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42km Matemateonga Track cleaned up thanks to volunteers

BY DOUG DAVIDSON

The 42km Matemateonga Track follows an old Māori trail and settlers' dray road through the remote interior of the Whanganui National Park from Taranaki to the Whanganui River.

However, over recent years, it had become well overgrown, and DOC did not have the finances to bring it back to a usable state.

This is where volunteers connected to the Greater Wellington Back Country Network stepped in. They normally work in the Tararua Forest Area but decided to volunteer for the Matemateonga.

The idea of the big cleanup came from one of the team – Pete Maindon-

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o the Whanganui River. ald, who tried to mountain bike it and posted on Facebook how bad it was. It was no easy task and

involved two trips. The first was for ten days and thanks to the fine weather, "we probably did the work of 12 days." The second trip was for five days. Three of the six-man team recently came to a

team recently came to a DOC 'Thanking all their Volunteers' event where the RCP met up with them. One volunteer, Derrick Field, who had worked
with the Forest Service
to originally open up the
track, and commented that
their average age "was 67
- spoilt by one youngster, but he had to carry

everything." The oldest volunteer is 75 and the young fellow is Nic Blair, a self-employed builder. The 3rd is Jim Hepburn, who has done a wide range of jobs, including farming, banking and IT, including a stint in Papua New Guinea.

Derrick says, "It was hard to see how a track like this, that was once heavily used and promoted as suitable for novice and family/school groups and was the jewel in the crown of the Lands & Survey Dept. Walkway system, could be almost abandoned." He explains that the

track was "intended as a tourist route from the King Country to Taranaki, but was abandoned after the war. It goes through Whanganui National Park, one of the largest native forest areas in the North Island, and aside from some mud areas, is a relatively easy but lengthy tramp."

He contacted DOC, which gave them the go ahead and "found myself offering to find a team to help out."

They received help from both the Backcountry Trust, who fund restoring huts and tracks throughout the country, and from DOC with both covering helicopter hire and fuel and DOC helped getting them to the start and the finish, as well as contributing to some of the chainsawing.

It was hard work in every which way. Based in one of the huts, they had to walk to work – sometimes up to 8km, carrying all their gear, including chainsaws, fuel, food and wet weather gear – just in case. 11 hour days were common.

The track had become so overgrown that tramp-



The team and ranger Jim Campbell at the end of the 10-day section. Derrick is second from the left.

ers had lost their way at times. Their task was to cut and remark the track, which included extensive chainsawing, especially of windfall trees. Derrick comments, "The scrub bars and chainsaws were in constant use." "Generally, the track was cleared to the full width of the original road, with at least 2 metres of walking surface completely cleared where possible. The guys

were keen to keep the

standard of clearing as high as practical so future clearing would involve a lot less effort and simpler by being able to use mainly a nylon flail with a much smaller team." *Continued on page 3*

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The clean-up of the 42km long Matemateonga track by volunteers, with an average age of 67, is remarkable in that it was 'allowed' to get into such a state, but also what an amazing contribution by these guys (See our front page story).

The focus for Whanganui this weekend will be, of course, the wide range of Vintage Weekend activities. Apart from an overall coverage (pages 24-26), we have separate articles on the opportunities to see Victoria on Wheels, the Classic Cruise, as well as the Burma Rally organised by the Vintage Car Club (pages 22 & 23); at the other extreme of travel there is the Plumber Dan Soap Box Derby (page 18).

There is the Arthritis Garden Amble on the Monday (page 21). It is always worthwhile seeing what people have done with their gardens

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and picking up some ideas

Then, there is the Hospice Boutique shop heritage window display (page 2). Great for believers in Krakens.

Finally, congratulations to Jacqueline Brand-Holt, soon to be off on a six-week research programme in South Korea, thanks to a Prime Minister's scholarship (page 5). - Doug Davidson

By Karen Hughes The Whanganui Regional Museum is delivering family-friendly outdoor play sessions during the school holidays. On 25 January from 11am to 12.30pm, Mu-

seum staff will lead a session of classic games and traditional Māori games at Pākaitore Moutua Gardens. The two sessions will include Māori games that challenge dexterity and speed, plus passive games for younger children. Children and adults can get involved with egg-and-spoon racing

egg-and-spoon racing, sack racing, Tug-of-War, Rakau (sticks), Pirori (hoops), and Teka (flax darts). Pou Manaaki/Visitor Experience Lead, Max Reeves said the events are an opportunity to take advantage of the good weather to host activities outside of the Museum; "This is something we've run before with success. We like to enliven our heritage locations, such as

Pākaitore." "Summertime is a great opportunity for us to offer some active programmes. People have been playing games and getting out in nice weather for as long

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Outdoor fun with Whanganui Regional Museum By Karen Hughes The Whanganui Region al Museum is delivering Museum is delivering

with this side of history." Families are invited to bring a picnic, a bottle of water and a hat, and join in with games in exchange for a koha gold coin donation. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Details can be found on the Museum website wrm.org.nz and on the Facebook page.

Whanganui Regional Museum Summer Holiday Programme January 2024

•Thursday 25th January 11am-12.30pm Ngā Hākinakina Outdoor Games



Pākaitore Moutoa Gardens Photo credit: Karen Hughes Whanganui Regional Museum

Hospice Boutique shop window heritage display

You can always rely on the Hospice Boutique Shop in Victoria Ave to put on an eye-catching window display, and for this Vintage Weekend, they have done another display, well worth going to, to have a look.

Manager Anne says, "Normally, a few of the volunteers put the displays together but this time members of Victorious Steampunk, Whanganui, have created the dress-ups while using props lent by Amdram. The volunteers are Terry Lobb, Michelle Luttrell, Jeanette Lyttlejohn, Alexander Piper, Judy and

another Jeanette. The scene stopper is Lady McKraken of the Loch, dressed in a bright red tartan. An explanation is pinned to her kilt and reads as follows:



"Lady McKraken is the Lairdness of an estate in the Highlands of Stocland. (Is this a spelling mistake or part of the spoof?), where she has established a lucrative business and successful breeding programme for fresh water krakens. (Krakens are described as "legendary sea monsters of enormous size, often depicted as giant squids or octopuses.") Krakens were nearing

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Krakens were nearing extinction until it was found that Loch McKraken provides the perfect conditions for their health and well being. They are so happy that

They are so happy that some have been seen dancing a McKraken Fling on the banks of the Loch."

> Hospice Boutique shop window display



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new green space for **Guyton Street**

As part of the Street for People project in Guyton Street, the Whanganui community will soon have a new green space to enjoy in our town centre - thanks to a generous offer from a civic-minded local property owner.

The new park, which was confirmed this week will be located at the empty lot at 94 Guytor Street next to Mischief Café. The land is owned by local real estate agent and property owner Richard White - who kindly offered the use of the land to support the beautification works on Guyton Street.

Richard says the idea to offer some of his land for use as a park came to him while participating in the Streets for People community co-design sessions early last year.

"As a stakeholder, I really enjoyed the process of brainstorming different ideas to improve our town centre with fellow community members.

soon!

The Guyton Street

revitalisation project

is 90 percent funded

by Waka Kotahi NZ

through its Streets for

Transport Agency

One of the things I heard crop up a lot was that people would love more green space in our CBD and it occurred to me that my land at 94 Guyton Street could present a great opportunity for that."

Since then, Richard has had several discussions with council to iron out the details and negotiate a five-year lease (for a nominal fee) for the use of the land as a commu-

nity space. "I think this new park area will really enhance the street. From my perspective, as a commercial building owner on Guyton Street, the success of my tenants is the success of my investment. So, if we can make Guyton Street function really well and my tenants are happy, it's a win-win."

While the final layout and design of the park hasn't been confirmed just yet, Richard has come up with a name for it.

"It will be known as Corwen Park – which is a nod to the village in Wales where my ancestors hail from. I guess it's a nice way to acknowl-edge my family history," said Richard.

Council's Community Property and Places General Manager, Sarah O'Hagan, says she's hugely impressed by Richard's civic spirit in making the offer.

"This is such a good result for Guyton Street and a great example of a private/public partnership where everyone wins. I'm really excited by the concept designs we've seen for the park



Owner of 94 Guyton Street, Richard White

so far - and I know the programme encourages team is looking forward councils to work with to sharing them with the their local communities to wider community very trial streetscape improvements, enhance safety for pedestrians and cyclists, and make streets more inviting, people-friendly spaces to visit. For more information, visit whanganui.govt.nz/

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Local generosity to bring 42km Matemateonga Track cleaned up thanks to volunteers



View of the National Park from the track. Photo credit: Nic Blair

Continued from page 1 Derrick praises DOC Whanganui rangers "for going out of their way to provide support to make our effort happen, and for finding funding to get us in there.

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Why volunteer for such hard work? The team members were adamant. "We don't want to see tracks deteriorating. It is really rewarding. Transforming the track from fighting through dense bush to a walkway. It is part of wanting to give back." Tim adds, "If we didn't do it, the track would be lost.

