

# Community Link

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## Vote 2022 – time to have your say!

Voting in this year's local elections closes at **12 noon this Saturday, 8 October 2022**. Voters will have received a candidate information booklet when their voting papers were delivered by mail – candidate profiles can also be viewed online at: [votewhanganui.nz](http://votewhanganui.nz)

If you haven't already voted by mail, it's now too late to post your voting papers in. To ensure you have your say in this year's local elections, the council has placed orange ballot bins in high-traffic areas of our community. Voters can place their votes in the orange ballot bins in these locations until 12 noon this Saturday, 8 October:

- Council customer services, 101 Guyton Street
- Gonville Library, 44 Abbot Street
- Davis Library, 1 Pukenamu Drive, Pukenamu Queen's Park
- Splash Centre, 220 London Street, Springvale Park
- Four Square Riverview, 59 Anzac Parade
- New World Whanganui, 374 Victoria Avenue



- Countdown, 433 Victoria Avenue
- Trafalgar Square, Taupo Quay.
- Whanganui River Markets, Moutoa Quay.

If you're voting last-minute on Saturday, there will also be a drive-through voting booth outside the council at 101 Guyton Street. You can drop your voting envelope in our ballot bin without even leaving your vehicle!

Don't have your voting papers? The council is open until 6.00pm every night this week for people to make a special vote. Come down to 101 Guyton Street to see us – it will take about 10 minutes to vote.

## Planned works

### October 2022

**Flood damage recovery (2021-22 storm events – slip clearances):**  
 Kauarapaoa Road, Mangamahu Road, Whanganui River Road

**Pavement road maintenance:**  
 Brunswick Road, Mangamahu Road, Rangitatau West Road, Somme Parade, Taupo Quay, Whanganui River Road

**Road remodelling:**  
 Creek Road, Junction Road, Mangamahu Road, Rangitatau East Road

**Unsealed road grading:**  
 Brunswick area, Kauarapaoa Road, Mangamahu area, Okoia area, Rangitatau East Road

**Kerb and channel renewal / footpath renewal:**  
 Heads Road, Victoria Avenue

**Pavement reinstatement:**  
 Harper Street, Heads Road, Victoria Avenue

**Water table / culvert maintenance / high shoulder removal:**  
 Makirikiri Valley Road, Mangamahu Road, Whanganui River Road

**Mowing and vegetation treatment:**  
 Group 1 roads, Holmwood Road, Tayforth Road

**Service lid adjustment:**  
 Halswell Street, Stafford Street

**Shared pathway works:**  
 Papaiti Road

## Council completes \$6m upgrades to water network

Whanganui's three waters infrastructure has been strengthened on schedule following the completion of a series of projects funded by central government.

More than \$6 million of funding was allocated to Whanganui District Council as part of a nationwide \$761 million three waters stimulus and reform funding package for councils announced in July 2020.

The funding was designed to provide investment in critical water infrastructure and services, and to help to stimulate economic activity throughout the country.

The council received approval from the Department of Internal Affairs for the funding of seven water projects, two wastewater projects and some stormwater projects, all of which have been completed to plan.

The council's senior stormwater engineer, Kritzo Venter, says the projects have built resilience into our three waters networks, reducing risk to service delivery in future. "Not only have we been able to renew many critical assets, effectively extending their useful life, but we've also done so in good time, reducing risk to the service as many of these projects weren't slated for completion until much later in the council's Long-Term Plan 2021-2031.



Renewal of the Westway pipe bridge from Durie Hill to Putiki was done with stimulus funding

"The funding has allowed us to bring this work forward, freeing up resources for other projects and improving the network for residents now, and for our growing population in the future," Kritzo Venter says.

"We would like to thank the public for their patience with the disruptions, most notably traffic management while we've been digging up and reinstating their roads. We would also like to thank local contractors and service providers for prioritising the works so we could deliver these to a high level and on schedule."

## Celebrating our transport heritage during October

Whanganui Heritage Month returns for 2022 from this **Saturday, 8 October until Sunday, 30 October**. This year's theme is early transport – the line-up of events will include the first-ever Heritage Parade on Saturday, 22 October, which will feature horse-drawn carriages, bicycles and vintage cars.

A varied programme of 43 events includes the history of transport in Whanganui with the photographic exhibition *Ngā Waka – Transport Heritage at the Alex* from 10-28 October at the Alexander Library Te Rerenga mai o te Kāuru, Pukenamu Queen's Park. This exhibition is free to view and will feature images from the collections of the Alexander Library and Whanganui District Council Archives. For more information about Whanganui Heritage Month, including a full list of events and a downloadable brochure, please visit: [whanganuiheritagetrust.org.nz](http://whanganuiheritagetrust.org.nz)



## Free community gaming day during school holidays

Whanganui District Council, Hakeke Community Centre and Library, and Whanganui East-based computer firm Technoman have organised a community gaming day as part of the school holidays. The gaming day for tamariki, rangatahi and their parents or guardians will be held next

**Wednesday, 12 October 2022 from 10.00am until 2.00pm** at the Hakeke Community Centre and Library, 65 Hakeke Street.

The purpose of the day is to give children of all ages and their parents and guardians a safe and welcoming space to play or watch games together in a social setting. This event is also a chance to share the opportunities tech can offer young people. For more information or to register your interest, call the council's connected community advisor, Jo Buckingham, on 06 349 3021 or email: [digital@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:digital@whanganui.govt.nz)



## Request for tender

### Contract 2020 – Airport water supply upgrade - stage 2

Whanganui District Council is seeking an experienced and suitably qualified contractor to construct a 1.1km new 180mm PE water main from Landguard Road to the Whanganui Wastewater Treatment Plant along Airport Road by using the trenchless methodology.

TenderLink reference – **WANGDC-1035226**  
 The tender deadline is **4.00pm on Thursday, 27 October 2022**.

Access all tender documents and TenderLink registration information for this contract at: [portal.tenderlink.com/whanganui](http://portal.tenderlink.com/whanganui)  
 For TenderLink enquiries, call 0800 698 363.

For any other tendering assistance, please contact the council's senior procurement officer, Lana Treen, on 06 349 3105 between 10.00am-4.00pm weekdays or email: [lana.treen@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:lana.treen@whanganui.govt.nz)

## Climate Action Fund

### Support for not-for-profit projects

Applications are open for a Whanganui District Council fund that will support up to 50 percent of costs for not-for-profit climate action projects.

The Community Climate Action Fund is for projects in the Whanganui District that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions or grow resilience to climate change.

Funding for this initiative comes from existing funding allocated to climate action in the council's Long-Term Plan 2021-31. For more information, please visit:

[www.whanganui.govt.nz/climate-fund](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/climate-fund)

Applications close at **midnight on Friday, 25 November 2022**.