

# Community Link

Whanganui District Council

101 Guyton Street

PO Box 637, Whanganui 4500

06 349 0001

yourcouncil@whanganui.govt.nz

www.whanganui.govt.nz

@whanganuidistrictcouncil

@whanganuidc

@WhanganuiDC



## New animal pound is taking shape

Construction of Whanganui District Council's new animal pound on Airport Road is well under way and running to schedule. Work began after the move to COVID-19 Alert Level 3 in mid-June.

Council Project Manager, Caleb McGrail, says, "All concrete foundations for the new facility have been poured and structural framing is now in place."

"The main office building has also been wrapped and roofed in preparation for the installation of exterior windows and cladding."

Blockwork for the 47 individual kennel spaces, including a whelping kennel, has also started. The kennels will each have auto-fed water stations and raised fold-out beds. A UV-resistant roof with acoustic properties, along with an outdoor canopy, will shelter the animals.

Caleb McGrail says, "The Council's Animal Management Officers have also been involved in the finishing touches for the new dog kennels to ensure maximum practical use under new legislative compliance requirements."



An artist's impression of Whanganui District Council's new animal pound on Airport Road  
IMAGE: BSM GROUP ARCHITECTS

"Ongoing fortnightly site visits are planned to let staff view progress as we move forward."

Work on the Council's new animal pound is scheduled to be completed by November 2020.

## Single-use plastic 'swaps'

Whanganui District Council and Plastic Free Whanganui combined efforts again this year for Plastic Free July, the global movement aimed at reducing plastic pollution. The theme for 2020 focuses on simple "swaps" for single-use plastic items.

The Council's Waste Advisor, Stuart Hylton, says, "Plastic Free July is a great initiative because it reminds people to take the time to audit their use of plastic and find alternatives."

Easy swaps include using containers with lids or beeswax wraps instead of cling wrap, bamboo toothbrushes and cotton buds, metal straws, and reusable coffee cups and water bottles. For more tips on reducing your usage of single-use plastic, visit: [www.plasticfreejuly.org](http://www.plasticfreejuly.org)

## Rural scenes at the Sarjeant



Sara McIntyre, *Mrs Ruruku's house*, 2015. Courtesy of the artist and Anna Miles Gallery

Proving hugely popular at Sarjeant on the Quay, 38 Taupo Quay, is *Observations of a Rural Nurse*, a free exhibition of photographs by nurse and photographer, Sara McIntyre. The exhibition runs until **Sunday, 18 October 2020**.

Sara McIntyre describes herself as a "late developer" – she started her nursing career at 38 and had her first solo photographic exhibition at the age of 64. Her images of the people and places of Kākahi and the surrounding King Country region are a superb portrait of a once-thriving but still beautiful area.

A book of the exhibition, also called *Observations of a Rural Nurse*, is available for purchase from Sarjeant on the Quay.

## Rates postponements

Whanganui District Council has adopted a Rates Postponement Policy that allows individuals and businesses who are facing financial hardship as a result of COVID-19 some additional flexibility to make payments over a longer period as recovery allows cashflows to improve. Those who meet the policy's criteria will be able to postpone the **2019/20 fourth-quarter rates** due on 27 May 2020 to **25 November 2020** (ie: postponed for up to six months).

All **2020/21 rates** will also be able to be postponed to **30 June 2021**, allowing ratepayers the full year to pay their 2020/21 rates. Any amount up to the total value of rates payable can be postponed as long as an agreed direct debit is place to ensure that the rates are fully paid by the date they have been postponed to.

There is no charge for postponing 2019/20 fourth-quarter rates. A postponement fee will apply to 2020/21 rates based on the amount being postponed. To apply, you must be the ratepayer of the property as per the Rating Information Database (RID) or their authorised agent. To apply online, visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/rates-postponement](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/rates-postponement) For further assistance, call (06) 349 0001 or email: [rates@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:rates@whanganui.govt.nz)

## Job support event

Whanganui & Partners is holding an Employment Support Showcase in the Pioneer Room at the Whanganui War Memorial Centre on **Thursday, 6 August 2020 from 5.30pm-7.00pm**. This event will provide businesses with more information about new programmes around employment support, apprenticeships and free tertiary training. Refreshments will be served. For more information and to register, please visit: [www.whanganuiandpartners.nz](http://www.whanganuiandpartners.nz)

## Heritage Grant Fund

Whanganui District Council's Heritage Grant Fund provides financial assistance to private building owners in the Town Centre to undertake heritage enhancement work. The current Heritage Grant Fund application round runs until the end of September 2020. For more information about the fund, visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/heritage-fund](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/heritage-fund)

## Council meetings

You are welcome at our meetings

### Upcoming meetings

Audit and Risk Committee	1.00pm Thursday 30 July	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Council Meeting	1.00pm Monday 3 August	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street

• This meeting will begin with public-excluded items – it is anticipated that public business will resume at 1.30pm

Agendas are available at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas)  
Full Council meetings are livestreamed at:  
• [www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil)  
• [www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings)

### WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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

- Consultation on New Port-Related Council-Controlled Organisation
- Upokongaro War Memorial Hall Survey

For more information, please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say)



# Woof, is your dog registered?

Register online now at [www.whanganui.govt.nz/dog-registration](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/dog-registration)

Remember to register your pooch before Friday, 31 July 2020 to receive a prompt payment discount.

