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## EOC closure marks move to recovery

Whanganui’s Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), led by the Whanganui District Health Board and Te Ranga Tupua, has now closed, marking a formal transition to recovery for the region under the current COVID-19 situation.

In its place, a Recovery Office has been established, led by Leighton Toy and Charlotte Almond from Whanganui District Council, and Louise Allsopp from the Whanganui District Health Board.

Recovery Manager, Leighton Toy, says, “Health, social and economic recovery are very much interlinked so we will be taking a multi-agency, integrated approach with a strong community focus.

“It has been a strange and challenging time, but there have been some valuable learnings and opportunities that are being incorporated into our recovery plans. Along with others in our community, we have been gathering information and preparing for recovery at the same time as we’ve been responding to an emergency situation.

“There are many positive initiatives already under way and we are seeing innovation and resilience across our communities. We want to ensure these are recognised and supported in the recovery plan for our region,” Mr Toy says.



Whanganui District Council Recovery Manager, Leighton Toy (left), in a Recovery Office team briefing earlier this week

The Emergency Operations Centre team, under controllers Louise Allsopp and Stuart Hylton, was operational seven days a week throughout COVID-19 Alert Levels 3 and 4 and during the transition to Alert Level 2.

Recovery Manager, Louise Allsopp, says a huge volume of information had been assessed and co-ordinated through the centre and that the EOC “is ready to be stood up again at any time, should it be required”.

### ROAD WORKS UPDATES

#### PARTIAL SOMME PDE CLOSURE EXTENDED

The current closure of Somme Parade between Halswell and Glasgow streets has been extended to **5.00pm on Friday, 29 May 2020** so asphaltting can be completed.

The closure, which was scheduled to end on Monday, 25 May, is part of the Gloucester Street infrastructure upgrade. Access for residents and emergency services is available at all times – no other public access is allowed.

#### WILSON ST STORMWATER RENEWAL – PHASE 2

To enable the second phase of stormwater work to be completed in Wilson Street, five London plane trees will be removed between Taupō Quay and Ridgway Street. The trees’ removal is necessary to make way for footpath and road improvements as part of the project.

Replacement trees will be planted close to the junction of Taupō Quay and Wilson Street. For more information about phase two of the Wilson Street stormwater renewal, please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/wilson-street-upgrade](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/wilson-street-upgrade)

### Library car park is closed

The Davis Library’s public car park, at Pukenamu Queen’s Park, is closed to library customers as it’s now part of the Sarjeant Gallery Te Whare o Rehua redevelopment building site. All other public parking is still available. Mobility parking spaces have been relocated to the library vehicle car park on the opposite side of the Davis Library building where the Mobile Library bus also parks.

The Davis Library car park will return, at twice the size, following the completion of the Sarjeant redevelopment project. For library opening hours under COVID-19 Alert Level 2, please visit: [www.whanganuilibrary.com](http://www.whanganuilibrary.com)

#### ANZAC PDE ROAD RESURFACING UNDER WAY

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is resurfacing a section of Anzac Parade between Purua Street and Whanganui City Bridge in 10 shifts over the next three weeks. The work also includes four overnight closures of Whanganui City Bridge.

The first six shifts will involve stop-go traffic management that began on Monday, 25 May 2020. The four overnight closures will be held from Sunday, 7 June to complete the final section near Whanganui City Bridge.

NZTA advises that delays can be expected and for motorists to use alternative routes if possible, especially during the bridge closure. The affected roads are:

- Purua Street to Portal Street – stop-go controls in use until 6.00pm on Wednesday, 27 May
- Portal Street to Taylor Street – stop-go controls in use on Thursday, 28 May; Wednesday, 3 June; and Thursday, 4 June from 7.30am-6.00pm inclusive
- Taylor Street to Whanganui City Bridge – overnight closures from Sunday, 7 June to Wednesday, 10 June, 7.00pm-6.00am.

This work is weather dependent and if postponed will restart on the next fine day. Please note that no work is scheduled over Queen’s Birthday Weekend.

### Online dog survey open

Whanganui District Council is beginning a review of its Dog Control Policy and Bylaw and would like to know the public’s views on dogs and how they affect the way people use and enjoy public places.

Some information about dogs was recently collected by the Council during its review of the Keeping of Animals Poultry and Bees Bylaw. The Council is now gathering more detailed information to help in the review of the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw. To answer an online survey **before midnight on Sunday, 14 June 2020**, please go to: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/WDCDogControlReviewCL](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WDCDogControlReviewCL)

### Queen’s Birthday hours

Whanganui District Council offices will be closed on **Monday, 1 June 2020** for Queen’s Birthday. For a full list of Council services during the public holiday, please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/queens-birthday-services](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/queens-birthday-services)

### Council services under COVID-19 Alert Level 2

For information on Whanganui District Council services and facilities under COVID-19 Alert Level 2, please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/covid-19](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/covid-19)

### Council meetings

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#### All Council meetings for June 2020

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| Council Meeting | 9.30am<br>Tuesday<br>2 June<br>(reserve day<br>– 4 June) | Council Chamber,<br>101 Guyton Street |
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#### • 2020/21 Annual Plan deliberations

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| Audit and Risk Committee | 3.00pm<br>Wednesday<br>3 June | Nagaizumi-cho Room,<br>101 Guyton Street |
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| Property and Community Services Committee | 1.00pm<br>Thursday<br>4 June | Council Chamber,<br>101 Guyton Street |
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| Strategy and Finance Committee | 1.00pm<br>Tuesday<br>9 June | Council Chamber,<br>101 Guyton Street |
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| Policy and Bylaw Committee | 10.00am<br>Wednesday<br>10 June | Council Chamber,<br>101 Guyton Street |
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#### • Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees Bylaw

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| Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee | 10.00am<br>Thursday<br>11 June | Council Chamber,<br>101 Guyton Street |
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| Whanganui Rural Community Board | 3.30pm<br>Thursday<br>11 June | Nagaizumi-cho Room,<br>101 Guyton Street |
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| Council Meeting | 1.00pm<br>Tuesday<br>23 June | Council Chamber,<br>101 Guyton Street |
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#### • including adoption of 2020/21 Annual Plan

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| Youth Committee | 4.00pm<br>Monday<br>29 June | Council Chamber,<br>101 Guyton Street |
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| Property and Community Services Committee | 1.00pm<br>Tuesday<br>30 June | Council Chamber,<br>101 Guyton Street |
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