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Have your say on climate change

Late last year Whanganui District Council initiated a discussion with the community on addressing climate change in the district.

Since then, the council has taken the community's ideas into account and worked with local iwi and key stakeholders to produce a comprehensive draft climate change strategy that recognises both Māori and New Zealand European worldviews. It is now inviting the community to share their thoughts on the draft strategy.

The four focus areas the draft strategy covers are:

- Transport
- Building energy and urban form
- Agriculture
- Leadership and collaboration.

Mayor Hamish McDouall says, "The draft strategy gives us a roadmap for addressing climate change in our district, to help us respond to these uniquely challenging times and make a real difference to our future and that of coming generations."

Submissions close at **5.00pm on Sunday, 14 February 2021.**

To view the council's draft climate change strategy document and to contribute your ideas for addressing climate change, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/draft-climate-change-strategy



Dog Control Policy and Bylaw review input sought

Whanganui District Council is seeking community feedback on the review of its Dog Control Policy and Bylaw. The proposed changes include:

- Requiring dog owners to pass a written test of dog ownership knowledge in order to qualify as a responsible dog owner for the first time
- Increased dog access on Castlecliff Beach
- Requiring dogs to be under control on a leash on all walkways, cycleways and shared paths (excluding places dogs are prohibited such as premier parks and lakes)
- Formalising the council's existing policy on the rehoming of dogs.

For more information and to complete an online submission form, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say

Urban rubbish bag update

Waste Management will cease rubbish bag collection in the Whanganui urban area on **Thursday, 31 December 2020.** They will offer a bin collection service ONLY after this date.

Low Cost Bins will be the only provider of a rubbish bag collection service in the urban area after 31 December 2020. For more details, as well as a map of Whanganui's urban rubbish collection areas and days, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/rubbish-recycling

Illegal dumping campaign

Councillor Rob Vinsen, head of Whanganui District Council's Waste Minimisation Advisory Group, is leading a campaign to crack down on illegal rubbish dumping in the Whanganui District.



Cr Vinsen says one important aspect of the campaign is getting the message out that there are now significantly harsher penalties for people who are caught dumping rubbish illegally. He says in the past six months five people have received infringement notices and been fined \$400.00.

Technology is making it harder for people to get away with illegal dumping, Cr Vinsen says. "Everyone has a camera on their phone so as a community we can rally around and work together to target this selfish behaviour."

"There's a fantastic app we're encouraging people to download called Snap Send Solve. It lets you take a photo of the rubbish and email it to the council, using your phone's GPS to show exactly where the rubbish is located. The emailed message goes straight to the Customer Services team who log it and refer it on to the relevant council team."

For information on the options for disposing of rubbish in Whanganui, go to: www.whanganui.govt.nz/rubbish-recycling

It's time to nominate your community heroes!

If you know someone who's made an outstanding contribution to the community this year, make sure you nominate them for a 2020 Whanganui Community Award. Nominations for the 2020 awards now close at **5.00pm on Thursday, 14 January 2021.**

For more information and to make a nomination, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/community-awards-2020



Ministry of Health notice

Some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water standing in the fittings for several hours. Although the health risk is small, the Ministry of Health recommends that you flush a mugful of water from your drinking-water tap each morning before use to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings. The Ministry of Health recommends this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies.

Director-General of Health

Request for tender

Contract 1912 - Mosston Road water supply upgrade - Stage 2

Whanganui District Council invites tenders from suitably experienced contractors for the laying of the 250mm (877 metres - open cut) and the 125mm (30m - directional boring) water main from Clarkson Avenue, along Mosston Road to Tayforth Road.

TenderLink reference - **WANGDC-947451**
 Tender deadline - **4.00pm on Thursday, 17 December 2020**

Tender documents and TenderLink registration information is at: portal.tenderlink.com/whanganui
 For TenderLink enquiries, please call 0800 698 363. For any other tendering assistance, please contact the council's senior procurement officer, Lana Treen, between 10.00am-3.00pm weekdays on (06) 349 3105 or email: lana.treen@whanganui.govt.nz

Western Line works

Electrix will replace power poles on Western Line **this Wednesday, 9 December and Thursday, 10 December 2020 from 8.00am-4.00pm.** The Western Line road will be closed to all traffic during the work - access will be limited to emergency vehicles and residents only. Detour signs will be in place - the alternative route is via Brunswick Road and Lilybank and Westmere Station roads.

Senior driver event

Age Concern Whanganui is holding a free senior driver event **tomorrow morning, Thursday, 10 December.** CarFit offers older drivers a 20-minute check on how well their cars "fit" them personally. For more information, please call Age Concern Whanganui on 06 345 1799.

Council meetings

Meeting this week

Policy and Bylaw Committee	10.00am Thursday 10 December	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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Submission hearings and deliberations - Amended Gambling Venues Policy (Please note - the reserve day for this meeting is **Tuesday, 15 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



Whanganui Newcomers Network
Connecting People

Newcomer Meet Up

The Barracks opposite IQ
 170 St Hill Street
 15th December 2020
 5pm till 6.30pm

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WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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

- Maxwell name change proposal
- Climate Change Strategy / Te Rautaki Huringa Āhuarangi
- Dog Control Policy and Bylaw 2021

For more information, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say

