The insider’s guide to kōanga in your city
1 September–30 November 2015
Here in Wellington, we’ve got a certain way of doing things.

We know it takes good citizens to make a great city, so we’re happy to put our hands up - to volunteer for all sorts of things, to help out those in need, and to have our say on the issues of the day.

We also love to be at one with nature. We celebrate the season with the Spring Festival, get playful in our parks during Conservation Week, and cycle or walk to work so we can feel the wind in our hair.

Jump on YouTube to watch the videos, and share your own take on #TheWellingtonWay
Kia ora!

This season’s Our Wellington discusses emergency preparedness. Having a personal, community, and business plan in place is essential. My personal preparedness plan includes making sure that Alastair, myself, and our dog Storm get above the blue tsunami line if a quake lasts longer than a minute or is particularly strong. Follow WREMO on social media and get ready for ShakeOut Day on 15 October.

Spring is a great time for jobs like mulching, which is most effective while the earth is damp. There are also plenty of events to enjoy: old favourites like the Botanic Garden’s Tulip Sunday and some exciting new ones too.

Ngā mihi mahana.

Celia Wade-Brown
Mayor of Wellington
mayor@wcc.govt.nz

By the time you read this, the Council will have officially adopted its Long-term Plan.

This means we are on course to transform the city over the next 10 years. Our priority now is to deliver the plan that Councillors have put their faith in. More people than ever before had their say in the Long-term Plan process. Democracy is always stronger when citizens participate in civic affairs, and I encourage all Wellingtonians to continue engaging with us.

The Long-term Plan shows substantial, ongoing investment in emergency management and increasing Wellington’s resilience. But it’s up to all of us to be prepared in the event of an earthquake, and this is the focus of ShakeOut Day. Its success depends on your involvement.

Kevin Lavery
Chief Executive
Wellington City Council
Sign up today and win your term back

Learn to Swim at Tawa Pool

Call 04 801 4403 or visit wellington.govt.nz/learntoswim.

GET FIT,
LOSE WEIGHT
AND HAVE FUN
AT CLUB ACTIVE’S
BOOT CAMP

18 sessions over 6 weeks in Kilbirnie
$225 for Club Active members
$250 for non-members
Come along and make new friends

Email clubactive@wcc.govt.nz to find out the next start dates or register today.
Top 5 ways to be a good citizen

1. Put your hand up
Volunteers make a huge contribution to many community organisations, civic services, and events. The time, energy, and skills they donate help make Wellington the special city it is. To find out how you could help, go to wellington.govt.nz/volunteers

2. Spring clean your suburb
Make your place pretty during Keep New Zealand Beautiful Week (14–20 September). Get together with your friends, neighbours or sports club and clean up an area near you. Find out more, and how to get a free clean up kit, at knzb.org.nz

3. Help keep your community safe
Step away from the Bat-suit – there are better ways to be a hero. Join a suburban-based community patrol, acting as eyes and ears for the Police, or the central city-based Pasifika community patrol (which anyone can join). Or become a CCTV camera volunteer and monitor activity in the central city. Find out more at wellington.govt.nz/safety-in-wellington

4. Leave the car at home
Wellington already has the lowest carbon emissions of any Australasian city – let’s keep it that way. Opt for public transport, cycle-power or your good old walking shoes to get to work or school.

5. Have your say
To make the right decisions, we need input from the public. Yes, that’s you! Contribute to the city and help the Council stay fair and effective by making a submission on our proposals. Go to wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay
Don’t let your vehicle and belongings become burglar bait

- Park in a secure attended parking building, close to the entrance or exit.
- Install visible security, such as an alarm light, immobiliser, or steering wheel lock.
- Always lock your car.
- Never leave your keys in the car, or your car running, when it is unattended.
- Keep all valuables and car keys out of sight.
- If you park on the street, park in a well-lit area or under a streetlight.

wellington.govt.nz/burglarbait

Join a team at ASB Sports Centre

Get your workmates and friends together and join one of the adult leagues at ASB Sports Centre, starting 12 October.

- Play basketball, netball, futsal, volleyball, korfball and handball.
- Refs, equipment and draws all provided – just join, turn up and play.
- No long-term commitments, as all leagues are only 9 or 10 weeks long.

