



# Community Link

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## Council services return to Red

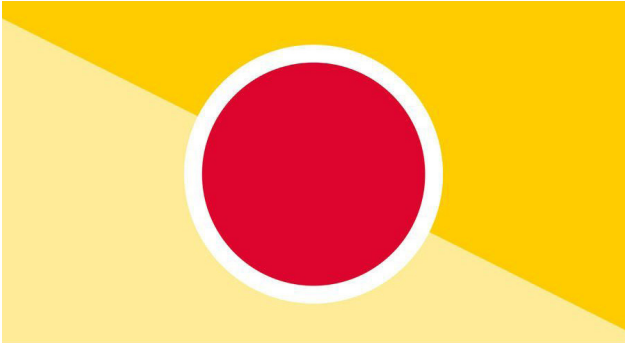
New Zealand returned to the COVID-19 Red traffic light setting at 11.59pm on Sunday, 23 January 2022. At Red, most of Whanganui District Council's services and facilities remain operational – details at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/covid-19](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/covid-19)

The council also offers services online including rates payments, dog registrations and applying for a LIM report – please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/online-services](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/online-services)

Please consider whether you need to visit council services and facilities in person. For all general enquiries, please call 06 349 0001 or email: [yourcouncil@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:yourcouncil@whanganui.govt.nz) and our customer services team will help you find the information or service you need.

If you need to visit us in person, council customer services at 101 Guyton Street are open from Monday to Friday, 8.30am-5.00pm. A My Vaccine Pass is required for access beyond customer services on the ground floor.

Please note that council services currently available may be subject to change at short notice.



## Whanganui is at Red

As the council chamber will be closed to the public at the Red traffic light setting, council meetings will be livestreamed on the council's website and Facebook page.

For more information about how to prepare and protect yourself and others, please visit: [www.covid19.govt.nz](http://www.covid19.govt.nz)

## Free senior driver courses in February and March

Age Concern Whanganui is hosting several free events for senior drivers this February and March.



• **Staying Safe** is a refresher driving course for older drivers who want to keep driving safely for as long as possible. Is your driving as safe as it could be? This course will increase your knowledge about driving and ageing, as well as assess and improve your driving safety and skills, and build your confidence on the road. This free course takes place from **9.30am-3.00pm on Wednesday, 9 February 2022.**

• **CarFit** is a 20-minute free check that helps older drivers maximise safety and comfort in their vehicles. Areas covered will include the correct space between the driver's chest and the steering wheel, clear lines of sight, a driver's seat that fits comfortably and is safely positioned, and a properly adjusted head restraint and seatbelt. This event takes place on the morning of **Wednesday, 2 March 2022.**

• **Hanging Up the Car Keys** is for senior drivers and their families to learn about the medical and safety aspects of driving safely, and alternative transport. This event will include a geriatrician and driver educator and takes place from **2.00-4.00pm on Friday, 11 March 2022.** Health professionals are also welcome.

Please note that bookings are essential and a COVID-19 vaccine pass is required for all events. For venue details and to book times, please call Age Concern Whanganui on 06 345 1799.

## Digital survey offers prizes!

Whanganui District Council wants to hear about internet access and the level of digital confidence in the Whanganui District.

A community survey to help the council better understand the current state of online access and services throughout our district is available online, in paper form and via phone call. Paper survey forms are available from the council at 101 Guyton Street. The survey also includes the chance to win one of several prizes donated by Tuatahi First Fibre, including digital tablets and Prezzy Cards to the value of \$25.00 each.

The survey on internet access and digital confidence in Whanganui closes at **5.00pm on Tuesday, 22 February 2022.** Scan the QR code above to complete the online survey or please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/digital-survey](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/digital-survey) You can also participate over the phone by calling the council on 06 349 0001 and requesting the digital survey.



### WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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

- Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw review – initial survey
- Survey on internet access and digital confidence in Whanganui
- Durie Hill lookout improvements

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

## Mt View Road closure

Work on 31 January and 1 February

Whanganui District Council Roading Alliance partner Downer will be assessing the road surface of Mount View Road on **Monday, 31 January and Tuesday, 1 February 2022 from 7.00am until 6.00pm.**

Please note this work may extend into succeeding days if there are weather delays. Access will remain for residents and emergency services during the temporary road closure. Detour signs will be in place during the closure and staff will be onsite to help residents.

## Durie Hill lookout

Feedback closes Monday, 31 January

Whanganui District Council is asking for community feedback on the concept plan for improvements to the Durie Hill lookout and surrounding area.

A concept plan for the lookout and surrounding area has been developed following a \$100,000 donation from Mars Petcare earlier this year towards the upgrade. An additional funding amount of \$80,000 has been set aside from year two of the council's Long-Term Plan 2021-2031 to support the project. Construction work on the lookout is expected to start in July 2022.

For more information, please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say) The opportunity for feedback closes at **5.00pm on Monday, 31 January 2022.**

## Cemeteries survey

Closing date is Friday, 4 February

Whanganui District Council is inviting the community to complete a survey on burials, cemeteries, cremations, monuments and memorials in the district, ahead of a review of the Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw in 2023. The survey covers a range of issues such as cemetery maintenance, nuisance behaviour at cemeteries, access to burial services, natural burials, materials allowed for headstones and whether there should be a dedicated area for scattering ashes.

Everyone who fills in the survey will also have the option to go in the draw to win a \$50.00 grocery voucher. The survey closes on **Friday, 4 February 2022** – please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/cemeteries-bylaw-review](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/cemeteries-bylaw-review)

## Request for quote

Contract 1938 – Whanganui Youth Places & Spaces feasibility study

Whanganui District Council invites quotes from suitably experienced contractors to conduct a feasibility study to determine the viability of a Youth Places & Spaces (or a central hub / youth hub) in the Whanganui District.

- TenderLink reference: **WANGDC-1000724**
- Tender deadline: **4.00pm on Thursday, 3 February 2022.**

Access all tender documents and TenderLink registration information for these contracts at: [portal.tenderlink.com/whanganui](http://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-4.00pm weekdays or email: [lane.treen@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:lane.treen@whanganui.govt.nz)

## Stay in the know with Antenno!

Whanganui District Council has a smartphone app available to the community. Antenno allows you to receive alerts and notifications about topics like water shut-offs, or important information in the event of an emergency or natural disaster. Install Antenno now – it's free to download.

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