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608 submissions on long-term plan

Whanganui District Council has received an extraordinary response to its draft Long-Term Plan 2021-2031, with 608 submissions received by the close of consultation on Friday, 30 April 2021.

The council's group manager corporate, Stephanie Macdonald-Rose, says the big topics outlined in the consultation document were of high public interest, with many people expressing their views on the future of the Whanganui Velodrome.

"People were also very passionate about our coastal environment, library facilities and provision of youth spaces and places, so there was lots for them to engage with."

Whanganui Mayor, Hamish McDouall, says he was also pleased that several face-to-face engagement events could take place.

"We had some fantastic conversations with the community and had strong support at events from staff, elected members and the council's Youth Committee."



Whanganui District Council's Youth Committee encouraged submissions for the council's draft long-term plan at several community engagement events

Two days of submission hearings will take place this week – **today, Wednesday 12 May, and tomorrow, Thursday 13 May 2021**. The hearings will be livestreamed on the council's Facebook page and website.

"A large number of people are keen to speak to their submissions and the hearings will be very full days for all involved," Mayor McDouall says.

Deliberations will take place on Tuesday, 25 and Wednesday, 26 May 2021 respectively with the draft plan scheduled to be adopted on Tuesday, 22 June 2021.

Paying by cheque

Council cheque use ends this Friday

This Friday, 14 May 2021 is the last day you'll be able to pay for Whanganui District Council services by cheque. The council's bank, ANZ, is stopping the use of cheques at the end of this month, which means the council will no longer be able to accept this form of payment after 14 May 2021. Other ways to pay for council services include online via the council's website, direct debit, internet banking, credit card, cash and eftpos. If you have any concerns about making payments please contact customer services on 06 349 0001 or call into 101 Guyton Street.

Gonville Library event

Tea and Topics talk tomorrow

Gonville Library is teaming up with Te Wānanga o Aotearoa for its Tea and Topics talk tomorrow, **Thursday, 13 May 2021**. Evelyn Harris from Te Wānanga o Aotearoa will outline the Kanorau Digital programme, which consists of four short workshops specially designed to help people get online and stay connected. This Tea and Topics presentation is an introduction to the Kanorau Digital classes to be held at Gonville Library on successive Tuesday mornings from 18 May 2021. Attendees will be able to register for the digital classes after the presentation. Tea and Topics will be held at Gonville Library, 44 Abbot Street, from 10.00am-12 noon (light refreshments from 10.00am – presentation starts at 10.30am). For more information, please call 06 344 5872 or email Kat Schroyens at: kat@whanganuilibrary.com

New Mosston Rd water main part of Three Waters plan

A new water main is being installed along Mosston Road as part of central government's Three Waters stimulus package. The new main will provide extra capacity for actual and projected growth in the area and provide certainty around water supply.

Work to install more than 1km of new pipe from Mosston Road's intersection with Clarkson Avenue to Tayforth Road has begun near the Clarkson Avenue intersection.

Stop/go traffic management is currently in place on weekdays – Monday to Friday from 7.00am to 5.00pm – to allow contractors to work safely (please note that traffic management will not be present for the week of 24-28 May 2021). A 30km/h speed restriction is also in place on Mosston Road from Clarkson Avenue to Montgomery Road. The work is expected to be completed by mid-June 2021.

More than \$6 million has been allocated to Whanganui District Council for Three Waters-related projects (stormwater, wastewater and water). The stimulus package is aimed at investment in critical water infrastructure and services and to stimulate the local economy.

The Three Waters Reform Programme – a three-year programme to reform three-waters service delivery arrangements – was launched by central government in July 2020. For more information on the council's Three Waters projects, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/three-waters-package

LARFS@4 rural talks in May

Whanganui & Partners' LARFS@4 – Lifestyle, Agribusiness, Rural and Farming Sessions – is a chance



for Whanganui's rural sector to get together for free presentations from rural experts and ask questions. LARFS@4 will be held at Stellar Restaurant & Bar's Function Room, 2 Victoria Avenue, **next Thursday, 20 May 2021** and feature these presentation topics:

Your farm as a film set – Dr Emma Bugden will talk about the burgeoning film industry in New Zealand and opportunities for this sector in the Whanganui district.

Floriculture flower power – Senior business managers from United Flower Growers will present on bridging the gap between floral demand and production.

Details and registration at: www.whanganuiandpartners.nz

WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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

- Proposed Changes to Otamatea Speed Limits 2021
- Review of Pensioner Housing Policy

For more information, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say



Road closure next week

Virginia Rd power pole replacement

The section of Virginia Road that backs on to the Peat Park Deer Sanctuary will be closed to all traffic **next Tuesday, 18 May 2021 from 9.00am-4.00pm** for the replacement of a power pole. Detour signs will be in place and access to properties at either end of the work site will be available at all times.

Dog registrations

Time to update your contact details

Dog registration time is approaching so now's the perfect opportunity to update your contact details with Whanganui District Council. Tell us if your pooch has moved kennel online at: www.whanganui.govt.nz or call customer services on 06 349 0001.

Council meetings

Meetings this week

Council Meeting – Submission hearings for Long-Term Plan 2021-2031	9.00am to 6.30pm Wednesday and Thursday 12, 13 May	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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Note – a meeting to hear submissions for the Long-Term Plan 2021-2031 scheduled for Friday, 14 May 2021 has been cancelled

Agendas: www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas
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