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Spotlight on Lanterns on the Awa

A magical night of family, food, culture and lights awaits visitors to Lanterns on the Awa.

The Chinese lantern festival will be held on the banks of the Whanganui River on **Saturday, 8 May 2021 from 5.30pm to 9.00pm.**

The event has been organised by the Whanganui branch of the New Zealand China Friendship Society.

Jan McLeod, from the New Zealand China Friendship Society, says the festival will include music, dance, martial arts demonstrations and traditional foods.

“Lanterns on the Awa is a real community event, with something for everyone.”

The lantern festival is usually held 15 days after the Chinese New Year in February, but has been moved to May this year because of COVID-19.

Whanganui District Council is supporting Lanterns on the Awa to honour its relationship with Whanganui's Chinese sister city, Lijiang.



The community event, Lanterns on the Awa, returns to the banks of the Whanganui River alongside Taupo Quay on Saturday, 8 May

In a related event, the council was recently recognised for its virtual connection with Japanese sister city, Nagaizumi-cho during last year's COVID-19 lockdown.

The council was runner-up in the local government project category at the Sister Cities New Zealand conference, held at Te Papa in Wellington on 16 April.

Family harm prevention

Expo event open to public tomorrow

How to help ourselves or others experiencing family harm is the focus of an expo supported by Whanganui District Council. The event – Connecting for Community Action: Working Together to Prevent Family Harm – starts today (Wednesday, 28 April) for providers and is **open to the public tomorrow, Thursday, 29 April 2021.** All are welcome.

Attendees can talk with providers during the expo on Thursday, and there will be speakers on the hour every hour giving a short talk about their perspectives on family harm prevention. This event is a joint initiative between Safer Whanganui, Family Violence Intervention Network and Age Concern.

Request for tender

Contract 1907: Airport water supply upgrade – stage 1

Whanganui District Council is inviting tenders from suitably experienced contractors for laying a 280mm PE (421m) water main from Cobham Bridge to Wikitoria Road along State Highway 3.

TenderLink reference – **WANGDC-966933**
Tender deadline is **4.00pm on Thursday, 20 May 2021.** For tender documents and TenderLink registration information, please visit: www.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-3.00pm weekdays or email: lana.treen@whanganui.govt.nz

Notice of hearing

Panel hearing	9.30am Thursday 29 April	Lijiang Room, 101 Guyton Street
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A panel has been convened to consider an objection to an abatement notice issued under section 55 of the Dog Control Act 1996

Council meetings

Meeting this week

Extraordinary Council Meeting	2.00pm Thursday 29 April	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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Please note – this meeting has been called to consider a road closure application

Meetings next week

Council Meeting	1.00pm Tuesday 4 May	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Policy and Bylaw Committee	10.00am Thursday 6 May	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street

Hearings and deliberations for 2021 Review of Significance and Engagement Policy

Agendas: www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas
Livestreamed council meetings:
www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil
www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings

Long-term plan submissions close this Friday, 30 April

Whanganui District Council was at the Whanganui River Markets on Saturday, 24 April, encouraging submissions on its Long-Term Plan 2021-2031 and sharing information on its proposal to develop and implement a coastal plan.

Public consultation on Whanganui District Council's Long-Term Plan 2021-2031 closes at **5.00pm this Friday, 30 April 2021.**

All information including the consultation document, submission forms and supporting documentation is available at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/long-term-plan

Public submission hearings for the long-term plan will be held by the council on Wednesday, 12 May 2021.



Members of the council's Youth Committee collected submissions for the Long-Term Plan 2021-2031 at the Whanganui River Markets on Saturday

Deliberations will take place on Tuesday, 25 May 2021, with the proposed adoption of the Long-Term Plan 2021-2031 scheduled for Tuesday, 22 June 2021.

Hazardous Household Waste Day is back in May



Whanganui District Council's Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held next month on **Saturday, 15 May 2021.**

If you have hazardous waste you'd like to drop off, you first need to register it with the council and have it approved before the day. Registration is necessary so the council can arrange for the correct disposal of your hazardous waste. Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a "first in, first served" basis. Please note that only registered and approved waste will be accepted.

For a list of types of hazardous waste the council can accept and to register your hazardous waste for drop-off, visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/Household-Hazardous-Waste-Day

Aramoho library on its way

Aramoho will soon be the third Whanganui suburb to have a self-service library. The library will launch on **Friday, 11 June 2021** at 2 Mitchell Street, Aramoho, the site of the former Aramoho School.

The new Aramoho library is a partnership between Whanganui District Library and Pasifika Vision Forum Trust, which runs the Born & Raised Pasifika early learning centre on the site where the library will be based. Once the library opens, volunteers – including three staff members from Born & Raised Pasifika – will be on hand to help visitors.

WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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

- Long-Term Plan 2021-2031
- Proposed Changes to Otamatea Speed Limits 2021
- Review of Pensioner Housing Policy

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

