

# Community Link

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## Safe community status reconfirmed

The Whanganui district was officially reaccredited as a Pan-Pacific Safe Community by the Safe Communities Foundation NZ at a Whanganui District Council ceremony last Thursday, 10 June 2021.

Before the award ceremony the council's community wellbeing manager, Lauren Tamehana (pictured, third from right), hosted presentations from community group representatives who work closely with Safer Whanganui such as Mana Man, He Iere Rangatahi (Youth Songsheet) and the Whanganui Kai Hub.

All involved also signed a document committing to working together to enhance Whanganui's community wellbeing.



Safer Whanganui is a coalition of agencies and groups working in partnership to provide leadership and direction for the promotion of community safety in Whanganui. For more details, visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/safer-whanganui](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/safer-whanganui)

## Dog registration fees due

Dog registration fees for all dog owners are now due. Pay your fees on or by **Saturday, 31 July 2021** to receive a prompt payment discount of 10 percent.

Whanganui District Council is also introducing new responsible dog owner criteria from 31 July 2021. If you're a current responsible dog owner and pay your dog registration fees by 31 July, your responsible dog owner status will continue and you'll qualify for the annual dog registration discount. Any dog owner without responsible dog owner status after 31 July will need to meet updated guidelines under the council's new Dog Control Policy 2021.

Pay your dog registration fees by visiting: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/pay-dog-registration](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/pay-dog-registration)

## Rates rebate reminder

Ratepayers who may qualify for a rates rebate must apply by **Wednesday, 30 June 2021** for the 2020-21 rating year (the rating year runs from 1 July to 30 June).

If your income is low to moderate (maximum \$26,150) you may be eligible for a rates rebate of up to \$655. To determine whether you are eligible, the council requires your gross income earnings (before tax) for the tax period ending 31 March 2020.

The rates rebate will be calculated on your income earnings and your 2020-21 Whanganui District Council rates and Horizons Regional Council rates. For more information, please contact Whanganui District Council on (06) 349 0001 and ask for the rates team.

## Drews Ave streetscape to make its mark with road art



It's a busy time in Drews Avenue right now as a new streetscape is installed. A colourful new mural being painted on the road at the Drews Avenue / Rutland Street intersection will also be a feature (artist impression above).

Whanganui District Council's Town Centre Regeneration project manager, Ellen Young, says having the road art is "really exciting because it will make such a dramatic statement - it demarcates the area as somewhere special and brings the project together".

Local artists Cecelia Kumeroa and Jodi Clark designed the mural and experienced street artists Si Ormerod and Dan Mills are painting the design on the road.

The road art and construction will be finished in time for the Drews Avenue street party celebration, which is combining with this year's Lights on Bikes parade on **Friday, 25 June 2021** - more details at: [www.facebook.com/LightsOnBikes](http://www.facebook.com/LightsOnBikes)

## Power pole renewal

### Partial Virginia Rd closure on 23 June

A section of Virginia Road between Porritt Street and Hillside Terrace will be closed to all traffic for the replacement of a power pole next **Wednesday, 23 June 2021 from 8.30am-5.00pm**.

Detour signs will be in place and access to Porritt Street and Hillside Terrace will remain available at all times during the work.

Vehicle access to properties on the affected part of Virginia Road will be permitted during the work when possible - traffic controllers will be onsite to assist residents.

## Road closure extended

### Drews Ave / Rutland St intersection

The intersection of Drews Avenue / Rutland Street and the immediate area will be closed from **7.30am on Sunday, 20 June until 7.30am on Tuesday, 22 June 2021** for contractors to safely complete roadworks on the Drews Avenue streetscape project.

Please note there will be no through access for traffic in Drews Avenue between Taupo Quay and Ridgway Street or in Rutland Street on the above dates. Businesses near the affected area will remain open during the work and will have vehicle access available at all times.

## Council meetings

### You are welcome at our meetings

#### Upcoming June meetings

Council Meeting	1.00pm Tuesday 22 June	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Policy and Bylaw Committee	10.00am Thursday 24 June	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street

*Hearings and deliberations for Review of Pensioner Housing Policy / Proposed Changes to Otamatea Speed Limits 2021*

Strategy and Finance Committee	1.00pm Tuesday 29 June	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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#### Council meetings in July 2021

Youth Committee	4.00pm Monday 5 July	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Property and Community Services Committee	1.00pm Tuesday 6 July	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Whanganui Rural Community Board	3.30pm Wednesday 7 July	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Council Meeting	1.00pm Monday 12 July	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street

Note - this meeting is to strike rates

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