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Community Link

The inaugural Manawātū-Whanganui Joint Climate Action Plan has been released.

Co-chair of the Manawātū-Whanganui Climate Action Joint Committee, and Horizons Regional Council chair, Rachel Keedwell, says the plan aims to clarify various councils' role in addressing climate change impacts in the Horizons Region to build thriving communities and preserve and enhance the environment.



“Development of the plan brought together the region’s councils and tangata whenua. Mayors of each city or district council [including Whanganui District Council], seven tangata whenua members and myself, on behalf of Horizons, participate in the committee.

“The plan contains recommendations to councils including incorporating climate change impacts into planning processes, agreeing on areas where councils can work together, and talking to communities about potential impacts of climate change in the region.

“Each council in the region will need to consider how climate change is going to be addressed in each district and implement the recommendations in the plan,” Rachel Keedwell says.

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Rachel Keedwell says the plan is timely as climate change is happening now and will affect the region’s whānau, farms, businesses and communities.

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For more information, visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/news

Joint Climate Action Plan released

Techweek 2023 is a nationwide series of events showcasing and celebrating New Zealand innovation. The event provides a platform for everyone to meet, share ideas and create connections to enhance our future world.

Whanganui District Library and The Backhouse are hosting a series of events to celebrate Techweek 2023 – district library events feature:

- **Library Online** – sessions at the Alexander Heritage and Gonville libraries covering digital services that provide free online access to books, audiobooks, magazines, newspapers, movies and courses
- **Minecraft** – for children and teens at the Davis Library
- **Introduction to ChatGPT** – at the Gonville Library
- **Be Scam Savvy** – at the Gonville Library.

To register for any of these events, please email: rachel@whanganuilibrary.com or call 027 211 4261. For more details, pick up a flyer from the Davis Library, visit: www.facebook.com/WhanganuiDistrictLibrary or go to the Techweek website at: bit.ly/418Rbql

Check out events being promoted by The Backhouse – including an open day at the New Zealand International Commercial Pilot Academy next Wednesday, 17 May, from 10.00am until 3.00pm – at: www.thebackhouse.nz

techweek2023



The draft design concept for the lower St Hill Street public transport hub (“before” image above) will be revealed today – **Wednesday, 10 May** – with everyone welcome to attend. Workshops will be held at the Whanganui War Memorial Centre’s Pioneer Room at 1.00pm and 5.30pm.

Whanganui District Council’s community property and places general manager, Sarah O’Hagan, says the hub “is a measure the council can put in place to support the development of a user-friendly public transport network in Whanganui”.

This project is 90 percent funded through Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency’s Streets for People programme. Find more information at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/projects

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Dog registrations

Time to update your contact details

Dog registration time is coming up so now’s the perfect opportunity to update your contact details with Whanganui District Council. Tell us if your pooch has moved kennel by visiting: www.whanganui.govt.nz/dog-rego-details or email: yourcouncil@whanganui.govt.nz

Durie Hill elevator

Closed next week for maintenance

The Durie Hill elevator will be closed for its scheduled annual maintenance from **next Monday, 15 May, until Friday, 19 May, reopening on Saturday, 20 May**. During this period Whanganui Connection will operate an on-demand replacement shuttle with the support of Take It Easy Tours.

The replacement shuttle will operate all day on an on-demand basis during the maintenance period – **times are 8.00am to 1.00pm, then 1.30pm to 6.00pm** (to allow for a driver break). The shuttle will run from the entrance of the elevator tunnel at 42 Anzac Parade, to the elevator tower on Durie Hill at 3 Blyth Street.

For further information, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/public-notice

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Youth Week 2023

Youth Council events from 15-21 May

There is something for everyone during Whanganui Youth Week 2023, which runs from **next Monday, 15 May until Sunday, 21 May**.

The week has been organised by Whanganui District Council’s Youth Council with events across Whanganui including tech, environment and the outdoors, yoga, boxing, cooking, basketball, the arts, and community and leadership. More details are available at: www.facebook.com/WDCYouthCouncil

Applications for the Youth Council’s \$600ship scholarship programme are also open until **5.00pm on Thursday, 18 May 2023** – more information at: linktr.ee/wdcyouthcouncil

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Council meetings

Upcoming meetings

Council meeting	9.30am Wednesday 10 May	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
• <i>Hearing of submissions for Annual Plan 2023/24 consultation</i>		

Strategy and Policy Committee	9.30am Tuesday 16 May	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Whanganui Rural Community Board	2.30pm Wednesday 17 May	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Operations and Performance Committee	9.30am Thursday 18 May	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street

Agendas: www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas
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www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings

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