The feedback to Derrick's Facebook page were full of praise and gratitude. They include:

"You guys are absolute legends. Incredible amount of volunteer hours gone into a mammoth task. Hopefully people get lots of enjoyment over the years." 'Wow what a great write

up. Well done to all in-volved. Job done. Great reading. I'm tired now. Derrick sees the Mate-mateonga as "possibly a unique multi-day tramp. You walk only in bush; there is no turn off and civilisation appears a long way away. It is like a Great Walk, especially with its

connection to the Whanganui River and the requirement to get a jet boat to drop you off or pick you up. It needs to be better used, or it will be a wasted resource.

He comments, "the four huts are good and with the Bridge to Nowhere Lodge at the Whanganui River end (or beginning) makes for a pretty good tramp. It was neat to frequently see North Island Robins when the equipment wasn't working. Kaka and Kiwi were also heard.'

He believes that DOC needs to lift the current designated standard for 'Ad-vanced Tramping Track' to 'Intermediate-Easier Tramping Track.



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Jacqueline Brand-Holt receives Prime Minister's Scholarship to study in South Korea

Jacqueline Brand-Holt has been awarded a 2024 Prime Minister's Scholarship to spend six weeks in South Korea to study their 'Creative Content' Startups.' She leaves in early February.

The full title of her research is 'The Inclusion of Creative Content Startups in the South Korean Économic Ecosystem.' Inclusion covers access and resources such as finance, workforce, digi-talisation, and networks both social influence and organisational networks. She comments: "South

Korea is very strategic in setting up the structures for venture capital to support the creative and digital sector development." Jacqueline hopes her learnings will come back into both her communities in Whanganui and Palmerston North, especially the creative and cultural sectors.

She also hopes that this opportunity will encourage other solo mothers rebuilding their lives.

Jacqueline "has been learning the Korean language for a few years now without a specific purpose. Receiving a scholarship like this for me means I can realise what was a seemingly impossible dream. I am

feeling proud of myself." She is currently do-ing a multidisciplinary Masters of Contemporary International Studies at the International Pacific University (IPU) in Palmerston North and while in Korea, will be the visiting guest of Andong National University (ANU), Graduate School of Cultural Studies in South Korea. Her previous training has included a creative National Diploma Fine Art (South Âfrica) a Post Graduate Diploma in Health Science with Expressive Therapies (Auckland University of

Technology). Jacqueline Brand-Holt is immensely appreciative of this grant which covers her cost of flight and ac-commodation for the six also hope inspires others weeks she will spend in South Korea as part of her break through barriers. master's research project. Jacqueline is also a Jacqueline is thankful board member of the for her Korean Language Whanganui Women's Paper cohort at the Uni-Network, and a memversity of Waikato who ber of the Whanganui helped network Jacqueline with people and ANU in South Korea.

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"For me, this is about much more than my financial challenges and academic pursuits. Weaving transnational relationships is probably the most exciting opportunity that comes with this scholar-



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handle @jacquifirehallyu on Instagram.

Public feedback sought on Pure Tūroa concession

The Department of Conservation is seeking public feed-back on Pure Tūroa Limited's application for a concession to operate Tūroa Ski Area on Mt Ruapehu, after Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited entered liquidation in 2023.

Information received through the public notification period will be considered as part of the application process. DOC is required to run a robust and transparent conces-

sion process when it receives an application to use Public Conservation Land for commercial purposes. Ensuring commercial activity on conservation land is carried out in a way that protects wildlife and landscape as much as possible is vital.

The public submission period will end 9 February 2024. Pure Tūroa's application will be available on the DOC website for the public to review and fill in the submission form.

The holiday period (20 December - 10 January) was not included in the 20 working day minimum timeframe, which starts on 11 January 2024. If submitters wish to be heard in person, DOC will hold a public hearing in February 2024.

At this stage DOC has not received an application for concessions for the Whakapapa ski field. Whakapapa ski field will therefore remain under the ongoing management of Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited's receivers at this stage.



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Coastguard and Line 7 to celebrate responsible Harriet Vine celebrates Whanganui boaties this weekend

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This Wellington Anniversary Weekend, seize the chance to reel in more than dinner - be a responsible skipper, and Coastguard might have a special catch for you!

In collaboration with Line 7, Coastguard Whanganui is celebrating and rewarding safe boating practices. Skippers seen by Coastguard volunteers wearing a lifejacket, carrying two forms of communication, or even logging a trip report stand a chance to receive a t-shirt from the renowned Kiwi brand and Coastguard partner, Line 7. Coastguard Whan-

ganui Unit President Mike Carson said Wellington Anniversary Weekend is always a busy one for the volunteers with Kiwis keen

to get out on the water. "It's been a hot summer on the water so far - with volunteers taking 612 radio calls in December, responding to eight incidents and assisting 24 people to

Coastguard Whanganui on the river get back home safely." Mike said.

the weather conditions

around the Whanganui

coast and river bar can

change, it's another fantastic opportunity to "We're super excited highlight what people to be involved with this need to think about initiative, especially with a couple of major when planning their next adventure, such fishing events coming as wearing lifejackets, up; it's perfect timing. logging trip reports, Given how quickly

tion.

of Coastguard, shared, 'Coastguard volunteers, like Mike, are trained to respond to boaties in need. Sometimes that's just a jump start, other times they're called to head out in dark, rough seas to save a sinking vessel. This weekend, they are not just helping and taking two forms of waterproof communica-Line 7, a proud partner people out on the water but also celebrating those who champion water safety and look out for others onboard, and we are thrilled to be

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whānau feel connected with other whanau, to us as the child's kaiako (teacher), and also to see their child in a familiar environment in a relaxed setting.

Our latest gathering was based on showing appreciation for our whānau - for doing our kindergarten washing, bringing along items for fundraising raffles, contributing feedback to their child's learning journeys, spreading the bark in our playground we just wanted our whānau to know we appreciated them - so we had a burger night!

Whanau were invited to come along and build a burger for their dinner alongside their child/ ren. Afterwards whānau roasted a marshmallow or three for pudding. What a glorious night -thank you for joining us and thank you for your āwhina (help) and tautoko (support) during 2023!

Our first gathering for the new year is scheduled for 30th January 2024 is to unveil a sculpture that was created especially for us by a past whānau. If you are a past, present or future whānau of Harriette Vine kindergarten you are more than welcome to join us. Please email harriettevine@wmkindergartens. org.nz for more information. We currently have spaces available – we are a full year kindergarten with operating hours of 8.30am-2.30pm. You are more than welcome to pop in and check out our environment. Enrolment packs are available.

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Community News - Plenty of Summer Programmes to go and the chapel -

A third of the Whanganui Summer Programme is still to go, with five out-of-town trips, three local events and three talks before the end of January. "There's plenty of interesting stuff to come, lots of variety and you can still book places on most of the trips," says trustee David Scoullar.

The remaining programme through to

Sunday, January 2 • Whanganui Collegiate School Museum and Historic Buildings:

Monday 22 January First opened on Victoria Ave in 1854, Whanganui Collegiate School is NZ's third oldest school and the city's oldest business. Its 170 years of history is displayed and documented in the school's museum. The fully-guided

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the NZ Garden magazine. Starts 7.30pm Davis Theatre, Whanganui Regional Museum, Watt Street

Adult \$5. Children free. No booking is necessary, although numbers are limited to 200. Wheelchair access.

 Bridge to Nowhere: Wednesday 24 January Reasonable fitness and agility required.Sturdy footwear, rainwear and warm clothing for river journey. BYO lunch and snacks. Hot drinks and water provided at lunchtime

Bus to Pipiriki, fol-lowed by 32km jet boat ride and 3km bush walk. The Bridge to Nowhere is a poignant monument to 96 returned soldiers and their families who farmed there after WW1 but were unable to withstand serious erosion, flooding, and poor road access. By 1942, only three farmers remained in the Mangapurua Valley and were eventually forced



Graham Sutcliffe (front left) had a big turnout for his Whanganui historic walk.

How good is your local and general knowledge? Test it out at a fun, summer-themed trivia quiz in the Hakeke Street Library Community Room from 1.30-4.30pm. Make up a team of up to six people. Feel free to BYO snacks or non-alcoholic drinks. Register your team name and captain with: kat@ whanganuilibrary.com

\$2 per person entry. • Heritage Tram Rides: Friday 26 January

For 42 years until 1950 public transport in Whanganui was by tram. A relic of that service, Tram Number 12, 'Mable', was donated to the city in 2007 and lovingly restored by volunteers. From 29 Taupo Quay, take a ride back in time along the riverbank between 10am and 12.30pm. Pay at the

•Gumboot Day : Sat-urday 27 January Sturdy footwear and

ing tea and lunch. The last Saturday in January is always a big day in Taihape for the local community, and in 2024, we will be there to enjoy it, too. The focus will be the Gumboot Day throwing competition. A chance to have a go and to experience an old-style show day. Also an opportunity to explore Taihape. Short stops at Utiku, Mangaweka, Hunterville and at a heritage house at Turakina will complete an interesting day in the country.

Summer Programme participants

are counted onto their launch follow-

ing a successful visit to Kapiti Island.

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Top 3 men and 3 women form the North Island team to compete in the NZ Gumboot Throwing Championships in Palmerston North on Saturday 9 March at the Ford Ranger NZ Rural Games.



