

Community Link

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New Emergency Mobile Alert system

A new nationwide Emergency Mobile Alert system, which sends alerts to mobile phones around New Zealand, is being led by the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management (MCDEM).

The alerts will be sent out if life, health or property is in serious danger.

Emergency Mobile Alert messages can only be sent by MCDEM, Civil Defence Emergency Management Groups, NZ Police, Fire and Emergency New Zealand, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry for Primary Industries.

A nationwide test of Emergency Mobile Alert is happening on 26 November 2017, between 6.00pm and 7.00pm.

Whanganui District Emergency Management Officer Anthony Edwards says people don't need to sign up or download an app, as the alerts are sent using cell broadcast technology.

"If your phone is capable of receiving Emergency Mobile Alerts, the alert should appear automatically on your phone's screen with a unique and penetrating warning sound. As Emergency Mobile Alert is about keeping you safe, you won't be able to opt-out of receiving Emergency Mobile Alert.

"It is expected around one third of phones will initially be able to receive the alerts. This number is expected to rise substantially over time as people replace their phones with newer models."

whether your phone will receive the alert and find out more at civildefence.govt.nz."

During an emergency, Brian FM stations broadcast directly from the Whanganui District Civil Defence headquarters.

Brian FM is on 91.2 Whanganui, 93.2 Taihape and 90.2 Mt Ruapehu, Plus Reel World Radio on 92.0 Whanganui.

The following radio stations will also have regular updates:

- The Hits 89.6FM
- More FM 92.8FM
- RadioLIVE 96FM
- Awa FM 100FM

We will include more information about the Emergency Mobile Alerts in up-coming editions of Community Link.

Rangiora Street improvements



Sid Nikora (left) and Rob Reynolds, construction workers from Downer, are pictured installing a raised platform at the Rangiora Street/Seafront Road intersection.

An environmentally friendly rain garden with planting and stones will also be constructed either side of the platform to collect rainwater run-off from the road and footpaths. Rain gardens filter out pollutants and slow down stormwater run-off.

The raised platform is part of the latest work for the Castlecliff Rejuvenation Project and is expected to be completed by the end of November 2017. During the work, Rangiora Street is closed from Seafront Road to Karaka Street with a detour in place via Seafront Road, Manuka Street and Karaka Street. Access for residents and nearby businesses is not affected and the footpath remains open.

Christmas deadlines

Building Control and Resource Consent documentation must be submitted no later than **Thursday 23 November 2017**, to ensure they are issued before the Council closes at 12.00pm noon on Friday 22 December 2017. Applications made after 23 November may not be approved before then.

For LIM reports needed before Christmas, completed application forms and payment must reach us no later than **Wednesday 6 December 2017**. Urgent LIM applications will not be accepted.

The statutory working day time frame for LIMs, Building and Resource Consents will be suspended from 20 December 2017 to 10 January 2018 inclusive. The Council will re-open at 8.00am on Wednesday 3 January 2018.

Planned works

November 2017

Flood event clean up June 2015: Major works will be occurring on flood damaged roads in our district, including reinstatement on Whanganui River Road at Gentle Annie/Aramoana and Shellrock Bluff

Road widening: Whanganui River Road at Wickham's Orchard

Sealed road pavement maintenance: Brunswick Road, Rangitatau West Road, Koatanui Road, Whanganui River Road, Mangamahu Road, Flemington Road, No 3 Line, Raine Street

Unsealed road grading: Rangitatau East Road, Kai Iwi area, Okoia Road

Underground works: Rangiora Street (Cornfoot Street to Seafront Road)

Kerb and channel renewal: Rangiora Street (Cornfoot Street to Seafront Road), Liverpool Street (Keith Street to Niblett Street)

Footpath renewal and pavement reinstatement: Rangiora Street (Cornfoot Street to Seafront Road), Liverpool Street (Keith Street to Niblett Street)

Water table/culvert maintenance: Mangamahu Road, Whanganui River Road, Rangitatau West Road

Vegetation/mowing: Ahu Ahu Valley Road, Whanganui River Road

Stormwater works: Mosston Road (Wharf Street to Heads Road), Heads Road (Gilberd Street to Raupo Street), Glasgow Street (Keith Street to Harrison Street)

Request for tender

Contract 1771: Papaiti Road Realignment

We invite tenders from suitably experienced contractors for the realignment of Papaiti Road. A copy of the full tender document is available at www.tenderlink.com/whanganui. Tender Link Reference: **'WANGDC- 788970'**. This tender closes at 4.00pm on Thursday 7 December 2017.

Council meetings

We welcome members of the public to attend our meetings.

Audit and Risk Committee	1.00pm, Monday, November 20	Committee Room 2
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Statutory Management Committee	9.00am, Tuesday, November 21	Council Chamber
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Proposed Easter Sunday Trading Policy and the Proposed Gambling Venues Policy	This meeting has been reconvened from 9.00am, Tuesday, November 14.
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Statutory Management Committee	9.00am, Thursday, November 23	Council Chamber
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Review of the Proposed Parking Bylaw and Management Plan	
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Strategy and Finance Committee	1.00pm, Tuesday, November 28	Council Chamber
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Council meeting	1.00pm, Wednesday, December 6	Council Chamber
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Agendas are available at the Customer Services Counter, Municipal Office Building, 101 Guyton Street and the District Library two working days prior to the meeting.



Mr Edwards says because the Whanganui District is at risk from several emergency event scenarios such as floods, extreme weather, earthquakes, tsunami and volcanic eruptions, the Emergency Mobile Alert is another way people can be effectively warned and quickly find out what to do when there is an emergency.

"We still encourage people to have a battery or solar powered radio and to keep tabs on the Whanganui District Council and Manawatu-Wanganui Civil Defence Facebook page during an emergency, but we are pleased the Emergency Mobile Alert is another way for our community to be informed and get the information they need."

Minister of Civil Defence, Kris Faafoi, says Emergency Mobile Alert is an additional channel to help keep New Zealand safe in an emergency.

"Emergency Mobile Alert is an additional channel to help keep people safe in an emergency. It does not replace other emergency alerts. If you feel your life is in danger, don't wait for an official warning. Take immediate action."

The nationwide test is a way to test our systems, the cell towers and your phone's ability to receive an Emergency Mobile Alert.

"Not all phones are capable of receiving the alerts, so if you receive an emergency alert, let others know. You can check