

# Have your say on heritage strategy

Whanganui District Council is asking the Whanganui public for feedback on its draft 10-year heritage strategy, which has been written with community and stakeholder input.

The council's heritage advisor, Scott Flutey, says the strategy sets a vision for Whanganui as a district that values, protects and promotes its historic heritage.

"This document is relevant to us all because wellmanaged heritage informs a sense of place and contributes to wellbeing. It's vital we create the strategy together to set a vision for Whanganui as a district that values, protects and promotes its historic heritage and to map the action we are going to take to achieve Whanganui's heritage goals over the next decade."

The draft strategy explains how we are going to achieve our heritage goals over the coming decade and contains a five-year action plan that is oriented towards historic heritage assets like buildings, structures and features.

Earthquake-prone buildings are a major issue for Whanganui and this plan will allow the council and building owners to work through this issue more effectively.



Te Toka Tū o Pukenamu rests in the entranceway to the Alexander Heritage Library Te Rerenga mai o te Kāuru. As guardian of Pukenamu, it connects the historic building with its surroundings, and with the wider Whanganui district and its rich heritage presence

View a hard copy of the draft heritage strategy document at 101 Guyton Street or at any of our libraries. Submission forms are also available in these locations.

For more information, and to print and complete a submission form, visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/draft-heritage-strategy Submissions close at 5.00pm on Sunday, 12 September 2021.

# GovHack Whanganui is go!

GovHack Whanganui is the opportunity to apply your creativity, problem solving and critical thinking skills to design a project in the largest open data hackathon in the southern hemisphere. This international competition invites



forward-thinking people of all abilities to try their hand at making productive use of the wealth of open data available to us in everyday life.

GovHack is a 46-hour event open to anyone within the Whanganui or neighbouring districts taking place at the Alexander Library Te Rerenga Mai o Te Kāuru at Pukenamu Queen's Park from 5.00pm on Friday, 20 August until 6.00pm on Sunday, 22 August 2021. All ages are welcome and no previous experience is needed. Full facilities will be available including wi-fi, printing, photocopying, spaces to create and library devices for use during the event. For more information or to offer a helping hand or idea, contact Becky Stanley at: becky@whanganuilibraries.com or Jo Buckingham at: jo.buckingham@whanganui.govt.nz

Find out more about GovHack Whanganui at: bit.ly/3iO9wos Register for GovHack 2021 at: hackerspace.govhack.org

Winter Gardens spruce up

The Winter Gardens (pictured) at Rotokawau Virginia Lake have closed to the public for six weeks. These beautiful gardens are receiving an interior clean and paint. They will reopen in September with a fresh new seasonal display in the refurbished glasshouse.

This work is the last in a series of upgrades at the gardens that included earthquake strengthening of the entranceway in May. Formally known as the Centennial Winter Gardens, they were opened in 1940 to mark 100 years since the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi.

# Art Glass 21 exhibition open

Art Glass 21 is New Zealand Glassworks Te Whare Tūhua o Te Ao's annual exhibition highlighting selected artists who are exploring the possibilities of glass, experimenting in the chemistry creatively and responding to the complexity of what glass is and what it can do. Art Glass 21, at 2 Rutland Street, is open until Sunday, 31 October 2021. For more information, please visit: www.nzglassworks.com



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you to have your say on these topics:

• Plan Change 54 - Industrial Freedom Camping Bylaw

• Draft Heritage Strategy

More details at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say

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### **Planned works**

### August 2021

Pavement road maintenance: Denlair Road, Kukuta Road, Mangmahu Road, Whanganui River Road

Road resealing: Kauarapaoa Road

Unsealed road grading: Brunswick area, Creek Road, Kai Iwi area, Kauarapaoa Road, Okoia area, Westmere area

Water renewals: Papaiti Road Footpath renewal: Alma Road

Water table/culvert maintenance/high shoulder removal: Whanganui River Road

Mowing and vegetation treatment:

## Te Pūwaha public hui

#### All welcome to attend on 10 August

Te Pūwaha, Whanganui's port revitalisation project, is hosting a series of community events to share project plans, answer queries and listen to community aspirations for the project. A community engagement hui will be held at Duncan Pavilion, Rangiora Street, Castlecliff Beach, from 5.30pm on Tuesday, 10 August 2021. For more information, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/port Te Pūwaha is a partnership involving Whanganui iwi and Whanganui District Council, Horizons Regional Council, Q-West Boat Builders, Whanganui District **Employment Training Trust and central** government.

# Organise your photos

#### **Public event at Alexander Library**

Whanganui District Library is holding a Home Archive event at the Alexander Library Te Rerenga mai o te Kāuru, Pukenamu Queen's Park, next Wednesday, 11 August 2021 from 10.00am until 2.00pm. Bring along your photos and library assistant Maia-Jeanne McAllister will share tips on organising your personal photograph collection. For more details, email: maia.mcallister@gmail.com or call 06 349 1000.

# Rabbit and rat baiting

### **Operation at Rotokawau Virginia Lake**

A rabbit and rat baiting operation will begin at Rotokawau Virginia Lake on Monday, 9 August 2021. Rabbit bait (Pindone) will be set at the top end of Virginia Lake, while rat bait (Pestoff) will be laid at the Great North Road end of Virginia Lake. All baits are in approved stations and signs will be placed at lake entrances. The control operation will end on Friday, 1 October 2021 before Term 3 school holidays begin.

### **Council meetings**

#### Meeting next week

1.00pm Strategy and Finance Tuesday Committee 10 August Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street

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