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Concrete steps on climate change

Whanganui District Council has been working with its Roothing Alliance partner Downer on a climate change initiative to reduce and reuse waste concrete.

Downer maintains the roading and pedestrian network in urban Whanganui and the wider district. A considerable amount of concrete and asphalt waste material is produced when repairs and improvements are made to the network.

The council's senior roading engineer, Brent Holmes, says, "To reduce disused roading material going to landfill, the Roothing Alliance decided to trial using concrete waste as a product that could be used for unsealed road remetalling."

The potential reuse of local concrete waste was seen as an alternative to using 100 percent new material sourced as greywacke from Kakariki in Rangitikei and limestone shellrock from Maxwell.

Brent Holmes says, "Together with Downer, we grew a stockpile of concrete waste to an economic size and a subcontractor was engaged to crush the concrete into a suitable grading aggregate. This material was then placed on sections of our district's unsealed rural roading network to see how it performed."



Concrete waste is crushed for reuse at the Roothing Alliance's Balgownie yard

"We found these products are actually better in some situations than the materials we've traditionally used. The crushed concrete product also generates less dust than traditional materials, which is a real bonus to our rural communities in hot, dry conditions."

To continue from the trial success, the Roothing Alliance is now accepting some commercial concrete waste to grow the stockpile of reusable material faster. This will have the advantage of further reducing costs as well as possibly improving the performance of the crushed concrete product. Read more at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/concrete-waste

Feedback wanted on district's tourism destination plan

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.**

Recycling centre welcomes back paper and cardboard

The Whanganui Resource Recovery Centre at 81 Maria Place wants to emphasise that they are again accepting paper and cardboard. Last year there was some doubt about the future of recycling for these products, but markets have recovered so make sure you bring that paper and cardboard in! The front of the centre is open 24/7 - as well as paper and cardboard, the centre accepts tins, cans, glass and plastics 1, 2 and 5. As you may also be aware, urban Whanganui households will have a kerbside recycling service in 2023. The Resource Recovery Centre will remain open for rural households and for products that can't be collected kerbside.



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Property file requests

Holiday deadline: 20 December 2021

If you require a property file before the 2021-22 Christmas / New Year holiday period, Whanganui District Council must receive your request no later than **5.00pm on Monday, 20 December 2021**. This means you will receive the electronic file before the council closes for the holiday period at 12 noon on Friday, 24 December 2021.

Applications received after Monday, 20 December 2021 will be actioned from when the council reopens at 8.30am on Wednesday, 5 January 2022.

A property file includes information like drainage plans, building consents, code compliance certificates and more. To request a property file online, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/property-file-request

Victory Shed demolition

Take care around 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.

Durie Hill lookout plan

Give your feedback this Sunday

Whanganui District Council staff will be available to answer questions and take community feedback from **10.00am to 12 noon this Sunday, 5 December 2021** on a concept plan to improve the Durie Hill lookout and its surrounding area.

All are welcome at the existing Blyth Street lookout area near the top entrance to the Durie Hill elevator to find out more about the plan for the updated lookout.

The majority of funding for this improvement project derives from a donation made by Mars Petcare earlier this year. Construction work on the lookout is expected to begin in mid-2022. Part of the improvement work in this area will include restoration of a heritage fence at 9 Blyth Street. For more information about the Durie Hill lookout improvement project, visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/durie-hill-improvements

Council meetings

Upcoming meeting

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