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## Saying YES to youth employment

Whanganui District Council's economic development agency, Whanganui & Partners, and 100% SWEET have launched a new online platform, YES (Youth Employment Success), that matches Whanganui youth to work experiences like mentoring, internships, coffee dates, CV reviews, practice interviews and site visits.



YES is free for both youth and employers to use and there are already 10 local businesses, including the Council, offering experiences. It's a great way to contribute to the local community as well as engage young workers with your business and industry.

The Council's Heritage Advisor, Scott Flutey (pictured right), features in a video helping launch the initiative – to watch this video, go to: [bit.ly/2zdky3R](http://bit.ly/2zdky3R)

"There would have been big interest in this when I was at school," Mr Flutey says.

"Upskilling is crucial now and I think doing that outside of university is especially important for career building. Connecting institutions with younger people has so many benefits for both."



If your business would like to offer work experiences to Whanganui youth through YES, please contact Whanganui & Partners' Strategic Lead – Capability and International, Hannah Kelly, at: [hannah.kelly@whanganuiandpartners.nz](mailto:hannah.kelly@whanganuiandpartners.nz)

## United in Recovery

A post-COVID-19 Recovery Office has been established at Whanganui District Council's Civil Defence headquarters at 101 Guyton Street and an integrated plan for local recovery is being developed. The current focus is to collect and evaluate information gathered throughout our region during the public health emergency. To complete a survey on your experiences during the COVID-19 lockdown and your ideas about what is needed in recovery, please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/united-in-recovery](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/united-in-recovery)

## Streets Infrastructure Bylaw 2015 review

Whanganui District Council is seeking feedback on the review of the Streets Infrastructure Bylaw 2015. The Council is proposing changes to the drafting of the bylaw to improve its clarity and usability, but is not proposing any substantive changes to the rules relating to the Council's street infrastructure network and public places. The Council considers that an amended Streets Infrastructure Bylaw 2015 is the most appropriate way to manage and protect the Council's street infrastructure or public places and does not give rise to implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

To submit your feedback, please complete the submission form online at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say) or email your thoughts to: [policysubmissions@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:policysubmissions@whanganui.govt.nz) Hard copies of the proposed policy, statement of proposal and submission form are available from Council Customer Services at 101 Guyton Street, and the Davis Library or Gonville Library. All consultation information is available at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say) Submissions close at **5.00pm on Friday, 17 July 2020.**

## Survey about public's views on dogs closes this Sunday

Whanganui District Council is beginning a review of its Dog Control Policy and Bylaw and would like to know the public's views on dogs and how they affect the way people use and enjoy public places.

The Council recently collected some information about dogs during a review of the Keeping of Animals Poultry and Bees Bylaw. We're now gathering more detailed information to help in the review of the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw. To answer an online survey about dogs **before midnight this Sunday, 14 June 2020**, please go to: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/WDCDogControlReviewCL](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WDCDogControlReviewCL)



## Hazardous waste disposal

A reminder that the final day to register for Whanganui District Council's Household Hazardous Waste Day is **this Friday, 12 June 2020.**



Once you're registered, the Council will contact you with a drop-off location and time between 9.00am and 1.00pm on Saturday, 20 June. Only registered and approved waste will be accepted. To find out the types of hazardous waste that can be accepted and to register for this service, please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/Household-Hazardous-Waste-Day](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/Household-Hazardous-Waste-Day)

## Rates relief consultation

Whanganui District Council has begun consultation on a rates relief package for people and businesses experiencing significant financial hardship as a result of COVID-19. The Council is proposing the ability to postpone rates upon application providing specified criteria have been met and an agreed payment plan is in place. This would allow ratepayers who meet the criteria an extra six months to pay their fourth-quarter 2019/20 rates, and the full year to pay their 2020/21 rates.

Submissions close at **4.00pm on Wednesday, 24 June 2020.** Hearing of submissions will be on Wednesday, 8 July with final adoption by the Council on Tuesday, 14 July 2020. For further submission information, please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say-rates](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say-rates)

## Council meetings

You are welcome at our meetings

### Upcoming meetings

Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee	10.00am Thursday 11 June	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Whanganui Rural Community Board	3.30pm Thursday 11 June	Nagaizumi-cho Room, 101 Guyton Street
Whanganui District Licensing Committee Hearing	10.00am Monday 15 June	Venue to be advised
• <i>Objection to Liquor Renewal</i>		
Council Extraordinary Meeting	2.00pm Monday 15 June	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street

Agendas are available at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas)  
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As mornings and evenings get darker, wear lights and reflective clothing whether you are cycling, walking or running.