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Walks now circle the city

The best way to see Wellington has got to be on foot.

Now locals and visitors have even more walks to choose from with the new Skyline Walkway that provides a route by foot or bike all the way from the popular Makara Peak area to Ohariu Valley, a distance of 12km.

The city is famous for its scenic walkways offering peace and quiet and spectacular views.

The Southern Walkway takes you from beautiful Oriental Bay through the Town Belt to the south coast. The shorter Eastern Walkway offers stunning views across the harbour entrance towards Pencarrow. The Northern runs all the way from Johnsonville to Thorndon, and the City to Sea route traces a path from the central city to Island Bay, through the Wellington Botanic Garden, Central Park and a variety of other parks and tracks. The Skyline Walkway completes the circle.

Wellington City Council's Manager of Natural and Botanic Areas, Mike Oates, says the Skyline effectively gives the city a western walkway and

raises the prospect of people one day being able to walk from Ohariu to the south coast.

There is also a great new track in the northern suburbs through Newlands' Gilbert Bush Reserve. The main track runs from Ladbroke Drive to Fernhaven Drive, with a link to Bayswater Place. A side track offers extensive views of the harbour and the Rimutaka range.

"The route we decided on is easily accessible from local streets and means walkers can avoid unnecessary climbing and stay in the sun. At the same time, the track is located away from the nearest houses to preserve a sense of remoteness and quiet," Mr Oates says.

He says Gilbert Bush is an excellent example of the Council's policy of building walkways handy to residential areas, allowing people to hop on to them for a quick stroll or a more energetic leg-stretch.

"In Wellington, we have all these great walks right on our doorstep. You can take your pick of quiet, bush-clad or more open, scenic routes."

The highly popular Oriental Bay end of the Southern Walkway reopened recently after being

closed for the laying of new stormwater and sewage pipes. The upgrade includes a new concrete path linking The Crescent and Oriental Parade and landscaping in the area is planned soon.

Improvements to the Troup picnic area at Otari-Wilton's Bush will happen over the next few months, along with an upgrade of the Circular Walk track leading down to it. The area will be made more accessible, with steps being removed, a better walking surface installed and a new look-out put in.

The picnic area, which will be closed from about mid May until late June, is getting a new shelter and pathway around the outside.

Finally, waiting in the wings is Wellington's contribution to Te Araroa – the national walkway that will stretch from Cape Reinga to Bluff. Locally, this will allow people to walk from the Cable Car to Old Coach Road and all the way to Porirua.

So, whether you're a first time stroller or a veteran walker, put your boots on, head for the hills and discover your city.

Spa and Sauna

Hard day at the office?
Treat yourself at one
of Recreation
Wellington's spas,
saunas or steamrooms.



Available at:
Karori Pool (spa only), ph 476 5400
Tawa Pool, ph 232 7041
Keith Spay Pool, ph 478 9237
Freyberg Pool and Fitness Centre, ph 801 4530
Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre, ph 387 8029

Extra grants funding available for projects

The Council is accepting further grants applications as a limited amount of funding is still available in some of its grants schemes.

Funding is available in the Community and Youth Initiatives grants schemes and may also be available in other grants areas, depending on the amount of funding allocated in the next rounds.

Community Grants are for projects that encourage the growth of communities and participation in community life, and assist the development of economically and socially disadvantaged groups.

Youth Initiative Grants support projects that keep young people safe and help them develop to their full potential.

For more information about the funding available, please contact Adele Gibson on 801 3127 or Katharine Macann on 801 3158. They will also be able to help you determine your eligibility to apply.

A list of projects funded in the past 12 months for all of the Council's grants schemes is available at www.Wellington.govt.nz/services/grants. The full criteria and application forms for the schemes can also be found here.

Applications close at 5pm on Friday 28 April.

