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## Green light for kerbside recycling

Whanganui District councillors have formally voted to adopt the council's Waste Plan 2021 with minor amendments.

The two big changes the waste plan will bring about are rates-funded kerbside recycling and food waste collections for urban Whanganui households.

Mayor Hamish McDouall said the adoption of the plan signals a change in direction for dealing with waste in Whanganui.

"With this decision, we're putting a stake in the ground. I think it's the right thing to do at the right time."

He noted that, due to its volume, one of the key factors in the plan was construction waste. Councillors voted in favour of working with an organisation to establish services to collect, sort and divert as much construction and deconstruction waste as possible.

The kerbside recycling service is expected to operate weekly.

Glass will be collected one week and paper, plastic, cardboard, cans and tins collected the following week.

Each household will be issued with a small, closed container for food waste, to be collected weekly.

Because it will be a commercial composting service, it will take food items that can't go in home compost bins – like citrus, meat, fish and dairy products – as well as other items like vacuum cleaner dust and compostable packaging.

The rates increase – per urban household per week from 2023 – would be about \$1.35 for kerbside recycling and about 76 cents for kerbside food waste.

Cr Rob Vinsen, who chairs the council's Waste Minimisation Advisory Group, says he is particularly pleased the council also voted to investigate an opt-in green waste collection for households. Read the full media release at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/waste-plan-2021](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/waste-plan-2021)



## Instalment 2 rates

**Due date Wednesday, 24 November**

A friendly reminder to all ratepayers that the due date for payment of instalment 2 rates for 2021/22 is next **Wednesday, 24 November 2021**. For people who wish to pay by instalment, Whanganui District Council offers direct debit as a payment method. For online and other payment options, visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/pay-rates](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/pay-rates) Please call us on 06 349 0001 if you would like more information about payment options.

## Friends of the Sarjeant

**Annual meeting on 30 November**

Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting of the Friends of the Sarjeant Gallery Incorporated will be held at Sarjeant on the Quay, 38 Taupo Quay, Whanganui at **7.30pm on Tuesday, 30 November 2021**. The meeting will also include a presentation from Emma Bugden on her role as strategic lead, creative industries and art at Whanganui & Partners (Whanganui District Council's economic development agency) and how the Sarjeant Gallery Te Whare o Rehua Whanganui fits into the W&P strategy.

*Ian McGowan, Secretary*

## Traffic signal upgrade

**Victoria Ave / Guyton St intersection**

Work has begun on an upgrade to traffic signal equipment at the Victoria Avenue / Guyton Street intersection.

During the upgrade, Victoria Avenue traffic will have right of way, while give way signs will be in place for Guyton Street traffic (right-turning traffic to give way to opposing traffic). The work is expected to be completed by **Tuesday, 30 November 2021**.

## Castlecliff pest control

A pest control programme organised by Castlecliff Coast Care will begin tomorrow, **Thursday, 18 November 2021**, in the reserve area along a section of Seafront Road.

The targeted area runs between Manuka Street and the Duncan Pavilion. The approved traps for rats, mice and possums will be in place until school holidays begin on **Monday, 20 December**. The traps will be baited with food items – no chemical bait will be used. Signs will be in place and each trap will be clearly marked. For more information, please contact Paul Jackman at: [PaulNiki@hotmail.com](mailto:PaulNiki@hotmail.com)

## Focus on neonatal care

Today – **Wednesday, 17 November 2021** – is World Prematurity Day, focusing attention on premature birth.

In support, Whanganui District Council will light up in purple the Royal Whanganui Opera House (pictured) to raise awareness of the babies born prematurely each year.

In New Zealand, the Lighting Up Purple campaign is driven by The Neonatal Trust. The trust's primary objective is to provide support to families of premature and/or sick full-term babies through neonatal intensive care, the transition home and onwards. More information at: [www.neonataltrust.org.nz/lighting-up-purple](http://www.neonataltrust.org.nz/lighting-up-purple)



## Whanganui joins UNESCO Creative Cities Network

Creativity, innovative spirit, cultural integrity and strength of artistic tradition have won Whanganui recognition as an internationally significant UNESCO City of Design.

The designation earns Whanganui a place in the UNESCO Creative Cities Network, recognising the city's historic and contemporary contributions to design in many forms.

Dr Emma Bugden, Whanganui & Partners' strategic lead – creative industries, led the application, working with more than 100 stakeholders, partners and professional bodies. Emma Bugden said being a City of Design reflected Whanganui's historical contribution to creativity, from Māori designers' artistry and innovation for more than 800 years, to the visionary architects who created the city's landmark buildings.

Whanganui is New Zealand's fourth city to be recognised by the network – Dunedin is a City of Literature, Wellington a City of Film, and Auckland a City of Music. Whanganui will be the country's only City of Design.

To read the full media release, please visit: [www.discoverwhanganui.nz/news/unesco-city-of-design](http://www.discoverwhanganui.nz/news/unesco-city-of-design)



The transformed Drews Avenue streetscape with road art by artists Cecelia Kumeroa and Jodi Clark

## Council meetings

**Upcoming meetings**

Audit and Risk Committee	1.00pm Wednesday 1 December	Nagaizumi-cho Room, 101 Guyton Street
Council Meeting	1.00pm Tuesday 7 December	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street

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