Novie Contraction

to leave. The concrete bridge is the symbol of the ill-fated settlement in this 'valley of abandoned dreams Depart 8am. Return ap-prox 5.30pm. Adult \$194. Child \$115.

• Fun Trivia Quiz: Thursday 25 January

tram shed. Adult \$5. Child free.

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John Bertrand Collectables **Buying in Whanganui** & Marton Next Week

Once again, the gold and collectables buyers from Wellington company John Bertrand Limited are visiting Whanganui and Marton next week. Mr Tony Grant from the company says, "If you are downsizing or wanting to dispose of things because they no longer serve any purpose to you or your family bring them in". "Next week will be a great opportunity to have any items you want to sell assessed by our buyers" said Mr Grant. Particularly wanted are Gold and Silver (in any of its forms) and Collectables such as Coins, Banknotes, War Medals,

Old Wind-up Watches and other interesting Small

Collectables. "We are keen buyers, especially of the items in the list below said Mr Grant. "Nothing is too small for our consideration. We are just as hanny huying 1 item as as happy buying 1 item as we are buying 1,000 items" he said. The buyers will be convenient locations in Whanganui and Marton next week (see details below). As Tony Grant points out "If you are in doubt about any items vou may wish to sell, bring them along for an instant appraisal."



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Coins (Sovereigns and the like), Alluvial (River Gold), virtually anything, even

Gold Teeth! We also need all Sterling

Silver including Cups, Tea Services,

Grant, author of the John Bertrand New Zealand Coin & Banknote Catalogue. Mr

Grant is in Whanganui and Marton next

week on a buying trip for John Bertrand

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Interesting Small Collectables Wanted

The buyers from John Bertrand (Collectables) Ltd, visiting Whanganui and Marton next week, are happy to look at any interesting items, for example vintage pocket and wristwatches such as Rolex. Men's Omega, Breitling and gold watches etc. Also wanted, pre 1950's picture postcards, Maori and Pacific artefacts, old fountain pens and other small antique or historical items.

"If you have something unusual which you would like to sell, please bring it into one of our venues, we would like the chance to at least have a look at it' said Tony Grant, buyer for the Company. "We will consider anything which may be of interest to a collector" he said.

Some Big Dollars in Early Banknotes Early New Zealand Banknotes dated before 1932 are currently fetching big money! This is according to Mr Tony

from a New Zealand trading bank dated 1932 or before.

Denominations of five pounds and higher would be worth from \$700. "Any banknote dated prior to 1900 would be worth at least \$1000" said Mr Grant.

Also purchased are any Reserve Bank of New Zealand pre-decimal issues, especially 50 Pound notes. All overseas

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New Zealand and the New Zealand Wars. General service medals from both the First and Second World Wars will also be purchased, but as can be imagined these were awarded in fairly large numbers. "If a group of medals has any special award for bravery such as the Military Medal, Military or Flying Cross or other medals for Distinguished Conduct or Meritorious Service, these can add great value to a group" stated Mr Tony Grant, buyer for John Bertrand (Collectables) Ltd. "Many families have old medals, some dating back to early Imperial days, that they are not sure what to do with. These are better off in the hands of collectors who will look after them. We will be happy to look at any war medals whatsoever, just bring them in to venues" he said. in to venues" he said.

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"La Fiesta", New Zealand's best and longest running women's fest, is set to roll from 10 February to 10 March. With around 120 activities and events, and featuring over 100 event partners and venues, it is the second largest line-up that La Fiesta has put together in its fifteen year history – following on from its biggest ever festival in 2023, with

130 events. Established and founded in 2010 by Carla Donson, Manager of the Women's Network, the festival offers diverse opportunities for everyone in the community to be a champion, to celebrate and come together. There is something for everyone. Get moving, join a workshop, experience feature exhibitions, enjoy live music and comedy,

NZ's Best Women's Fest

celebrate cultural diversity, and have some good old-fashioned fun. In recent years La Fiesta has attracted overseas

enquiries and visitors, a direct result of the festival being the only one of its kind in New Zealand. La Fiesta launches with an opening weekend that delivers everything from market stalls, embroidery, pole dancing to sensory walks, love potions and a good time sing-along.

After a month of activity, the final weekend sees the festival wrapping up in style with a celebration of art and performance in two beautiful outdoor settings. Enjoy floral art in a Westmere garden and an immersive afternoon of meditation, and afternoon tea and music at Tarapuruhi, Bushy Park Sanctuary for a 'Songbird' festival finale on Sunday 10 March.

One of the focal points of the festival is its celebration of International Women's Day [IWD] commemorated annually on 8 March, which marks its 113th anniversary year in 2024. IWD was established in 1911 as a day to reflect on women's progress and to continue challenging for change. Celebrated as a national public holiday in almost 30 countries around the world, IWD continues to be an important day for political mobilisation and consciousness-raising about gender equality.

UN Women announced their IWD 2024 theme in December last year, 'Invest in women: Accelerate progress'. Investing in women tackles five key focus points:

a human rights issue
ending poverty

• implementing genderresponsive financing,

• shifting to a green economy and care soci-

ety, • supporting feminist

e change-makers. to "Men are welcome to r participate in festival activities too" says Carla. For more information about the festival ed programme contact the in Women's Network ph n- [06] 345 6833 or email:

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womnet.whanganui@ gmail.com. The La Fiesta programme is also available online: visit the Women's Network Whanganui or La Fiesta NZ Facebook pages, or the official festival website to download a copy of the 2024 Festival Guide: http://lafiesta.

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PRIDE HUB & PRIDE ART EXHIBITION Sat 24th Feb - Sat 2nd March | 10am-4pm Pride Hub | 64 St Hill Street

Local & national artists exhibit their creative talents. **EXHIBITION OPENING -** Fri 23rd Feb -5:30pm. Grab event info, merch and resources or just hang out in a safe, inclusive space.

---- SATURDAY 24TH FEB 2024 ----

Youth Fest + Pride Markets

11am-3pm | Majestic Square | FREE A safe space for our Rangatahi to hang + an incredible array of Pride products, art and collectibles - for all!

Movie Screening - Youth Event

3-6pm | Pride Hub - 64 St Hill Street | FREE Two incredible queer films to inspire and inform.

Silent Disco - Youth Event

7-10pm | Pride Hub - 64 St Hill Street | FREE Grab some headphones & dance till you drop!

---- SUNDAY 25TH FEB 2024 ----

Queerly Beloved - Zine Workshop

11am-2pm | Pride Hub - 64 St Hill Street | FREE Contribute to a collaborative Pride Zine with an uplifting letter to a Rainbow person.

Long Lunch

11:45am-2pm | Dublin St Bridge | \$55pp Be waited on hand and foot for two glorious hours as you take in the beauty around you.

Authentic You

4-7pm | Women's Network - 75 St Hill St | FREE Not sure how to express yourself, want some advice, tips and tricks, join us to explore an 'Authentic You'.

---- MONDAY 26TH FEB 2024 ----

This Is Me

7-9pm | Women's Network - 75 St Hill St | \$5pp Our guest speakers explore what role gender and sexuality has played in their lives.

---- TUESDAY 27TH FEB 2024 ----

Games Night

6-9pm | Pride Hub - 64 St Hill Street | FREE Be introduced to the world of Dungeons & Dragons or pull the family together for a round of Exploding Kittens.

---- WEDNESDAY 28TH FEB 2024 ----

Roller Disco

4:30-7:30pm | The Rink - 37 Hatrick St West | \$5pp A fun family friendly event, pop some skates on and burn off some 80's energy.

---- THURSDAY 29TH FEB 2024 ----

Wairua Cruises

11:45am & 5:45pm | Wairua - 1H Taupo Quay | \$60pp Join us for a cruise on the MV Wairua and enjoy the stunning scenery of the Whanganui Awa.

11:45am-3pm | Stop in at Upokongaro to tour and taste at Papaiti Gin. Grab the special edition Pride Gin.

5:45-8pm | Theme: 1950's. Think T-Birds, Pink Ladies, Rockabilly. Enjoy live entertainment and cocktails while experiencing an evening on the Whanganui Awa.

---- FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2024 ----

Wear The Rainbow Day

All Day | Everywhere Wear your rainbow ribbons and badges or go full rainbow from head to toe!

Quiz Night

5:30-7:30pm | Lads Brewery - 1 Taylor St | \$5pp The Quiz to end all Quizzes! Who will be the 2024 Champion?!

Speed Matching

8-10pm | Porridge - 30 Drews Ave | \$10pp Mates - Dates - Lovers; find any and all at this entertaining event.

---- SATURDAY 2ND MARCH 2024 ----

Drag Breakfast

9:30-10:45am | Mischief - 96 Guyton St | \$50pp Start your day the right way with drag performers and transgender cartoonist Sophie Labelle.

Pride Walk

11am-12:15pm | Whanganui River Markets | Koha Dress loud, dress proud! Bring the family and join us on this annual hikoi around the bridges.

Pride Party

7pm-1am | War Memorial - Watt St | \$20pp From a wedding to burlesque to pole to interpretive dance, and of course show stopping drag artists.

