

# Te Hononga a Hapori Community Link



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## Free Tide rides for Vintage Weekend!

Getting to Whanganui Vintage Weekend will be easy for everyone, with Connect - Horizons Regional Transport and Whanganui District Council putting on increased and free public transport services.

Horizons' manager transport services, Mark Read, says Te Ngaru The Tide will be running an extended timetable, while all urban bus services in Whanganui will also be free from **this Saturday, 20 January until and including Monday, 22 January** (which is the Wellington Anniversary public holiday).

"We know Whanganui Vintage Weekend is massive for the city, with people traveling from near and far to be part of the party. We're excited to give people free and efficient ways to get across the city over the long weekend.

"The Tide will run on its Friday timetable on Saturday as well – every 20 minutes in both directions from 7.00am until 7.00pm, then hourly until the last service leaving at 11.00pm," Mark Read says. "This means you can get to and from Vintage Weekend events easily no matter what time of day you need to travel."

There will also be some changes to routes due to the Vintage Weekend street pedestrianisations.



Between Wicksteed Street and Trafalgar Square, buses will take Guyton Street and St Hill Street to avoid the closures on Drews Avenue, Ridgway Street and Victoria Avenue.

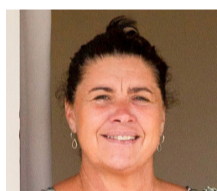
Please also note all bus services will run on their Saturday timetables on the Monday, 22 January public holiday.

For information about The Tide including fare capping, pets on buses and public transport in Whanganui, please visit: [www.horizons.govt.nz/buses-transport](http://www.horizons.govt.nz/buses-transport)

To read Horizons' full media release including more details on The Tide, visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/news](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/news)

## Artist talk next Thursday

Multidisciplinary artist and Tylee Cottage alumni Alexis Neal (pictured) will give a talk in the Nikau Room at The Backhouse, 28 Taupo Quay, **next Thursday, 25 January 2024 from 7.00pm until 8.30pm**. With a career



in printmaking and a strong interest in weaving, Alexis will discuss her past and present work and join the Sarjeant's curator and public programmes manager, Greg Donson, in conversation. This event is free but places are limited – to book, call 06 349 0506 or email: [info@sarjeant.org.nz](mailto:info@sarjeant.org.nz)

## Digital Skills for Seniors sessions start in February

Gain computer or smartphone and internet skills and confidence with FREE Digital Skills for Seniors sessions starting in February at Whanganui District Library. Learn to communicate online, manage your passwords, use apps, protect yourself from scams, shop and bank online, and more. Bookings are essential – register your interest by emailing: [rachel@whanganuilibrary.com](mailto:rachel@whanganuilibrary.com) or drop into the Alexander Library to fill in a registration form.

## Survey on Rural Community Board open to all residents

Are you aware of the Whanganui Rural Community Board and its activities? As part of Whanganui District Council's representation review later this year, a survey is now open on the advocacy work of the Rural Community Board and where district residents would like the board to focus their support. The online survey is open to all rural and urban residents in the Whanganui district – complete the survey at: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/D89WDXJ](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D89WDXJ)

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## Museum games for summer!

Whanganui Regional Museum activities this summer include two sessions of Ngā Hākinakina Outdoor Games on upcoming **Thursdays – 18 January (tomorrow) and 25 January – from 11.00am until 12.30pm** at Pākaitore Moutoa Gardens in Market Place. Both Thursday sessions will feature traditional Māori games that challenge dexterity and speed, plus passive games for younger children. Children must be accompanied by an adult – join in the fun and games in exchange for a koha gold coin donation. For more information, visit: [www.wrm.org.nz](http://www.wrm.org.nz)

## Restricted fire season

### No open-air fires without a permit

Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) has moved the Manawatū-Whanganui coastal zone to a **restricted fire season until further notice** due to warm temperatures, drying winds and low rainfall.

For Whanganui, this means open fires at all local beaches and in the urban area are not allowed without a permit. Check if it's safe to light a fire, and to apply for a FENZ fire permit, by visiting: [www.checkitsalright.nz](http://www.checkitsalright.nz)



## Regional roadworks

### SH4 near the Makatote Viaduct

Allow for extra travelling time if you're heading north on SH4 over the next fortnight due to roadworks near the Makatote Viaduct. Stop/go traffic management and detours will be in place on various days during the work period – work is scheduled to be completed on 25 January. For more information, please visit: [bit.ly/3vuKd4E](http://bit.ly/3vuKd4E)

### Makirikiri Stream Bridge near Turakina

Stop/go traffic management is in place near the Makirikiri Stream Bridge on SH3 south of Turakina from 6.00am-6.00pm weekdays, including some Saturdays, for road maintenance work until the end of January. A 30km/h speed restriction around the worksite also applies during the maintenance period.

## Whitecliffe programme

### Two full-fee scholarships available!

Whanganui & Partners and Whitecliffe College are offering two full-fee scholarships to Whanganui-based students for Whitecliffe's Master of Creative Enterprise and Innovation creative programme. Applications close at the end of January.

The programme will help Whanganui's future founders and start-up entrepreneurs turn their dreams into reality, all while they continue to live in and be inspired by our UNESCO City of Design. More information at: [bit.ly/46uxHPk](http://bit.ly/46uxHPk)

## Council meetings

### Meetings in February 2024

Youth Council	4.00pm Monday 12 February	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Council meeting	9.30am Tuesday 13 February	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Strategy and Policy Committee	9.30am Thursday 15 February	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Operations and Performance Committee	9.30am Tuesday 20 February	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street

Agendas: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas)  
Livestreamed council meetings:  
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