Waterfront meeting change

The meeting of the Waterfront Development Subcommittee that was to take place on Tuesday 18 April at 6pm has been rescheduled as follows:

Date: Monday 8 May **Time:** 6pm
Venue: Committee room 1, ground floor, Council offices, 101 Wakefield Street



Special K Women's Duathlon – Sunday 16 April

The Special K Women's Duathlon will take place on Sunday 16 April from 8am with running and cycling legs around Oriental Parade and Evans Bay Parade. The transition point will be at Waitangi Park.

Roads will be open during the duathlon, but motorists should expect delays in this area until 10.30am.

Please follow the instructions of event marshals and traffic management vehicles at all times.

For more information, call 499 4444 or visit www.gogirl.co.nz



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Arts Centre

Book now for Arts Centre courses

Check out the courses, workshops and events on at the Wellington Arts Centre during April, May and June.

Courses cover everything from fun pinhole photography to tekno funk.

To find out more, pick up a brochure from the Wellington Central and suburban libraries or the Wellington Arts Centre, 61 Abel Smith Street, phone 385 1929 or visit the website www.Wellington.govt.nz

Council services during Easter

Library opening hours

All libraries will be closed on Friday 14 April, Sunday 16 April and Monday 17 April.

All libraries and branch library service centres will be open for normal business hours on Saturday 15 April. Libraries open again as usual on Tuesday 18 April.

Swimming pool opening hours

All Council swimming pools will be open as usual from 6am–9pm.

Thorndon Pool closes for the season on Friday 14 April. Get in quick for a last swim.

Recreation centres

All recreation centres are closed on Friday 14 April.

Operating hours for Saturday 15 April–Monday 17 April are 12–6pm.

Rubbish collection

The scheduled residential kerbside collection for refuse/recycling on Friday 14 April will happen on Saturday 15 April.

There are no changes for the Easter Monday collection on 17 April.

Wellington Southern Landfill

Wellington Southern Landfill will be closed for business on Friday 14 April.

The Landfill will be open on Saturday and Easter Monday 7.30am–5pm, Sunday 9am–5pm.

The recycling centre will be open on Saturday and Easter Monday 7.30am–4.30pm and Sunday 9am–4.30pm.

Wellington City Council Call Centre

We are open 24 hours for your convenience. Our website is also a great way to get information about the City Council and upcoming events: www.Wellington.govt.nz

Roadworks in Wellington

Burma Road footpath repair 10–28 April

Contractors will be repairing the footpath on Burma Road from Maldive Street to Kim Street, from 9am to 3pm, starting 10 April.

This work will cause some disruption to traffic, so avoid the area if you can.

In the event of bad weather, work will be done on the next fine day.

For more information, contact Kylie Hook, Works Infrastructure, on 477 3457.



2HOT2 Handle – road closures

Roads along Wellington's quays will be closed this weekend to make way for speedsters showing off in the two-day 2HOT2 Handle motoring extravaganza.

Aotea Quay Off Ramp, Aotea Quay (all) and Waterloo Quay (between Aotea Quay and Bunny Street) will be closed to all traffic and parking from 11pm tomorrow (7 April) until 11pm on Sunday 9 April.

2HOT2 Handle includes street sprints along Waterloo Quay, demonstration events, and New Zealand's largest automotive exhibition. The Warhawk jet car is one of two that will be performing on the track, along with Lamborghinis, Ferraris, American Muscle cars and the highly tuned Japanese Imports.

Heading the glittering line-up inside Westpac Stadium will be the \$1.5 million Enzo Ferrari, top Australian hot rods and the champion Britten motorbike.

On Saturday, the indoor-outdoor show finishes at 7.30pm with a night parade featuring the jet cars and a burnout by a specially imported 7500 horsepower Nitro Methane car from the US. The Sunday show finishes at 5.30pm with a demolition derby.

For more information, contact the event organisers Morrison McDougall and Kristie McGregor on 471 0335.



Accessible WELLINGTON Forum 2006

The Forum's theme is:
Championing Diversity in Employment
with guest speaker Mark Bagshaw.

Monday 10 April 2006, 11am to 2pm
(10.30am registration, free entry)
Rangimarie Rooms, Te Papa, Cable Street

For further information, phone 499 4444 or check www.Wellington.govt.nz