FULL DETAILS & INFORMATION: visit www.pridewhanganui.co.nz/prideweek

Tickets can be purchased at eventfinda.co.nz or at the i-Site Visitors Centre on Taupo Quay, Whanganui.

Kinetic Electrical under new ownership and now based at 43 SH3

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Connecting with Carl - Carl Bates, MP for Whanganui -

Let's Caboodle!

Whanganui will be looking its retro best this weekend as Whanganui Vintage Weekend rolls around again. Our annual celebration of the past has become must-attend festival

Community News

Vintage Weekend is a relatively recent phenom-enon, with the first event held in 2012 to coincide with the international vintage car rally in Whanganui. Now, though, it is a stand-alone event that

grows in stature every year. And that's where a town like Whanganui excels; we embrace our heritage, and we've made it a selling point, attracting thousands of visitors to the city every year. Regional tourism is an important part of any provincial town's economy, and events such as Vintage Weekend and Artists' Open Studios bring valuable rev-

Most of all, though, Vintage Weekend is a great opportunity for families to enjoy several days of fun, most of which is provided free of charge. For me, after spending the week at National's caucus retreat, where we plan for the parliamentary year ahead, getting outside in the warm summer air will be a wonderful tonic! The Bates clan plans to

check out the cars on display at Wheels on Victoria, we'll enjoy the entertainment of the Mainstreet Caboodle and the Drews Ave Street Party, and Candice and I plan to go to the Opera Week finale on Saturday night.

out to the airport for the Wanganui Aero Club Open Day, and maybe catch some

enjoy multiple Vintage of the Riverside Shindig, Weekend events. We'll down on the banks of the mighty Whanganui River.

Unleashing my inner middle-distance runner is on the agenda on Monday at Cook's Gardens at the Weekend event, and the Peter Snell Mile Challenge, almost 62 years since the late Sir Peter Snell broke the world mile record right here in Whanganui. Then we'll just have to check out the Plumber Dan Soapbox

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The Whanganui branch of the franchise Kinetic Electrical was opened in Wilson Street back in 2020. There are 26 franchise operations throughout the country.

Whanganui-born and bred Nick Hall returned from working in Western Australia in October 2021 and joined Kinetic in October 2022 to develop the communications side of the electrical business and was soon appointed manager. Late last year, Nick and his wife, Charlotte Miles, bought the business.

They moved it to 43 State Highway 3 in the building large occupied by Brown Brothers Bikes and Roots Brew-ery. Charlotte says, "It tems

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Nick and Charlotte

made sense as it is more accessible for our staff, cheaper to lease, and also because we live in Brunswick with our two young children. Our customers generally don't come to the office, communicating with us via phone or email."

They have a staff of five technicians and two office administrators, including Charlotte. She joined last year when they were buying the business to help with the transition and is more than happy to remain.

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all their personal records will be sent from the previous one.

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

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Documents for enroll- medical information including your doctor's contact details ing Check with the school

· any legal documents perwork they want. They for example custody or will want things like: access agreements the • a copy of your child's birth certificate or passschool 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 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



Why you should make children's eye tests a back-to-school priority and mobile phone screens

New research has revealed that over half of Kiwi children aged 16 and under are spend-ing more than 2 hours per day on screens, contrary to recommendations from the Ministry of Health who suggests 2 hours should be the limit. While screens might not

exactly make your child's eyes square, digital eye strain can certainly contribute to issues with vision, such as blurry eyesight, dry eyes, irritation, and increase the chance of myopia (short-sightedness).

Myopia, or short sightedness, is on the rise globally, with the World Health Organisation estimating that 52 per cent of the global population will have myopia by 2050. And, there's an alarming incidence spike amongst children, with time on digital screens as a major contributing factor.

The research, commissioned by Specsavers, indicated that New Zealand parents are not necessarily aware of the potential impact of digital eye strain. 90% of parents said they would restrict screentime if they knew it was detrimental to their children's eyesight - a perhaps difficult task considering many children are using tablets (48%)



that the amount of time their child spent looking at screens could negatively impact their vision. However, only a quarter of parents had said they had taken their child in for

"Don't wait until your child has trouble focussing, blurred vision or headaches, be proactive in seeing your optometrists. What many people don't realise is that early intervention is key, especially when amblyopia, commonly known as a lazy eye, is present. We need the opportunity to see them well before this to give the child the best chance for their vision to

develop correctly." While we may not be able to abolish screens from our kid's lives, there are some healthy habits outside of eye checks and reduced screen time which can help set up our

eye strain: 1. Remind children to

blink. Blinking regularly keeps the surface of your eyes from drying out. 2. Keep a bottle of wa-

ter close-by. Your eyes dry out when you're dehydrated so making sure children are drinking

plenty of water throughout the day is important.

3. Follow the 20-20-20 rule. This means, every 20 minutes remind children to shift their eyes to look at an object at least 20 metres away, for at least 20 seconds. The easiest way to do this is to take small window' breaks and look out at a faraway object to give tired eyes a break from the screen.

4. Make sure that during the school week, children spend time playing outside or stepping away from the screen to do another activity to give their eyes a break.

To book your appointment or for more information, go to https://www. specsavers.co.nz/stores.

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 avail-able.

What if a school re-

fuses 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.



Whanganui High School welcomes students and staff back to school for 2024 Prefect Leadership Day 23 January 2024

Teacher Only Day 26 January 2024

Powhiri for new students and staff will be held on Monday, 29 January 2024 at 8.45 am in the Hall

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for all parents and carers to include an eye test untreated is as simple as on their back-to-school check list, something that making an eye test part of your back-to-school checklist." is free at Specsavers for all kids aged 15 and under. The research found that Specsavers Optometrist Ian Russell from Whan-80% of parents were at ganui says, "Parents often least somewhat concerned overlook the importance

of an eye test, not only for themselves, but for their kids too. To detect, correct and manage any issues, we encourage parents and carers to bring their child in for their first eye test an eye test.

around the age of 3 or 4, or sooner if you're con-cerned about any issues." "With the increasing prevalence of screens in day-to-day life, our kids have become particularly susceptible to conditions such as myopia. Ensur-ing your kids don't go

children for success. Ian's top tips for digital



Your training specialist for first aid School terms

Would you know what to do if someone was injured? Links Training currently offers levels of first aid training for individuals or workplaces. Businesses are welcome to attend their public classes, all of which are NZQA assessed.

Public classes are run at venues throughout the lower North Island, including Whanganui, Palmerston North, Lev-in, Kapiti, Masterton, and Wellington. The next Whanganui class is scheduled for Thursday 15 February. This eight-hour class will enable individuals to have the skills and confidence to assist during a medical

emergency. Knowing how critical it is for Electrical Workers to renew their compliance on time in order to continue to practice, Links also offers electrical compliance training.

The Electrical Workers Registration Board (EWRB) requires all



electrical workers to ensure their ECT CPR/ BFA is current at the time of their practicing licence expiry date. This training consists of four hours of ECT training with two hours of CPR

and basic first aid. As an EWRB training provider, Links in con-junction with *Upstage Electrical Training, aspires to deliver as

many training opportunities as possible to meet this requirement. The next EWRB Whanganui date is Wednesday 14 February, and Links recommends booking early

to secure a space. Other venues and dates can be found on their website. Whatever your training needs, Links Training has it covered. www links-ltd co nz

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UCOL training extra nurses in efforts to support healthcare workforce

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Matariki - Friday 28 June

Public holidays - None

half-days)

for 2024

Term 1 starts between Monday 29 January (at the

earliest); and Wednesday 7 February (at the latest), and ends Friday 12 April (90-102 half-days)

Easter Monday - 1 April, Easter Tuesday - 2 April

Term 2 starts Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July (96

Public holidays - King's Birthday - Monday 3 June,

Public holidays - Waitangi Day - Tuesday 6

Term 3 starts Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September (100 half-days)

Term 4 starts Monday 14 October, and ends no

later than Friday 20 December (up to 98 half-days)*

Public holidays - Labour Day - Monday 28 October

February, and Easter: Good Friday - 29 March,



UCOL CAP ākonga, Dinu Mathew, Anu Sam, Lulu Sunanth, and Sreeja Pulickalil Shaji, practice their clinical skills at UCOL's Te Whaioranga healthcare education centre, before heading on clinical placements in the near future

UCOL | Te Pūkenga are proud to be playing their part in increasing registered nursing the workforce by provid-ing additional intakes of nursing ākonga (learners) through the Certificate in Competency As-sessment for Registered Nurses Training Scheme (commonly referred to as CAP), across the UCOL rohe.

and Applied Sciences, Penny O'Leary, explains that UCOL, in association with Te Whatu Ora, and other healthcare agencies, has been able to accommodate the increased intakes.

"Usually, we have a minimum of four intakes per year, each with a maximum of 30 ākonga. Currently, across the UCOL rohe, we have 105 ākonga starting clinical placements.

Executive Dean for Health, Social Services,



"In 2020, UCOL had 54 CAP graduates; this dropped to 37 in 2021 following Covid-19, but since then, we've been increasing, with 64 graduates in 2022 and so far for 2023, we're up to 91 -with more to go!"

