

# RIVER WEEK

NOVEMBER 1 - 8 2009  
WHANGANUI



<b>Sun 1</b>	<b>Dawn Launch and Breakfast</b> Celebrate the launch of River Week with fire rafts and food where River front, Moutoa Quay, by the Waimarie when 5 am cost Free contact Ned Tapa 027 4938553 bring -	<b>4 Bridges River Race</b> A race around Whanganui's bridges on multiple boat types Union Rowing Club, Taupo Quay, Whanganui Registration from 8 am, briefing 9.50, race start 11.00 \$15 per paddler until Oct 26; late entries \$20 <a href="mailto:aaron.cox@xtra.co.nz">aaron.cox@xtra.co.nz</a> 0274205577 Race gear	<b>The River Speaks</b> A picnic by the river to hear kaumātua talk about life on the river River front, Moutoa Quay. If wet: 1 Taupo Quay 5.30 pm Free Hannah Rainforth <a href="mailto:hainforth@doc.govt.nz">hainforth@doc.govt.nz</a> 3492151 Kai to share		
<b>Mon 2</b>	<b>Whanganui Riverboat Centre Museum Talk &amp; Tour</b> Explore Whanganui's commercial navigation history where 1A Taupo Quay, Whanganui when 9.30 am cost Donation contact 06 3471863 <a href="mailto:riverboatswanganui@clear.net.nz">riverboatswanganui@clear.net.nz</a> bring -	<b>Twilight on the River</b> Enjoy a relaxing evening paddle. Great for beginners River front, Taupo Quay, by the Waimarie 5 pm onwards Free Mike Poa <a href="mailto:oneriver@xtra.co.nz">oneriver@xtra.co.nz</a> 0274482791 Gear to get wet in. Paddles & lifejackets supplied.			
<b>Tues 3</b>	<b>Whanganui Wastewater Treatment Plant Tour</b> Come find out how the plant works where Meet at Whanganui District Council. Transport provided when 9 - 10 am; 4 - 5 pm. Wet weather day: Thurs 5 cost Free. Bookings essential contact Register with <a href="mailto:genevieve.doube@wanganui.govt.nz">genevieve.doube@wanganui.govt.nz</a> ph 06 349 0001 by Friday 30th October. bring -	<b>River Queen on the Sarjeant</b> Enjoy a night under, and with, the stars On the grass outside the Sarjeant Gallery 8.15 pm Free Sietske Jansma 06 3490506 <a href="mailto:SietskeJ@queenspark.org.nz">SietskeJ@queenspark.org.nz</a> bring Popcorn and a blanket to sit on.			
<b>Wed 4</b>	<b>Free BBQ to celebrate RIVER WEEK!</b> Wander down at lunchtime, join the WDC team for some free food and music beside the river where River front at Moutoa Quay when 11am - 2 pm cost Free contact <a href="mailto:genevieve.doube@wanganui.govt.nz">genevieve.doube@wanganui.govt.nz</a> 06 349 0001 bring -	<b>Creatures and Features</b> An evening exploring the freshwater world with iwi, Horizons and the Department of Conservation Meet at the pumpkin in Kōwhai Park 5.15 - 7.15 pm Free Hannah Rainforth, <a href="mailto:hainforth@doc.govt.nz">hainforth@doc.govt.nz</a> 3492151 Shoes to wear in the mud			
<b>Thurs 5</b>	<b>Beautiful Birds</b> An illustrated talk on Whanganui's birds by Paul Gibson where Davis Lecture Theatre, Whanganui Regional Museum when 7.30 pm cost Koha contact Clare McNamara 06 349 1110 ext. 711 bring -	<b>Ridgway Lythgoe's Pictorial History of the River</b> A Friends of the Whanganui River presentation DoC offices, Whanganui 7 - 8 pm Free Dawn Bramley 3492100 <a href="mailto:dbramley@doc.govt.nz">dbramley@doc.govt.nz</a> bring -	<b>Smoke on the Water</b> A riverside fireworks celebration One River Pūtki Boat Ramp 9 pm Free Mike Poa <a href="mailto:oneriver@xtra.co.nz">oneriver@xtra.co.nz</a> 0274482791 bring Fireworks and food to share		
