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Survey will gauge our 'digital pulse'

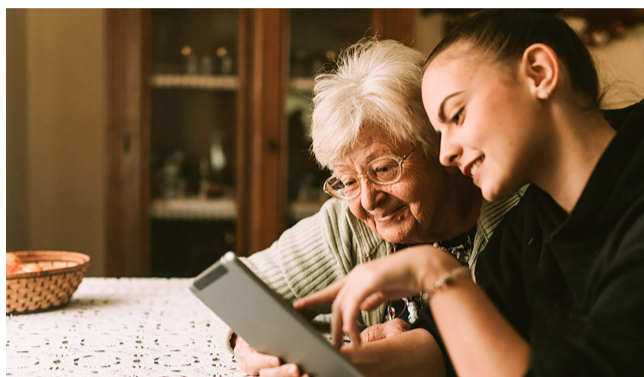
Whanganui District Council wants to hear about internet access and the level of digital confidence in the Whanganui District. A community survey will be available online, in paper form and via phone call from **12 noon tomorrow, Thursday, 13 January 2022.**

The survey is to help the council better understand the current state of online access and services throughout our district.

The council's Connected Community Advisor, Jo Buckingham, says, "As we implement the council's digital strategy, this information will help us gauge the need for improvements to digital access or support in our libraries and community organisations. We can then look to attract national funding for digital inclusion initiatives."

Jo Buckingham says everyone in the Whanganui district is encouraged to complete the survey and help others to do so. "It's not just for those who use the internet regularly," she says.

"For those people who do not use the internet there will be opportunities to participate by paper, at events or by phone. Council staff and volunteers will also be doing mail drops in some suburbs and door knocking to help people complete the survey and make sure that a wide range of people are enabled to participate."



"It is important that the survey shows both the good and not so good stories of people's digital journeys in the community," Jo Buckingham says.

The survey includes the chance to win one of several prizes generously donated by Tuatahi First Fibre (formally known as Ultrafast Fibre). Prizes include one of three tablets and 12 Prezy Cards to the value of \$25.00 dollars each.

To complete the online survey and for more information, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/digital-survey or call 06 349 0001 quoting the digital survey.

The survey on internet access and digital confidence in Whanganui closes at **5.00pm on Tuesday, 22 February 2022.**

Pine trees on Ridgway St to be removed next week



Whanganui District Council will remove pine trees alongside the Heads Road cemetery on Ridgway Street next week as part of its planned maintenance schedule.

Council parks officer, Claire Lilley, says, "The majority of these pine trees have long weighty limbs and branches. This poor form means they are at risk of breaking or toppling."

The pine trees (pictured above) stand along the cemetery's Ridgway Street boundary and over the years have become a local feature. "While these trees are not listed as protected, we appreciate that they will have provided shade for Cemetery Circuit spectators, and visitors to the cemetery, for many years," Claire Lilley says.

The council manages more than 6000 street trees and 10,000 surveyed parks and reserve trees. Claire Lilley says, "The council's priority is maintaining our open spaces and keeping them as safe as possible. We have an obligation to ensure that we manage risks to public safety from trees at risk of falling."

The work to remove the trees will begin on **Monday, 17 January 2022** and is expected to take about a week. During this time the road will be closed in the immediate work vicinity with traffic diversions and signs in place.

Once the trees are removed, the bank will be replanted with native plant species and planting will be complete by about August.

New manager appointed for 2023 Masters Games

Local event manager Heather Cox has been appointed as



games manager for the 2023 New Zealand Masters Games event in Whanganui. In partnership with the New Zealand Masters Games Trust, lead agency Sport Whanganui made the appointment late last year, with Heather Cox starting full-time in the role this February.

Heather Cox says, "I'm really enthusiastic about putting Whanganui on the map and am excited about using my event and marketing skills to build on the success of the 2021 Masters Games."

Cemeteries survey still open

Whanganui District Council is inviting the community to complete a survey on burials, cemeteries, cremations, monuments and memorials in the district, ahead of a review of the Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw in 2023.

The survey covers a range of issues such as cemetery maintenance, nuisance behaviour at cemeteries, access to burial services, natural burials, materials allowed for headstones and whether there should be a dedicated area for scattering ashes. Everyone who fills in the survey will also have the option to go in the draw to win a \$50.00 grocery voucher.

The survey closes on **Friday, 4 February 2022** – please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/cemeteries-bylaw-review

WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

Whanganui District Council invites you to have your say on these topics:

- Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw review – initial survey
- Durie Hill lookout improvements

More details at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say



Picnic in the Park

Multicultural Council-hosted event

The Multicultural Council of Whanganui / Rangitikei is holding its Picnic in the Park at Kowhai Park this **Sunday, 16 January 2022, from 1.00pm-4.00pm.** All are welcome – pack a picnic and come along for a free sausage from the barbecue and some fun in the sun! More at: www.whanganuimulticultural.co.nz

Summer at our libraries

Enter the Summer Reading Challenge!

Registrations are open to enter Whanganui District Library's Summer Reading Challenge! The purpose of the challenge is to get the Whanganui community engaging with library staff, services and of course the library's great collection of reading and other material. Register for the Summer Reading Challenge and collect your guide at either the Davis, Gonville or mobile libraries. For more information, please visit: www.facebook.com/pg/WhanganuiDistrictLibrary/posts/

Heritage Grant Fund

Apply for funding by 31 January

Owners of heritage buildings can now apply for funding support for professional services relating to seismic design and fire upgrades with Whanganui District Council's Heritage Grant Fund. Funding applications for the current funding round can be made until **Monday, 31 January 2022.** More information at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/heritage-fund

Requests for tender

Contract 1973 – Streetlight maintenance 2022

Whanganui District Council invites tenders from suitably experienced contractors to maintain approximately 6500 streetlights and poles on the council's roading network.

- TenderLink reference: **WANGDC-1002273**
- Tender deadline: **4.00pm on Thursday, 20 January 2022.**

Contract 1972 – Pavement marking 2022

Whanganui District Council invites tenders from suitably experienced contractors to maintain road markings and raised reflective pavement markers on Whanganui District roads.

- TenderLink reference: **WANGDC-1001913**
- Tender deadline: **4.00pm on Thursday, 20 January 2022.**

Contract 1938 – Whanganui Youth Places & Spaces feasibility study

Whanganui District Council invites quotes from suitably experienced contractors to conduct a feasibility study to determine the viability of a Youth Places & Spaces (or a central hub / youth hub) in the Whanganui District.

- TenderLink reference: **WANGDC-1000724**
- Tender deadline: **4.00pm on Thursday, 3 February 2022.**

Access all tender documents and TenderLink registration information for these contracts at: portal.tenderlink.com/whanganui For TenderLink enquiries, call 0800 698 363. For any other tendering assistance contact the council's senior procurement officer, Lana Treen, on 06 349 3105 between 10.00am-4.00pm weekdays or email: lanatreen@whanganui.govt.nz