



# Community Link

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## New traffic lights for cycle safety

In a first for Whanganui, upgraded traffic signals with special lights for cyclists to cross alongside pedestrians have been installed as part of the Te Tuaiwi shared pathway at the Ridgway Street/St Hill Street intersection.

The new signals will be installed at all St Hill Street intersections, from Ingestre Street to Taupō Quay. While these traffic signals are being used in other New Zealand cities, this technology is new for Whanganui, says Whanganui District Council's Senior Road Engineering Rui Leitao.

"The previous traffic signals were well past their use-by date and their parts were no longer made. The upgraded signals, subsidised by the New Zealand Transport Agency, will work much more efficiently and will create a safe 'corridor' for cyclists once St Hill Street intersections have been upgraded," he says.

Cyclists will need to push a specially-marked cycle button to activate the signal sequence. Mobility scooters/scooters and skateboards are legally classified as pedestrians, so should use the pedestrian lane. Pedestrians will no longer be able to cross diagonally.

Special sensors beneath the shared pathway – similar to those for vehicles – detect cyclist numbers, giving cyclists and pedestrians an extra 5-15 seconds to cross ahead of turning vehicles. Motorists travelling straight through the intersection will proceed as normal.

Pedestrian and cycle crossing lanes have been clearly marked to separate cyclists from pedestrians.

Mr Leitao says motorists will notice designated right-turning lanes have been painted on the roadway and left and right turning arrows have been installed.

The footpath on the Royal Wanganui Opera House side of St Hill Street has been resealed and special decorative paving laid outside the entrances to the opera house and Cooks Gardens. The paving lay-out, which links with each entrance, was designed by local architect Bruce Dickson.



Work is currently underway at the Guyton Street/St Hill Street intersection to upgrade traffic signals and extend the kerb on the shared pathway. Diagonal crossing will no longer be available at this intersection. Work is expected to be completed towards the end of this month.

By August traffic signals will be installed at the Taupō Quay/St Hill Street intersection to provide safe, direct access to the Whanganui River for shared pathway users.

The special cycle signals, first used in Christchurch, were developed by Christchurch-based traffic engineering company, ViaStrada.



Testing the new traffic lights (from left) Active Transport Facilitator Norman Gruebsch, cyclists Michaela Laird and Jeremy Gabriel, ViaStrada consultant Bill Simmons and Senior Road Engineering Rui Leitao.

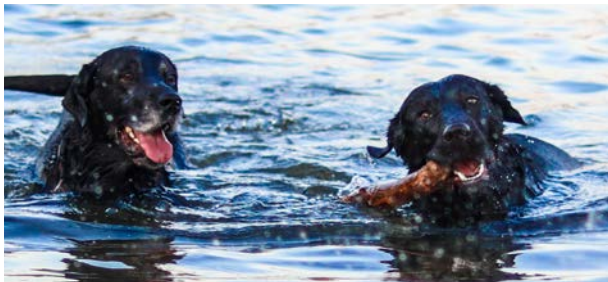
## Dog registration fees

If you have a pooch, now's the time of year for registration. Registration reminders have been sent to all dog owners in the Whanganui District for the 2018/2019 year. Dog registration fees must be paid in full by Tuesday, 31 July 2018 to receive a prompt payment discount. For more information and for the fees, please visit [www.whanganui.govt.nz/dog\\_registration](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/dog_registration)

### Different ways to pay

- Online payments by credit/debit card:** Visit [www.whanganui.govt.nz](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz) and click on 'Pay It' then 'Pay dog registration'. You need a RealMe@ login and must know your client number, which is on your dog registration notice.
- Internet banking:** Use the Council's ANZ bank account 01 0790 0157888 02. Please quote your name, client number and animal number in the particulars and reference fields.
- Cheque:** Post to PO Box 637, Whanganui. Please return your dog registration notice and attach your cheque.
- Cash or eftpos:** Visit us at 101 Guyton Street, Monday to Friday, 8.00am-5.00pm and bring your dog registration notice with you.

Please let us know if your dog dies, if there is a change in owner, or you change your address by calling 349 0001 or emailing [yourcouncil@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:yourcouncil@whanganui.govt.nz)



## Planned works

June 2018

- Pre-resealed road maintenance:** Heads Road, Mosston Road
  - Unsealed road grading:** Papaiti Road, Kauarapaoa Road, Rangitatau East Road
  - Road pavement renewal:** Whanganui River Road
  - Kerb and channel and footpath renewal, pavement reinstatement and traffic signal upgrades:** St Hill Street/Ingestre Street intersection, St Hill Street/Guyton Street intersection, St Hill Street/Taupō Quay intersection
  - Stormwater pipe installation:** Mosston Road (Heads Road intersection), Mosston Road (Heads Road to Tongariro Street), Glasgow Street (Keith Street to Harrison Street)
- For a full list of planned works for June 2018, please visit [www.whanganui.govt.nz/plannedworks](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/plannedworks)

## Waitahinga Trails

The Waitahinga Trails walkway will be closed during July and August for pest control. Entry to the reserve during this period will be by permit only. Enquiries can be made to Wendy Bainbridge, phone 349 0001 or email [wendy.bainbridge@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:wendy.bainbridge@whanganui.govt.nz)

## Last chance for rates rebate

Ratepayers who may qualify for a rates rebate must apply by **Friday 29 June 2018** for the 2017/18 rating year (the rating year runs from 1 July – 30 June). If your income is low to moderate (maximum \$24,790) you may be eligible for a rates rebate up to \$620. To determine whether you are eligible, we require your gross income earnings (before tax) for the tax period ending 31 March 2017.

The rates rebate will be calculated on your income earnings and your 2017/18 Whanganui District Council rates and Horizons Regional Council rates. Please contact our rates department on 349 0001 for further information.

## Council meetings

We welcome the public to our meetings.

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| Wanganui Rural Community Board  | 3.30pm, Wednesday, June 20 | Committee Room 2 |
| Statutory Management Committee  | 9.00am, Monday, June 25    | Council Chamber  |
| Hearings on the Proposed Road Naming and Numbering Policy 2018 submissions  |                            |                  |
| Council meeting   | 1.00pm, Thursday, June 28  | Council Chamber  |
| Adoption of the Long Term Plan 2018-2028  |                            |                  |
| Agendas are available at the Customer Services Counter, 101 Guyton Street and the District Library or at <a href="http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas">www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas</a> |                            |                  |

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