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New-look council sworn in last week

Whanganui District mayor, councillors and Whanganui Rural Community Board members for the next three years were sworn in at a ceremony held at Putiki Marae last Wednesday, 26 October 2022.

At the ceremony, newly elected Mayor Koromatua O Te Kaunihera o Whanganui, Andrew Tripe, congratulated each councillor and rural community board member as they signed their declaration of office to the council. Following this part of the ceremony, Mayor Tripe announced Cr Helen Craig as deputy mayor. Whanganui District Council for the 2022-25 triennium, as pictured above from left: (absent, Philippa Baker Hogan)



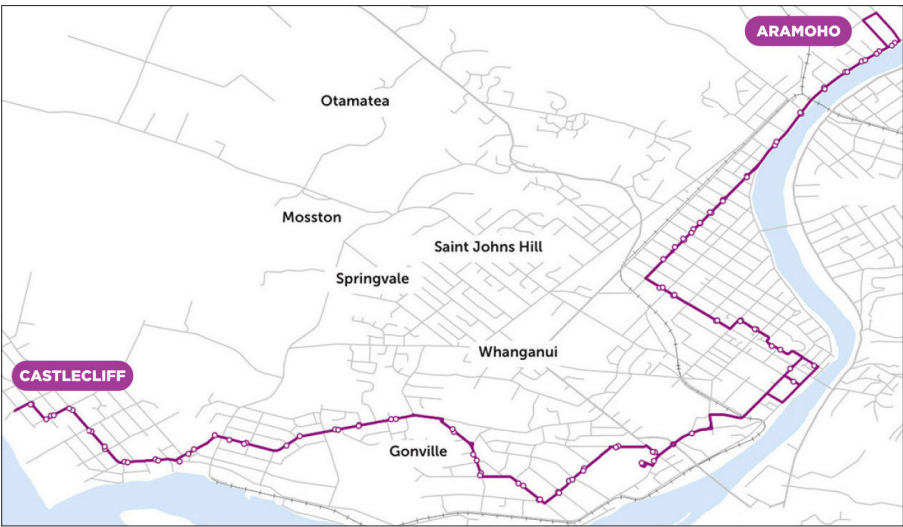
Cr Charlie Anderson, Kate Joblin, Ross Fallen, Helen Craig (deputy mayor), Jenny Duncan, Mayor Andrew Tripe, Peter Oskam, Glenda Brown, Charlotte Melser, Rob Vinsen, Josh Chandulal-Mackay, Michael Law.

Name the new Aramoho-Castlecliff bus route and win!

Public transport in Whanganui is changing for the better. From mid-February 2023 you'll be able to hop on a bus every 20 minutes on a new route running across town between Aramoho and Castlecliff.

But what do we call Whanganui's new bus route? Auckland has its InnerLink route, Christchurch has the Orbiter and Hamilton has the Comet – inspire us with a name idea and be in to win one of three \$100 grocery vouchers.

You can enter online at: www.surveylegend.com/s/4iao or drop an entry into your local library by 5.00pm on Thursday, 17 November 2022.



Sun safety at the Masters

The Downer New Zealand Masters Games is helping sport-loving Kiwis stay safe in the sun this summer through an official partnership with Melanoma New Zealand. Melanoma NZ is the official charity partner for the 2023 Masters Games in Whanganui, and the only charity in this country solely dedicated to preventing avoidable deaths and suffering caused by melanoma.



Games manager, Heather Cox, says the partnership is a natural fit, aligning well with the Masters Games vision of seeing more people play longer. "We want all our participants to be safe while playing sports and relaxing at the Games Village. We'll be helping Melanoma NZ promote the cause, and they will be offering free cancer spot checks and advice from their Spot Check Van at the Games."

Participants will be able to get updates on where Melanoma NZ's Spot Check Van will be during the 2023 Masters Games via the official Games app.

The 2023 Downer New Zealand Masters Games will be held in Whanganui from 3-12 February 2023. Early bird registrations are open until 11 December, with a special discount for Whanganui residents by entering the promo code LOCAL when registering online at: www.nzmg.com

Register for Household Hazardous Waste Day!

Household Hazardous Waste Day is back this November! If you'd like to get rid of hazardous items like pesticides, solvents, paint, oils and aerosols, the first step is to register with Whanganui District Council by 12 noon on Monday, 14 November 2022. For a full list of items and to register, visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/Household-Hazardous-Waste-Day

Once you've registered, the council will be in touch with a drop-off location and time between 9.00am and 1.00pm for Household Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday, 19 November.

Open Spaces strategy

Whanganui District Council has a new Open Spaces and Physical Activity Strategy 2022. This strategy brings together a number of previous documents, encourages physical activity and provides a vision and goals to guide decision-making for Whanganui's many open spaces. The strategy's vision is "vibrant places supporting healthy communities".

The council adopted the strategy in September with a commencement date of 1 October 2022 – this followed consideration of 72 submissions from public consultation earlier this year. To view council strategies, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/strategies

Planned works

November 2022

- Flood damage recovery (2021-22 storm events – slip clearances):** Kauarapaoa Road, Mangamahu Road, Whanganui River Road
- Pavement road maintenance:** Brunswick Road, Fitzherbert Avenue, Ingestre Street, Mangamahu Road, Rapanui Road, Somme Parade, St Hill Street, Taupo Quay
- Road reticulation:** Creek Road, Junction Road, Rangitatau East Road
- Unsealed road grading:** Brunswick area, Kauarapaoa Road, Okoaia area, Pukerimu Road
- Kerb and channel renewal / footpath renewal / pavement reinstatement:** Victoria Avenue
- Water table / culvert maintenance / high shoulder removal:** Mangamahu Road
- Roadside mowing:** Group 1 roads, Group 2 roads, Whanganui River Road
- Service lid adjustment:** Halswell Street, Heads Road, St Hill Street, Stafford Street

CarFit driver safety

Book with Age Concern Whanganui

Age Concern Whanganui has spaces open for a driver safety event taking place in November and December. **CarFit** is a 20-minute free safety and comfort check for older drivers that gives guidance on clear lines of sight, correct space to the steering wheel, driver seat comfort and safety, and head restraint and seatbelt positioning. Time slots are available for the morning of **Thursday, 3 November** and the morning of **Thursday, 1 December**. Bookings are essential – for venue details and to book a time, please call Age Concern Whanganui on 06 345 1799.

Chromebook course

Register for District Library session

Whanganui District Library is running a free session in November for Chromebook users who would like to boost their skills. This two-hour session will cover the basics of using Chromebooks, including:

- understanding how cloud computing works
- getting to know the Chromebook interface
- customising Chromebook settings
- using Google apps such as Google Drive and Google Docs.

To register your interest, please email: rachel@whanganuilibrary.com or call or text Rachel Smith on 027 211 4261.

Council meetings

Meeting in November

Council meeting	1.00pm Tuesday 15 November	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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