To find out more visit wellington.govt.nz/sportscentre
Get going this kōanga

Put a bounce back in your step
Looking for ways to get active, but not sure where to start? Most programmes at our recreation centres offer a casual rate, so you can try before signing up for the term. Our adult programmes include pilates, yoga, and rollerfit. You could also join an adult sports league, which is a great way to get fit and make new friends.
Go to wellington.govt.nz/classes

Plan a school holiday adventure
We’ve got lots of fun activities on offer these spring holidays. Our pools, recreation centres, and Botanic Garden have programmes for all ages, with crafts, science experiments, sports and more.
For more information and to book, go to wellington.govt.nz/holidayideas

Be a responsible dog owner and save
Every year, some dog owners save up to 60 percent on dog registration fees by applying to be a Responsible Dog Owner (RDO). Could you be one of them next year?
To qualify as an RDO you need to:
• show that you pay your registration fees by 31 July each year
• have registered your dog in Wellington for at least one year or been an RDO with another council
• provide suitable care, shelter and vet checks
• have fencing to keep your dog in.
Find out more at wellington.govt.nz/ownerdiscount
Getting close to nature - it’s #TheWellingtonWay

Say hello to the new season at Wellington’s Spring Festival. Take in the colourful and fragrant flowers at Wellington Botanic Garden, see Otari-Wilton’s Bush at its best, and let your inner explorer roam at Kids’ Day Out.

wellington.govt.nz/springfestival
25 September
Glow-worm guided tour
Get up close to these brilliant creatures and learn some strange glow-worm facts. Bring a torch.
Where: Meet at the Founders’ Entrance on Glenmore Street, Botanic Garden
When: 8pm and 9pm Cost: $5, under-12s free
Book now: Spaces are limited.
Phone the Treehouse, 04 499 1400.

26 September
Otari-Wilton’s Bush Open Day and plant sale
This is a great day for first-timers and regulars to New Zealand’s only native botanic garden. There will be plants and food for sale and guided walks.
Where: Otari-Wilton’s Bush, 160 Wilton Rd
When: 9am–3pm, plant sale starts 10am
Cost: Free

27 September
Tulip Sunday
We celebrate spring and Dutch culture. See thousands of tulips - and other spring flowers - and enjoy family entertainment. There will be delicious food for sale. Deputy Mayor Justin Lester and His Excellency Dutch Ambassador Rob Zaagman will speak at 12 noon.
Where: Main Garden and Soundshell, Botanic Garden
When: 11am–3pm Cost: Free

28 September
Spring Festival walk: Tulips, bulbs, and blossoms
Enjoy spring flowers on this moderate 90-minute walk, and pick up a few tips on how to grow some yourself.
Where: Meet at the Founders’ Entrance on Glenmore Street, Botanic Garden
When: 11am Cost: $4

29 September
School holiday sessions: Get your hands dirty with the wonders of spring
Become a junior gardener and get stuck into spring gardening tasks with us. This is for children aged 7–12 years. All children must be accompanied by an adult.
Where: The Treehouse, Botanic Garden
When: 10am–12 noon Cost: Free
Book now: Spaces are limited.
Phone the Treehouse, 04 499 1400.

Spring Festival accessible tour: Tulips, bulbs and blossoms
A tour designed for visitors with mobility issues. Bring your wheelchair or mobility scooter and enjoy some of the Botanic Garden’s many spring flowers on this easy 90-minute tour.
Where: Meet at the Founders’ Entrance on Glenmore Street, Botanic Garden
When: 11am Cost: $4
**Walk and talk with your neighbourhood gardener - Tawa**
Have you ever wondered who takes care of the gardens in your suburb? Meet neighbourhood gardener, Cindy, for a walk around the gardens and find out how she cares for them. Ask questions and learn some gardening tips.

**Where:** Brian Webb Memorial Rose Garden, Grasslees Reserve  
**When:** 12 noon–12.45pm  
**Cost:** Free

**Growing secrets**
A rare chance to go behind the scenes of our state-of-the-art nursery. You can see how the gorgeous plants for the Begonia House are grown and meet some of the tiny helpers that get rid of our insect pests.

**Where:** Meet at the Treehouse, Botanic Garden  
**When:** 1.30pm–2.30pm  
**Cost:** Free

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**30 September**

**Graves of note**
Karori Cemetery has been a final resting place for Wellingtonians for 120 years, and several notable people from the city’s history lie here. Hear about some of them on this special guided walk.

**Where:** Meet at the Main Chapel on Rosehaugh Avenue, Karori Cemetery  
**When:** 10.30am–12 noon  
**Cost:** Free

**Lunchtime prison escape**
Unlock history and do a stretch inside the smallest prison cell in the country - in the Department of Corrections Heritage Centre. On this guided tour, hear tales from staff who have seen it all.

