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## Work to start on cycle bridge



Geotechnical work begins on the Upokongaro cycleway bridge

Construction will soon begin on a new cycle and pedestrian bridge which will enable locals and tourists to enjoy an off-road cycle route from Upokongaro to Whanganui city.

The cycleway, which will be finished in March 2019, will cross the Whanganui River south of Upokongaro on a purpose-built bridge and continue to the city's 50 km/h limit on the Aramoho side of the river.

The project is part of the Mountains to Sea cycleway, which begins in Ohakune and continues through National Park, ending at Castlecliff's North Mole.

Paul Chaplow, Strategic Lead – Destination Marketing for Whanganui & Partners, says another cycle-friendly option in Whanganui will help to grow Whanganui's cycling culture.

"It will take cyclists off the busiest part of the current route and onto quiet trails on the opposite side of the Whanganui River which will lead them straight into town.

"The bridge will be a real asset to Whanganui, not only because it improves the Mountains to Sea cycle route but also because it creates more cycling options with an easily accessible, flat, cycle-friendly day ride to Upokongaro which can be enjoyed by residents as well as people visiting Whanganui."

The current projected cost of the bridge and continuation of the cycle path is \$2.54M, with 50% of funding provided by the New Zealand Transport Agency.

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment will fund \$600,000 toward the project and the Whanganui District Council will provide the remaining funds. Physical work on the project is likely to begin in early May 2018.

## Light Up Bike workshops

Free workshops are available for those keen to join Whanganui's first Light Up Bike Spectacle at 5.30pm on Friday May 4. Scooters, buggies, unicycles, skateboards, roller skates, wheelchairs and more are all welcome to join this night-time parade.

Workshops to make your own bicycle-mounted or handheld lantern will be held between 9.00am and 3.00pm on Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28 at 131 Victoria Ave (the old Farmers homeware store). Ages 5+.

## School holidays at the Museum

The first week of the autumn school holiday programme at the Museum (Monday April 16 to Friday April 20) is all about making cool creations out of tin cans. The second week (Monday April 23 to Thursday April 26) is preparing for the Light Up Bike Spectacle (Friday May 4).

Check out [www.wrm.org.nz/calendar](http://www.wrm.org.nz/calendar) for dates and times. Call the Museum on 349 1110 to secure your place as numbers are limited. All sessions are held at the Museum's Education Room at Watt Street with access from the car park.

## What's on at the Sarjeant

### Clouds – Exhibition and Art Fix talk

'Clouds', which runs until May 27, features works from the Sarjeant Gallery's permanent collection that include a particular meteorological aspect. Clouds inspire hopes, dreams, songs, poems and great artworks. This exhibition shows the cloud in its many guises - beautiful and carefree, fun and fantasy-like, an arbiter of doom and gloom and a signifier of serenity. **At 2.00pm on Thursday April 19 at Sarjeant on the Quay, Jessica Kidd, Assistant Curator, will present a talk about the exhibition.**



## Planned works

### April 2018

**Flood damage recovery:** Whanganui River Road (Oyster Bluff and Jerusalem Bluff), Papaiti Road realignment (Mosquito Point), Garlands Road Bridge abutment protection, Waikupa Road dropout repairs

**Pre-resealed road maintenance:** Heads Road

**Unsealed road grading:** Areas of Okoia, Kai Iwi and Parihau Road

**Undergrounding works:** St Hill Street

**Pavement renewal:** Whanganui River Road (Wickham's Orchard)

**Kerb and channel renewal:** St Hill Street (Ingestre Street to Ridgway Street)

**Footpath renewal:** Rangiora Street (Cornfoot Street to Seafront Road), St Hill Street (Ingestre Street to Ridgway Street)

**Pavement reinstatement:** St Hill Street (Ingestre Street to Ridgway Street), Rangiora Street (Cornfoot Street to Seafront Road)

**Stormwater underground installation:** Mosston Road (Heads Road to Hinau Street), Glasgow Street (Keith Street to Harrison Street)

## Nagaizumi celebrations

### Register your interest

If you are interested in joining the Whanganui delegation to our Japanese sister city, Nagaizumi, in August this year, please register at [www.whanganui.govt.nz/sister-cities](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/sister-cities)

Registrations of interest close on Thursday, April 26. Travel and accommodation will be on a self-funded basis.

For more information, contact Council Principal Advisor (Corporate) Marianne Cavanagh at 349 0001 or email [marianne.cavanagh@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:marianne.cavanagh@whanganui.govt.nz)

## Council meetings

We welcome the public to our meetings.

<b>Youth Committee</b>	4.00pm Monday, April 30	Council Chamber
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<b>Strategy &amp; Finance Committee</b>	1.00pm Tuesday, May 1	Council Chamber
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<b>Council meeting</b>	9.00am to 5.00pm, Wednesday, May 2 and Thursday, May 3	Council Chamber
<b>Hearings on Long Term Plan submissions</b>		

<b>Council meeting</b>	1.00pm, Tuesday, May 8	Council Chamber
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Agendas are available at the Customer Services Counter, 101 Guyton Street and the District Library or at [www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas)

Full Council meetings are live-streamed at [www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil](http://www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil) and [www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings)

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