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Wakefield St Bridge funding approval

Whanganui District Council can now move forward with a group of significant infrastructure projects after Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency approved all safety projects in the council's roading programme for 2021-24.

The projects are part of a package of almost \$10 million for the council's low-cost, low-risk safety programme announced as part of Waka Kotahi funding for the next three years.

The council's senior roading engineer, Brent Holmes, says Waka Kotahi's acceptance of all council bids for safety improvements is great news for Whanganui.

The projects approved for subsidised funding include the replacement of the Wakefield Street Bridge in Whanganui East, the Aramoho Rail Bridge pedestrian walkway clip-on and Erni's Bridge at Kaurapaoa.

"It's fantastic that all our projects were accepted – they are not easy projects. For instance, Wakefield Street Bridge on No 3 Line crosses over an operational railway yard."



Wakefield Street Bridge in Whanganui East will be replaced as part of Whanganui District Council's 2022-23 works programme

The council has been seeking Waka Kotahi approval to replace the Wakefield Bridge since 2014. Mayor Hamish McDouall says the council's infrastructure team had provided compelling business cases to Waka Kotahi for the funding and it was pleasing to see all projects accepted.

Read more at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/waka-kotahi-funding

Victory Shed demolition

Care advised in Tod / Wharf streets

Demolition of the Victory Shed is underway at the Whanganui wharves as part of the revitalisation of Whanganui's port.

This work will be carried out from Monday to Saturday over a five-week period (until mid-December 2021). We expect there will be additional heavy truck movements during this time in both Tod Street and Wharf Street, Castlecliff.

We ask members of the public to avoid using Tod Street during this time. Extreme caution should be taken when accessing Wharf Street.

Please also be aware that swimming in the wharf area is extremely dangerous. Warning signs are in place. If you have any concerns, please call Whanganui District Council on 06 349 0001.

Maria Place pop-up space offers dumplings and donuts

The pop-up space on Maria Place (pictured) is being reinvigorated for summer with two mobile food businesses now onsite – Mini Boss Donuts and Kaykay's Dumplings.

Whanganui District Council's Town Centre Regeneration project manager, Ellen Young, says she wants to thank the section owners for allowing the Town Centre Regeneration team to activate this space for another summer as it's another way to bring life and vibrancy to Whanganui.

"We want to draw people into the central city to spend time in multiple places around town. When we provide these sort of destinations, research shows people stay in town longer and visit the surrounding businesses as well.

"This pop-up space is special because it has the largest pool table in the southern hemisphere. You play it by using croquet mallets to hit miniature soccer balls into the pockets – it's a lot of fun and a great drawcard for the kids for the upcoming summer holidays," Ellen Young says.



Glass Market for Christmas

Christmas is just around the corner so it's that time of year again for New Zealand Glassworks' annual Glass Market! This year's market takes place on **Saturday, 4 December 2021 from 10.00am to 2.00pm**. This is always a super fun day with lots of great glass to see and buy.

Please note that COVID-19 measures will apply – more information at: www.facebook.com/nzglassworks

Tourism plan input wanted

Whanganui & Partners – Whanganui District Council's economic development agency – is calling for final community feedback on its Destination Marketing Plan 2020-2030.



Paul Chaplow, Whanganui & Partners' strategic lead – visitor industries, says, "Destination management brings together different stakeholders to develop a well-managed, sustainable visitor destination. It's a way for us to identify the social, economic, cultural and environmental risks and opportunities and plan our future around them."

In addition to providing a roadmap for developing Whanganui as a destination, Paul Chaplow says having a destination management plan opens up opportunities to attract future funding to Whanganui. "Access to this funding requires having a destination management plan in place. No region's plan is the same, and we need to ensure that ours reflects the interests and values of the people of Whanganui and what we want for our region."

You can view Whanganui & Partners' Destination Marketing Plan 2020-2030 at: www.bit.ly/3oHwVmx

To give your feedback on the plan via a survey, please visit: www.surveymonkey.com/r/WhanganuiDMP

Feedback closes at **midnight on Sunday, 12 December 2021**.

LIM report applications

Holiday deadline: 10 December 2021

If you need a Land Information Memorandum (LIM) report before the 2021-22 Christmas / New Year holiday period, your completed application form and payment must reach Whanganui District Council no later than **5.00pm on Friday, 10 December 2021**.

You can apply for a LIM report online at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/lims

Applications made after Friday, 10 December 2021 may not be processed before the council closes for the holiday period at 12 noon on Friday, 24 December 2021.

The statutory 10-working day processing timeframe for LIM applications will be suspended from 12 noon on Friday, 24 December 2021 until Thursday, 13 January 2022 inclusive.

The council reopens for the new year at 8.30am on Wednesday, 5 January 2022.

Normal hours resume

Maria Place Resource Recovery Centre

The Whanganui Resource Recovery Centre at 81 Maria Place is again open 24/7 for recycling.

The centre's back gate is also now open daily until 4.30pm. As before, paper, cardboard, tins, cans, glass and plastics 1, 2 and 5 can be posted into the slots for recycling.

Please note the centre welcomes your paper and cardboard for recycling. Markets for these products have recovered so please bring paper and cardboard in.

Council meetings

Meetings in December

Audit and Risk Committee	1.00pm Wednesday 1 December	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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Please note the change of meeting location

Council Meeting	1.00pm Tuesday 7 December	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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