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New mobile library vans ready to roll

Read all about it! Whanganui District Library Te Whare Pukapuka o Whanganui will introduce its two new mobile library vans to the community at the Davis Library, Pukenua Queen's Park, this **Friday, 23 October 2020 at 2.00pm**. Both vans will be stationed outside the library and open for public viewing until 4.00pm.

Whanganui District Libraries Manager, Pete Gray, says the Mercedes-Benz Sprinter vans are "huge". "It was important to us to get the 'super-high' 2.2-metre roof to make sure the vans are inviting and comfortable for people of all heights."

The concept design for the exterior of the vans was completed by Library Performance Manager, Sonny Tamihana. The inspiration for the adults' van, dubbed "Tahi", was a photo from the 1930s of former city librarian Miss Blackett and her team, Pete Gray says.

"The picture sums up our history as an organisation and the power of libraries, particularly for women at the time."



Maude Blackett, centre, was Whanganui Public Library's chief librarian from 1918 until 1950
 SOURCE: TeAra.govt.nz

The inspiration for the children's van, "Rua", picks up on themes of literary heroism for children from books like Pippi Longstocking, Captain Underpants, The Famous Five and Peter Pan, Pete Gray says.

"These are titles kids love and continue to love, and we always want to encourage that excitement for reading."

Whanganui's new mobile library vans will begin operating around the district from Tuesday, 27 October 2020.

Council opening hours

Labour Day, 26 October 2020

For a full listing of opening hours for Whanganui District Council services and facilities on **Labour Day, Monday, 26 October 2020**, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/Labour-Day-2020

Please note you can contact the council at any time by calling (06) 349 0001. This number is monitored on a 24/7 basis, including for urgent enquiries.

Council meetings

You are welcome at our meetings

Meeting this week

Council Meeting	9.30am Thursday 22 October	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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- *Hearings and deliberations for Land Purchase at Durie Hill*
- *Review of Psychoactive Substances - Local Approved Products Policy*

Meeting next week

Council Meeting	1.00pm Tuesday 27 October	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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- *This meeting will begin with public-excluded items - it is anticipated that public business will resume at 1.45pm*

All council meetings for November 2020

Property and Community Services Committee	1.00pm Tuesday 3 November	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Whanganui Rural Community Board	3.30pm Wednesday 4 November	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Youth Committee	4.00pm Monday 9 November	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee	1.00pm Thursday 12 November	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Strategy and Finance Committee	1.00pm Tuesday 17 November	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Policy and Bylaw Committee	10.00am Wednesday 25 November	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Audit and Risk Committee	1.00pm Thursday 26 November	Nagaizumi-cho Room, 101 Guyton Street

Agendas are available at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas
 Full Council meetings are livestreamed at:
 • www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil
 • www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings

Long-Term Plan surveys will help inform district's future

You're invited to have your say on Whanganui District Council's vision for our **Community** by taking an online survey at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/93QXV6Y
 This survey and others will help the council draft its Long-Term Plan 2021-2031.

We're keen to know if you agree with what we want to focus on and whether you have other ideas you'd like to share.

Our aim is to create a district that celebrates its social and cultural diversity and its community spirit. We plan on focusing on a range of issues like making sure there's housing for all, increasing safety within the community and working with iwi to deliver key projects.

To complete these surveys online, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/long-term-plan

REGISTRATIONS OF INTEREST

Whanganui District Council invites registrations of interest (ROI) from suitably experienced contractors for the following contracts:

- **Contract 1901 - Kowhai Park Castle - earthquake strengthening and upgrade**
 ROI requested for playground specialists to work collaboratively with structural engineering solutions and artist's concepts on the earthquake strengthening and upgrade of the Kowhai Park castle.
 TenderLink reference: **WANGDC-365640**
 Registrations of interest must be submitted no later than **4.00pm on Thursday, 29 October 2020**.
- **Contract 1898 - Mā Ake/ Let's Go Whanganui cyclist skills programme**
 ROI requested for the delivery of the Mā Ake/ Let's Go cyclist skills programme in schools and workplaces within the Whanganui District for the 2021/22-2023/24 funding period. TenderLink reference: **WANGDC-940633**
 Registrations of interest must be submitted no later than **4.00pm on Thursday, 12 November 2020**.

Complete information for both contracts is available at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/request-for-tender

Tree trimming work on Heads Road tomorrow

Heads Road between Liffiton Street and Carlton Avenue will be restricted to one lane tomorrow, **Thursday, 22 October 2020, from 8.00am-12 noon** to allow contractors to trim trees above the road.

During the work traffic will be diverted into Carlton Avenue and back into Liffiton Street. Traffic control will be operating at the Carlton Avenue-Liffiton Street intersection and delays are possible. This work will only affect the north-bound lane - traffic from the roundabout will still be able to use Heads Road.

WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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

- **Review of Gambling Venues Policy**
- **Whanganui District Heritage Survey**
- **Long-Term Plan 2021-2031**

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

Long-Term Plan 2021-2031

Whanganui District Council is holding community conversations about its Long-Term Plan 2021-2031 and wants to hear your ideas and aspirations for Whanganui for the next 10 years. Look out for the council's pop-up stall and have a chat with our friendly council officers at these places and times:

- **Gonville Library - Wednesday, 21 October from 10.00am-2.00pm**
- **Whanganui Home & Lifestyle Show, Jubilee Stadium - Saturday, 31 October from 10.00am-5.00pm**
- **Aramoho Shopping Centre - Wednesday, 4 November from 11.00am-2.00pm**

For more information, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/long-term-plan