETT, Mary Bessina	—	3677
PRASAD, Vijeshwar	Independent	3388
FIRMIN, Kiritahi Jennifer Charmaine	—	3200
DUFF, Sharon Stuart	Independent	3178
BRIGHTWELL, Raymond John (Ray)	Independent	2979
EDMONDS, Matthew Lyle	Independent	2836
MEIKLEJOHN, Jo Ann (Jo)	Independent	2237
REWETI, Phillip Tuhianga (Bear)	—	2214
ANDERSON, Rodger David	—	2048
SHAND, Daniel James (Dan)	—	1905
MORDEY, Sam William	—	1850

SHEEHY, Jill Faith	—	1477
FOTHERGILL, Graeme Robinson	—	1439
URRY, Matthew Joseph	—	942
Informal		55
Blank		41

I declare Joshua Buchanan Chandulal-Mackay, Peter Hadleigh Reid, Jennifer Ruth Duncan, Helen Marguerite Mary Craig, Kathleen Frances Joblin, Charles George Anderson, Robin Victor Vinsen, Philippa June Baker-Hogan, Alan Richard Taylor, Brent Raymond Crossan, Ross James Barron and Graeme Walker Young to be elected.

Members for Whanganui Rural Community Board

Whanganui subdivision 2 vacancies

WELLS, David John	—
As the number of candidates did not exceed the number of vacancies, David John Wells is elected unopposed. A by-election to fill the remaining vacancy will be held early in 2020.	

I declare David John Wells to be elected.

Kai Iwi subdivision 3 vacancies

DICK, Michael Kenneth	—
FALKNER, Sandra Faye	—
SKILTON, Grant Andrew	—

As the number of candidates did not exceed the number of vacancies to be filled for this election, Michael Kenneth Dick, Sandra Faye Falkner and Grant Andrew Skilton are elected unopposed.

I declare Michael Kenneth Dick, Sandra Faye Falkner and Grant Andrew Skilton to be elected.

Kaitoke subdivision 2 vacancies

ASHWORTH, William Mataio (Bill)	—
DUFF, Alistair Keith	—

As the number of candidates did not exceed the number of vacancies, William Mataio Ashworth and Alistair Keith Duff are elected unopposed.

I declare William Mataio Ashworth and Alistair Keith Duff to be elected.



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Poll Results

Electoral System Poll

The result of this poll is **binding** on Whanganui District Council for the 2022 and 2025 triennial local authority elections.

Do you want to elect candidates using the First Past the Post electoral system, or the Single Transferable Vote system?

I vote for First Past the Post (FPP)	10608
I vote for Single Transferable Voting (STV)	2590
Informal	10
Blank	915

Representation Poll – Basis of election

The result of this poll is **non-binding** on Whanganui District Council.

Do you want to elect candidates based on a ward system, or do you want them to stand 'at large' (across the whole district)?

I vote to keep the voting area system as it is now – 'at large'	10373
I vote for a ward system to be considered by the Council	2327
Informal	8
Blank	1415

Representation Poll – Number of councillors

The result of this poll is **non-binding** on Whanganui District Council.

Do you want to keep the number of Whanganui district councillors at 12, or do you want to reduce the number to 10?

I vote for the number of councillors to be reduced to 10	8072
I vote for the number of councillors to remain at 12	5252
Informal	5
Blank	794

Noeline Moosman
Electoral Officer
Whanganui District Council
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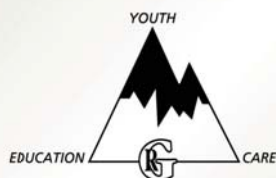
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ENTERTAINMENT / PUBLIC NOTICES

SECTION 101

SALE AND SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL ACT 2012

Aramoho Bowling Club Incorporated, 7 Gibson Street, Whanganui, has made an application to the District Licensing Agency at Whanganui for the **renewal of a Club License** in respect of the premises situated at 7 Gibson Street, Whanganui and known as the **Aramoho Bowling Club Incorporated**.

The general nature of the business conducted under the licence is a Bowling Club.

The days on which and the hours during which liquor is to be sold under the licence are: **Monday to Sunday, from 8am to 12 midnight.**

The application may be inspected during 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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SECTION 101

SALE AND SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL ACT 2012

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The general nature of the business to be conducted under the licence is a Restaurant and Bar.

The days on which and the hours during which alcohol is sold under the licence are: **Monday to Sunday, 9am-12 midnight.**

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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This is the second publication of this notice.

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Diabetes NZ Whanganui Branch 2019 AGM

Sunday 20 October, 2pm at St James Church Lounge, Boydfield Street, Whanganui East. Guest Speaker: Reg Kidd speaking on how he reversed his Type 2 Diabetes long-term by diet. Shared afternoon tea to follow. 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.

