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# Showing our colours for Pink Ribbon



**Breast Cancer Foundation NZ**  
For the first time, Whanganui District Council is lighting up the Royal Whanganui Opera House and Durie Hill Memorial Tower in pink this week to promote Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Harrison's HireMaster provided the equipment used to install the lights free of charge in support of the campaign. Breast cancer is the most common cancer for New Zealand women, with about 45 women diagnosed in the Whanganui area every year. For more information and to donate, please visit: [www.pinkribbonappeal.co.nz](http://www.pinkribbonappeal.co.nz)

## Light at end of the tunnel for historic Durie Hill elevator

After being out of action for several months, the Durie Hill elevator is nearing a return to full service. The original copper coils in the 102-year-old elevator's DC motor failed in July, and specialist repairs could only be made in Auckland. Lockdown measures under a series of COVID-19 alert levels also compounded the delay in the motor's return. Repairs have now been completed and the DC motor is expected to arrive back in Whanganui shortly. Once the motor has been reinstated in the elevator's tower and assessed, Whanganui District Council will confirm a reopening date for the elevator.

It's unlikely at this stage that the elevator will be up and running during the October school holidays. In the meantime, a temporary shuttle service remains in operation. This FREE service for Durie Hill residents is being run by the council in association with Transitz Coachlines and operates weekdays, Monday to Friday, with morning and afternoon services. Collection and drop-off points are near the elevator's entrances on Blyth Street and Anzac Parade. For full shuttle service information including the shuttle's timetable and public safety measures under COVID-19 Alert Level 2, please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/shuttle-service](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/shuttle-service)

## More time to have your say on draft Waste Plan

Whanganui District Council is calling for community feedback on its draft Waste Plan 2021. The draft plan proposes two rates-funded kerbside collection services for urban residents – recycling in 2023 and food waste in 2024. The rates increase – per household per year – would be about \$70.00 for kerbside recycling and about \$40.00 for kerbside food waste collection. The proposed kerbside recycling service would take glass, paper, plastics, cardboard and cans. The proposed kerbside food waste collection involves a small closed container that would be issued to each household for food waste. For more information on the draft Waste Plan, please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say) Please note that submissions now close at 5.00pm on Monday, 11 October 2021.

## Heritage Grant Fund boost



Whanganui's heritage buildings have received a boost with an increase in Whanganui District Council's Heritage Grant Fund. The funding pool has increased from \$100,000 annually to \$250,000 annually, and the scope of the funding criteria has widened. Owners of heritage buildings can now apply for funding support for professional services relating to seismic design and fire upgrades, and funding can be sought for council- and Crown-owned buildings that are in community use, as well as privately-owned buildings outside the central city, subject to demonstrating substantial community benefit. Council heritage advisor, Scott Flutey, says the changes were part of the council's Long-Term Plan 2021-2031, and had been approved by councillors at a full council meeting on 14 September 2021. For more information about the council's Heritage Grant Fund, please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/heritage-fund](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/heritage-fund)

## Planned works

### October 2021

- Flood damage recovery:** Putiki Drive
- Pavement road maintenance:** Kauangaroa Road, Mangamahu Road, Whanganui River Road
- Road reticulation:** Tokomaru East Road, Sewell Road
- Unsealed road grading:** Kauarapaoa Road, Parihau Road, Rangitatu East Road, Okoia area
- Kerb and channel renewal / footpath renewal / pavement reinstatement:** Campbell Street, Guyton Street
- Water table / culvert maintenance / high shoulder removal:** Kaiwhaiki Road, Kauangaroa Road, Waikupa Road, Whanganui River Road
- Mowing and vegetation treatment:** Kaiwhaiki Road

## Army exercise in city

The New Zealand Army Ngāti Tūmatuenga will conduct a military exercise during daylight hours only around Whanganui between 11-15 October 2021. Exercise Golden Gauntlet is a communications exercise that involves soldiers operating out of vehicles and on foot with communications equipment.

## 2021 Public Art Fund

**Applications open until 29 October**  
Whanganui District Council's 2021 Public Art Fund is an annual contestable fund that supports a wide range of public artworks including digital art, temporary performance, toi Māori, interactive art, sculpture, pou whenua, moving image, land art, mural art and much more. Funding applications close at 12 noon on Friday, 29 October 2021. More details: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/funding](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/funding)

## Bylaw review approved

**Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw**  
Whanganui District Council is beginning a review of its Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw 2016. At the council's strategy and finance committee meeting on 21 September 2021, councillors approved the proposal to undertake a substantive review of the bylaw. The bylaw sets out the regulations for burials and cremations in public, council-owned and administered cemeteries and crematoria in the district. The bylaw was introduced in 2016, and is due for its five-year review. The council is looking to establish an advisory panel to assist with the bylaw, and wider public feedback will take place later this year.

## Council meetings

Upcoming meeting		
Policy and Bylaw Committee	10.00am Wednesday 13 October	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
• <i>Hearings and deliberation for proposed draft Heritage Strategy</i>		
Agendas: <a href="http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas">www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas</a> Livestreamed council meetings: <a href="http://www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil">www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil</a> <a href="http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings">www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings</a>		

### WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

Whanganui District Council invites you to have your say on this topic:

- Draft Waste Plan 2021**

More details at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say)

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