



Tō Tātou Pōneke

Our Wellington

Your free guide to
life in the capital

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Kia ora koutou

Welcome to the summer edition of *Our Wellington*.

It's full of information about Council services, facilities and events.

2020 has been a year like no other, massively disruptive to our society and our economy, and particularly to events. Let's enjoy the coming summer all the more for the limitations we have faced.

We all want Covid to be managed really well so we can join together and enjoy the things we love doing. That means playing our part with good hygiene and ongoing contact tracing to help isolate any further outbreaks quickly, and minimise impacts.

Despite Covid, your Council is working hard tackling several really big issues. The Mayoral Taskforce has recently reported back on the work needed to improve the condition of our city's water and wastewater assets. We've listened carefully to your views on the Central Library and draft city Spatial Plan. More than 4,300 of you made submissions which illustrates the love we Wellingtonians have for our city, and helps us make better decisions for you.

Wellington has the best central city in New Zealand, but we've been hard hit by Covid, so we are working hard to support it, including through a great events programme. We're engaging on new strategies to support the economic, artistic and cultural health of our city.

We're also working in partnership with NZTA and Greater Wellington towards significant transport improvements. You'll see more in the New Year.

Major Council building developments are making good progress. The St James, Town Hall and Tākina, our new Convention and Exhibition Centre, are going well, as is the Omāroro water reservoir above Mount Cook.

Councillors are also working with our staff towards a new draft Long-Term Plan. This one will probably be the most challenging in our city's history as we seek to balance the need to invest in critical infrastructure with our collective ability to afford rates.

We'd like to finish by wishing you a wonderful summer. We got through lockdown by working together. Let's do that again, walking in each other's shoes, as we address these major challenges and opportunities for our city. *He waka eke noa.*

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Andy Foster

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Our news channel is now up and running and it's full of the latest info and stories about our people, our places, our friends, and our city. Visit wellington.govt.nz/ourwellington



Find out about rubbish and recycling

For collection days, how to get a new green crate or wheelie bin, and information about what you can and can't recycle, visit wellington.govt.nz/rubbishandrecycling

Donate your e-waste

Don't send your old gadgets and appliances to the landfill, the Tip Shop welcomes all sorts of electrical donations - and guess what, we accept them all free of charge (except for TVs and monitors). Visit wellington.govt.nz/ewaste



Book a sports ground

Schools and sports clubs often book sports grounds for games and practices, but businesses and community groups can also book them for activities and team-building days. We maintain more than 40 parks. To make a booking visit wellington.govt.nz/sportsgrounds-bookings

Fire up the barbecue

We have barbecues for you to use at some of our parks and reserves. They are free, easy to use and available year-round on a first-in, first-served basis. All we ask is that you leave them clean and tidy. Check out our locations at wellington.govt.nz/bbqs



Tell us when something needs fixing

If you see Council property that needs fixing - such as a streetlight, leaking pipe, or public toilet - you can phone us on 04 499 4444, text us on 3400 or use the FixIt app on your smartphone. It's free to download from the Google Play store, iTunes store, or Windows.

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Wā tākaro **Playtime**

Your rates help make Pōneke a fun place to live and visit. Make the most of summer in the capital with these whānau-friendly activities.



1 Carrara Park upgrade

Come and check out our newly reopened community playground, Carrara Park in Newtown! It's been decked out with a separate toddler area, balance logs, an accessible carousel, flying fox, and a climbing tower with a curved slide. There is also a new picnic area with electric powered barbecues for you and your whānau to enjoy. Find out more about our playgrounds here: wellington.govt.nz/play-areas



2 Waitohi

2 Waitohi - Johnsonville Community Hub

Waitohi brings together a new Johnsonville library, a new Common Ground café and connects to the Johnsonville Community Centre, Keith Spry Pool, and Memorial Park via a new landscaped outdoor area. It's looking fab! Don't forget the togs and the library card! wellington.govt.nz/waitohi



3 Kainui Reserve/Treasure Island Play Area

Ahoy matey! We have upgraded the play equipment with a refurbished seesaw, spinner, a two-bay swing with four seats, and a pirate ship. Check out other new play areas in your area. wellington.govt.nz/play-areas



4 Berhampore/Island Bay Skate Park

Scoot, skate and glide along the ramps at the skate park. With a range of gradients, it's suitable for all abilities. wellington.govt.nz/skate-parks



5 Matairangi Nature Trail

Explore the Matairangi Nature Trail with the playful pīwakawaka (fantail). Climb up the pōhutukawa like a moko pirirakau (forest gecko), navigate the reeds like the matuku hūrepo (bittern), or zip and zoom like the hungry kapokapowai (giant bush dragonfly). wellington.govt.nz/naturetrail

Pitopito kōrero News

Load it right - cover it tight

Are you planning a trip to the landfill? Whatever falls off your truck or trailer ends up in our backyards, in stormwater drains and pipes, in our streams and in Taputeranga Marine Reserve. It only takes a minute to secure your load. Help us keep your community beautiful.