**Where:** Mayfair House, behind 44 The Terrace (entry beside the bagel shop). The Heritage Centre is next to Corrections’ reception on the ground floor.  
**When:** 12.15pm–1pm and 1.15pm–2pm  
**Cost:** Free

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**1 October**

**School holiday sessions: Get your hands dirty with the wonders of spring**
Become a junior gardener and get stuck into spring gardening tasks with us. This is for
children aged 7–12 years. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Where:** The Treehouse, Botanic Garden  
**When:** 10am–12 noon  
**Cost:** Free  
**Book now:** Spaces are limited. Phone the Treehouse, 04 499 1400.

**Big annual buggy walk**  
Bundle your children into their buggies and join Sport Wellington and Greater Wellington Regional Council’s Buggy Walk. Stroll round the tulips and other floral delights at the Botanic Garden. There are spot prizes, goodie bags, and free Caffe L'affare coffee for participants. Visit buggywalk.co.nz  
**Where:** The Dell, behind the Lady Norwood Rose Garden  
**When:** 10am–12 noon  
**Cost:** Free

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**Reserve Bank Museum guided tour**  
From an 1842 pound note to the mysteries of the clever Moniac computer, fascinating facts about our currency will be revealed on this guided tour.  
**Where:** Reserve Bank Museum, corner Bowen Street and The Terrace  
**When:** 12.15pm–1.15pm  
**Cost:** Free

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**MetService tour**  
Meet the people behind the weather forecast and discover how they figure it out. The tour is suitable for ages 8 years and older only.  
**Where:** MetService, Botanic Garden East Entrance off Salamanca Road  
**When:** 2pm-3.30pm and 3.30pm–5pm  
**Cost:** Free  
**Book now:** Spaces are limited. Phone the Treehouse, 04 499 1400.  
**Note:** There is no public parking. MetService is a short walk from the top of the Cable Car or the Lady Norwood Rose Garden.

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**2 October**

**Flowers close-up**  
Join Wellington photographer and City Councillor Simon Woolf for a look into the big world of small things – and find out how to get the best out of flower macro-photography. Bring your camera.  
**Where:** Meet on the Treehouse’s deck  
**When:** 10.30am–12.30pm  
**Cost:** Free  
**Book now:** Spaces are limited. Phone the Treehouse, 04 499 1400.

**Parliament’s art and high tea at Bellamy’s**  
Join an exclusive Spring Festival guided tour of some of Parliament’s many and varied artworks, followed by high tea at Bellamy’s.  
**Where:** Parliament Buildings foyer, Molesworth Street  
**When:** 12.30pm–3.30pm and 1.30pm–4.30pm  
**Cost:** $29 adults, $18 children 5–12 years.  
**Book now:** Spaces are limited. Email tour.desk@parliament.govt.nz or phone 04 817 9503.  
For more about Parliament’s regular tours, visit www.parliament.nz
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Murder and Mayhem: Guided walk of Bolton Street Cemetery
Beneath the quiet graves of this cemetery lie stories of murder and mayhem. Hear those tales on this twilight guided tour.

**Where:** Meet at the Seddon Memorial by Anderson Park
**When:** 5.30pm **Cost:** $5
**Book now:** Spaces are limited.
Phone the Treehouse, 04 499 1400.

3 October
Geographx open day
The Dominion Observatory, once used for time-keeping and meteorology, is now used for making maps. It’s not usually open to the public, so this is your chance to see a piece of Wellington history that dates back to 1907.

**Where:** next to Carter Observatory, Cable Car entrance
**When:** 10am–3pm **Cost:** Free

4 October
The art of Ikebana
Create beautiful Japanese floral art with spring blooms in this hands-on class. Please bring a pair of scissors or cutters and your own shallow container.

**Where:** Begonia House, Botanic Garden
**When:** 12.30pm-1.30pm and 1.30pm-2.30pm
**Cost:** $5 for floral supplies
**Book now:** Spaces are limited.
Phone the Treehouse, 04 499 1400.
**Note:** Please allow time to find a park on the street and walk to the Begonia House.

Randell Cottage open day
This historic cottage hosts writers from France and New Zealand for six months at a time. The Randell Cottage open day is a great chance to check out this lovely colonial cottage and garden.