"In our current envi-ronment, this 12-week programme is a solutionfocused approach to bolster the nursing work-force in Aotearoa. This means that our international qualified nurses who have experience in healthcare can become New Zealand Registered Nurses on successful completion of CAP."

UCOL's Academic Portfolio Manager of Lucy Eade, Nursing, says the programme is made up of theoretical learning based on the Aotearoa context as well as clinical placements across a variety of nurs-

ing environments. "We're grateful to our clinical agencies across primary health, aged-care, and mental health, as well as Te Whatu Ora for their support in providing additional placements and, while doing so, working their best to match our ākonga with their existing clinical backgrounds," says Mrs Eade.

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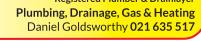


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The annual Plumber Dan Soapbox Derby returns on the Monday 22 of Vintage Weekend – January. The carts of all styles and descriptions come down from Pukenamu/Queens Park into Drews Ave, pass-ing hopefully, 'the wall of death' and despite a few road humps, pick

up speed to reach the in-tersection of Drews and Rutland Street, again, hopefully, in one piece. "Last year we had

about 70 participants,' savs Plumber Dan. Over the years, there have been some weird and wonderful designs. While the quickest cart was the 'Flying Nun', which reached a speed of 65 kph, others, such as Dan's own designs such as Fred Flinstone's vehicle and two bathtubs, gained huge attention. Other designs have included the Beehive and a Liquorice Allsorts.

Dan is hopeful that mini stocks participants will return this year. "They go together and normally crash at the Wall of Death.

The youngest participants has been a three-year-old who came up from Wellington with her father, who also entered into the fun of racing, and a three-year-old local boy who won the Nippers Class 5 years and Under with his brother in 2015. The next youngest was another girl, a local, aged five. For whatever reason, the female sex often wins out in the age categories, with the oldest participant being a woman aged 65.

There will be a professional commentator over from Australia who commentates at jetboating events. Joining him



There are between 20 and 30 prizes with goods donated by a wide range of local businesses. These are for categories such as best cart, best dressed, and biggest crash, but the main prize is the trophy 'King of the Hill' for the quickest cart of all. Winners keep the trophy for a year. It costs \$20 to enter.

The event will go ahead in light rain, but the forecast is promising a cloudy, warm day. Dan loves the event, explaining that "it is great for families getting together, helping each other build the cart. It is good old school fun with out any need to bubble wrap the kids.' Of course, you could bubble-wrap your cart.



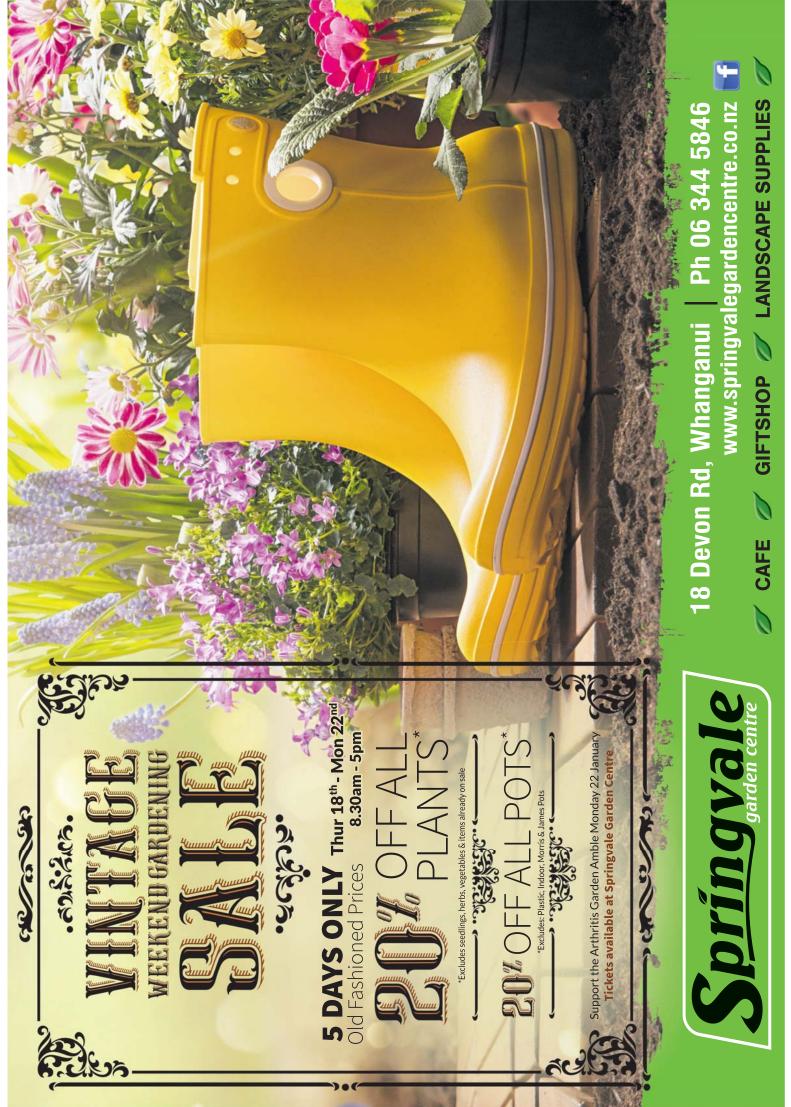
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available information, focused buyer campaigns and great value on fees will allow them to provide you with a tailor-made plan to find not just any buyer, but the right buyer in a happy medium - you selling and moving on with life, and the new homeowner settling right in.

Why are we your team?

Steven Schwamm is Arizto's Regional Support Manager for Manawatū, Rangitīkei, Whanganui, and South Taranaki.

He takes on the key role of assisting the ambitious Arizto team perform their tasks and bring better value service to their clients.

"It's a very hands-on role, giving support to the sales team in terms of what they need, not what an agency says they need."

"To some, they need reassurance that someone's on their side."

"To some, impartial back-up cover. If something's going on, life events, they know [the task's] sorted."

"To some, it's the advice of everyday stuff. I'm a phone call away to discuss potential property defects, and I don't mind being on the road - I'll shoot over and sort it."

"And for some, it's everyday accountability."

"Being firm but fair in all actions. Appreciate everyone brings something to the table, and collectively, that makes the sales team succeed. Schwamm said."

After well over a decade in the industry, Steven selfqualified with a Real Estate Diploma and Branch Manager's Certificate, making him one of the youngest licensees within Arizto to hold an Agency license, while also Associate of the Real Estate Institute NZ (AREINZ).

Still an active selling agent alongside Jared, Steven has his finger firmly on the pulse of what is happening in today's market.

However complicated the scenario or delicate the negotiation, he has the ability to bring it together in the most efficient and stress-free way possible.

Helping build this brand for the future is Jared Smith

who will also use his unique scribe abilities as Content Writer for the entire Arizto brand.

An experienced professional writer who has worked in media across the country, Jared is proud to promote Arizto's success as a young real estate company and its vast array of team members, nation-wide.

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He is proud to have written stories profiling Arizto's rise to currently having over 200 salespeople on board, and the successes on implementing Regional Support Managers in not only Steven for this areas, but also North Taranaki, Waikato-Bay of Plenty and Auckland-Northland.

Getting his Bachelor of Arts at Canterbury University, followed by his Graduate Diploma in Journalism at Massey (Wellington campus), Jared became a seasoned worker through journalism/editing roles throughout the country South, before settling in Whanganui and qualifying for his NZ Certificate, Real Estate Salesperson.

He will provide quality marketing scripts to increase interest in your property, as uses his rapport with buyers and sellers to provide service they value.

As a duo using streamlined processes, Steven and Jared embrace the use of technology to help with your next property decision.

This innovative approach has allowed them to bring 30 properties to the market over the last quarter in Patea, Waverley, Waitotara, Marton and here in Whanganui.

"Both long-term and new clients have told us how straightforward they have found the process and appreciate us being able to be 'hands-on' in all aspects of getting their house sold," said Jared.

"We thank all of our owners for trusting us to undertake this important task on their behalf. Afterall, we're 'your' team, not a team, and we are committed to getting the best outcome for you using this process."

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- Paiges Book Gallery
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More Info : Contact David: 06 345 0428 or 021 0260 1319 the Monday of Anniversa-ry Weekend – this year, 22 January, and is open from

10am to 4pm. You will have the opportunity to view a variety of ten different gardens, nearly all in the Whan-ganui town area. The one exception is a lovely large property, used for functions including weddings, on Kaitoke Road on the way to Lake Wiritoa and will be 'well worth the journey.'