Don't flip your lid

Wellington households that have a recycling wheelie bin should also have a wheelie bin clip - so here's a reminder to use them, even if it's not windy. If you have any problems with installing or using your clip, please contact 04 499 4444 and we'll send one of our friendly team to help you. wellingtongovt.nz/wheeliebinclip

Holiday parking fees

This year, Boxing Day and the day after New Year's Day fall on a Saturday. Both days (and the following Mondays) will be treated as public holidays and there will be no parking fees. Standard fees will apply on Sunday 27 December and Sunday 3 January. wellingtongovt.nz/parking-fees

Mornington Golf Club

Did you know the public are welcome to use this mid-city 18-hole golf course - and you don't need to be a member or even have a booking? It also has accessible golf classes for mixed abilities, junior golf, lawn bowls, and Bocce, and the Mornington club house is available to hire for corporate and social events. Find out more at morningtongolf.co.nz

What to do with your waste

Confused about what to recycle, what is waste, and what is not? If you've ever wondered what to do with chopsticks, plant pots, or your electric toothbrush then look no further than our new 'What to do with your waste' search tool. wellingtongovt.nz/what-to-do-with-your-waste

Keep your dogs on leads

This is a friendly reminder to keep your dog on-lead in our parks and on our walkways, unless you're in a specified off-leash dog exercise area. This is to ensure the safety of your good doggo, people and native wildlife. If you're caught with your dog off-leash on our walkways that's not in a specified off-leash dog exercise area, you could get a \$300 fine. Ouch! Find your local off-leash area here: wellingtongovt.nz/dogexercise

Connect with your community

It's important for our wellbeing to build and maintain social connection, particularly during times of uncertainty. Whether it's with friends, workmates, whānau, neighbours, or others in your wider community, there are heaps of ways to reach out, strengthen relationships and build new ones. To find out what's happening around you, you can visit your local community centre or library. If you're keen to organise an event in your neighbourhood, there are lots of great tips, including our Getting Together Guide, at wellingtongovt.nz/neighbours

Chilling in Te Awe, our newest library.



You want it? We've got it!

If you don't want to leave the house (or the beach) we have thousands of online resources you can access using your Library Card. Whether you want to read *The Dominion Post* or *The Guardian*, *Vogue* or *Amateur Photographer* - we've got it!

Looking for something a bit different? Check out the librarians' latest Lists or Recent Picks in books, music and DVDs online at wcl.govt.nz/blog/index.php/category/lists or in our branches.

If you can't find the item you want at your local branch, check out the full online catalogue of books, CDs, DVDs and

more at catalogue.wcl.govt.nz. Once you place your order, our teams will deliver it to the library branch of your choice within one to three working days.

If you need a hand finding what you're after, or need help to place an order, call us on 04 801 4040, email enquiries@wcl.govt.nz or drop into your local branch. We have three libraries in the central city - Arapaki Manners Library, He Matapihi Library and Te Awe Library - alongside our 11 branches across Wellington's suburbs. Be sure to check our opening hours before you visit at wcl.govt.nz/hours

Get your walk on

#WellyWalks is back! Keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram pages in December and January where we'll share some of our amazing Wellington walkways, so you can start planning your weekly adventures. wellingtongovt.nz/wellywalks

Explore our cycle paths

Summer is here, and it's a great time to get on your bike and explore some of the awesome paths taking shape around our harbour. For bike tips and tricks, head to bikethere.org.nz

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Ō tātou wāhi Our places

Summer of fun on the Waterfront

During summer, there will be a wide range of summer outdoor activities for you and your whānau to enjoy. The mix of markets, activities, live music and fun for all ages will take place at Odlns Plaza or under the sails on the waterfront. There will also be Salsa@Sunset every Thursday in February at Odlns Plaza. Visit wellington.govt.nz/eventscalendar

But that's not all! Membership now lasts two years instead of one, and we have made it easier to obtain. It will be issued automatically through a number of different partner organisations. If you are applying with a Community Services Card or a permanent disability you can do so in person at any one of our recreation facilities, libraries, or our Service Centre on Manners Street. To find out more about the changes head to our website: wellington.govt.nz/leisure-card



Parkinson's programme

Parkinson's New Zealand and Club Active have collaborated to create a new exercise programme for people living with Parkinson's. Our consultants have been trained on how to prescribe effective types of exercise to maintain good health. Parkinson's NZ members will receive a 20 percent discount on a Club Active gym membership. Membership includes a Parkinson's specific class each week, two introductory sessions with a Parkinson's-trained fitness consultant, and ongoing support on the gym floor. Visit clubactive.nz

We're upgrading Keith Spry Pool

The upgrade will happen in four different stages across the pool facility until June 2021. During this time there will be areas of the facility that will close, but there will always be a spot to come and have a swim. For more info or for any queries about the pool upgrade visit wellington.govt.nz/pools or follow Keith Spry Pool on Facebook.

School holiday fun

Looking for things to do to keep the kids occupied during the summer break? Check out the programmes and activities available at our pools and recreation centres. A great way to keep your kids occupied and active over the holidays! Book now.

