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Te Hononga a Hapori Community Link

Recycling Olympics thinking caps on!

While the sporting Olympics take place in Paris, Whanganui District Council is running a local version of the competition – the Recycling Olympics – and there are some great prizes up for grabs!

Open until midnight next Wednesday, 14 August, the Recycling Olympics is all about coming up with cool ideas for games or sports that make use of waste materials – especially stuff that can't go in your kerbside recycling crates (like lids and bottle caps).

How it works

1. Come up with your game using as many recycled materials as possible.
2. Submit a short video showing us how the game works.
3. Prizes will be awarded based on how fun the game looks to play, and how cleverly you make use of recycled materials.

Prizes up for grabs include a bicycle from Whanganui Green Bikes, two Splash Centre prize packs (including a tote bag, a swim cap and family swim and slide passes), and a special three-tier recycling trolley.



To enter, post your video in the comments section of Whanganui District Council's Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil
 If you prefer, you can also email your video to: communitywellbeing@whanganui.govt.nz
 or send it as a private message on the council's FB.

Entries close at **midnight on Wednesday, 14 August 2024.**

Winter Wonderfest

District Library events during August

Whanganui District Library is celebrating this year's Winter Wonderfest during August with a range of events at the Davis, Alexander and Gonville libraries including poetry, storytimes for pre-schoolers, arts and crafts for grown-ups, Dungeons & Dragons and more. See the District Library events webpage for more details: www.whanganuilibrary.com/index.php/whats-on/events

National Poetry Day

Davis Library event on 23 August

Celebrate Phantom Billstickers National Poetry Day at the Davis Library on **Friday, 23 August from 7.00pm-8.00pm**. Come along to listen, or share a poem that you've written or read one that inspires you. This event is in partnership with the Guyton Group Trust. Light refreshments provided and bookings are encouraged – to register, please email: kat@whanganuilibrary.com

Creative Communities fund



The Whanganui Creative Communities Scheme supports local arts projects focused on diversity, accessibility and youth participation in the arts. You can apply for funding now – applications close at **12 noon on Thursday, 19 September**. For more information about the scheme, including recent grant recipients, visit: tinyurl.com/WhanganuiCreative

Historic Durie Hill fence to be restored and reinstated



Image: War Memorial Tower, 30 March 1939, Adkin Leslie, Te Papa Collection

After a successful fundraising campaign, Whanganui Regional Heritage Trust and Whanganui's two Rotary clubs are collaborating to restore and reinstate a historic stretch of fence on Durie Hill (pictured above).

The picket fence was initially built in the 1890s to border the grounds of Thomas and Jeannie Duncan's Puke Tiro homestead. The Duncans had a strong interest in pioneering techniques for the treatment of neuromuscular patients, particularly those with polio, and converted their homestead to a charitable and privately-funded children's hospital called the Duncan Hospital for Poliomyelitis. The couple set aside their Otiwhiti Station property in Hunterville as a charitable trust to fund the hospital.

Bruce Dickson of the Whanganui Heritage Regional Trust said the project objectives were to "restore the fence and acknowledge the enormous generosity that the Duncan family has bestowed on Whanganui over many decades, seen not just in the Duncan Polio Hospital but in the many other major donations made to the city".

"The fence is the last remaining vestige of the Duncan Hospital in Whanganui and a reminder of the layers of social and historical significance at the site."

To read more about this community project, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/news

Tea & Topics tomorrow

Tea and Topics at Gonville Library, 44 Abbot Street, tomorrow – **Thursday, 8 August** – is a presentation of the Manage My Health website portal by Gonville Health staff. Light refreshments from 10.00am, the presentation begins at 10.30am. Nau mai – all welcome!

Pest control operation

A pest control programme is underway at Rotokawau Virginia Lake until **Saturday, 31 August** to help protect birdlife. Pestoff bait has been placed in approved bait stations at the Great North Road end of the lake, and signs are on display at nearby lake entrances.

Council meetings

August meetings

Operations and Performance Committee	9.30am Thursday 8 August	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton St
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Strategy and Policy Committee	9.30am Tuesday 13 August	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton St
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• *hearing of submissions for representation arrangements*

Council-Controlled Organisations and Economic Development Committee	1.00pm Tuesday 13 August	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton St
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Whanganui Rural Community Board	2.00pm Wednesday 14 August	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton St
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September meeting

Council meeting	1.00pm Tuesday 3 September	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton St
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Agendas: www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas
 Livestreamed council meetings: www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil
www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings

THERE'S STILL TIME!



Pay your dog rego by **31 AUGUST** and you'll go into the draw to win a doggie gift bag!

www.whanganui.govt.nz/pay-dog-rego

