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# Te Hononga a Hapori Community Link

## Have your say on big LTP decisions!

The consultation period for Whanganui District Council's Long-Term Plan 2024-34 is now open and the council is urging the community to join the decision-making process.

With a proposed 10.6 percent average rate increase planned for next year, Mayor Andrew Tripe says the aim is to strike a balance between keeping rates rises as low as possible, while meeting the community's most important needs.

"It is well-highlighted that there is massive rates pressure across the country, mainly because of the three I's – inflation, interest rates, and insurance. While originally we were looking at an increase of over 17 percent in our rates for next year, we've worked inside the council to find ways to reduce this to the proposed 10.6 percent – but this will require changes to some of our services."

Some of the proposals for service changes in the draft long-term plan include: the future of the Whanganui East Pool, the Repertory Theatre, the Winter Gardens, the Rotokawau Virginia Lake aviary, and ownership of New Zealand Glassworks. Also suggested are changes to the Davis Library's opening hours, a review of drop-off points for rural rubbish – and reduced funding for Mainstreet's hanging flower baskets and for community grants.

"When we consult with the community on important decisions, we have to state what our preferred option is – but this is just the starting point. We want the community to tell us what's important to them, and what services they are prepared to trade-off in order to keep rate increases as low as possible. This is an important part of how we make our final decisions," Mayor Andrew says.

### Application made for long-term dredging consent

Whanganui Port is now seeking a long-term dredging consent as the next major milestone in Te Pūwaha: the Whanganui Port revitalisation project. This long-term consent will eventually replace the priority dredging consent for the port basin.

The long-term dredging consent application will cover the removal of sediment within the whole Whanganui Port basin and river bar, with spoil to be released back into the main channel of the Whanganui River, immediately downstream of the basin during outbound river flows.

The dredging application will also include a proposal to close the hole in the training wall, to future proof the port basin and reduce the flow of floating debris. For more information, please visit: [www.whanganuiport.co.nz/te-puwaha/long-term-dredging-consent](http://www.whanganuiport.co.nz/te-puwaha/long-term-dredging-consent)



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**The 2024-2034  
Long-Term Plan**

Formal consultation on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34 closes at **5.00pm on Thursday, 2 May 2024**. All information including the consultation document and submission form is available at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say) – as well as online, submissions can be via email, phone or printed copy. Councillors and council staff will be at these locations during April to talk with the community about the consultation:

- **Thursday, 11 April – 2.00pm-4.00pm at the Hakeke Community Centre and Library, Whanganui East**
- **Saturday, 13 April – 11.00am-2.00pm at Lorendale Park, Swiss Avenue, Gonville**
- **Tuesday, 16 April – 11.00am-1.00pm at the Splash Centre, Springvale**
- **Friday, 19 April – 10.00am-12 noon at the Castlecliff Community Hub & Library, Rangiora Street**
- **Wednesday, 24 April – 11.00am-1.00pm at Majestic Square, Victoria Avenue**

### Parking Bylaw review now open for public consultation



Whanganui District Council is conducting a review of its Parking Bylaw 2017 and Parking Controls, and is proposing several changes to parking tariffs, meters and exemptions. The proposed changes aim to improve parking turnover in Whanganui's CBD as well as help offset anticipated rates rises. For all relevant information, and to make a submission, visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say)

#### WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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

- **Long-Term Plan 2024-2034**
- **Parking Bylaw and Controls review**
- **Finance, Rates Remission and Postponement policies consultation**
- **Development Contributions consultation**
- **Streets for People (ongoing consultation)**

For more information, please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say)

### Hazardous Waste Day

Register your waste by this Friday!

Whanganui District Council is holding this year's Household Hazardous Waste Day later in April. Registrations are essential so that we can arrange for correct disposal of the different types of waste – please register your hazardous waste by **5.00pm this Friday, 12 April 2024** so we can plan for its safe disposal. We'll then get back to you with a drop-off time and location. To register your household hazardous waste, please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/household-hazardous-waste-day](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/household-hazardous-waste-day)

### Council meetings

#### Upcoming April meetings

Strategy and Policy Committee	9.30am Wednesday 10 April	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton St
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• *hearings for proposed changes to speed limits*

Strategy and Policy Committee	12 noon Wednesday 10 April	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton St
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Operations and Performance Committee	9.30am Thursday 11 April	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton St
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Whanganui Rural Community Board	2.00pm Wednesday 17 April	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton St
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#### Meetings in May

Aspirations and Projects Committee	9.00am Thursday 2 May	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton St
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Risk and Assurance Committee	1.00pm Thursday 2 May	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton St
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Council meeting	9.30am Tuesday 7 May	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton St
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Youth Council	4.00pm Monday 13 May	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton St
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Strategy and Policy Committee	9.30am Tuesday 14 May	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton St
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• *hearings for Long-Term Plan 2024-34*

Strategy and Policy Committee	9.30am Wednesday 15 May	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton St
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• *hearings for Long-Term Plan 2024-34*

Agendas: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas)  
Livestreamed council meetings:  
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[www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings)

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