Changes to LeisureCard

The LeisureCard has changed! It's now a handy keytag instead of the old card. We will be phasing out the old cards over the next six months, so keep an eye out in the post for your new LeisureCard tag.

wellington.govt.nz/holidayideas

Tautaiiao **Eco city**

There's nothing like the joy and adventure that playgrounds offer our children, and with more than 100 play areas within parks throughout our city, it's clear that Wellingtonians love to play. That's why we're constantly looking at ways to make our play areas better.

Feedback from our communities has been instrumental in our recent playground upgrades. After a busy year of consultation and engagement, we've been hard at work refreshing and upgrading a bunch of play areas around the city. These are:

Recently completed:

- Carrara Park Play Area
- Aro Valley Play Area
- Montgomery Avenue Play Area
- Victory Crescent Park Play Area
- Coronation Park Play Area
- Southgate Play Area

Works underway:

- Karori Park Play Area
- Khandallah Library Play Area
- Kekerenga Street Play Area

Works yet to start:

- Newlands Park
- Wall Park



During the consultation process for these playground upgrades, we held several drop-in sessions and created feedback surveys where you shared your thoughts and ideas - and we listened. We know that each Wellington community is unique and your feedback is super important, because it helps us come up with an awesome design that best serves the needs of the people who are going to use it most - the locals.

We've even got local school children involved in a collaboration project to upgrade Wall Park in Linden. This special project is the result of collaboration between Tawa Education Technology Trust and Tawa and Linden schools, with the intent of giving local children the opportunity to learn about urban design and place making. This has been an enjoyable and hugely valuable process for all involved, including our urban designers who emphasise how "refreshing it is to hear a child's perspective" on the work they do.

For the play areas awaiting construction works, we've since collated your feedback and used it to help select and buy the equipment. Some of the play equipment comes in pieces all the way from Europe, so timeframes for delivery can take a while - but it's worth the wait.

Once the equipment arrives, it's all hands on deck and the construction phase moves quickly. As more playgrounds are finished, we'll look to celebrate - so keep your eyes peeled for community events over the next few months!

Below
Slide climbing tower at the recently completed Carrara Park in Newtown.



Did you know?

Wellington playgrounds are broken down into three different categories which helps us to prioritise, allocate budget and make decisions when it comes to upgrades.

Neighbourhood play areas

These are small play areas which service a group of locals within a 600-metre walking distance.

Examples Montgomery Avenue Play Area, Aro Valley Play Area.

Community play areas

These are larger-scale play areas which service a community, usually within an approximate 800-metre walking distance.

Examples Karori Park Play Area, Te Papa Tākaro o Jim Belich.

Destination playgrounds

As the name would suggest, these are the super cool destination play areas. Not only are they larger in scale, they often feature bespoke equipment and an adventure theme of sorts, designed to keep kids busy for a good couple of hours. They are located in areas that are central and easy to access for all.

Example Frank Kitts Playground.

Visit wellington.govt.nz/playgroundupgrades

Ngā mahi whakangahau Put it on the calendar

Check out some of the exciting events the Council is supporting over the summer months. For more, visit wellington.govt.nz/events

Make sure to check online

It's been a year full of challenges and change, so please make sure to go online for the latest Alert Level status, as well as checking the website or social media page of all events for up-to-date venue and entry information.

Light Years Christmas

Until Mon 21 Dec | Capital E, Queens Wharf
Free

Capital E is embracing the Christmas spirit with an array of light-based play activities sure to put the twinkle in the eyes of tamariki. Ages 0-5. Visit capitale.org.nz

Kilbirnie Christmas Parade

10.30am, Sun 6 Dec | Bay Road

Johnsonville Christmas Parade

11am, Sat 5 Dec | Main Road

Downtown Shakedown

3pm, Sat 5 Dec | Waitangi Park | Sold out

Wellington's newest festival brings Benee, Fat Freddy's Drop, L.A.B and more to Waitangi Park to kickstart the summer festival season. downtownshakedown.co.nz

Orchestra Wellington: Triumph

7.30pm, Sat 5 Dec | Michael Fowler Centre

Wellington's favourite orchestra takes you on a sonic exploration, with 'View From Olympus' and Rachmaninoff 2. orchestrawellington.co.nz

Black Caps v West Indies Test

Fri 11-Tues 15 Dec | Basin Reserve
nzc.nz/international

Wana Ake Festival

Fri 11 Dec-April | Te Papa

Play, look, and explore at Te Papa this summer with a series of experimental community events for all to enjoy. tepapa.nz

Tawa Christmas Parade

2pm, Sat 12 Dec | Main Road

NZSO Messiah

7.30pm, Sat 12 Dec | Michael Fowler Centre

A joyful end-of-year classic for three centuries, Messiah combines soloists, choir and orchestra in a dramatic celebration in music and song. nzso.co.nz

Rā Whānau Waitohi

10am-3pm, Sat 12 Dec | Johnsonville Memorial Park | Free

Waitohi is turning one! Let's celebrate with a full day of play. wellington.govt.nz/waitohi

