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Paper4trees project is branching out

Whanganui children and young people are making a huge contribution to our local environment by participating in the nationwide Paper4trees waste minimisation and tree planting programme.



The Paper4trees programme in Whanganui is co-funded by Whanganui District Council's Waste Minimisation Fund and promoted by the Environmental Education for Resource Sustainability Trust. Acting as an incentive to divert as much paper and cardboard from landfill as possible, Paper4trees provides all participating schools with one free native tree or plant for every two cubic metres of paper and cardboard they recycle.

The council's waste advisor, Stuart Hylton, says, "The scheme encourages preschools and schools to recycle their paper and cardboard by providing free 30-litre classroom recycling bins for every room that creates paper and cardboard waste. The council then collects and recycles all the material from participating schools.

"Fifty Whanganui schools and preschools registered for Paper4trees during the 2019-2020 period. Over this time they recycled 124 tonnes of paper and cardboard, saving 994 cubic metres of landfill space and reducing the amount of CO₂ from being produced in landfill by 671 tonnes."



The Paper4trees website also has downloadable resources such as recycling bin posters and a classroom poster. To join the Paper4trees programme, visit: www.paper4trees.co.nz

To contact Whanganui District Council for the collection of all school recycling, email: stuart.hylton@whanganui.govt.nz or call Stuart Hylton on 027 446 5352 or 06 349 0001.

Public art funding

Get in now - applications close soon

Whanganui District Council's Public Art Fund is a match-funding scheme that supports a wide range of public artworks including digital art, temporary performance, toi Māori, interactive art, sculpture, pou whenua, moving image, land art, mural art and much more. Applications for the **Public Art Fund** close at **12 noon this Friday, 29 October 2021**.

The Creative Communities Scheme is a partnership between Whanganui District Council and Creative New Zealand to promote local arts projects. **Creative Communities Scheme Round 2** funding applications close at **12 noon on Monday, 8 November 2021**.

More information including funding eligibility guidelines at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/funding

Raupo St road closure

Service upgrades begin 1 November

Raupo Street from Heads Road to Hinau Street will be closed to all traffic from **Monday, 1 November 2021** for Whanganui District Council contractors to undertake stormwater and wastewater upgrades. This work is scheduled to take about six months.

During the upgrade all traffic in this part of Raupo Street will be diverted into Hinau Street so that vehicle users can access Rogers Street or Mosston Road as alternate routes to avoid the work area. Traffic in Heads Road will be reduced to one lane with traffic light controls while work takes place at the intersection of Heads Road and Raupo Street. Please note that affected Raupo Street residents will have access to their properties at all times during this work.

Senior driver events

Age Concern hosting local courses

Age Concern Whanganui is holding free events for senior drivers during November and December to encourage driver confidence and road safety. Bookings are essential and events will be held under COVID-19 alert level measures.

- **Staying Safe** is a refresher driving course for older drivers who want to keep driving safely for as long as possible. It takes place from **9.30am-3.00pm on Wednesday, 10 November and Wednesday, 1 December 2021**.

- **CarFit** is a 20-minute free check that helps older drivers maximise safety and comfort in their vehicles. This event will happen **during the morning on Thursday, 11 November and Thursday, 2 December 2021**.

For venue details and to book times for both events, please call Age Concern Whanganui on 06 345 1799.

Council meetings

Upcoming meeting

Strategy and Finance Committee	1.00pm Tuesday 2 November	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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Agendas: www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas
 Livestreamed council meetings:
www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil
www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings

Work due to begin soon on Westway pipe bridge project

Whanganui District Council's infrastructure team is working through a consent exemption process for the upcoming Westway pipe bridge project. Steel materials are being ordered with piling work planned to begin in December. This work will allow concrete work to cure over the Christmas-New Year period. All structural work will be carried out during January-February 2022.

The Westway pipe bridge services the sewer main that takes the bulk of wastewater from Durie Hill. The bridge and pipeline (pictured) are more than 100 years old and the pipe, which forms a large portion of the bridge structure, is corroded. This project is funded from central government's Three Waters Stimulus Project funding that was launched in July 2020 following last year's COVID-19 lockdowns. More information at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/stimulus-project



ShakeOut drill on tomorrow

ShakeOut takes place tomorrow, **Thursday, 28 October 2021 at 9.30am**. The drill is to remind people of the right action to take during an earthquake: Drop, Cover and Hold. You can also practise a tsunami hīkoi (evacuation) if you're in a coastal area. More information about being prepared for a natural disaster at: www.getready.govt.nz/involved/shakeout

In the know with Antenno

Whanganui District Council's mobile Antenno app is available to the local community as a notification service. Antenno allows you to receive alerts and notifications about places and topics important to you such as water shut-offs near your home or closures at your local sportsground. Importantly, Antenno is also intended to be used by the council as one of several ways to send messages to the community in the event of an emergency or natural disaster. Download for free at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/antenno



GET READY TO Shake Out

OCTOBER
28TH
9.30AM

NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE DRILL AND TSUNAMI HIKOI