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ExtravORGANza

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Mainly Music

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The Wanganui Community Choir and Friends

Present their end of year Charity Concert "A Summer Celebration". This year the charity we are supporting is "Riding for the Disabled". Our guests feature the trio of - Winifred Livesay (voice), Ingrid Culliford (flute) and Abigail Livesay (piano); as well as guests, Ethan Castellanos and The Wanganui High School Choir - AwaSide. This will be held on Saturday, 9 November - 2pm at Christ Church Anglican Church, 243 Wickstead Street, Wanganui and will be followed by afternoon tea. Get your tickets at the door, purchase from a choir member or phone Edwyna 344 7974 or 027 360 1335. Adults \$20.00; Seniors \$15.00; Students \$10.00; children under 12 free.

Wanganui Music Society Vocal and Instrumental Concert

Saturday, 19 October, 4pm St Paul's Hall, Cooks Street. Varied programme including 4 X2 vocal group, vocal and piano soloists, chamber music group. Admission \$5, members free.

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.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Maori representation

Dear Editor
Congratulations to all the candidates in our local body elections. My only regret is that none of our Maori hopefuls made it onto either the Council or the Health Board. I do think it is time that our cultural diversity (as shown in our population) is represented around our council table and on the Health Board. I do hope they will try again in three year's time.

With regard to our District Health Board, the Government makes four appointments to it, so I wonder why it is that our elected members also have a duty to the Government before us, the community they represent!

- Fiona Donne

Weekend entertainment reviews

Dear Editor
Wow, what a weekend! May I share My Creative Diary of concerts and dancing with you?

Saturday afternoon concert:

Father Chris Skinner entertained in St Mary's church for both parishioners and public alike. It was wonderful to hear his beautiful voice again and he inviting his audience to sing along with him right from the

start.

Fields of Athenree was beautiful as was "I Want to Sing with You Mum" which he recorded with his mum 20+ years ago, plus songs from his latest CD. A gospel medley sing-along went down a treat. "Flowers on the Street" which he wrote in response to the March sadness in Christchurch; he sang the song and then read it in the poetry form a song takes. Father concluded with his revised version of "You Raise Me Up". Refreshments were then served in the hall and I was lucky enough to witness a quartet of ladies come in toward the end of refreshments and sing a verse and chorus of "Thank you for the Music" to Father, to show their appreciation!

Late Sunday afternoon concert:

Was my first in the Musicians for the Sarjeant series and No 43. Ingrid Culliford flautist and her talented student pianist, Avinda Wu, played individually and also accompanied Deborah Wai Kapohe (now based in South Africa) and Donald Trott. Deborah sang a favourite from Showboat and another from My Fair Lady. Ingrid's "Dance of the Goat" was very, very well received and Donald told the story of the Barber of Sarville/Figalo and then sang from the opera in English. Avinda, a year 13

student, was very much at home in the public arena playing solo or accompanying Ingrid.

Second half: Phil the fluter's ball went down a treat, Deborah's Hine hine brought (from my observations), a tear to a few eyes. "How Great Thou Art" closed the afternoon starting with Deborah and Ingrid, Avinda then joined the then Donald. When all four entertainers invited the audience to join them in the last chorus, they stood and sang with great heart. The acoustics of Frank Bar + Eatery were perfect. Being able to hear Donald sing turned another creative dream of mine into reality.

Dancing Friday night:

Dance genre mix was enjoyed at Club Metro, including Ceroc.

Saturday night: Two dance companions celebrated their 80th birthdays dancing the night away to Wellington band, Razzle Dazzle. My favourite dance of this night was watching the ladies being twirled around in the OSLO waltz.

Sunday night:

Club St John dance group's monthly dance was enjoyed also by the Country Music Club members who sang along to the Rock and Roll waltz. My favourite dance as a spectator was the Fiona Polka.

- Mollie Jones

Wanganui Arts Society Annual Exhibition continues through to November 30



Some Arts Society members: Judy, Lorraine, Barbara (Secretary), Joanna, Nancy, Carol, Rei (President) and Raewyn

The annual art exhibition of the Wanganui Arts Society has been launched and will continue to grace the walls of their gallery - Cooks Gallery on Trafalgar Street, behind the velodrome. It is open on Saturdays from 10am to 3pm, Sundays from 10am to 12noon and on Mondays from 10am to 2pm.

There is a good variety of subject matter and painting methods. Judy Webby has a series based on the Parapara, Ruapehu and Rangipo and Richard Cotgrove of the Rangitikei River. There are also scenes from Italy and Ethiopia. Most are framed or are on board and all are very reasonably priced.