World of WearableArt: Up Close

Sat 12 Dec-Sun 14 Feb | Te Papa

This theatrical journey through WOW brings you up close to over 35 extraordinary garments from the world's leading wearable art competition in a new immersive experience. worldofwearableart.com

Khandallah Village Fair

10am-2pm, Sun 13 Dec | Ganges Road

New Year's Eve

8pm-12 midnight, Thurs 31 Dec

Whairepo Lagoon | Free

See in 2021 on Wellington's waterfront.

wellington.govt.nz/newyear

PlayHQ Summer Play Activation

Wed 13 Jan-Mid May | Capital E, Queens Wharf | Free

Discover the magic of rhythm and sound in Capital E's new summer play activation. Tamariki are invited to be the conductor of their own play exploration in discovering how sound works through creative technology, reimagined acoustic objects and more. Ages 0-5. Visit capitale.org.nz

Wellington Pasifika Festival

12pm-6pm, Sat 23 Jan | Odlins Plaza | Free

Experience the sights, sounds and flavours of the Pacific with a day of traditional and contemporary music, performances, delicious food, art and crafts, free family-friendly activities and more. wellington.govt.nz/pasifika



Gardens Magic

Tues 12 Jan-Sun 31 Jan

Botanic Garden ki Paekākā | Free

Concerts 8pm-9.30pm

Light display 9pm-10.30pm

Wellington City Council's iconic summer event returns with three weeks of free music and magical light display by MJF Lighting. Acts include OdESSA, Glass Vaults, WAI, T-Bone, New Zealand Opera, Super Tonic - and many more of Aotearoa's best and brightest!

There's something for everyone

- see the programme at

wellington.govt.nz/gardens-magic

Kids Magic

11am-1pm, Sat 30 Jan

The Dell, Botanic Garden | Free

Pack a picnic, grab the gang and head to the Dell to be entertained.

wellington.govt.nz/kids-magic

Welly Weekend

Sun 24 Jan–Mon 25 Jan | Waterfront

Have a Welly Weekend with fireworks, amusement rides, circus performances and cardboard box land.

Gindulgence

12pm–6pm, Sat 30 Jan–Sun 31 Jan

Frank Kitts Park
gindulgence.co.nz

Swim the Lighthouse

6.30am–1.30pm, Sun 31 Jan | Freyberg Beach, Oriental Parade

Set yourself an open water challenge in the capital's Oriental Bay. For information and to enter visit oceanswim.co.nz

Whānau Film Night

6pm–9pm, Fri 5 Feb | Waitangi Park | Free
wellington.govt.nz/waitangi



Waitangi Day at Te Wharewaka o Pōneke

10am–late, Sat 6 Feb | Whairepo lagoon

Arrive early to watch the traditional waka salute, followed by activities and entertainment.

Te Rā o Waitangi

12pm–7.30pm, Sat 6 Feb | Waitangi Park
Free

Celebrate Aotearoa with friends and whānau. There will be kai and kapa haka, as well as live music to keep you entertained.
wellington.govt.nz/waitangi

Kotahi

Sat 6 Feb | Kahurangi School, Strathmore Park | Free

The annual all-ages music concert celebrates local artists and our diverse community.

Synthony

9pm, Fri 12 Feb | TSB Arena

Synthony is back! The most memorable dance tracks of all time, performed like you have never experienced them before.
synthony.com

Island Bay Festival

Sat 13 Feb–Sun 14 Feb | Shorland Park and surrounds | Free

Performance artists provide entertainment as you stroll through the park and surrounding area. It's a family fun day out – so bring friends, whānau, a hat and plenty of sunscreen.
islandbayfestival.org.nz

Salsa at Sunset

5.30pm–8pm, 6, 13, 20, 27 Feb
Odlins Plaza | Free

Learn to salsa in the setting sun down on the waterfront with CubanFusion.

Wellington Wine & Food Festival

11am, Sat 13 Feb | Waitangi Park

This outdoor festival of wine, food and live music brings together the best of local cuisines, matched with local wineries and breweries that reflect the best of summer.
wineandfoodfestival.co.nz

ZEALANDIA Valentine's Night Tours

8pm–10.30pm, Sun 14 Feb
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Join an expert guide in the lush forest of the ecosanctuary. Look for some of over 150 kiwi, tuatara, takahē and thousands of beautiful sparkling glow worms. Book at visitzealandia.com

Chinese New Year Festival

Sat 13 Feb–Sun 14 Feb | TSB Arena and Frank Kitts Park | Free

To celebrate Chinese New Year, a wide variety of cuisine, crafts and cultural events will be held in the capital over the weekend – and everyone is welcome.
chinesenewyear.co.nz

Holi Festival of Colour

Sat 13 Feb–Sun 14 Feb | Upper Frank Kitts Park

Bring your family and friends, throw colour on each other, enjoy food, and dance to DJ tunes.

