

# Te Hononga a Hapori Community Link



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## Solid feedback wanted – get in fast!

### Proposed changes to speed limits

Whanganui District Council is completing a review of district speed limits to provide safer roads for all road users and we want your feedback.

The review will determine appropriate speed limits on local roads and prioritise areas with the highest needs first – schools – and district locations where informal and/or inappropriate speed limits are already in place.

Good speed management is fundamental to road safety, which is recognised internationally as the most effective way to reduce road deaths and serious injuries.

Submissions close at **midnight next Wednesday, 20 March 2024**. Find consultation information and have your say at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say)

### Solid Waste Bylaw consultation

The council is planning to bring in a Solid Waste Bylaw to regulate waste services in our district and we're keen to hear your thoughts. The proposed Solid Waste Bylaw would help protect our environment by:

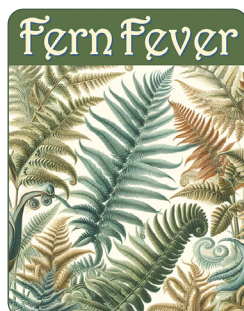


- improving waste management for large-scale events
- allowing data collection from non-council waste collectors
- regulating waste disposal facilities in our district
- managing council waste services
- giving the council the ability to enforce the bylaw rules.

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## Befriend some new fronds!

The Alexander Library Te Rerenga Mai o Te Kāuru is celebrating all things fern-related during March with *Fern Fever*, a series of free fern-related events in collaboration with Whanganui District Council, Bushy Park Tarapurui, Whanganui Tramping Club, the Sarjeant Gallery Te Whare O Rehua Whanganui, and other library teams.



Events include talks and an exhibition featuring rare fern and botanical books at the Alexander Library, fern-themed works displayed on the Sarjeant Gallery website, and walks at Rotokawau Virginia Lake, Bushy Park Tarapurui and the Waitahinga Trails. For all *Fern Fever* events details, visit: [www.facebook.com/AlexanderLibraryWhanganui](https://www.facebook.com/AlexanderLibraryWhanganui) – for more information, email: [heritage@whanganuilibrary.com](mailto:heritage@whanganuilibrary.com)

## Free arts talks next week

The Sarjeant Gallery Te Whare o Rehua Whanganui is holding two arts talks next week. The first presentation is **Public Art and Social Change**, a discussion with authors Mark Amery and Sophie Jerram, Whanganui District Council's creative community advisor Anique Jayasinghe, and Sarjeant Gallery director Andrew Clifford on **Tuesday, 19 March from 7.00pm to 8.30pm** in the Nikaū Room at The Backhouse, 28 Taupo Quay. Mark Amery and Sophie Jerram's book, *Urgent Moments – Art and Social Change: The Letting Space Projects 2010-2020* was published last year and copies will be available for sale and signing.

The second talk next week is with current Tylee Cottage resident painter, Jade Townsend (pictured). Jade will be joined in conversation with the Sarjeant's curator and public programmes manager Greg Donson on **Thursday, 21 March from 7.00pm to 8.30pm**, also in the Nikaū Room at The Backhouse.



Both events are FREE but please be sure to book your seat by calling 06 349 0506 or emailing: [info@sarjeant.org.nz](mailto:info@sarjeant.org.nz)

## Artists Open Studios 2024 has activities for everyone



Artists Open Studios 2024 begins this Friday, 15 March and runs through until 24 March, with studios spread throughout Whanganui and Marton. In this eclectic multimedia showcase of local talent, hundreds of artists will open their doors and share their unique craft over two weekends, 16-17 March and 23-24 March. Some studios are also open on weekdays – for full artist and studio information, please visit: [www.openstudios.co.nz](http://www.openstudios.co.nz)

### ArtPlay is part of Artists Open Studios!

This year there's a bunch of playful events and activities for young people to be part of Whanganui's biggest art event, Artists Open Studios! Kicking things off on **this Saturday, 16 March from 10.00am until 2.00pm** is the **AOS Block Party** on Rutland Street. Look out for the banners hanging across the street made by our crafty tamariki and you won't miss it! Then grab a map and find hidden clues in artworks across town along the **I Spy Art** trail. Make sure you go through **Butterfly Alley** and add your own butterfly to the kaleidoscope (also the collective name for a group of butterflies!), and check out the **Creation Station** at Ridgway Park on Ridgway Street this Saturday, 16 March and next Saturday, 23 March. For more details about ArtPlay activities, visit: [www.openstudios.co.nz/art-play-trail](http://www.openstudios.co.nz/art-play-trail)

### WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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

- Proposed changes to speed limits
- Solid Waste Bylaw consultation
- Streets for People

More details at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say)



## Hazardous Waste Day

### Register your household waste now

Whanganui District Council is holding this year's Household Hazardous Waste Day in April. The event gives households the chance to register your hazardous waste like pesticides, solvents, paint, oils, cleaning chemicals and aerosols with the council then drop them off at a designated location.

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 on Friday, 12 April 2024** so its safe disposal can be planned. We'll then get back to you with a drop-off time and location.

For more information and 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)

## Heritage Grant Fund

### Applications open until 30 April

Whanganui District Council's Heritage Grant Fund provides financial assistance to building owners to undertake heritage enhancement work. The grants are for external works that enhance the historic character of heritage buildings listed in the District Plan or have exceptional circumstances.

Funding applications for this financial year's second funding round are open until **5.00pm on Tuesday, 30 April 2024**. For more details and to make an application, please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/funding](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/funding)

## Arts & crafts for adults

### Wednesday sessions at Davis Library

Come and join fellow craft enthusiasts at the Davis Library in Pukenua Queen's Park for a morning of creativity **from 10.30am until 12 noon on the first Wednesday of every month**. It is free, fun, friendly and eco-friendly. No booking required, just turn up ready to be inspired! For more information, please email: [iva@whanganuilibrary.com](mailto:iva@whanganuilibrary.com)

## Council meetings

### Upcoming meeting

Council meeting	9.30am Tuesday 26 March	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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### Meetings in April

Strategy and Policy Committee	9.30am Tuesday 9 April	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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Operations and Performance Committee	9.30am Thursday 11 April	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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Whanganui Rural Community Board	2.00pm Wednesday 17 April	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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Agendas: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas)  
Livestreamed council meetings:  
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