**Where:** 14 St Mary Street, Thorndon
**When:** 11am-4pm **Cost:** Free – koha appreciated

Picnic Cafe Take time out at the Spring Festival with a delicious cheese scone and coffee or leisurely lunch at Picnic Cafe in the Begonia House. The cafe is open every day from 8.30am for snacks, meals, coffees, wines and more. Print the voucher from our website and **get two breakfasts for the price of one.** [wellington.govt.nz/springfestival](http://wellington.govt.nz/springfestival)
Kids’ Day Out
3 October

Great botanists on Captain Cook’s ships were not just plant enthusiasts - they were explorers, travellers, and adventurers too.

Come to the Botanic Garden and unleash your inner explorer. Start your adventure at the Soundshell or the Cable Car lookout anytime between 11am and 3pm.

Great for kids up to 12 years old.

Great Plant Explorers’ Trading Post, Soundshell

11am–3pm
Music with Hank the Shark

11am–3pm
Food, games, and visiting critters

1pm–2pm
Photography for kids workshop with Simon Woolf

Cost: Free

Find out more at wellington.govt.nz/kidsdayout

Partner organisations

Friends of the Wellington Botanic Garden
Nga Manu Nature Reserve
Wellington Cable Car Limited
Pukaha Mount Bruce
Staglands
Zealandia
Wellington Zoo
Te Motu Kairangi - Miramar Ecological Restoration
Geographx
Space Place
Cable Car Museum
Push Play
Wellington City Council

Scavenger hunt and prizes
Spot prizes for the best-dressed explorers
Kids ride free on the Cable Car*

* Cable Car: 10am-4pm, maximum of two free child tickets per paying adult
Put it on the calendar
Spring events brought to you by Wellington City Council

Tu Tangata Wellington Secondary Schools Polynesian Festival
7 September
This festival gives young Wellingtonians the chance to celebrate Pacific culture and leadership. Students from Wellington schools showcase the Pacific islands’ diverse cultures through performance, music, dance, and song. See wellington.govt.nz/eventscalendar

Give Well – Live Well
5–11 October
Put a spring in your step and enjoy improved wellbeing by “giving” during National Mental Health Awareness Week. Each year, the Mental Health Foundation promotes one of the “five ways to wellbeing”. This year’s theme is “give – your time, your words, your presence”. We’re supporting a range of activities and events across the city - for details, see wellington.govt.nz/wellington-wellbeing-week

World of WearableArt Awards Show
24 September–11 October
New Zealand’s largest arts show returns to Wellington this September. The World of WearableArt™ (WOW) Awards Show brings the top designs from the annual WOW Awards competition to life in a 2-hour spectacular of dance, theatre, music, and art. WOW gives these designers the opportunity to be innovative and original - the only limit is their imagination. For tickets, visit worldofwearableart.com/tickets

Chica Under Glass Peter Wakeman, New Zealand, 2014 WOW Awards show
Diwali
26 October

India’s best-loved festival symbolises the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil and the renewal of life. Families celebrate by lighting oil lamps and setting off fireworks. Bring your family and sample the colours, sounds, tastes and spicy aromas of India. Highlights include food stalls, and traditional and contemporary dance and music.
See wellington.govt.nz/eventscalendar

Wellington Sky Show
7 November at 9pm
(postponement date 8 November)

We’re lighting up Wellington’s sky with a Saturday night fireworks display over the harbour. This is a popular event, so walk or catch public transport into town early to grab a good spot, and enjoy the food stalls and entertainment. Tune into The Hits (90.1FM) and ZM (90.9FM) for the synchronised soundtrack. For information, see wellington.govt.nz/fireworks

Libris 175: a celebration of public libraries in Wellington since 1840
21-30 November

In 1840, New Zealand’s first public library opened in Wellington. Known locally as Dr Knox’s Library (after its first librarian), the Port Nicholson Exchange and Public Library operated out of a small raupo hut on Lambton Quay. Join us as we celebrate public libraries informing, educating and entertaining Wellingtonians for 175 years. Find out more at wcl.govt.nz

More events Get your tickets now for the Sevens (sevens.co.nz), Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo (nzfestival.co.nz) and Homegrown (homegrown.net.nz)
Being prepared – it’s #TheWellingtonWay

Strengthen your home
To keep your family safe in an earthquake, check the piles and floor framing under your house, or do it the easy way and book a Quakecheck. Find out more at wellington.govt.nz/strengthenyourhome
Find out if your house might need strengthening using our online checklist. Find it at wellington.govt.nz/strengthenyourhome