BOWLZILLA

10am–5pm, Sun 14 Feb | Waitangi Skate Park
Free to watch

Head on down and see the country's best skaters and scooters in action at the national park skating championship. Visit bowlzilla.net

Valentine's Night at Wellington Zoo

5pm–8.30pm, Sun 14 Feb | Wellington Zoo

Make Valentine's Day wild! Enjoy an adults-only night at the Zoo with live music, an outdoor bar and more.
wellingtonzoo.com



Nicholas Shackleton, *Mask*, 2020

Performance Arcade

Thurs 18 Feb–Sun 28 Feb | Waitangi Stream Promenade | Free

Live arts, music, and performance, this specially curated event will feature performance installations within a unique architectural arrangement of shipping containers.
theperformancearcade.com

Dragon Boat Harbour Fun day

Sat 20 Feb | Upper Frank Kitts Park
dragonboatfestival.org.nz

Fried Chicken Festival

Fri 26 Feb–Sat 27 Feb | Frank Kitts Park
friedchickenfest.co.nz

The Garden Party

Sat 20 Feb–Sun 21 Feb | Wellington Botanic Garden ki Paekākā

Talks, music and food come together for a special weekend festival celebrating Aotearoa artists and artisans.
verbwellington.nz/garden-party

Wellington Round the Bays

Sun 21 Feb | Starting at Frank Kitts Park

A fun run/walk along the beautiful Wellington waterfront designed for all ages and abilities. Register at wellingtonroundthebays.co.nz

NZ Fringe Festival

Fri 26 Feb–Sat 20 March | Various

Full of incredible talent with over 153 shows in more than 40 Wellington venues, including over 1,000 individual performers.
fringe.co.nz

Pipes in the Park

10am–4pm, Sat 27 Feb | Waitangi Park

Black Caps v Australia T20

Wed 3 March | Sky Stadium
nzc.nz/international

PARK(ING) DAY 2021

Fri 5 March | Cuba Street

See Cuba Street filled with car park installations by artists, architects and community-minded creatives for PARK(ing) Day 2021! Rain date: 12 March.
sculpture.org.nz



Late Fridays at Wellington Zoo

Every Friday in March | Open until 7.30pm
Wellington Zoo

Make Friday night family night! Half price Zoo entry from 4pm, experience Wellington Zoo as the sun goes down. wellingtonzoo.com

Dragon Boat Festival

Sat 6 March–Sun 7 March | Frank Kitts Park

Join us for a weekend of dragon boat racing with some fierce competition. Free to watch, racing from 9am each day.
dragonboatfestival.org.nz

Newtown Festival

Sun 7 March | Newtown

Everyone is invited to Aotearoa's largest annual free music festival and street fair.
newtownfestival.org.nz

Capital E's Children's Day

10am–2pm, Sat 13 March | Queens Wharf
Free

Get your groove on, enjoy a variety of performances and contribute to the collective voice of tamariki in our time capsule! Ages 0–12. Visit capitale.org.nz

Te Whanganui-ā-Tara Wellington Pride Festival

Sat 13–Sat 27 March | Various

With over 100 events planned, we're excited for Wellington Pride Fest 2021! Featuring opening gala He Tangata, the Pride Hikoi, the Pride Youth Ball, and Out in the City, Wellington's annual family-friendly rainbow fair – let's celebrate 35 years of Pride in the capital together. Visit wellingtonpridefestival.com

Aro Valley Fair

Sat 13 March | Aro Valley Community Centre and Aro Park

arovalley.org.nz/aro-fair

St Patrick's Day Parade

2–4pm, Sun 14 March | Waterfront | Free

Join us along the Waterfront for some ceol rince agus craic (music, dance and fun).

Wellington International Pride Parade

Sat 27 March | Courtenay Place to Odilins Plaza

Join the Pride Parade and celebrate the LGBTQI+ community in the capital with fun and colourful floats and festivities embracing the city's inclusion, diversity and talent. For more info and confirmed times and dates, visit wellingtonprideparade.co.nz

Black Caps v Bangladesh ODI

Sat 20 March | Basin Reserve
nzc.nz/international

Homegrown

Sat 20 March | Wellington Waterfront

With five stages (Dub and Roots, Reggae, EDM, Rock, Pop & Hip Hop) spanning the stunning Wellington Waterfront, Jim Beam Homegrown is Kiwi music's biggest party!
homegrown.net.nz

The Lost Letter Office

10am, Sun 21 March | Te Papa Soundings Theatre

Using magic, movement, music and clown performance, The Lost Letter Office explores how these paper creations can deliver powerful gifts of love. Book at capitale.org.nz

CubaDupa

Sat 27 March–Sun 28 March | Cuba Street

CubaDupa will transform Wellington's most-loved street and nearby laneways into an immersive and interactive playground of music, dance, theatre and art. cubadupa.co.nz



CubaDupa Photo Amandala photography

Tō tātou hāpori Our community



Meet Abra, mother of four, grandmother of two and owner of a black cat called Crackerjack.

She also loves to walk, write poetry and celebrate seasons. She and her friends have a YouTube channel called Meow Gurrlls where they publish poetry videos. Oh, and she knows some Te Reo too.

Outside of her personal life, Abra pounds the pavements of Wellington as a parking officer for Wellington City Council.

It's a far cry from her previous job as an office administrator, and one she loves for the opposite reason.

