



Te Hononga a Hapori Community Link



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Guyton Street revamp in the works!

Central Guyton Street – between St Hill and Wicksteed streets (pictured) – is set to be revitalised under the Streets for People programme. By February 2024, the area will have new seating, greenery, lighting and street art that reflects Whanganui’s unique history and culture.



Project lead Diana Veitch says the vision is to create a more inviting and accessible space for our community and visitors to Whanganui to enjoy. Infrastructure changes will happen first from mid-November, and the street art and greenery will be added later. The infrastructure changes will include:

- a roundabout at the intersection of Wicksteed and Guyton streets
- new raised pedestrian platforms
- extensions to existing kerb build-outs (removes a total of four car parks)
- at least two new mobility car parks.

The overall redesign will slow traffic moving through the area to a speed that’s safer for pedestrians and cyclists.

To minimise any disruption, the work will be carried out overnight, and has been planned for mid-November to coincide with road resurfacing work already scheduled. This project is 90 percent funded by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency’s Streets for People fund.

Planned works

October 2023

Flood damage recovery (2021, 2022, 2023 storm events – slip clearances):

Somme Parade, Makirikiri Valley Road, Mangahowai Road, Mangamahu Road, Raupiu Road, Whanganui River Road

Pavement road maintenance: Keith Street, Makirikiri Valley Road, Mangamahu Road, Mowhanau Drive, Peat Street, Toi Street, Wilson Street

Unsealed road grading: Brunswick and Okoia areas

Water renewal: Rapanui Road

Kerb and channel / footpath renewal: Harper Street

Pavement reinstatement / renewal: Harper Street

Water table / culvert maintenance / high shoulder removal: Mangamahu Road, Mowhanau Drive

Roadside mowing: Mangamahu Road, group 1 roads

Shared pathway work: Rapanui Road.

Port construction ramps up

Construction on the Te Pūwaha Stage One Port civil construction works at Whanganui Port began this week. If you’re a visitor to the area and use the Wharf Street boat ramp, please take care by reducing your speed, keep your distance from the construction site and please don’t swim in the port area. Safety signage is in place at the boat ramp. To read more about the construction works, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/news



Velodrome gets up to speed



With construction work now complete, the Cooks Gardens velodrome’s new track was assessed by a UCI representative (above, centre) last Thursday, 5 October, to certify the track as a category 3 venue for cycling. This certification will allow times set on the track to be formally acknowledged. The assessment process involved measuring, checking safety aspects in relation to regulations, and test rides from nominated cyclists. The Union Cycliste Internationale is the world governing body for sports cycling and oversees international competitive cycling events.



Tell us about your Vision for Whanganui today & Friday

Whanganui District Council is working together with Iwi and Hapū to develop a new vision and strategy for the Whanganui district with the focus on wellbeing in these areas – social, economic, environmental and cultural. Formal consultation begins next year – in the meantime, tell us your thoughts and enjoy a free sausage sizzle and Tākaro Play Trailer activities at these locations this week:

- **Wednesday, 11 October from 11.00am until 1.00pm** – at the Aramoho Shopping Centre, Somme Parade
- **Friday, 13 October from 2.00pm until 4.00pm** – at the Hakeke Street Community Centre and Library.

You can also share your thoughts by taking a short online survey at: bit.ly/46qiT4Y – for more information, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/vision-for-whanganui

Kaikokopu Road

No through-traffic access this Sunday

Kaikokopu Road will be closed to all through traffic **this Sunday, 15 October 2023, from 8.00am until 4.00pm** to allow Northpower to install and maintain powerlines. Traffic management will be onsite, and access for residents and emergency services will be available at all times. Please note that Kaikokopu Road residents from numbers 71 to 499 and 348 to 496 will need to access their properties via Blueskin Road.

The House Doctor is in!

Tea and Topics event tomorrow

Tea and Topics at Gonville Library, 44 Abbot Street, tomorrow – **Thursday, 12 October from 10.00am** – will host The House Doctor Programme talk with Nelson Lebo. A leader in New Zealand’s permaculture movement and co-founder of the Eco School, Nelson Lebo will speak on key aspects of creating a warm, dry and energy-efficient home. Topics will include the right amounts of insulation, high-performance windows, moisture management, window treatments and getting the most from heaters. Light refreshments will be available from 10.00am, and the presentation will start at 10.30am. Nau mai – all are welcome!

Council meetings

Upcoming meetings

Chief Executive review	10.00am Monday 16 October	Lijiang Room, 101 Guyton St
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• There are no public items of business for this meeting

Citizenship Ceremony	3.00pm Tuesday 17 October	Pioneer Room, Whanganui War Memorial Centre, Watt St
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