Put an emergency kit together
In most emergencies, you should be able to stay in your home. Make sure you have everything you need for at least three days – food, water, and other essentials. It’s also a good idea to have a portable getaway kit in case you have to leave in a hurry, and to keep emergency items in your workplace and in your car. Not sure what to include in your kit? Go to getprepared.org.nz, or visit your local library, Citizens Advice Bureau or our service centre for a copy of the handy “Get prepared for an emergency” poster.
Know where your local emergency water tanks are

If an emergency disrupts the mains water supply, you can collect clean water from emergency water tanks around Wellington. To find out where your local tank is, check the map at wellington.govt.nz/emergencywater

Practise your drop, cover, hold

Get ready to drop, cover, hold with the rest of New Zealand at 9.15am on 15 October. New Zealand ShakeOut is a national earthquake drill that gives everyone the chance to practise the right actions to take in an earthquake.

We’ve created a handy poster to remind you what to do in the event of an earthquake. It’s especially useful for people with mobility issues. It also has a list of items to store in your emergency kit. For more information or to receive a digital file of the poster, email getprepared@wcc.govt.nz

To find out more about New Zealand ShakeOut or about preparing for an emergency, including creating a household plan, go to civildefence.govt.nz

Get to know your neighbours

Neighbours are useful in all sorts of situations – especially emergencies. Get to know yours better by planning a street barbecue or neighbourhood clean-up, with help from our Neighbours Day Fund. Visit wellington.govt.nz/neighboursdayfunding to find out more.
Get into the swing of spring...

...with these blooming wonderful events and activities

Go outside and play!
This year’s Conservation Week theme is “Healthy Parks, Healthy People”, which gives you the perfect excuse to find a new favourite. Visit wellington.govt.nz/parks for inspiration. The annual celebration of nature runs 1–8 November, with events happening all over. For details, go to doc.govt.nz

Support community sport
Every year, teams from around the country gather in Wellington to vie for the New Zealand Communities Football Cup. Twelve teams compete, each representing a different ethnic group and region. Somalia won the 2014 cup - head to Wakefield Park on 28–29 November to find out who’ll triumph in 2015.

Take your best friend somewhere new
Tired of taking your dog to the same old exercise area? Wellington has more than 50 exercise and beach areas where you can take your dog for an off-lead run. Check out our handy interactive map at wellington.govt.nz/dog-exercise

Volunteer to clean up Newtown
Want to give one of Wellington’s most colourful suburbs some love? Join the Keep Newtown Clean group from 9am on 5 September outside Newtown New World. All equipment will be provided, and there’ll be a barbecue for volunteers. For more information, phone 04 499 4444.

Get Saturday night football fever
Be there to support the Phoenix when the A-League season kicks off in October. They’ll be playing 11 games at the Westpac Stadium - many on a Saturday night - so the whole family can get behind our team. Go to wellingtonphoenix.com

Stock up on holiday reading and listening
If you’re an avid reader and music lover, you’ll love the Central Library book sales. Have a rummage to find a great deal or complete your personal collection. Prices start from 50 cents for magazines, with most other items between $1 and $6. To find out more, visit wcl.govt.nz

Clear your calendar for 26 February to 20 March 2016
Live for the arts? You’ll love the biennial New Zealand Festival. Immerse yourself in the finest cultural experiences - from international and home-grown music, to theatre, dance, and more. Sign up now for early announcements at nzfestival.co.nz
Seniors Week 28 September–4 October

Get out in your community and enjoy a whole week of events and activities planned with older residents in mind.

For more information about what’s happening, go to wellington.govt.nz/seniorsweek or phone 04 499 4444.

Get active

Aquatherapy at Keith Spry Pool
Aquatherapy can improve your general muscular strength and health, making your daily activities easier.

**Where:** Keith Spry Pool, Johnsonville
**When:** 6.30am–7.15am; 7.30am–8.15am, 29 September
6.30am–7.15am; 7.30am–8.15am, 1 October
**Cost:** $2

Ezy Movers
Get active this spring with our low-impact exercise class.

**Where:** Karori Recreation Centre, 251 Karori Road
**When:** 9am–9.45am, 29 September
9.30am–10.15am, 1 October
**Cost:** $2

Gentle exercise classes
This “have a go” class focuses on breathing, balance, and general fitness.

**Where:** Nairnville Recreation Centre, Lucknow Terrace, Khandallah
**When:** 11am, 1 October
**Cost:** $2

Hydro Motion
Hydrotherapy provides a wide range of health benefits. Relax and rehabilitate in the 34°C pool in this special Hydro Motion class.

