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Upokongaro cycle bridge set to open

Whanganui District Council has announced the Upokongaro cycle bridge will open to the public in the first week of December.

It will be open in time for the summer holiday season and is expected to be a popular attraction for visitors to the district, particularly those riding the Mountains to Sea cycleway which begins in Ohakune and continues through National Park to Whanganui, ending at Castlecliff's North Mole.

Whanganui District Council Chief Executive Kym Fell says, "Emmetts Civil Construction is in the final stages of preparing documentation for the formal contract completion.

"We look forward to involving Upokongaro School, businesses and residents in plans for the formal opening of the bridge."

Meanwhile, Mr Fell says the council has learned from the process, particularly the importance of working in a collaborative way with communities under the Te Awa Tupua Act legislation.

"It wasn't until we applied for a variation to our resource consent with Horizons Regional Council in 2018 that we realised the riverbed, over which the bridge is placed, is vested in Te Awa Tupua," he says.

"In the end, we needed to take a step back and follow the correct process to get an easement from Te Pou Tupua, the legal face of Te Awa Tupua."



The council has engaged with local hapū Ngā Paerangi, Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui and the Upokongaro community in discussions about the bridge.

"I think it is important to confirm that no payment was made to either party to secure agreement for the easement. In fact, the hapū and Te Pou Tupua have been understanding of the situation while we worked to back-fill the easement situation," Mr Fell says.

He says, "We also made use of the time during the COVID-19 lockdown to work through a number of matters, including additional safety and environmental considerations," he says, "and in the process I believe we have built stronger foundations with the community.

"People will be enjoying this asset all summer and beyond, and we thank the community for its patience."

Register for Household Hazardous Waste Day

Whanganui District Council's Household Hazardous Waste Day is on **Saturday, 7 November 2020**. The event gives households the chance to register hazardous waste with the council and drop it off at a designated location.

Please register your hazardous waste by **Monday, 2 November** so its safe disposal can be planned. To register, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/household-hazardous-waste-day

Registrations of interest

Whanganui District Council invites registrations of interest (ROI) from suitably experienced contractors for these 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

Free budget advice offered Survey complements our district's Heritage Month

Gonville Library and the Whanganui Budget Advisory Service (WBAS) are holding budgeting advice clinics in advance of Christmas **every Tuesday between 9.30am and 11.30am** at the Gonville Library, 44 Abbot Street. Come along for an informal chat about budgeting, debt management, KiwiSaver, retirement and so on. All are welcome. For more information, please call Gonville Library on 06 344 5278 or WBAS on 06 345 3746.

Survey complements our district's Heritage Month

Whanganui District Council wants your thoughts and ideas on ways to support our district's built heritage – you can share your views with us by taking an online survey. Your feedback will help inform the council's Heritage Strategy, which is currently being drafted. This survey is open to all Whanganui residents. Share your thoughts at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/heritage-survey

The second annual Whanganui Heritage Month continues until this Saturday, 31 October. For a list of remaining events, please visit: www.whanganuiheritagetrust.org.nz

Long-Term Plan surveys

You're invited to have your say on Whanganui District Council's vision for our **Connectivity** in the district by taking an online survey at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/933DNDS 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 dynamic, broadly connected district that is accessible and linked-in by focusing on areas such as sustainable transport, digital innovation, and building regional and international relationships. To complete the surveys, visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/long-term-plan

WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

Whanganui District Council invites you to have your say on these 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

Council meetings

You are welcome at our meetings

Meetings next week

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

Meeting cancellation

The Policy and Bylaw Committee meeting scheduled for 25 November 2020 has been cancelled

Change of date

The Audit and Risk Committee meeting scheduled for 26 November 2020 will now be held on **Thursday, 3 December 2020**

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 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:

- 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
- Rangiora Street Library, Castlecliff – Saturday, 14 November from 10.00am-2.00pm

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