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Safety boost for driveway crossings

Green blocks with a white cycling symbol have been painted in busy driveways along Whanganui's network of shared pathways over recent months. A shared pathway is a route designated for shared use by people who are walking, cycling, skating or scootering.

Drivers will already be aware that pedestrians on footpaths have right of way over vehicles entering or exiting a driveway. The markings have been put in place to remind drivers to give way to shared pathway users when turning into driveways.

Whanganui District Council's Active Transport Facilitator, Norman Gruebsch, says the green block markings have been adopted throughout New Zealand as research shows they improve safety.

The Council is also in the process of developing shared pathway etiquette signage. White directional markings are already on pathways, reminding people to share the pathway and keep left.



"Next we will produce signage asking shared pathway users to warn others when approaching at speed, to move off the pathway when stopped and keep dogs on a leash," Mr Gruebsch says.

Somme Pde raised platform

As part of Whanganui District Council's Urban Transportation Strategy, crossing Somme Parade at Cornmarket Reserve will become safer for pedestrians and shared pathway users with the addition of a raised platform.

The section of Somme Parade between Pitt Street and Dublin Street will be closed from **Monday, 18 November to Friday, 6 December 2019** while the raised platform is built.

Contractors will use stop-go signs to direct traffic during peak hours (Monday to Friday, between 3.00pm to 6.00pm) for the duration of the work. Delays are likely and motorists are advised to use Glasgow Street, Bell Street, Whanganui City Bridge or Cobham Bridge as alternative routes.

Emergency Mobile Alerts

This year's test of the Emergency Mobile Alert system is on **Sunday, 24 November 2019**. Emergency Mobile Alerts are text messages about emergencies sent by authorised emergency agencies to compatible mobile phones.

Since the Emergency Mobile Alert system was launched in 2017, a test has been held annually to ensure its operation. The test allows Civil Defence to evaluate the system, cell towers and your phone's ability to receive the alert.

In the event of an emergency the alerts target areas affected by significant hazards, and will only be sent when there is a serious threat to life, health or property.

To check if your phone is compatible and to find out which agencies can send Emergency Mobile Alerts, please visit: www.getready.govt.nz

Castlecliff Domain revamp



Castlecliff Domain's skate park and playground swings are getting a makeover in time for the end-of-year school holidays this summer. Major repairs to cracks in the concrete surface of the skate park are underway, and are expected to be finished by Friday, 29 November 2019.

Also swinging into action is a replacement double swing set in the domain's playground, which includes the installation of safety matting around the swings. This work was scheduled in Whanganui District Council's Castlecliff Coastal Reserve Management Plan 2018 and is due for completion by Friday, 22 November.

WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

Whanganui District Council invites you to have your say on the following topic:

- Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees Bylaw review

An online survey on this topic closes at **5.00pm on Friday, 15 November 2019**. For more information please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay



Water main upgrades

Peakes Rd work begins this Friday

Water main upgrades are scheduled to begin in Peakes Road this **Friday, 15 November 2019** and will be completed by **Sunday, 15 December**. Residents have been notified about the planned work, which will take place from the road's intersection with Springvale Road to 86A Peakes Road.

Some households may experience fluctuations in water pressure and will be advised if water supply disruptions are expected. If there is any discolouration or air in the water, run cold taps for a minimum of 10 minutes. If the water has not cleared after 10 minutes please call Whanganui District Council's Infrastructure Team on (06) 349 0001. Your patience is appreciated during this work.

Bylaw review survey

Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees

Whanganui District Council is in the process of reviewing the Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees Bylaw and wants to know from the community if it has got the right balance between recognising the importance of animals while ensuring they don't create a nuisance to neighbours.

The Council is conducting a brief online survey about this bylaw review at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay The survey closes at **5.00pm this Friday, 15 November 2019**.

Positive Ageing Forum

A Positive Ageing Forum will be held in the Whanganui District Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street, from **1.00pm-3.00pm on Wednesday, 20 November 2019**.

The quarterly forum provides a connection between community organisations and local government, updates and information sharing, relevant presenters and an opportunity for attendees to provide feedback on community matters. For more information and to view the forum agenda, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/Your-Council/News-Events/Events

Papaiti Rd upgrades

About 300 metres of Papaiti Road, including drains and culverts, is being upgraded with work expected to be completed before Christmas this year. A stop-go operation is in place while the section of deteriorated roadway, downstream of Waireka Road, is resealed. A section of shared pathway alongside this work will be closed during the project for safety reasons.

Council meetings

You are welcome at our meetings

Meeting next week

Council Meeting	1.00pm Tuesday 19 November	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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Agendas are available at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas or view hard copies at 101 Guyton Street or the Davis Library.

Is your phone emergency alert ready?



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MOBILE ALERT
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Emergency Mobile Alert is designed to keep people safe by sending emergency messages to all capable phones from targeted cell towers. No need to sign up or download an app. The EMA test is on **Sunday, 24 November**. Check if your phone is compatible at: getready.govt.nz