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Annual Plan building for the future

Whanganui District Council is seeking public feedback on its Annual Plan 2019/20. A Consultation Document, adopted on Tuesday, 12 March, identifies one key change in regards to Whanganui Port from the Long-Term Plan 2018-2028 and provides information on other projects and changes to funding since the Long-Term Plan was adopted.

Among these projects is a proposal to allocate \$80,000 to develop and implement a heritage strategy.

This would provide the Council, working in partnership with the community, with a framework to manage and protect the district’s heritage assets including our oral, written and physical legacy.

An average rate increase of 3.9% is also proposed, although individual property increases could vary significantly depending on how rates are assessed for a property. For the farming sector the proposed increase is 4.6%.

Proposed changes to fees and charges outlined in the Consultation Document include an increase in residential and commercial LIM costs, and a flat increase of 50c for swimming pool entry fees.



The Consultation Document is currently available and public submissions are invited. For submission information please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay You can also email your thoughts to: policysubmissions@whanganui.govt.nz

Hard copies of the Consultation Document and submission forms are available from the Council’s temporary Customer Services area at 179 St Hill Street, Davis Central City Library and Gonville Café Library. Consultation closes at 4.00pm on Wednesday, 24 April with public hearings scheduled for 8-9 May 2019.

April planned works

- Flood damage recovery:** Whanganui River Road (Jerusalem Bluff Retreat, 2015 storm event), Makirikiri Valley Road, Parihau Road and Mangahowai Road (2017 storm event)
- Pavement road maintenance:** No 2 Line, Mosston Road, Tayforth Road, Seafield Road
- Road resealing:** Guyton Street, Drews Avenue
- Unsealed road grading:** Kauarapaoa Road, Okoia area
- Pavement renewals:** No 3 Line
- Kerb and channel renewal:** Wilson Street (Maria Place to Guyton Street), Victoria Avenue (Caltex to Dublin Street)
- Footpath renewal:** Wilson Street (Maria Place to Guyton Street), Victoria Avenue (Caltex to Dublin Street)
- Pavement reinstatement:** Wilson Street (Maria Place to Guyton Street), Victoria Avenue (Caltex to Dublin Street)
- Mowing and vegetation treatment:** River Road
- Stormwater:** Mosston Road (Titoki Street to Mill Road), Mill Road, Heads Road (Raupo Street to Mosston Road), Kowhai Street

Castlecliff community trust harvests fruits of its labour

Matipo Community Development Charitable Trust scooped the Supreme Winner award at the Trustpower National Community Awards held in Tauranga on Saturday, 30 March 2019.

The Castlecliff-based Trust is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to making social change through education and employment. Trust volunteers have transformed a swampy wasteland once covered in weeds into cultivated community gardens that provide food for locals and is a hub for horticulture and literacy education.

The Supreme Winner decision was made by a panel of independent judges together with each of the award’s 26 contesting groups after a full day of viewing presentations. “The fact that the overall winners are endorsed by their peers makes this award all the more special. The work done by volunteers across New Zealand is really impressive,” Matipo Trust Chair Rosemary Rippon said.



Community recognition (from left): Trustpower General Manager of Customer Operations, Fiona Smith, Mayor Hamish McDouall, Matipo Trust members Rawi Minarapa and Carlos Rippon, and Matipo Trust Chair Rosemary Rippon

The Trust was represented at the awards – New Zealand’s largest celebration of volunteer groups – by Carlos Rippon, Rosemary Rippon and Whanganui Mayor Hamish McDouall. Matipo Trust received \$4000 in prize money, a trophy and a certificate.

Mayor McDouall expressed his pride in the Trust for their hard work and ability to overcome obstacles. “It was great to tautoko the Trust onstage in Tauranga. This is a real Whanganui story of a grassroots community group changing lives in their neighbourhood and beyond,” Mayor McDouall said.

Development agency to hold first forum for 2019

Whanganui District Council’s economic development agency, Whanganui & Partners, is holding its first Public and Stakeholder Forum for 2019 at the Whanganui War Memorial Centre’s Concert Chamber on **Tuesday, 16 April 2019 from 5.00pm-6.30pm.** The forum is an opportunity to hear from Whanganui & Partners Board Chair, Myles Fothergill, and Chief Executive, Mark Ward, on the agency’s activities and achievements over the past few months as well as its intended direction for the rest of the year and beyond.

Key stakeholders from Whanganui’s business community will be present at the event, and attendees can talk with Board members and staff at the forum’s conclusion. Light refreshments will be provided. To register for this forum, or if you have any questions or ideas to share, please email: info@whanganuiandpartners.nz on or before Friday, 12 April.



WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

Whanganui District Council is seeking public consultation on the following topics:

- Water Supply Bylaw Review** (submissions close at 4.00pm on Friday, 12 April 2019)
- Proposed Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy** (submissions close at 5.00pm on Friday, 12 April 2019)
- Annual Plan 2019/20 Consultation Document** (submissions close at 4.00pm on Wednesday, 24 April 2019)

For more submission information please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay

Have your say

Kōrero mai

Streetlight installations

Glasgow Street lane closed 11 April One lane of Glasgow Street (between London Street and Pak’nSave) will be closed for several hours on Thursday, 11 April so Strong Electrical can install new streetlights. There will be no right-turn available (north-bound) from London Street into Glasgow Street. North-bound London Street traffic turning into Glasgow Street will need to use the London Street-Victoria Avenue intersection. The south-bound lane will still be available for through-traffic along London Street. Delays may be possible at the Victoria Avenue-London Street intersection so motorists are advised to use an alternative route. Detours will be signposted.

Submissions closing

Public input sought on sport facilities

Public submissions on Whanganui District Council’s proposed Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy close at **5.00pm this Friday, 12 April 2019.** The Council wants public input on the management and funding of these facilities so that they can meet the needs of Whanganui residents now and into the future. For submission information please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay

Council meetings

You are welcome at our meetings

Meetings next week		
Infrastructure Committee	1.00pm Tuesday 16 April	Heritage House, 136 St Hill Street

Agendas are available at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas or view hard copies at 179 St Hill Street (the temporary Council Customer Services area) or the Davis Central City Library.