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Have your say on lower Victoria Ave

Following community consultation on the Drews Avenue street revamp, Whanganui District Council would now like to hear from the wider community on the plans for lower Victoria Avenue (pictured).

The council has worked with stakeholders to develop a concept design for this area after securing funding for the project through Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's Innovating Streets initiative.

The vision is to make lower Victoria Avenue a destination where locals and visitors want to meet, eat, shop and play by adding seating areas, greenery and art that celebrates and honours the heritage and history of the area.

Share your thoughts by completing an online survey at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say



You can also "post" your hard-copy comments into the feedback letterbox on lower Victoria Avenue next to Wanganui Furnishers. Be quick though – submissions close at **5.00pm this Friday, 16 April 2021**.

Electric blanket testing

FREE tests being offered this Friday

With the cooler months fast approaching, Whanganui Fire Brigade is offering free electric blanket testing at the Whanganui Fire Station, 87 Maria Place, **this Friday, 16 April 2021 from 9.00am until 3.00pm**.

Durie Hill elevator

Proposals to run lift close on 20 April

There's less than a week left if you wish to put forward a proposal to operate the Durie Hill elevator. Whanganui District Council is seeking a contractor who is passionate about Whanganui and has a genuine interest in the heritage of the Durie Hill elevator. For more information and to submit a proposal, contact the council's senior procurement officer, Lana Treen, on 06 349 3105 or email: lane.treen@whanganui.govt.nz. Proposals close at **4.00pm next Tuesday, 20 April 2021**.

Long-term plan event at Kowhai Park this Saturday

Public consultation on Whanganui District Council's Long-Term Plan 2021-2031 is underway.

Mayor Hamish McDouall was at the Trafalgar Square shopping centre on 6 April, where a council team was available to chat with people about the long-term plan consultation document.

The council wants to connect with people throughout April and is encouraging submissions to the draft plan.

Feedback is wanted on four important issues for Whanganui: the Whanganui velodrome project, youth places and spaces development, the Davis Library extension and development and implementation of a coastal plan. Submissions close at **5.00pm on Friday, 30 April 2021**.



All information including the consultation document, an events schedule, submission forms and supporting documentation is available at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/long-term-plan

Giant games at the Extravaganza Fair, Kowhai Park – let's talk about youth spaces and places!

Join us at The Extravaganza Fair at Kowhai Park **this Saturday, 17 April, 2021** and tell us what you think about developing more youth places and spaces for rangatahi/young people in Whanganui. We'll be there throughout the day with super-sized games and activities. Let's connect!

Let's Connect at Whanganui River Markets

Come down to the Whanganui River Markets on **Saturday, 24 April, 2021** to talk to us about the proposal to develop and implement a broad coastal plan for Whanganui. We're proposing coastal planning to protect and restore our coastal areas from erosion, ecological degradation and the impacts of climate change.

Pensioner housing pet trial

Whanganui District Council is seeking community feedback on proposed changes to its Pensioner Housing Policy. Central to the changes is a trial allowing council tenants to keep pets. When surveyed last year, most residents were positive about being able to keep pets, mainly birds or cats. Tenants were generally not in favour of allowing dogs.

The council considers the wellbeing of tenants a priority. It is recommending a one-year trial for pets at its Eugene Crotty, Walter Nash and 22 Puriri Street pensioner housing complexes. Residents will be able to keep fish, birds or a cat at these facilities during the proposed trial period.

Council policy advisor, Will Johnston, says, "Because a lot of our tenants live alone, we believe pets can be very helpful in alleviating any feelings of loneliness residents may have."

If residents would like to have a pet during the trial period they will need to sign a pet care agreement accepting responsibility for their animal's care and wellbeing, along with any damage the pet might cause to their unit.

For more details, visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say. Objections or any other feedback can be emailed to: policysubmissions@whanganui.govt.nz or dropped into council customer services at 101 Guyton Street. Submissions close at **5.00pm on Friday 28 May**.

Checkmate for cheques

From **Friday, 14 May 2021**, you'll no longer be able to pay for Whanganui District Council services by cheque. The council's bank, ANZ, is stopping the use of cheques at the end of May, which means we will be unable to accept cheques. There are other ways you can pay for council services. They are by **direct debit, internet banking, credit card, cash and eftpos**.

If you have concerns about making payments please talk to one of our friendly customer services team members by calling 06 349 0001 or visit us at 101 Guyton Street.

WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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

- Lower Victoria Avenue Innovating Streets consultation
- Long-Term Plan 2021-2031
- Proposed Changes to Otamatea Speed Limits 2021
- Review of Pensioner Housing Policy

For more information, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say



Repairs to public toilets

Closures at two locations next week

Public toilets at two Whanganui locations will be closed next week for flooring repairs. The closures will affect the **Wilkie Street toilets at Wembley Park** along with the **men's and women's toilets at Springvale Park** for the week beginning next **Monday, 19 April 2021**. Both facilities are expected to be open again by the following Monday, 26 April. In the interim, the grandstand toilets at Wembley Park can be opened by key holders for sports ground users and Springvale Park's unisex accessible toilets will remain open to the public for the duration of the work.

Request for tender

Contract No 1913 – Fordell water supply scheme

Whanganui District Council invites tenders from suitably experienced contractors for the laying of a 180mm PE SDR11 PN16 (3.89km) water main from the Whanganui urban zone along No 2 Line.

TenderLink Reference: **WANGDC-964805**. Tenders for this contract must be submitted by **4.00pm on Thursday, 6 May 2021**.

For tender documents and TenderLink registration information, please visit: 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-3.00pm weekdays or email: lane.treen@whanganui.govt.nz

Council meetings

Meeting next week

Policy and Bylaw Committee	10.00am Tuesday 20 April	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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Hearings for draft Climate Change Strategy / Te Rautaki Huringa Āhuarangi

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