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By-election needed for rural board

Following voting that ended at 12 noon on 8 October 2022, preliminary local election results for the Whanganui District are available at: votewhanganui.nz



Results show Peter Oskam has been successfully elected to Whanganui District Council, creating a vacancy in the Whanganui subdivision for the Whanganui Rural Community Board. A by-election for this seat will be held in early 2023. The other members of the rural community board were elected unopposed as the number of candidates did not exceed the number of vacancies.

Preliminary results are based on the counting of 100 percent of ordinary votes and do not include some special votes that are still to be processed. The outcome of these elections may change once all votes have been counted.



Currently the voter return is 46.42 percent – being 15,605 votes – excluding special votes.

The final declared result, including all special votes, will be available by tomorrow, Thursday 13 October 2022.

Road closures

• Partial Nixon Street closure

A section of Nixon Street between Anzac Parade and Moana Street is closed to all through traffic until **5.00pm on Friday, 11 November 2022** for ground stabilisation work prior to the installation of a new wastewater pipeline later this year.

The ground stabilisation work will be completed on a block-by-block basis during the construction period, beginning at the Anzac Parade end of Nixon Street and working towards Moana Street.

Residents and emergency vehicles will have access to Nixon Street properties at all times with detour signs displayed.

• Erni's Bridge repairs next month

Whanganui District Council Roadway Alliance partner Downer has scheduled repairs during November to the road surface of Erni's Bridge (Bridge 15) on Kaurapaoa Road.

The bridge and immediate surrounding areas of Kaurapaoa Road will be closed from **8.00am on Tuesday, 1 November until 5.00pm on Tuesday, 22 November 2022** for the resurfacing work.

The work will affect Kaurapaoa Road traffic between property numbers 968 and 1001. As no through-traffic access will be available, Kaurapaoa Road will effectively act as a cul-de-sac from the Papaiti Road or Rangitatau East Road ends during the work period.

For more details about both road closures, visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/public-notice

Fest of Cultural Unity set to return at Majestic Square

Whanganui's Fest of Cultural Unity returns to Majestic Square to dazzle eyes, ears and tastebuds on **Saturday, 29 October 2022 from 10.00am until 4.00pm.**



Presented by Born & Raised Pasifika, with support from Mainstreet Whanganui and a team of committed volunteers, this event has existed in one form or another for more than a decade and has grown to be a real highlight of the local events calendar.

Festival chair, Hellen Puhipuhi, says as well as being a chance to enjoy incredible food, the event is all about bringing the community together to share cultural experiences and celebrate diversity.

"After a long period without many local events, this is a chance for people from all walks of life to come together and embrace Whanganui's beautiful multicultural community. And what better way to do that than with delicious kai and awesome live entertainment."

Mainstreet Whanganui's community liaison, Geoff Follet, says it's great to have the event back after missing 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions.



This year's Fest of Cultural Unity returns to Majestic Square in Victoria Avenue on Saturday, 29 October. IMAGE SUPPLIED

"The fest is always jam packed with different flavours, and this year there'll be upwards of 20 food stalls representing all corners of the globe – including Sri Lankan, Dutch, Pasifika, Chinese, South African, Indian, Greek and Māori cuisine."

For more event information and the latest updates, please visit: www.facebook.com/festofculturalunity or email: info@mainstreetwhanganui.co.nz

Explore Whanganui's local heritage during October

Whanganui Heritage Month returns this year with an early transport theme. A varied line-up of 43 events includes the history of transport in Whanganui with the free photographic exhibition *Ngā Waka – Transport Heritage at the Alex* open on **weekdays from 9.30am-5.00pm until Friday, 28 October** at the Alexander Library Te Rerenga mai o te Kāuru in Pukenua Queen's Park. This exhibition features images from the collections of the Alexander Library and Whanganui District Council Archives.

Other Whanganui District Council-related events include **The Whanganui Story Tour**. Take a guided tour of the stained-glass windows in the Council Chamber at 101 Guyton Street **this Friday, 14 October** (and again on Friday, 28 October) **from 10.00am-11.00am**. The tours are free with bookings essential – to book for either tour, please email: anique.jayasinghe@whanganui.govt.nz For a full list of Whanganui Heritage Month events, please visit: whanganuiheritagetrust.org.nz

WHANGANUI
HERITAGE MONTH

8-30 OCTOBER 2022
TRANSPORT THEME

Pick up an Event Guide or visit
whanganuiheritagetrust.org.nz



Heritage
Vehicle
Parade
Sat 22 October

Request for tender

Contract 2020 – Airport water supply upgrade - stage 2

Whanganui District Council is seeking an experienced and suitably qualified contractor to construct a 1.1km new 180mm PE water main from Landguard Road to the Whanganui Wastewater Treatment Plant along Airport Road by using the trenchless methodology

TenderLink reference – **WANGDC-1035226**
The tender deadline is **4.00pm on Thursday, 27 October 2022**.

Access all tender documents and TenderLink registration information for this contract at: portal.tenderlink.com/whanganui

For TenderLink enquiries, call 0800 698 363. For any other tendering assistance, please contact the council's senior procurement officer, Lana Treen, on 06 349 3105 between 10.00am-4.00pm weekdays or email: lana.treen@whanganui.govt.nz

Climate Action Fund

Support for not-for-profit projects

Applications are open for a Whanganui District Council fund that will support up to 50 percent of costs for not-for-profit climate action projects.

The Community Climate Action Fund is for projects in the Whanganui District that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions or grow resilience to climate change. Funding for this initiative comes from existing funding allocated to climate action in the council's Long-Term Plan 2021-31. For more information about this fund, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/climate-fund

Applications close at **midnight on Friday, 25 November 2022**.