

# Community Link

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## Flying fox is set for August take-off

The popular flying fox at Kowhai Park is expected to be ready for action again in August.

Whanganui District Council chief executive, Kym Fell, says the date of the opening will depend on the weather since the ground around the structure needs to dry out.

“The new structure will look a lot more impressive,” Kym Fell says. “The launch ramp is higher and longer, but the ride will be similar to the previous flying fox. The new flying fox is also designed to be safer.”

Installation of the new structure is currently underway, with council contractors carrying out the work. The previous flying fox was taken down in October 2020 because of safety concerns.



## Whanganui Winter Wonderfest events at district libraries

Whanganui District Library Te Whare Pukapuka o Whanganui is holding these FREE events as part of the Women’s Network Whanganui Winter Wonderfest programme:

**Poetry Party** – celebrating the wise and whimsical words of women past and present at the Davis Library, Pukemamou Queen’s Park, on **Thursday, 29 July 2021 from 7.00pm-8.00pm**. All are welcome to come and listen, and to bring a poem to share. Please register for this event with Esther Newrick at: [esther@whanganuilibrary.com](mailto:esther@whanganuilibrary.com)

**Library Online** – information about free access to books, movies, audiobooks, magazines and newspapers through library apps at the Davis Library on **Thursday, 22 July and Thursday, 29 July from 3.30pm-4.30pm**.

**Dungeons and Dragons Ladies’ Night** – Join us at the Gonville Library, 44 Abbot Street, on **Friday, 30 July from 6.00pm-8.00pm** for *The Price of Beauty*, a fifth-level mystery adventure in which our party will try to have a relaxing vacation. RSVP Nicola Steelesmith at: [nicola@whanganuilibrary.com](mailto:nicola@whanganuilibrary.com)

## Metamorphosis playing at the Sarjeant next month



Local music fans can expect a lively performance from Metamorphosis when they play at Sarjeant on the Quay, 38 Taupo Quay, **from 4.30pm on Sunday, 1 August 2021**. Rick Baum (piano), Aydie Holland (vocals and percussion) and John Scudder (double bass) will play standards as well as originals in the manner of the Great American Songbook. Presale tickets are \$18.00, Sarjeant Friends and Stars \$15.00. Door sales (if available): \$20.00-\$23.00. Tickets are available online at: [shop.sarjeant.org.nz](http://shop.sarjeant.org.nz), from Sarjeant on the Quay or by calling 06 349 0506.

## Rural rubbish bag stickers

The current Waste Management green stickers used for inner rural area rubbish bag collection expire on 1 August 2021. The green stickers can be used up to this date.

**Low Cost Bins will continue the bag collection service with their WHITE STICKERS from 1 August** – stickers are available from local supermarkets and dairies. For inner rural areas on the existing bag collection routes, place your rubbish bags out as before but remember to use a white sticker from 1 August. For more information, please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/rural-rubbish](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/rural-rubbish)

**WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL  
PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS**

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

- Plan Change 54 – Industrial
- Freedom Camping Bylaw
- Parks, reserves, pathways and activities survey

More details at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say)

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## Ministry of Health notice

Whanganui’s drinking water is classified as plumbosolvent, meaning some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water standing in the fittings for several hours.

Although the health risk is small, the Ministry of Health recommends that you flush a mugful of water from your drinking-water tap each morning before use to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings. The Ministry of Health recommends this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies.

*Director-General of Health*

## Road closure tomorrow

**Limited access to part of Nixon St**

A section of Nixon Street between Anzac Parade and Millward Street will be closed to all through traffic tomorrow, **Thursday, 22 July 2021 from 7.30am until 5.00pm**.

The closure is to allow Whanganui District Council contractors to scope work in this area in advance of an upgrade. Road users are advised to use Jones Street or Marshall Avenue as detours – signs will be displayed.

## Online parks survey

**Have your say on recreational spaces**

Whanganui District Council is looking into community use of the many parks, reserves and connecting walkways in our district. Have your say on managing and developing these important public spaces via an online survey before **midnight on Sunday, 1 August 2021**.

For more information and to complete the survey, please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/parks-reserves-survey](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/parks-reserves-survey)

## Council meetings

All council meetings for August 2021		
Council Meeting	1.00pm Tuesday 3 August	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Strategy and Finance Committee	1.00pm Tuesday 10 August	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee	1.00pm Thursday 12 August	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Property and Community Services Committee	1.00pm Tuesday 17 August	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Whanganui Rural Community Board	3.30pm Wednesday 18 August	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street

Agendas: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas)  
Livestreamed council meetings: [www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil](http://www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil)  
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