The majority of gardens are urban gardens, al-beit with interesting features, from Durie Vale to Springvale. Apart from admiring the beauty and respecting the hard work, another reason to go on the Amble is to

pick up ideas you can use in your own garden. Either way, the gardens will be memorable as you

travel around Whanganui over the next year plus. One that is likely to remain in the memory bank for a long time is the redevelopment of the old

Gonville Swimming Pool. What can a gardener do with an empty swimming pool. Find out. Tickets cost on \$25 per

adult (children under 14 are free with an adult), which works out at only \$2.50 per garden and with the knowledge the money is going to a good cause. You can buy your tickets from Wanganui Garden Centre, Springvale Garden Centre, Mitre 10, St John's Pharmacy, Paiges Book Gallery and the isite. You can also buy tickets at the participating gardens. There will be a refresh-

ment stop in the very pleasant and relaxing relaxing Durie Vale garden. David does not have sig-

nificant arthritis himself but his late wife Shirley died, and David continues his involvement with Arthritis NZ and the local group. He says, "I rely on suggestions from others as well as seeing some beautiful gardens in Whan-

ganui. We try not to repeat any garden for at least five years." "Our first garden amble

brought in \$1500, and we were quite excited about the success. Last year we brought in \$9,500. As the poster says, "Enjoy a delightful day

ambling through Whanganui's finest summer gardens."

Sharen and Gavin's garden in Marybank Sharen and Gavin's gar-

den in Marybank is one of the ten gardens in the Arthritis Anniversary Amble. They have been there just three years and have transformed a barren garden into a flowering and var-ied one. At the front is an elm tree providing overall shade in the summer.

As the larger part of the garden is down the path to the back, they have either less blackberries and a peach tree, not to forget concreted the paths or put them into shell rock with the large magnolia tree.

handrails.

It is a great spot for pas-

sionfruit as well as thorn-

the spreading roses and



Gavin and Sharen in their garden.

While the highway is down below, you can't see it through the paddocks and the trees. It is also a haven for native birds. Fortunately the clay soil retains moisture as Ma-

rybank houses are currently dependent on water tanks. Sharen and Gavin are careful to recycle shower and kitchen water into different parts of the garden





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Wanganui Branch

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Opportunities to view wide range of vehicles over Vintage Weekend

Wheels on Victoria Wheels on Victoria' is on Saturday, 20 January, as part of Vintage Weekend. The cars will be parked on the Ave all the way from Ingestre Street through to the Town Bridge. There is free viewing.

One of the organisers, Peter Hardy, says, "Come along and witness cars through the ages, from the early 1900s to the one your dad, or even your Grandad drove. There are no rules on what type of vehicles, but expect to see Veteran, Vintage, Hot Rod, Muscle Car, Classic car. Bikes - all are welcome "We can never have too many.

Public viewing is from 10am to 4pm. Last year, 'Wheels on Victoria' had over 300 vehicles. Bikes will be based in the 2nd block.

Frank James is another organiser, and he says, "It was amazing to see all types of cars come out of

was the possum in a side-Mitre 10 Mega Classic Cruise - Later on Satur-

dav One of the established highlights of the Whanganui Vintage Weekend is when the classic cars tour the town to encourage everyone to join the Vintage Weekend activities. Two routes are available, one slightly shorter, in town, and the other in-

the woodwork." One of cluding a rural section. his favourites last year Entry is \$15 per Entry is \$15 per car, which includes an entry into the fabulous Mitre 10 Mega sponsored draw after the cars arrive at The Barracks Bar, Saint Hill Street.

Enter at the Mitre 10 Mega Car Park from 4pm, pay your \$15, pick your route and then, at 5pm, off you go on your chosen route.

There are no restrictions on make model or age; just bring your classic car, your friends and family and off you go to show the town what great cars look like. "We drive by most of the town's Rest Homes so give them a beep and a wave, and the same goes for the crowds on the roadside as you tour past. Call Peter on 021 272

3444 for more details. Outline of the short route

Leave Mitre 10 Car Park, over the bridge into Whanganui East, going on these streets - Jones, Duncan, Burton Ave, Kepa, Tinirau, Hakeke, Holyoak, Eastown Road, Poutini, Milton, Helmore, Anzac

Parade and across to the other side of the river.

From here, the route goes into Somme Parade, Barrack, Seddon, Kaikokopu, Roberts, Paterson, Quick and into the Top Ten Holiday Park, before returning back into Seddon, Peat, Halswell and up Christie's

Hill. In St Johns, it is up Virginia Road, left into Great North Road, through Living Waters Resthome, past Virginia Lake, into Brassey Road, Oakland Ave,

back into Great North Road, left into Glasgow Street, Harrison, Liverpool and back into Victoria Ave, Ridgway, St Hill Street, arriving at Barracks Sports Bar

Rest Ĥome Timings (ap-proximately)

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- Masonic 5.09 • St Johns Hill Health-
- care: 5.38
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Vintage Car Club Wanganui Branch This Sunday 21 January Leaving from Cornmarket Reserve, 9.15am

- The Burma Vehicle Rally this Sunday -

The Burma Rally is one of two major rallies the Wanganui Vintage Car Club runs each year. This is its 65th year, and like many of the vehicles, it has matured well. Over 80 cars from all over the North Island have registered – a number that organiser Frank James is very pleased with. While some will be brought to Whanganui on trailers, most will be driven here.

Cars will start assembling from 8.30 am at Commarket Reserve, near the Dublin St bridge. The first cars will head off at 9.15am, go along some city streets before heading off to country roads. Frank describes them as "long and varied, including gravel roads."

After a lunch stop, the cars will return by more country roads, arriving at the Vintage Car Club rooms in Patapu Street about 2.30/3pm. The total distance will be around 100 miles or 160km. In the evening, there will be a prizegiving and dinner at the Belmont Golf Course. There are 13 different classes of vehicles from veteran vehicles through to Post 1980 vehicles. The latest vehicle has to have been constructed



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prior to 1992. Drivers and their passengers are encouraged to wear period costumes, and among the prizes will be ones awarded for the best





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dressed gentleman and lady. One of the Rally Regulations is "Any entrant found using any electronic navigation device may be disqualified." This is a standard clause and Frank laughs as he says, "There won't be any reception for most of the

route anyway." The event is open to entrants only who are members of the Vintage Car Club, and some invited guests.







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cil putting on increased and free public transport services Horizons Regional Council's manager transport services Mark

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Read says Te Ngaru The Tide will be running an extended timetable, while all urban bus services in Whanganui will be free Saturday to Monday.

"We know Whanganui Vintage Weekend is mas-sive for the city, with peo-ple traveling from near and far to be part of the party. We're excited to give people free and efficient ways to get across the city.

The Tide will run on its Friday timetable on Saturday as well - every 20 minutes in both directions from 7am until 7pm, then hourly until the last service leaving at 11pm.

"This means you can get to and from Whanganui Vintage Weekend events easily no matter what time of day you need to travel."

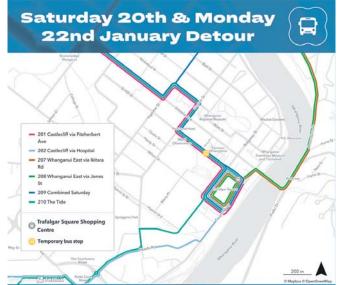
There will be some changes to routes due to the Vintage Weekend street pedestrianisations. Between Wicksteed St and Trafalgar Square, buses will take Guyton St and St Hill St, avoiding closures on Drews Ave, Ridgway St and Victoria Ave. All services will run on their Saturday timetables on Monday as it is a public holiday.

Whanganui District Council's representative on Horizons' Passenger Transport Committee, Anthonie Tonnon, says using public transport is an era-appropriate way to enjoy Whanganui Vintage Weekend.

"In the middle of last century, the average Whanganui resident took 70 trips on public transport per year - many of them on the tram and bus routes between Aramoho and Castlecliff, along which The Tide service travels today.

"That's much higher than today, though public transport use in Whanganui is growing, with 14,934 trips recorded in November 2023 - more than double the 7,287 trips recorded in November 2022.

"The Tide has been a big reason for that increase,



Whanganui Vintage Weekend 2024

with the 8,515 trips recorded on The Tide in November making it the most popular bus service in the Horizons Region that month.

Mr Read says it is also now cheaper to catch public transport in Whanganui thanks to Connect's new

fare capping system. "If you catch eight bus rides in a week in the city, the rest of your trips that week are free. "You have to pay with

a Bee Card to access fare capping, but cards are available for free on buses until the end of February

For more information about The Tide, fare capping, pets on buses and public transport in Whanganui, see https:// www.horizons.govt.nz/ buses-transport or follow Connect - Horizons Regional Transport on Instagram and Facebook

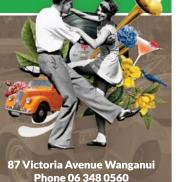
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19–22 JANUARY 2024

You need to pick up a brochure about what is happening on Whanganui's Vintage Weekend, Friday evening, 19 January through to Monday, 22 January, to help make your selection of what to do and where to go.

The launch of the fes-tival is from 5 to 8pm

on Friday at 43 Ridgway Street, followed by Vintage Do' at Porridge Watson featuring Damn Raucous Brass. But if you are into cruising and jazz, there is the Waimarie Jazz Cruise from 5.30 to 8pm.