"I've gone from a desk-based sedentary job indoors where most days are the same, to a job where I'm outside and active for the entire day - and I never know the area I'll be assigned to until I arrive at work."

The idea of walking the streets and interacting with people all day, every day, attracted Abra to the job she began just over a year ago.

"I walk up to 20km a day, I feel fitter, it's been good for my health, and I get to see all the nooks and crannies around Wellington."

Abra talks of the ever-changing views of Wellington Harbour, the house with a garden full of monarch butterflies, the bridge near Parliament that has a tree growing through the gaps and her encounters with Mittens, "the cat of Wellington".

"Wellington is full of little surprises, all things you wouldn't see if you weren't on foot," grins Abra.

On any given day Abra and her nine-strong team could be assigned to an area anywhere from suburbs like Johnsonville and Kilbirnie, or within the CBD.

She's on the lookout for motorists overstaying their paid parking period, expired warrants of fitness and car registrations, vehicles parked on yellow lines or over fire hydrants, and any other parking offences, such as parking in clearways.

Abra and her colleagues enforce clearways and bus lanes around the city at peak time. They also work in pairs to operate cameras at bus lanes to ensure motorists are abiding by the law.



Often she'll have to deal with an angry motorist, but that doesn't faze her.

"It's a very small part of this job and I do understand their reactions - I try to talk with them and explain the situation."

Those situations happen frequently and are part of the job, but Abra instead focuses on the positives.

"While there are people who get angry over being ticketed, the positives far outweigh the negatives in this job.

"If there were no parking wardens, people would park up as long as they wanted and it would be very difficult for anyone to get a park in the city - at the end of the day, we're making everyday life easier for people and I feel good about that."

Even cold, wet, windy Wellington days don't dampen Abra's spirits.

"We have all the gear to keep us warm and dry, and once you're out there it's fine, you just get on with it."

Regardless of weather or motorists' temperament, what Abra loves is being an ambassador for the city.

"We get asked a lot of questions, people approach us about all sorts of things, where can I find good coffee, where's a good place to eat, where is such-and-such a business or street, where is the Cable Car..."

The job definitely keeps Abra on her toes.

"Believe it or not, this position really helps with memory, awareness and being in the moment.

"It's part of the reason time moves quickly because you are always in the moment - there's no need for some fancy mindfulness seminar, you get it for free on this job," she laughs.

Pay by Space parking

If you're driving into the city centre, you can park in one of more than 3,000 on-street Pay by Space parking spaces.

Each space has its own number located on the kerb. Sensors start your session automatically when you park.

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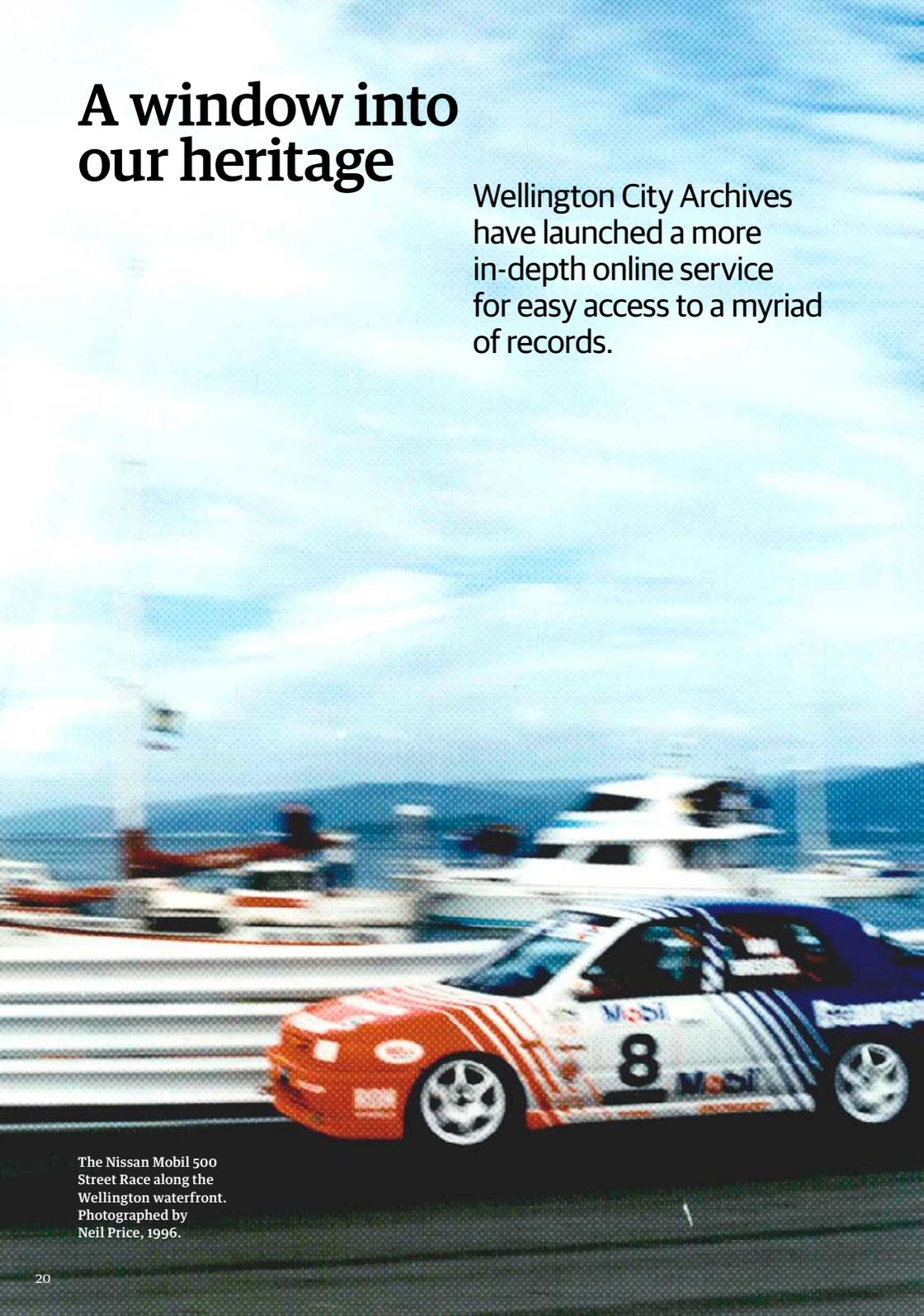
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- Credit or debit card (including Paywave)
- Cash