**Where:** Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre, Kilbirnie Crescent
**When:** 12 noon–12.45pm (tea and biscuits to follow), 30 September
**Cost:** $2

Ezy Movers Aqua
A special “have a go” session of our low-impact, pool-based exercise class.

**Where:** Tawa Pool, Davies Street
**When:** 9.15am–10am, 28 September
9.15am–10am, 30 September
9.15am–10am, 2 October
**Cost:** $2

Gentle exercise classes
This “have a go” class focuses on breathing, balance, and general fitness.

**Where:** Karori Recreation Centre, 251 Karori Road
**When:** 12 noon–12.50pm, 1 October
**Cost:** $2

Hydro Motion
Hydrotherapy provides a wide range of health benefits. Relax and rehabilitate in the 34°C pool in this special Hydro Motion class.

**Where:** Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre, Kilbirnie Crescent
**When:** 12 noon–12.45pm (tea and biscuits to follow), 30 September
**Cost:** $2
Learn to Swim
We have classes available for all ages and abilities. Dip your toe in at this special “have a go” session.
Where: Tawa Pool, Davies Street
When: 10am–10.30am, 29 September
11am–11.30am, 1 October Cost: Free

Table tennis
Give table tennis a go at a special Seniors Week introductory session.
Where: Nairnville Recreation Centre, Lucknow Terrace, Khandallah
When: 1.30pm–3pm, 29 September
Cost: $1.60

Wellington’s New Town: The origins and development of the city’s first outer suburb
Now thought of as one of Wellington’s oldest suburbs, Newtown is an area that buzzes with life, activity and diversity. This talk will uncover the origins of the suburb and how its growth pattern differed to the rest of early Wellington. Presented by Gábor Tóth, Local History Specialist, Wellington City Libraries.
Where: Newtown Community Centre, corner of Colombo and Rintoul streets
When: 6.30pm–7.30pm, 29 September
Cost: Free
Bookings and enquiries: newtown.community.centre@paradise.net.nz or 04 489 4786

Talks and tours
Curator-led tour of National Library exhibitions
World War I: A Contemporary Conversation, in the National Library Gallery, profiles the rich World War I holdings of the Alexander Turnbull Library and Archives New Zealand. The Turnbull Gallery exhibition Not One More Acre: the Māori Land March 40 Years On reveals the impact of this important event in New Zealand’s recent history.
Using Wellington City Libraries’ online resources
Learn how to access the libraries’ online resources. Bring your own device if you have one.
**Where:** Central Library, Victoria Street  
**When:** 10.30am–12 noon, 29 September  
**Cost:** Free  
**Bookings and enquiries:** RSVP by Thursday 24 September to 04 801 4072 or email celia.lillis@wcc.govt.nz

Heading for the hills: The Western Access Scheme 1920–1940
Each weekday, thousands of commuters travel to and from the central city to the hill suburbs of Karori and Northland via Tinakori Road. This talk will reveal the story behind this remarkable feat of civil engineering that took 20 years to complete and cost the equivalent of tens of millions of dollars. Presented by Gábor Tóth, Local History Specialist, Wellington City Libraries.
**Where:** Memorial Room, Northland Memorial Community Centre, 5 Woburn Road  
**When:** 7pm–8pm, 30 September  
**Cost:** Free  
**Bookings and enquiries:** Email angelina@northlandcommunitycentre.org.nz or phone 04 475 8511

Family history resources at the National Library
Learn about the National Library’s family history resources from the library’s specialists.
**Where:** National Library of New Zealand, corner Aitken and Molesworth streets, Thorndon (meet in the ground floor foyer)  
**When:** 10.30am–12 noon, 30 September  
**Cost:** Free  
**Bookings and enquiries:** Bookings are essential - email atloutreach@dia.govt.nz or phone Joan McCracken on 04 474 3056

Staying Safe – a refresher workshop for senior road users
Run by Age Concern Wellington, this workshop will give you the tools and knowledge to be a safe driver. It’ll also fill you in on the other transport options available.
**Where:** Anvil House, 138 Wakefield Street, Wellington  
**When:** 9.45am–12.15pm, 1 October  
**Cost:** $10  
**Bookings and enquiries:** 04 499 6646

Record your history
Have you ever wanted to record an interview about a personal milestone or life event with friends and family? Come along to the wellynextdoor caravan, which will be set up as a recording studio in Civic Square.
**Where:** Civic Square  
**When:** 28 September to 9 October  
**Bookings and enquiries:** wellynextdoor@wcc.govt.nz or phone 04 803 8330
Give gardening a go