While at the gallery consider buying a raffle or five. It costs only \$2 a raffle and they have 18 different prizes with a total value of around \$500. These include eight Gauguin prints through to Russian fudge, gift vouchers at Mitre 10 and Em-

bassy 3 and real homemade marmalade.

The raffle is necessary as the District Council is now charging them \$500 a month to rent their gallery whereupon once upon a time - they 'paid' only \$1 a year. One of the founding members of the Art Society was Ellen Sarjeant, the wife of Henry Sarjeant who bequeathed funding for Whanganui's art gallery and many of its paintings - thanks to Ellen.

Join the Wanganui Arts Society

They are a friendly group with members willing to help beginners learn or enhance their artistic skills. They also run courses such as a knife painting workshop coming up on October 25. Members range from beginners to 'masters.'

They meet Mondays and Tuesdays from 10am to 12noon. The cost of only \$2 covers a cup of tea. Contact Maxine on 347 7115 or Rei on 347 2649.

Sports Talk

with Mark Dawson

If last week's new neurosis was climate anxiety ("fear of climate change/global warming sending Planet Earth cartwheeling to a cataclysmic collapse"), this week we have Rugby World Cup anxiety and it's highly contagious.

The global hoedown in Japan has reached the white-knuckle phase - the quarter-final stage; make-or-break; sudden death; winner-takes-all ...

Call it what you will, nerves are spontaneously jangling across eight rugby-playing nations.

A week after having to decide between a vote for tomorrow, positive change, relating to others, experience counting and being raterpay focussed etc, I now have to choose four semi-finalists.

For the All Blacks ... begorrah, it's the Oirish, the bogey team backed by leprechauns but built like mountain men.

Two recent defeats to the men in green and a bumper season for four-leaved clovers, give us cause for concern.

Can the All Blacks expansive, high-tempo game leave them crying in their Guinness. Or will the slow, monotonous drip-drip pummelling served up by the Irish forwards grind ever forward, leaving flair and entertainment crushed in its wake?

One last word on this game - Ireland are unlucky to lose centre Bundee Aki, harshly red-carded after a collision with Samoa's Uluapano Seuteni and now banned for three games. Justice denied.

Elsewhere, Japan will need an upset for the ages to progress to the semi-finals against South Africa, but it may not be beyond them. The Springboks haven't really hit their straps this World Cup but - again - they are a team who know how to grind out a victory when things get tight.

True to an ancient Gallic tradition, dating back to the time of Asterix, the French have apparently had "le mutiny" with reported discord among players over the captaincy and the coaching staff.

Last time they had "une petite revolution", they



Mark Dawson

made the final, narrowly losing to McCaw's men in 2011. Still, Wales should be too organised for them and I am tipping the red dragon to progress.

The final quarter-final pits England's massive ability to control a game against Australia's creative skills, particularly those of Michael Hooper and Samu Kerevi. Tough to call, but I'll pick England.

So that's New Zealand, South Africa, Wales and England ... but don't complain if I'm wrong!

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

Styling your home for different buyer markets

When selling your home, taking into consideration who is likely to be your buyer is important. Families, young couples or retiring couples are likely to have different needs and wants inside their

home and it's important to cater to those. Here are our top tips to style for different buyer markets.

Family

If your buyer is likely to be a family, decorate at least one bedroom

as a children's room. When choosing your duvet cover and accessories, generally avoid 'typical' movie or TV characters and keep it simple instead. Choose fun, bright and joyful colour schemes that

evoke a playful feeling of happiness. You could add some soft stuffed animals, a small bookshelf and a nice little play corner with plenty of cushions to ignite little imaginations.

Young couple

Modern designs and trending colours and patterns are a good place to start for a young couple buyer. Monochrome geometrics are a great go-to, as is the modern minimalist style bedroom. Add a little greenery to the room, a scented candle

or two and free the space of any unnecessary clutter. Include contemporary modern artwork in colour schemes that complement the accent colours in your bed linen.

Luxury

If your home is a luxury property, play on opulence through grand, full beds, enriched with lots of accessories. You could choose regal statement colours such as gold, red and navy blue, and accent with metallics and crisp whites. Ensure

all linen is of excellent quality and treat every bedroom in the house like a luxurious master bedroom.

First home buyers

Keep all beds inviting and attractive, but relatively simple with fewer accessories. The room doesn't have to be perfectly neat either - maybe a loosely tossed throw, a little wayward symmetry and a less 'full' bed with one or two duvet inners. Choose simple one colour block designs

that will help first home buyers imagine bringing their own style into the space. Finishing touches such as subtle ornaments, books or candles will help the place feel like home.

By taking the time to style and decorate your home you can influence the buyers that come through your open home. By styling with your chosen market in mind you can influence the buyer's decision. - www.realestate.co.nz



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