3. Pay and walk away - no receipt needed

All spaces have time restrictions - most are limited to 120 minutes (2 hours). Check the meter for more information or go to [wellington.govt.nz/parking](https://www.wellington.govt.nz/parking)

A window into our heritage

Wellington City Archives have launched a more in-depth online service for easy access to a myriad of records.



The Nissan Mobil 500 Street Race along the Wellington waterfront. Photographed by Neil Price, 1996.

Did you know... you can now discover more of Wellington's unique past through Archives Online?

Browse more than 500,000 items from City Archives, including photographs and regulatory records reflecting 150 years of Wellington history.

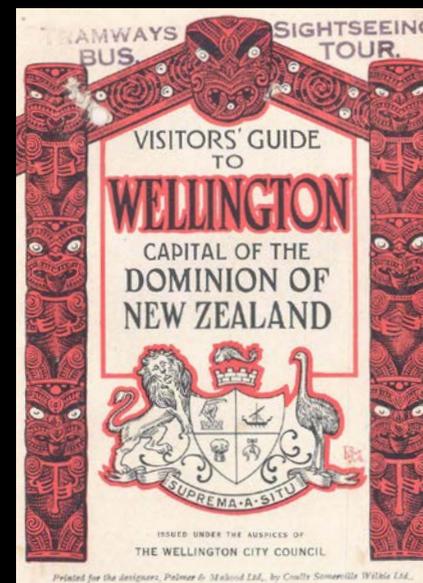
“We are making more of the City Archives collection available online, so people can browse, download and share to their heart's content,” says City Archives team leader Adrian Humphris.

“More items are being digitised all the time, so there's always something new to discover.”

Archives Online holds records dating back to 1842, when Wellington became the first site of local government in New Zealand.



A group of men in bathing costumes posing in front of an old tram car, 1920s.



Guide published under the auspices of the Wellington City Council, 1930s.

Many archive items can be downloaded directly through the site, or a digital copy can be requested.

Using the Property portal, you can request access to records such as residential or commercial building permits and consents for a small fee.

“A great place to start exploring is our interactive timeline of Wellington's history,” says Adrian. “Browse, learn and share what you find with your friends.”

archivesonline.wcc.govt.nz

Mahi toi Capital arts

Coming up at Toi Pōneke Gallery

The Toi Pōneke Residents' Show
Sat 12-Tues 22 Dec

Looking for an opportunity to start your own art collection or expand on your current one? See what residents of Toi Pōneke have been up to in our rejuvenated annual exhibition.

Marcus Jackson *Slime Inheritance*
Toi Pōneke – New Zealand School of Music
Te Kōki Sound Artist in Residence
Sat 16 Jan–Fri 5 Feb

Artist and composer Marcus Jackson will work during the residency to create a new installation work comprising airways, release valves, and sounding objects that come together to form a fluid genealogy throughout the gallery space.

Ben Lysaght *Tree Museum*
Sat 13 Feb–Sat 6 March

Pōneke-based artist Ben Lysaght explores through painting the peculiarities within the history of botanical gardens and botanical archives. *Tree Museum* is generously supported by the Emerging Artists Trust.

Toi Pōneke Open Day

Sat 27 Feb
10am–4pm

Toi Pōneke on Abel Smith St in the heart of Wellington's Cuba Quarter throws open its doors. Come meet our creative community, try out a workshop and enjoy our friendly hospitality. Workshops, open studios, car boot sale, coffee, food truck and DJ Sound System.

Visit toiponeke.nz

Coming up at City Gallery Wellington

Terminal
Until Sun 14 Feb

Check in to City Gallery Wellington for *Terminal*, a stellar international exhibition of art about airports. An iconic symbol of the modern age, the airport has become a battleline for issues of globalisation, border control, state security, and individual freedom. Unmissable.