Saturday's programme is full, including a Retro Market, 'Wheels on Vic-

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and the Classic Cruise. (see the article on page 22), Steam Traction Engine trailer rides (also on Sunday), as well as an open Shed day at Steam Rail Whanganui, and tram and double-decker rides. On the awa, the Waimarie will be doing a Vintage Cruise as well as another Jazz Cruise. The Motor Vessel Wairua is doing 30

cruises from Saturday to Monday. There will also be jet boat tours. Drews Ave is having a street party with food

vendors and street entertainment as well as Hobby Horsing competitions. The entertainment includes Vi-

kings doing battle, Amdram giving excerpts from the production, Sweeny Todd.

In the evening, the Opera House will be hosting 'Great Opera Moments with singers from the Opera School.

A highlight of Saturday has to be the Mainstreet Whanganui Caboodle from 10.30am to 10.30pm. There will be live entertainment on three stages and on the streets. The music ranges from jazz to brass to ukelele, pipe band, rock and easy listening. Check out the times in the brochure or online. Kids will be entertained

by activities from the Whanganui District Library

While Sunday does repeat a few events, there are many more one-offs. These include the Club Open Day, Aero the RIGTEC Billy Webb Challenge and a Steampunk Cruise.

Music really comes to the fore with the Riverside Shindig, the RSA 1940's Blitz Party and 'The Ret-ro Pack – Great Gatsby Show', featuring Andrew London.

There are yet more highlights on the Monday, in-cluding the Plumber Dan Soapbox Dery (See page

26), the Snell Mile Challenge, the Arthritis Anniversary Amble (see page 21) and The Running of the Balls down Drews Ave. There are jigger rides on both Sunday and Monday.

Horizons Regional Transport, with the sup-port of Whanganui Disbe buzzing.

trict Council are coming to the party with some special additional service on Te Ngaru The Tide (See page 24).

Fergus Reid, the event Manager says, "We are expecting 27,000 people "We are to be there over the long weekend." The city will



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Subject matter is wide ranging and covers a va-riety of media. This is the third time the group has exhibited during Whan-

4pm from Friday to Monday, all exhibits are for sale. The exhibition offers

 Open from 9 am until
 From left: Mary Wyley and Sandie Howard hanging Mary's painting.

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 From left: Mary Wyley and Sandie Howard hanging Mary's painting. chance to purchase art works and to meet some of the artists who on Sat-

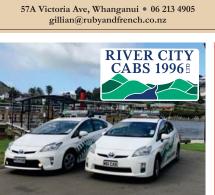
painting in the adjacent Awa studio. Exhibition convenor Val

City Artists welcomes the opportunity to show the public what they do.

A lively group of around 20, who enjoy each othcompany and the ers chance to share knowledge and ideas, they meet every Thursday at Christ Church Community Hall,Wicksteed Street between 9.30am and 3.30pm.

From time to time. workshops are also held and outdoor painting trips arranged. Visitors and prospec-

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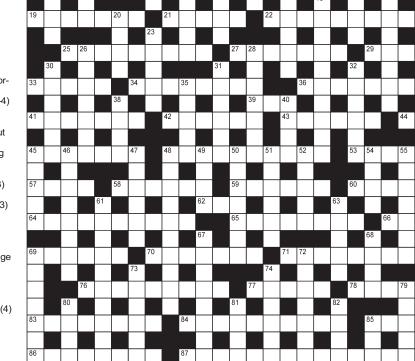
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Recent dog show and trials held recently in Whanganui





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Hot weather - keep your pets safe

you see any animal unat-

tended and in distress in a

parked vehicle you should

immediately notify a store manager, mall security, or the police. If the dog's

body temperature gets to 109 F or higher, heatstroke will set in. Within minutes

body cells will start to die,

and irreversible kidney

The signs of heatstroke

thirst, bright or dark red

tongue and gums, elevated

body temperature, stagger-

ing and collapse. Brachy-cephalic breeds, seniors,

puppies, and dogs with

chronic health conditions

are at greatest risk of heat-

stroke than others. At any

sign of heatstroke, contact

your veterinarian immedi-

ately. Begin cooling your dog down by soaking his/

her body with cool water – cool, NOT cold. Use a

hose, wet towels or any

other source of cool water that is available. Concen-

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It's so hot out there now. and I have had quite a few people tell me about some irresponsible dog owners walking their dogs on the pavement during the hottest time of the day. One person was even told to mind her own business. I have been trying to ascertain if there are any laws that can be used to report such terrible cruelty to a dog and are waiting for WDC and SPCA to return my calls. SO... Don't be shy; shame

any owner you see making their dog walk on the burning pavement. Tell them to remove their shoes and try it themselves. Remember, if you cannot place the back of your hand on any surface, then it's far too hot for dog's feet.

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travel on the rear window

with the hot sun pouring the head, neck and in the through the glass. Instead areas underneath the front of having dogs in a hot car, leave them at home and back legs. Best wishes for a wonwith a filled Kong or an derful safe 2024 with your enrichpets. ment toy (check with Mr Google for some ideas). If

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2024 looks bright for the Marangai Archery Club

WHS wins Premier Two 20-20 title in Super Over thriller with Renegades

The Marangai Archery Club started off 2024 with a hiss and a roar, with the club having already had 80 archers through in the first month with their 'Give it a go' programmes.

The Marangai Archery club opened its doors to new budding archers through the YMCA holiday programme, giving many young people the chance to experience archery this week. The group had loads of fun. Two groups were able to be attend, and even though they were little Archers, the target was no issue for them to hit.

After the Christmas break, the club members were itching to getting back to shooting the yellow bit in the middle of the target. Club events are back up and

Whanganui Athletic are confident for 2024

Whanganui Athletic's new football coach for its Federation Cup team, Tim Hayes, has made the rebuilding of confidence among his players a priority for the 2024 season

Athletic was demoted from the Central League last season after finishing at the foot of the ladder.

"Players could be questioning their ability, but there were exceptional players here", Tim said.

It was a matter of defining a style for Whanganui, rebuilding players' confidence, and demonstrating how good the standard is here. The club has plenty of depth", Tim said.

Official training for Athletic began earlier this week. Tim Hayes has replaced Matt Calvert as coach of Athletic's top side. Calvert and, promising player Charlie Meredith, will be with Western Suburbs, in Wellington, this year. Tim said, "It was a brilliant op-portunity for Charlie."

Tim noted that there was a gulf between Federation Cup and Central League playing levels. He said Central 1 and 2 Leagues would be introduced next year and make stepping stones easier.

The wheel has completed a circle with Calvert and Meredith going to Western Suburbs. Ken Dugdale had links with Eastern Suburbs before

coming to Whanganui as a player-coach and taking Athletic in a memorable run of successes.

Athletic finished up as one of the top eight clubs in the country, with Dugdale having a big influence on the club's progress.

Players like the Wye brothers, Matthew Rennie and Derek Visser electrified crowds at Wembley Park.

Older folk will also recall the wholehearted efforts of a young John Unsworth as Athletic began to climb and shine in a golden era

running, and the club of February, with more enjoyed having everyone back together after the groups giving archery a go in the next couple of holidays. Marangai Arweeks. chery will continue to be busy through to the end

The club still has room to take more groups. If your work colleagues or firm want to give archery a go, please get in touch with the club on 0272163741. Everyone is welcome. The Marangai Club warmly welcomes beginners so don't hesitate to try archery if it is something on your

bucket list.

The club would like to thank the Kaierau Rugby Football Club who mowed their lawns for them whilst members were away. "The support we get from Kaierau and Sport Whanganui is tremendous" explains Maureen McMillan, the club secretary. "Without the support of the community and the clubs, we wouldn't be as successful as we are. Choose

Marangai Archery; it's a great club to be part of".

OBITUARY - Whetu Mareikura

The death of a former Whanganui rugby representative, Whetu Mareikura, has drawn tributes from a long-serving selector and an All Black, both of whom appreciated his humour.

Mr Mareikura, of sturdy build, was a combative Ohakune halfback who was unfazed by opposition forwards.

His rugby skills saw him playing 20 times for Whanganui for whom he made seven appearances in 1987 and 13 a year later.

Mr Mareikura was part of a family that contributed strongly to the community culturally and in their sporting endeavours.

Former Whanganui rugby selector Ken George re-called the young Whetu as "a very good athlete, a good sprinter."

As a rugby player in Ken's teams, Whetu had also contributed in being an enjoyable character, full of fun. Whetu had an All Black as a teammate at club level, Andrew Donald.

Andrew said he and Whetu had combined in the halves in some games.

"He had a good all round game, a good pass and he was hard to put down as a runner.'

Andrew, like Ken George, enjoyed Whetu's presence and humour. "He was a lot of fun in the club."

The youngsters of Whanganui High School have come of age after winning a senior club title following a gripping Premier 2 Twenty20 final that went to the Super Over with the Whanganui Renegades.

Cricket made a welcome return to Tasman Tanning (Victoria) Park on Saturday and there could not be a better feature club showcase than the A Grade trophy match.

The undefeated Renegades secured a 23-run victory in their semifinal earlier in the day against the Hunterville Hackers at Victoria, while WHS would have been the fresher side after a very quick nine-wicket victory over Wicket Warriors Whanganui at the Collegiate grounds.