Eat what you grow
If you’ve been thinking about growing your own veges, now’s the time to start. Getting a vegetable garden going can be as easy as planting a few tomatoes in pots or digging a patch in your backyard. You could even plant a few edibles between your ornamental plants. To prepare your soil, head to the shop at the Southern Landfill for compost that’s made using the city’s garden waste - wellington.govt.nz/landfill

Make room for native plants
Other creatures can also benefit from your hard work. Bring more native birds, insects and lizards to your place by using native plants. Native gardens are often easier to maintain too, as they’re adapted to local conditions. We’ve got lots of tips at wellington.govt.nz/backyardbiodiversity

Create a buzz
Spring is also a good time to encourage bees to visit your garden. Bees pollinate our flowers and fruit trees, and are an essential part of our ecosystem. By selecting bee-friendly plants – like honeywort, lavender and thyme - you can brighten your garden and create an oasis for our buzzy friends. September is Bee Aware month - for more “bee friendly” tips, go to wellington.govt.nz/beefriendly

No backyard? No problem
If you don’t have a garden but are keen to get planting, a community garden could be the answer. Wellington has more than 30 community gardens on Council and privately owned land, including the Khandallah Community Garden that now also boasts a “bee-friendly” mural. Find a community garden near you at wellington.govt.nz/communitygardens
Using recycled glass to make new glass minimises energy consumption, lowers carbon emissions, and reduces our reliance on raw materials.

Your recycled glass goes to O-I, New Zealand’s only glass container manufacturer and largest user of recycled glass.

wellington.govt.nz/recycling
Kei te mōhio koe...?

Help us find heritage fruit trees
Do you have or know of any heritage fruit trees? We want to graft from these trees and grow them for our heritage fruit tree programme. If you know of any suitable trees, please phone us on 04 499 4444.

Ask a Local Host for help
Look out for our Local Hosts around town. They’re dressed in green and black, and are there to help with directions and any safety concerns. You can also ask them for information about the Council – or just say hi!

Volunteer to make someone’s day
Do you enjoy having a good chinwag, and have a couple of daytime hours spare each week? Age Concern Wellington is looking for volunteers who can visit an older person for an hour or so once a week. Age Concern offers support and training. For more information, phone them on 04 499 6646.

Meet people and get busy at your local
There are always things going on at your local community centre. Drop in to find out about events and activities, or visit wellington.govt.nz/community-centres

Tell us if something needs fixing
If you’ve spotted a problem with Council property – whether it’s a street light that’s not working or a missing sign – let us know and we’ll get on to it. Download our free smartphone app FIXiT from wellington.govt.nz/fixit, email info@wcc.govt.nz, phone 04 499 4444, or text 3400 with the details.

Apply for road stopping or encroachment licences online
Did you know you can now submit your road stopping or encroachment licence applications online? Applying to purchase or use unformed legal road for your own purposes can seem like a big job, but we’ve laid it all out for you at wellington.govt.nz/encroachments

Get a mobility scooter for free
We’ve teamed up with TSB to provide free City Mobility scooters to explore the central city, waterfront, and beyond. You can book a scooter for up to 4 hours, from 10 locations around Wellington, including Te Papa, Freyberg Pool, and the Cable Car. For more information, check wellington.govt.nz/mobilityscooters

Get a recycling grant if you’re an education provider or not-for-profit
We support recycling in schools, early childhood centres, and not-for-profit organisations. We provide a kerbside recycling service where possible and have grants available if you need a commercial provider. For details, go to wellington.govt.nz/recycling-grants
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We support arts and culture projects

If you’re working on an arts project and need help to make it happen, we may be able to help. To find out about our Arts and Culture Fund and Creative Communities Scheme, visit wellington.govt.nz/funding

Go to wellington.govt.nz/publicartproposals to find out about our Public Art Fund. You can also phone 04 499 4444 and speak to a member of our funding team.

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Images, from top to bottom: Red Gate Gallery, Beijing; Dotscape (detail), Sutthirat Supaparinya; U from Uruguay/El Perfume del Pepe de Martin Sastre (production still), Martin Sastre.
In 1937, Prime Minister Michael Joseph Savage opened New Zealand’s first state house in which Wellington street?

Writer Katherine Mansfield and Māori chief Te Rauparaha had what in common?

Tim Rose and Geoff Marsland opened Cuba Street’s Midnight Espresso Cafe in what year?

Port Nicholson is said to have been named by Captain James Herd who sailed into our harbour in 1826. Who was it named after?

In 1842, who was elected Wellington’s first mayor?

