

# Community Link

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## The Tide comes in for Whanganui!

Horizons Regional Council and Whanganui District Council have collaborated to launch a new high-frequency bus route in Whanganui that begins on **Saturday, 18 February 2023**. The new route has been named Te Ngaru The Tide after a competition run by Whanganui District Council in November last year.

Horizons' passenger transport committee chair, Sam Ferguson, says the councils are excited to launch this new route as it will better meet the needs of the Whanganui community. "The new frequent route will run every 20 minutes, Monday to Friday 7.00am-7.00pm, Saturday 9.00am-3.00pm and will have an hourly service on Friday nights from 7.00pm until 11.00pm.

"The service will run in both directions from Castlecliff to Aramoho and stop in key locations throughout the city like the hospital, city centre and upper Victoria Ave shops.

"This service is the starting point to improving public transport in Whanganui, and positive uptake of it will help support new routes being established in the future."

Whanganui District Council's representative on Horizons' passenger transport committee, Anthonie Tonnon, notes that a recent survey on public transport showed some of the main reasons people wanted to travel was for shopping and leisure.



"It's easier to take a bus to the shops or the beach if you know the return service will be less than 20 minutes away. Frequency allows people the option to use a service in their own way – whether they use it for work, the Saturday markets, or to go to dinner on a Friday night."

For more information, please read the combined council media release at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/news](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/news)

## Tenders now open for Whanganui Port rebuild phase

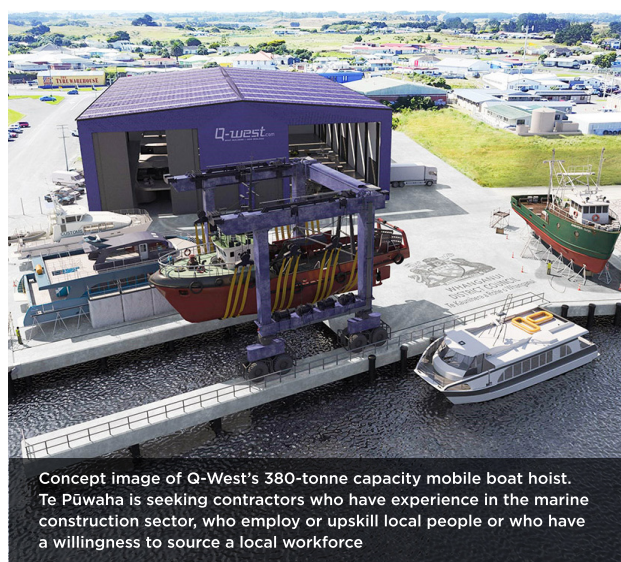
The Whanganui Port Operating Company is calling for interested parties to come forward to register their interest as procurement documents were released to market last week for the Whanganui Port rebuild, a major construction phase of Te Pūwaha, the Whanganui Port revitalisation project.



The Whanganui Port Operating Company is contracted to manage port assets and deliver Te Pūwaha project works on behalf of The Whanganui Port Limited Partnership.

The procurement process will occur in two stages, with the first stage calling for invitations to participate from parties that can undertake works such as the construction of the hardstand and concrete structures suitable for Q-West's 380-tonne capacity mobile boat hoist, along with the development of a water treatment plant to service the site.

Those who register their interest will have the opportunity to learn more about the project and its requirements at a project briefing in Whanganui followed by a site visit on **Thursday, 9 February 2023**. They will meet with representatives from the Whanganui Port Operating Company, hapū partners Te Mata Pūau and others from the wider Te Pūwaha project.



Concept image of Q-West's 380-tonne capacity mobile boat hoist. Te Pūwaha is seeking contractors who have experience in the marine construction sector, who employ or upskill local people or who have a willingness to source a local workforce

For information on the tender process, companies are encouraged to register on the New Zealand Government Electronic Tenders Service website at: [www.gets.govt.nz](http://www.gets.govt.nz) – search for **Whanganui Port**, where all documents are available. Where required, please contact Hannah Loper at: [hannah@wardale.co.nz](mailto:hannah@wardale.co.nz) to find out more.

## Downer New Zealand Masters Games kick-off on Friday

More than 4000 masters athletes will converge on Whanganui from this **Friday, 3 February 2023** for the 34th Downer New Zealand Masters Games.



Games manager, Heather Cox, says the atmosphere ahead of the games is one of excitement, with the Games Village ready to welcome locals, visitors and their supporters for 10 days of fun sporting action.

"We invite people to join us this Friday for the official opening of the games, featuring a pōwhiri and performances from Brass Whanganui. Gather first at the Games Village entrance on Watt Street at 6.15pm to be welcomed in.

"Afterwards, those with a Games Pass will be able to relax and celebrate at the bar, with food available and music from DJ D-Fresh to get the party going from 7.30pm. Supporter passes and one-night passes will be available for purchase on the night."

Heather Cox says everyone is encouraged to come down and check the Games Village out, with doors open to the public until 5.00pm. "We've put together an eclectic programme over the 10 days including live music, a big quiz and comedy night, and of course plenty of exciting sporting action to watch – or take part in – during the day!"

For Masters Games information, please visit: [nzmg.com](http://nzmg.com)

## Council holiday hours

### Waitangi Day is Monday, 6 February

Whanganui District Council will be closed on **Monday, 6 February 2023** for Waitangi Day. Find council facility opening hours at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/public-notices](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/public-notices)

## Requests for tender

### Contract 2028: Leading Edge Strategy refresh – community engagement consultant

Whanganui District Council invites tenders from suitably experienced consultants to assist with embedding an approach of active partnership between the council and the district's hapū / iwi by reviewing the council's existing Leading Edge Strategy, followed by facilitating consultation with the wider community. As well as facilitating, the council will require the consultant to work with council officers to deliver and draft a refreshed community strategy that is a current reflection of the Whanganui community at large.

- TenderLink reference: **WANGDC-1047736**
- Tender deadline: **4.00pm on Wednesday, 8 February 2023.**

### Contract 2013: Wastewater treatment plant biofilter media replacement

Whanganui District Council is seeking a capable contractor to complete media replacement work for the two biofilters at the Whanganui wastewater treatment plant, and replacement work of the geotextile layer.

- TenderLink reference: **WANGDC-1047643**
- Tender deadline: **4.00pm on Thursday, 23 February 2023.**

### Contract 1985: CBD maintenance

Whanganui District Council invites tenders from suitably experienced contractors for the high-quality maintenance of open space areas within Whanganui's central business district.

- TenderLink reference: **WANGDC-1047602**
- Tender deadline: **4.00pm on Thursday, 16 February 2023.**

For all tender documents and TenderLink registration information, please visit: [portal.tenderlink.com/whanganui](http://portal.tenderlink.com/whanganui)  
 For TenderLink enquiries, call **0800 698 363**.  
 For any other tendering assistance, 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)

## Streets for People

### Register now for Thursday workshops

Community co-design workshops for the lower St Hill Street public transport hub project are being held tomorrow, **Thursday 2 February, at 1.00pm and 5.30pm**. If you'd like to attend either workshop, please RSVP to: [streetsforpeople@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:streetsforpeople@whanganui.govt.nz)

## Council meetings

### Upcoming meeting

Council meeting	9.30am Tuesday 14 February	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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Agendas: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas)  
 Livestreamed council meetings:  
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