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Block Party rockin' beats this Saturday!

The new streetscapes on Guyton Street and St Hill Street are set to be celebrated with a free community party **this Saturday, 18 May 2024**, featuring an epic line up of local bands and musicians, delicious kai and fun and games for young and old!

Ninety percent-funded by NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi, the Streets for People Block Party marks the completion of the Streets for People project on Guyton Street and lower St Hill Street – and the wider work to improve bus shelter facilities across Whanganui through the Transport Choices programme.

The party will feature two distinct event spaces – lower St Hill Street (where a public transport hub has been created) and Guyton Street (between St Hill Street and Victoria Avenue) where a new community park and streetscape have been developed.

The first section of the event will be the **Public Transport Hub Celebration on St Hill Street** (next to the Trafalgar Square carpark), running from **10.00am-1.00pm**. This event will feature live music, free face painting for kids, a sausage sizzle raising money for Women's Network Whanganui, and special Bee Card giveaways.



Just before 1.00pm a group of local cycle enthusiasts – including Whanganui Green Bikes – will pedal their way up from the St Hill Street site to Guyton Street (via the town centre) marking the transition to next event space: the **Guyton Street Block Party**.

The **Block Party runs from 1.00pm-8.00pm**, and will see the section of Guyton Street between St Hill Street and Victoria Avenue closed to traffic, allowing for the street to be transformed into a space for the community to party and play! For more information about this event, including the line-up of performers, visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/news

On-demand shuttle will run during lift's maintenance

The Durie Hill Elevator will close for scheduled annual maintenance **next Monday, 20 May, and resume usual service on Saturday, 1 June 2024**. As a temporary replacement during the closure, elevator operator Whanganui Connection will have an on-demand shuttle available. The shuttle will run between the elevator's Anzac Parade entrance and Blyth Street entrance on Durie Hill from **8.00am-6.00pm weekdays, and 10.00am-5.00pm weekends**, with some short driver breaks. This service will be on-demand – signs at each elevator entry point will have a phone number to text or call to request the shuttle. The shuttle will accept current elevator concession tickets, along with cash and Eftpos. Bikes are welcome on the shuttle.

Recycling crates rolling out!



Households in the Castlecliff area are about to receive a set of three 50-litre crates for use with the new kerbside recycling service that begins in July

With Whanganui District Council's kerbside recycling service starting in the first week of July, the team at Low Cost Bins will be delivering recycling crates to households from this week onwards. The first community to receive their crates and information pack will be Castlecliff – just remember not to put them out for collection until July! For more information about Whanganui's new kerbside recycling service, visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/recycling

TechWeek at our libraries

Whanganui District Library has an abundance of events planned to celebrate next week's TechWeek 2024, which runs from 20-26 May. Among the range of digital-related events at various libraries is:

- **Technology for Family History** at the Alexander Library on Monday, 20 May
- **Give Antenna A Go!** sessions at the Hakeke Street Community Centre and Library and Davis Library on **Wednesday, 22 May and Thursday, 23 May respectively** – Antenna is Whanganui District Council's free-to-download reporting app to the community
- **Stay on Your Feet with Nymbbl** at the Gonville Library on **Thursday, 23 May** – learn how to improve your balance and prevent falls with the free Nymbbl app.

To explore the full range of events at all of our libraries, visit: www.whanganuilibrary.com/index.php/whats-on/events – please note bookings are required for some events. And to discover other ways that tech can inspire and support our district, check out: www.techweek.co.nz/whanganui



Give Antenna a go!

The Antenna app is a great way to get short alerts from Whanganui District Council on everything from road closures to community events. Once you download the app, there's no need to sign-in – alerts will be sent straight to your phone. Download at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/antenna



Rating database open

Whanganui District Council's Rating Information Database (RID) is available for public inspection as per section 28 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. The RID contains a record of all information required for setting and assessing rates and allows for the calculation of rates liability for each rating unit. The database is available for viewing between 8.30am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday, at council customer services, 101 Guyton Street, or by visiting: www.whanganui.govt.nz/rating-information-database

Be Bright Be Seen

Giveaways at River Markets on 25 May!

As part of upcoming Road Safety Week, the local agencies behind Whanganui's Be Bright Be Seen campaign will be at the Whanganui River Markets at Moutoa Quay on **Saturday, 25 May, from 8.30am-1.00pm** to encourage cyclists and pedestrians to wear bright clothing and reflective gear in the early mornings and evenings. To support the road safety theme, the Be Bright Be Seen team will have goodies to give out such as front and back lights, reflective vests, back pack covers and slap bands, along with pens and lip balms! Nau mai – all welcome!

Council meetings

Upcoming meetings in May

Council-Controlled Organisations Committee	9.30am Tuesday 21 May	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton St
Strategy and Policy hearings – parking	9.30am Wednesday 22 May	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton St

Meetings in June

Long-Term Plan deliberations	9.30am Wednesday 5 June	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton St
Long-Term Plan deliberations	9.30am Thursday 6 June	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton St
Strategy and Policy Committee	9.30am Tuesday 11 June	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton St
Whanganui Rural Community Board	2.00pm Wednesday 12 June	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton St
Operations and Performance Committee	9.30am Thursday 13 June	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton St

Agendas: www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas
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Sign-up and pay your dog registration on or before 31 AUGUST and you could be the lucky owner that has their registration refunded!