To check your answers, go to wellington.govt.nz/springquiz

Don’t have internet access at home? You can use a free internet PC at your local library. A librarian can help you if you’re new to computers.

Does your ride make the grade?

- Tyre pressure
- Lights
- Horn
- Cover all skin before you hit the road

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Meeting rooms at HQCBD
Looking for casual office space in central Wellington? The Central Library has two small meeting rooms on the ground floor that are available for hire. $10 per hour. To book or find out more, email hqcbd@wcc.govt.nz or phone 04 801 4068.
Your Council

Council, committee and community board meetings

Get involved

The meetings listed on the next page are all open to the public, although there may be some agenda items that are public-excluded. You can make a short presentation to the Mayor and Councillors at these meetings - simply let us know by 12 noon the working day before the meeting. You can phone 04 803 8334, email public.participation@wcc.govt.nz or write to Democratic Services, Wellington City Council, PO Box 2199, Wellington 6140. You’ll need to provide your name, phone number, and the issue you’d like to talk about.

Live action

Anyone is welcome to come along to Council and Committee meetings held at our offices at 101 Wakefield Street. You can also now watch our monthly Council meetings on your computer, smartphone or tablet. See your Councillors in action while the meetings happen, or click through later to see what they said and decided. Go to wellington.govt.nz/meetings

Unless otherwise stated, meetings take place in Committee Room 1, Ground Floor, Wellington City Council, 101 Wakefield Street.

2 September
4pm – Youth Council
Mezzanine Community Room, Wellington Central Library

7 September
5.30pm – Environmental Reference Group
Committee Room 2, ground floor, Wellington City Council, 101 Wakefield Street

9 September
6pm – Pacific Advisory Group
Committee Room 2, ground floor, Wellington City Council, 101 Wakefield Street

10 September
9.15am - Transport and Urban Development Committee
7pm - Tawa Community Board
Tawa Community Centre, 5 Cambridge Street
7.30pm - Makara/Ohariu Community Board
Ohariu Valley Hall, 550 Ohariu Valley Road

15 September
9.15am - Economic Growth and Arts Committee

16 September
9.15am - Community, Sport and Recreation Committee
4pm - Youth Council
Mezzanine Community Room, Wellington Central Library

17 September
9.15am - Environment Committee
1pm - Regulatory Processes Committee

23 September
9.15am - Governance, Finance and Planning Committee

29 September
5.30pm - Accessibility Advisory Group

30 September
4pm - Youth Council
Mezzanine Community Room, Wellington Central Library
5.30pm - Council

5 October
5.30pm - Environmental Reference Group
Committee Room 2, ground floor, Wellington City Council, 101 Wakefield Street
8 October
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5 Cambridge Street

19 November
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24 November
9.15am - Economic Growth and Arts Committee
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13 October
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25 November
9.15am - Community, Sport and Recreation Committee
5pm - Youth Council
Mezzanine Community Room,
Wellington Central Library

16 October
9.15am - Governance, Finance and Planning Committee
7.30pm - Makara/Ohariu Community Board
Makara Hall, 366 Makara Road

26 November
9.15am - Environment Committee
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5pm - Te Awarua-o-Porirua Harbour and Catchment Joint Committee, Porirua City Council
Chamber, Administration Building, Hagley Street, Porirua City

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**Council appointments**

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Wellington International Airport Board

**Council appointments**

Chair: Regulatory Processes Committee  
Portfolio Leader: Economic Growth and Arts

**Council appointments**

Chair: Economic Growth and Arts Committee

**Trustee: Wellington Zoo Trust**
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**Council appointments**  
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Chair: Environment Committee  
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**Council appointments**  
Chair: Environment Committee  
Portfolio Leader: Transport and Urban Development - Buildings  
Trustee: Wellington Regional Stadium Trust

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**Council appointments**  
Portfolio Leader: Community, Sport and Recreation - Community Resilience  
Tawa Community Board (appointed member)

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**Council appointments**  
Portfolio Leader: Governance, Finance and Planning Committee - Community Engagement  
Director: Positively Wellington Tourism  
Director: Positively Wellington Venues

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**Council appointments**  
Portfolio Leader: Transport and Urban Development - Central City Projects  
Trustee: Wellington Museums Trust
This season, we’re in the mood for adventure.

Kōanga (spring) is the time for trying new things and visiting new places, so dust off that safari hat and get out there.

Cover: Bring your little explorers to Kids’ Day Out at Wellington Botanic Garden on 3 October.

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