In a final with plenty of atmosphere, as several other teams along with supporters stayed to watch, Renegades Jack Donaldson (90 not out off 57 balls) carried his bat at opener for a superb knock, partnering with each teammate as none of them reached double figures, to guide his side to a challenging 141-7

Trying to strand Donaldson for partners, WHS's bowlers shared the wicket honours with the best of them being Max Comrie (2-20) and Charlie

Meredith (2-25). In reply, WHS were going to rely heavily on their prodigies Levi Hoekstra (34 from 31) and Meredith (28 from 33), with the latter being the main hope after Hoekstra eventually departed and Campbell McKerras (33 from 21) had come in to attack the bowling.

Henry Carver (2-27) got Meredith's key wicket, and although WHS lost a couple more, the Burroughs brothers in Nick and Harry were well set entering the last over with their team needing four runs with five wickets in hand. But in a stunning seven deliveries

The Whanganui High School team with the Premier 2 Twenty20 A Grade trophy after beating the Whanganui Renegades in the final with a Super Over on Saturday. Photo Credit:Jared Smith from Mathew Hodges (2-28), three runs were scored and four wickets fell, as an over that started with a wide was followed by a catch, dot ball, run out on a

quick single, a clean bowled, and single on a slight misfield. One run behind facing the last delivery, the brand new batsman Logan Rippey lofted a straight drive right to the inner fieldsman, where it was dropped, with the two WHS youngsters completing the score-tying run but be-

ing run-out going for the non-existent match-winner. Renegades had been just that close to victory, but now the game was heading to a Super Over and WHS went straight back to their proven commodities

Hoekstra and Meredith. Under enormous pressure, the pair were clutch facing up to Hodges Hoekstra smashing a four, six and four before taking the single, with Meredith then driving a two and finishing with a four to throw down the gauntlet with 21 runs.

Having hit more sixes than WHS during the match, per the rules, Renegades could still tie the Super Over and lift the trophy, but the dynamic Meredith would not be denied - taking the ball and holding Donaldson and Nigel Sherbone to just singles and a solitary boundary when it no longer mattered, conceding just nine runs.

In the B Grade final, the previous season's A Grade champions Matt Burke Engineering Marton Saracens earned some consolation with a four wicket win over Wanganui Vet Services Marist 2nd XI at the Collegiate grounds.

The Premier 2 clubs will now take a break for this weekend, before starting the P240 and P340 tournaments for the rest of the summer.

Follow results and draws for the tournaments at https://www.playhq.com/ new-zealand-cricket/org/cricket-whan-ganui/summer-202324/f02163af

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Castlecliff Beach 'invaded' by thousands of Bluebottles

Tina Baldwin sent us the attached able, a cold pack may help picture with the following comment: "There were thousands of Bluebottles washed up all along Castlecliff Beach on January 11, from the mole till at least just past Karaka stream. I've never seen that many before."

You would not want to come into contact with this jellyfish. It uses its tentacles to catch, sting, and kill its prey. The venom it uses is a mix of phenols and proteins that are deadly to their prey but not to humans. Immediately after you get stung by a Bluebottle, you will feel an intense jolt of pain, which could last up to an hour. Warmer water temperatures, longer

days and an abundance of food mean more jellyfish on our beaches. If there are huge numbers of fresh Bluebottles washed up on the beach, they may also be close by in the water. It also pays to note that they can still sting long after they are dead.

The recommended treatment is as follows:

· Carefully remove any remaining tentacles by gently washing the area in seawater and carefully picking off any tentacles, taking care to avoid further stings, preferably by wearing gloves, if you have any available. You could try flicking them off using a towel.

tle sting has occurred, preferably in hot water, for at least 20 minutes or, if this is not possible, direct a hot shower on the area for this length of time. · However, if hot water is not avail-

· Immerse the area where the bluebot-

• If, after this treatment, there is con-tinuing pain, itchiness or blistering at the site of the sting, it would be best to visit a doctor who might prescribe a topical treatment such as a cortisone cream to reduce the inflammatory reaction.



Recent Bereavements

Sadly passed away recently ... Maryanne APIATA, on 13 January 2024, aged 64 years Jennifer Daisy (Jenny) BRADER, on 17 December 2023, aged 85 years. Valerie Joan BRADLEY, on 12 January 2024, aged 80 years. Lynair Antoinette Bernadette (nee Jarratt) BURLING, on 23 December 2023, aged 76 years. Stephen McKay BURLING-CLARIDGE on 9 January 2024, aged 72 years. Irene GREENWOOD,

on 10 January 2024, aged 89 years. Wendy Elizabeth CLARK-HITCHINGS, on 01 January 2024, aged 55 years.

Jennifer Mavis CLARKE, on 03 January 2024, aged 88 years. Ian Francis CHRISTISON, on 23 December 2023, aged 84 years. Raymond Leslie CRAWFORD, on 23 December 2023, aged 94 years. Gwenneth Effie DOBLE, on 22 December 2023, aged 83 years. Tina Mouri DOWNS, on 26 December 2023, aged 67 years. Kenneth Maurice (Maurice) FITZGERALD, on 2 January 2024, aged 67 years. Neale Lester FLINN, on 21 December 2023, aged 101 years. Alene Francis GILBY-AOAKE, on 15 December 2023, aged 66 years. Russell Leslie GRANT, on 29 December 2023, aged 66 years. Jessica Victoria HEMI, on 05 January 2024, aged 73 years. Rangi JOHNSON, on 29 December 2023, aged 86 years. Whetu Marama Mark MAREIKURA, on 04 January 2024, aged 61 years. Victor MASON, on 13 January 2024, aged 78 years. Erica Ellen MEDLICOTT, on 21 December 2023. Raymond George Wayne POWELL, on 03 January 2024, aged 61 years. Angela SCOTT,

on 30 December 2023, aged 81 years. Nancy Blair SMITH, on 30 December 2023. David Andrew (Dave) TAYLOR, on 23 December 2023, aged 52 years. Tony Mark TOCKER, on 14 January 2023, aged 65 years. Marilyn Ann TUNBRIDGE, on 21 December 2023, aged 76 years. Helen Ruth Meria WEEKES, on 30 December 2023, aged 86 years.



Extreme heat can cause illness and death, but effective planning and actions can reduce its effects on health. Here are some simple steps to stay cool when the temperatures are high: * Plan ahead - check the forecast, pack enough water

and food, use a chiller bag * Drink plenty of water and encourage your chil-dren to drink often * Stay out of the sun, find

shade outside wherever possible and stay indoors when ou can and wear loose and light cotton clothing * If you have to be out-

side, Slip on a shirt/top with long sleeves and a collar and slip into the shade, slop on sunscreen that is at least SPF 30, broad spectrum and water resistant, and apply 20mins before going outside and reapply every two

pets unattended in cars * Keep a close eye on neighbours, especially the elderly, to check they're okay. Children, older people or those with health concerns may find it more difficult to cope with the heat

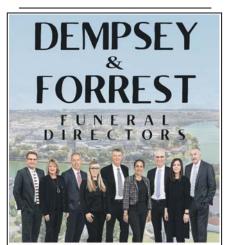
brimmed hat and wrap on

close-fitting sunglasses * Don't leave children or

* Keep your house cool by opening windows and doors on the shaded side and close curtains and blinds to keep the sun out * Keep cool while exer-

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Top class rowing this Sunday on the Whanganui River

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Event Manager and Race Director, Philippa Baker-Hogan says "we are absolutely thrilled that one of New Zealand's most famous and loved sportsman, Double Olympic Mens Single Scull, Gold medallist and five time World Champion, Mahe Drysdale, has supported a beautiful Katie Brown Trophy for the top Under 19 male or female single sculler, based on their prognostic time.

Mahe is our greatest single sculler ever, as well as being a superb ambassador for this his-toric race, having won it six times and raced in nearly every Billy Webb Challenge since the inaugural event in 2008, which marked 100 years since Billy Webb himself defended his World Title on the Whanganui River in 1908, as New Zea-land's first ever Rowing World Champion.

Mahe says, "I just love this event as it is totally unique and historic and set me up yearly for some of my greatest achievements in the





A previous Billy Webb Challenge event Photo courtesy of Mark Brimblecombe

sport, as well as being a drawcard to bring other top international rowers to Whanganui and New Zealand. I am absolutely thrilled to have this new trophy named after me, and supporting the next generation of young stars in our sport. I hope to get to Whanganui with my young family to present

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The days on which and the hours during which alcohol is to be sold under the licence are Monday to Sunday, 7.00am to 8.00pm.

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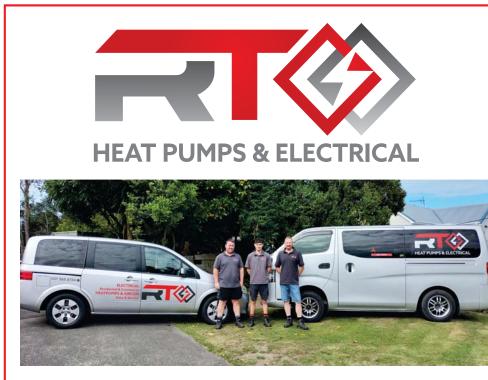




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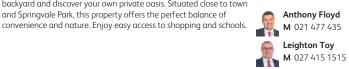


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