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<b>Sat 7</b>	<b>River Rubbish Clean Up</b> Grab mates & clean up a river section where Meet at the pumpkin in Kōwhai Park when 8 am cost Free contact Rod Trott 027 208 3201 <a href="mailto:events@wri.net.nz">events@wri.net.nz</a> bring Shoes suitable for the mud. Gloves and bags provided	<b>Bring it, Build it - a raft race</b> Bring materials, build, race, & dismantle River front, Moutoa Quay 10 am Free Ned Tapa 027 4938553 Gear to build your raft. Rafts to be constructed on site with rope	<b>Whanganui River Road Tour</b> Travel to Jerusalem for tea and talk Pick-up arranged 12.30 - 5 pm \$30. Limit 10 people Whanganui Tours 3477534 bring -	<b>What's it all about?</b> Displays on water issues and safety, fun paddling River Traders Market 10 am Free Mike Poa 0274482791, Hannah Rainforth 3492151 bring -	
<b>Sun 8</b>	<b>All Day River Trip to Hipango Park</b> A rare opportunity to visit this beautiful, inaccessible park. Moderate fitness required where Whanganui Riverboat Centre 1A Taupo Quay, Wanganui when 10 am - 4.30 pm cost Adults \$50, children 5 - 15 years \$20, under 5 free. Bookings essential. Max number 38. contact 06 3471863 <a href="mailto:riverboatswanganui@clear.net.nz">riverboatswanganui@clear.net.nz</a> bring Sturdy shoes, warm clothes, wet weather gear, picnic lunch	<b>Ride the River Valleys</b> Long and short course cycle races beside the river Top 10 Holiday Park Registration on the day from 9 am; race start 10 am. \$5 waged, \$3 unwaged. Proceeds to Hospice. Rod Trott 027 208 3201 <a href="mailto:events@wri.net.nz">events@wri.net.nz</a> bring Race gear	<b>Window on the Water</b> An evening of old Whanganui River films, good wine & smelly cheese River front, Taupo Quay, by the Waimarie 8 pm Free Mike Poa <a href="mailto:oneriver@xtra.co.nz">oneriver@xtra.co.nz</a> 0274482791 bring A blanket to sit on, wine and cheese		
<b>Daily</b>	<b>Decorate your drains</b> Help protect our aquatic life by stenciling your local drains. Instructions available from DoC All week You'll need paint, cardboard etc Hannah Rainforth 06 3492151, <a href="mailto:hainforth@doc.govt.nz">hainforth@doc.govt.nz</a>	<b>Museum Schools Programme</b> Students learn the importance & history of the Whanganui River. Whanganui Regional Museum Monday - Friday, 9.00 - 3.00 \$1/student (member schools free) Awhina Twomey, 06 3491110 <a href="mailto:awhinat@museum.queenspark.org.nz">awhinat@museum.queenspark.org.nz</a>	<b>Waimarie sailings</b> A unique maritime experience on NZ's last paddle steamer. Whanganui Riverboat Centre 2 pm Adults \$45, kids 5 - 15 years \$15, < 5 free 06 3471863 <a href="mailto:riverboatswanganui@clear.net.nz">riverboatswanganui@clear.net.nz</a>	<b>River Views</b> River art works in the education space at the Sarjeant Gallery Sarjeant Gallery, Wanganui All week Free Sietske Jansma 06 3490506 <a href="mailto:SietskeJ@queenspark.org.nz">SietskeJ@queenspark.org.nz</a>	<b>River Road Tour</b> Visit Korintii, Opeirki Gardens, Jerusalem, Pipiriki & more Pick-up arranged Tues - Fri, 12.30 pm \$45: River Week special Whanganui Tours 06 3477534

