

# Community Link

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## Playing it safe with Family Fun Day!

Family Fun Day this year is on **Saturday, 25 March 2023, from 10.00am until 2.00pm** at Springvale Stadium. This free event for the whole whānau is organised by Safer Whanganui and Whanganui District Council, and showcases the range of safety and wellbeing support services available through fun activities.

The council's community activator, Harriet McKenzie, says everyone is welcome to attend. "This year we have a bunch of great organisations on board. It's a day of fun but also with an underlying safety message about keeping our families safe," she says.

"Through activities run by different groups, families can play together while learning about how to be safe at home. And it wouldn't be a Family Fun Day without a free sausage sizzle and fruit."

Organisations taking part include Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ), Community Patrol, Sport Whanganui, Civil Defence, Woven Whānau, Birthright, Te Oranganui, Te Whatu Ora and the Cancer Society among many others.

FENZ will have an inflatable fire escape (pictured) for both adults and children to explore, and Whanganui Police will give a safety demonstration.



There will also be an obstacle course and opportunity to build a cardboard castle, as well as a safety quiz with prizes up for grabs.

"There's such a mix of activities this year – you can try safety gear on and have your photo taken, add a drawing of your own home to the Whanganui art wall, or ride the bikes that will be available at the Springvale bike park," Harriet McKenzie says.

More about this event at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/news](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/news)

## Have your say on Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw review

Whanganui District Council is comprehensively reviewing its Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw – which is due for review – and associated policies and guidelines. These set out the council's rules for and the approach to cemeteries, burials, cremations and monuments within the district.

Cemeteries are important spaces for the community. They're places people go to find peace and quiet, to mourn and remember friends and family members. They can represent both how we respect and commemorate the past, and how we interact with and relate to it. This bylaw and the associated rules ensure that human remains are laid to rest appropriately, and that land and structures in cemeteries are protected.



For more information and to make a submission, please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say)  
 Submissions close at 5.00pm on Sunday, 16 April 2023.

## Forest & Bird centenary Big Birthday Bash at Bushy Park

Forest & Bird Te Reo o te Taiao is celebrating its centennial with the Forest & Bird Big Birthday Bash at Bushy Park Tarapurui, Kai Iwi, **from 10.00am-3.00pm on Saturday, 25 March 2023**. The celebration event is supported by the Bushy Park Trust and Te Kaahui o Rauru.

Come along on the day for family friendly activities including tours of the park's plant nursery, tours of the forest and homestead, a variety of stalls and self-guided scavenger hunts. Bring a picnic, check out the coffee cart, and join with Bushy Park volunteers and supporters. The centenary celebration will be officially marked at 11.00am with speeches and a cake-cutting ceremony.

For more information about Bushy Park and the Forest & Bird centenary celebrations, please visit: [bushypark.nz](http://bushypark.nz)

### WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

Whanganui District Council invites you to have your say on this topic:

- Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw review

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



## Mayoral Relief Fund

### Donations open for cyclone recovery

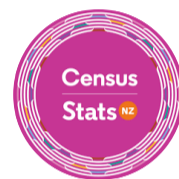
The Whanganui Mayoral Relief Fund is open for donations to help with Cyclone Gabrielle recovery. All funds raised will go directly to relief efforts. Donate via internet banking to account **01-0790-0157888-00** – reference **CG23** – or visit [cg23.whanganui.govt.nz](http://cg23.whanganui.govt.nz) to make an online contribution.

## Help with Census forms

### Pop-up clinics at Alexander Library

Whanganui District Library is offering help for people to complete their Census 2023 forms. Drop in to one of the pop-up census clinics at the Alexander Heritage & Research Library Te Rerenga Mai o Te Kāuru in Pukenua Queen's Park **from 10.00am-4.00pm today, Wednesday 15 March**, as well as the **following Wednesdays on 22 and 29 March**.

Trained census staff will be available to answer your questions about the census, provide you internet access and a device to complete your forms online, help you order paper census forms and understand them, and support you to answer the questions in your forms.



## ROAD CLOSURE NOTICES

### Upcoming Halswell Street work

A section of Halswell Street from London Street to Virginia Road will be temporarily closed for service lid maintenance prior to future road resealing work **from 8.00am next Monday, 20 March until 6.00pm on Friday, 24 March 2023**.

During the work, Virginia Road traffic travelling down Christie's Hill will be diverted into Porritt Street, Oakland Avenue and Great North Road to bypass the worksite. One Halswell Street lane will remain open for traffic from London Street to travel up Christie's Hill. Halswell Street residents at the bottom of Christie's Hill will have access to their properties at all times during the work.

### Smithfield Road work until 28 July

A part of Smithfield Road from Carlton Avenue to Moore Avenue will be closed to all through traffic for the installation of underground infrastructure **until 5.00pm on Friday, 28 July 2023**.

Traffic will be diverted during the closure with detour signs displayed. Residents will have access to their properties at all times during the work period.

For more information about these closures, visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/public-notice](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/public-notice)

## Council meetings

### Meeting next week

Council meeting	9.30am Tuesday 21 March	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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[www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings)

**CELEBRATING 100 YEARS 1923-2023**  
 In partnership with Bushy Park Trust & Ngāo Rauru Kaitiaki

**BIG BIRTHDAY BASH BUSHY PARK TARAPURUI**

Free Entry – everyone welcome  
 He Koreutu – Nau mai Haere mai

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> March | 10AM – 3PM**

Bring a picnic | Bring your family | Bring your friends  
 Plant nursery tours | Homestead tours | Forest tours  
 Stalls | Fun activities | Birthday Cake | Competitions  
 Rain or Shine  
 791 Rangitātau East Road, Kai Iwi  
 More info [www.bushypark.nz](http://www.bushypark.nz)

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