Zac Langdon-Pole *Containing Multitudes*
Until Sun 7 March

Zac Langdon-Pole's disorienting, puzzling works prompt us to rethink our relationship to nature, colonial history, and more. *Containing Multitudes*—the first major New Zealand exhibition by the award-winning Berlin-based expat—includes a new installation: a native-timber floor where the tracks left by colonising borer beetles are perversely picked out in gold.

Simon Ingram *The Algorithmic Impulse*
Until Sun 7 March

Drawing on approaches from artificial life, computer engineering, and robotics, Simon Ingram challenges our idea of 'the artist'. Visit on the weekend and witness his machine make a painting based on a visitor's brainwaves.

Visit citygallery.org.nz

Courtenay Place Park light boxes

Camus Wyatt *Time is the longest distance*
Until Mon 25 Jan

Time is the longest distance brings visual slices of Wellington's public past into the bustle of today's streets. Inspired by the richness of the photographic archives of the Alexander Turnbull Library, artist Camus Wyatt has selected and photographed fragments of negatives from the library's vast collection.

Kerry Ann Lee and Stan Chan
Mon 1 Feb–Sun 23 May

An exhibition inspired by photographic images drawn from 20 years of Chinese New Year celebrations in Wellington. This exhibition forms part of the 2021 Chinese New Year Festival on 13–14 February 2021, Year of the Ox.

Below
David Brown,
AR 2016–30



Above
Alex Prager,
Crowd #7 (Bob Hope Airport) 2013.
City Gallery Wellington, 2020.
Photo Harry Culy.

Right
Kerry Ann Lee,
Double Dragon (2012)
featured in *Imagined Geographies*,
curated by Claudia Arozqueta.





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Kaupapa pūtea **Funding**

We have a range of funding available for community groups and projects to help make our city a better place.

Contact our funding team to talk through your idea for a project and check our calendar for closing dates. Visit wellington.govt.nz/funding

Creative Communities Funding

We fund groups and individuals for projects that encourage participation in the arts, reflect our diversity and creativity and get young people involved, especially for projects by and for young people under 18 years old. Closes 1 March 2021.

Tawa Community Funding

Support for community initiatives in Tawa, Linden, Takapu Valley and Grenada North. Available for a range of projects. Closes 26 February 2021.

Social and Recreation Fund

This fund supports community projects which make the city safer, more resilient and connected. The CH Izard Bequest supports educational projects for disadvantaged groups. Both close 31 March 2021.

Arts and Culture Fund

Support for arts and cultural projects in the city. Closes 31 March 2021.

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Ngā huihuinga o te Kaunihera, ngā komiti me ngā poari ā-hapori Council, committee and community board meetings

All Council and Committee meetings are livestreamed via our YouTube page, so please tune in at youtube.com/WgtnCC. You are also welcome to attend any meeting listed here, depending on the Covid Alert Level.

Meeting dates and locations sometimes need to change, so please check final details at wellington.govt.nz/meetings or phone **04 499 4444**.

Wednesday, 2 December
9.30am - Grants Subcommittee

Thursday, 3 December
9.30am - Strategy and Policy Committee
7.00pm - Tawa Community Board

Monday, 7 December
9.30am - Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Joint Committee

Wednesday, 9 December
9.30am - Regulatory Processes Committee

Thursday, 10 December
9.30am - Strategy and Policy Committee
7.00pm - Makara/Ohariu Community Board

Wednesday, 16 December
9.30am - Council

Wednesday, 3 February
9.30am - Regulatory Processes Committee

Thursday, 4 February
9.30am - Strategy and Policy Committee

Wednesday, 10 February
9.30am - CEO Performance Review Committee

Thursday, 11 February
9.30am - Strategy and Policy Committee
7.00pm - Tawa Community Board

Thursday, 18 February
9.30am - Annual Plan/Long Term Plan Committee

Wednesday, 24 February
9.30am - Council

Wednesday, 3 March
9.30am - Regulatory Processes Committee

Thursday, 4 March
9.30am - Strategy and Policy Committee

Monday, 8 March
9.30am - Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Joint Committee

Wednesday, 10 March
9.30am - Finance, Audit and Risk Subcommittee

Thursday, 11 March
9.30am - Strategy and Policy Committee
7.00pm - Tawa Community Board

Wednesday, 17 March
9.30am - Grants Subcommittee

Thursday, 18 March
9.30am - Annual Plan/Long Term Plan Committee

Wednesday, 24 March
9.30am - Council

Thursday, 25 March
9.30am - Strategy and Policy Committee

All meetings take place at Council headquarters, 113 The Terrace, or in the suburbs of community board meetings.

Te Koromatua me ngā Kaikaunihera

The Mayor and Councillors

The people who represent you

Wellington City Councillors are elected by Wellington residents every three years. Their role is to represent the views of residents and help the Council make the best decisions for the city. Not sure which ward you're in?

Visit wellington.govt.nz/wards

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