

# Aligning our district's digital future

Whanganui District Council is seeking public input on its Proposed Digital Strategy over the next six weeks.

The purpose of the strategy is to create a framework to drive digital innovation and opportunity in Whanganui, in partnership with the community.

The Council's Policy and Governance Manager, Stephanie Macdonald-Rose, says, "We live in a world where technological change is fast-paced, with the job market forecast to be transformed by technology in

"We want to build on the great things we are already doing as a district in the digital space, while also setting our sights on emerging opportunities."

To view consultation information and to submit feedback online go to: www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay or email your thoughts to: policysubmissions@whanganui.govt.nz



Hard copies of the proposed strategy and submission forms can be picked up from the Council at 101 Guyton Street, Whanganui & Partners at 179 St Hill Street, Davis Central City Library or Gonville Café Library. Hard copy feedback can be submitted to the Council at 101 Guyton Street. Please indicate whether you would like to speak to your submission and include contact details.

Submissions close at 5.00pm on Friday, 21 June 2019.

# Be Bright, Be Seen campaign highlights road-user safety

Five hundred free lights are set to be given away to Whanganui cyclists, runners and walkers this winter following the success of last year's Be Bright, Be Seen campaign.

This year's campaign, which runs until the end of July, will specifically target those out cycling, running and walking during the season's darker mornings and evenings. Police and Let's Go team members will be out and about to distribute free lights and flyers to people who need to be more visible on our city's roads and footpaths.

Be Bright, Be Seen is a partnership between Whanganui District Council, Horizons Regional Council, Whanganui Police, the Let's Go initiative and other bike groups to ensure greater visibility for all road users. Whanganui Green Bikes, the Whanganui Bike Users Group and local cycle shops are also supporting the campaign.

Let's Go is a Whanganui District Council-led programme that promotes walking, cycling and scootering as safe travel choices with education programmes held throughout Whanganui schools and workplaces.



#### WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL **PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS**

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

• Proposed Digital Strategy (submissions close at 5.00pm on Friday, 21 June 2019)

Have your Kōrero mai

 Proposed Priority Thoroughfares and Routes (submissions close at 5.00pm on Friday, 28 June 2019)

For more submission information please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay

The Council is also holding submission hearings and deliberations on the following topics (and dates):

Arts and Culture Strategic Plan

Facilities Strategy

A Statutory Management Committee meeting for submission hearings and deliberations will be held from 10.00am on Thursday, 16 May 2019

 Annual Plan 2019/20 Consultation Document A Council meeting for submission deliberations will be held from 1.00pm on Wednesday, 22 May 2019

(the reserve day is Thursday, 23 May 2019) Water Supply Bylaw / Sports and Recreational

A Statutory Management Committee meeting for from 9.00am on Thursday, 30 May 2019

All members of the public are welcome to attend

# MORE INFORMATION AT WWW.LETSGOWHANGANUI.ORG.NZ GREEN BIKES WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL

## **Leaf congestion**

#### Flood risk from blocked road sumps

Whanganui District Council asks that residents please refrain from pushing leaves from private properties on to public roads.

The sucker truck operated by Downer, the Council's road maintenance contractor, is currently working to capacity on a constant leaf collection cycle around the city.

Large loads of leaves pushed from private sections on to the road can leave road sumps blocked after the sucker truck has been through, leaving neighbourhoods vulnerable to surface flooding in the event of heavy rain.

Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Durie Hill Elevator**

#### **Closure for annual inspection**

The Durie Hill Elevator will be closed for two days next week for its annual inspection. The elevator will have an inspection for its Building Warrant of Fitness on Wednesday, 22 May and Thursday, 23 May 2019

Whanganui District Council's Facilities Management Officer, Peter Tantrum, says while two days are booked for the inspection. the elevator will re-open earlier if work is completed sooner. The annual inspection is a compliance requirement and involves up to four contractors who check the elevator's physical components and safety mechanisms. Signs will be in place in advance of the closure.

The Whanganui community will celebrate the historic elevator's 100th birthday in August

# **Priority thoroughfares**

#### Feedback wanted on priority areas

Whanganui District Council is consulting the public on its Proposed Priority Thoroughfares and Routes. The proposed priority areas have been identified by their high volumes of vehicle or foot traffic, as well as where emergency services would need to travel in the event of an earthquake.

For consultation information - including a map of the proposed priority areas - and how to make a submission, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/havevoursav

Submissions close at 5.00pm on Friday, 28 June 2019.

## **Council meetings**

### You are welcome at our meetings

#### Meetings next week

10.00am Statutory Thursday Management Committee 16 May

Heritage House, 136 St Hill Street

 Submission hearings and deliberations - Arts and Culture Strategic Plan

#### Change of meeting time

The Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 22 May 2019 to deliberate on the 2019/20 Annual Plan will now start at 1.00pm.

Agendas are available at:

www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas or view hard copies at 101 Guyton Street, Davis Central City Library or Gonville Café Library.