

Fitzherbert Avenue extension begins

A major shovel-ready project is underway with work starting on a new extension linking Fitzherbert Avenue with Mosston Road.

The Fitzherbert Avenue extension was identified by Whanganui District Council in its previous long-term plan as a key growth project for the city, enabling the residential expansion of Springvale and industrial development on Mill Road.

The project is partially funded under the Whanganui Redeployment fund as part of the shovel-ready framework set by the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment, intended to stimulate the local and national economy post COVID-19.

Whanganui District Council Mayor Hamish McDouall says the work will contribute positively to the local economy.

"This and other infrastructure projects are a major factor in our plans for future-proofing Whanganui, enabling sustainable residential and industrial growth as well as safer transport links." Senior Roading Engineer Brent Holmes says the project will create an important connection linking Castlecliff and the



Westbourne industrial zone to the city and State Highway 3.

"It will also improve freight efficiency across the city and redirect significant volumes of traffic away from narrow residential roads and vulnerable school routes."

A new 600m section of road will be built linking the western end of Fitzherbert Avenue to Mosston Road, including widening of the planned Mosston/Fitzherbert intersection.

Work began on Monday, 16 November and is expected to be completed before 30 June 2021, weather permitting.

More information is available at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/fitzherbert-avenue-extension

Have your say with Long-Term Plan events and surveys

Public engagement on the Long-Term Plan 2021-2031 is well underway with community conversations held to seek ideas and aspirations for Whanganui over the next 10 years.

The Let's Connect / Community Conversations event series continues at Majestic Square, Victoria Avenue, **today**, **Wednesday**, **18 November from 11.30am-2.00pm**.

You're also invited to have your say on Whanganui District Council's vision for the **Economy** in the district by taking a survey at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/X63YD8P

We're keen to know if you agree with our focus and whether you have other ideas you'd like to share. Our aim is to create an easy-living place of choice for all with plenty of employment and development opportunities. This and four additional surveys will help the council draft its Long-Term Plan 2021-2031.

These surveys are open until **midnight on Friday, 20 November 2020** – to complete any or all of them, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/long-term-plan

Dr Bloomfield to visit city

Dr Ashley Bloomfield will be in Whanganui tomorrow as guest speaker for the Porritt Lecture.

New Zealand's Director-General of Health has lead the country's response to the coronavirus pandemic.



Dr Bloomfield will speak at the public event at the Whanganui War Memorial Centre at **7.00pm on Thursday, 19 November.** The free event is open to all.

WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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

- Review of Gambling Venues Policy
- Whanganui District Heritage Survey
 Long-Term Plan 2021-2031

For more information, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say



Holiday deadline for LIMs



If you require a Land Information Memorandum (LIM) report before the Christmas holidays, your completed application form and payment must reach the council no later than **5.00pm on Thursday**, **10 December 2020**.

Applications made after Thursday, 10 December may not be processed before we close for the holiday period at 12 noon on Thursday, 24 December 2020.

The statutory 10-working day processing timeframe for LIM applications will be suspended from 12 noon on Thursday, 24 December 2020 to Wednesday, 13 January 2021 inclusive.

More information at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/lims

Long-Term Plan 2021-2031



Whanganui District Council is holding community conversations about its Long-Term Plan 2021-2031 and wants to hear your ideas and aspirations for Whanganui for the next 10 years. Look out for the council's pop-up stall today and have a chat with our friendly council officers.

Majestic Square, Victoria Avenue Wednesday, 18 November 11.30am-2.00pm

For more information, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/long-term-plan

Whanganui & Partners events

Public forum

Whanganui & Partners will share its work from the past year at its public forum on **Tuesday. 24 November**.

Special guest Infometrics Senior Economist Brad Olsen will also present his analysis and projections for the local economy.

The free event will be held in the Concert Chamber, Whanganui War Memorial Hall from 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

Please RSVP to:

www.whanganuiandpartners.nz/forum

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Whanganui & Partners brings to Whanganui Wool Life NZ CEO, Stephen Fookes, to share his passion for wool. He has established markets in the United States and now manufactures in New Zealand.

He will outline opportunities for coarse wool suppliers this **Thursday, 19 November**, from 4.00pm to 6.00pm at Stellar Restaurant and Bar (Function Room).

Register at: www.whanganuiandpartners.nz/larfs or call Colleen on 027 302 0432.

Rat baiting operation

Rotokawau Virginia Lake

Rat bait (Pestoff) will be placed in approved bait stations at the Great North Road end of Rotokawau Virginia Lake.

This operation will take place from Monday, 23 November and continue to Friday, 18 December 2020.

Signs will be in place at nearby lake entrances during this work.

Road resurfacing work

Wilson Street road closures

Wilson Street between Taupo Quay and Ridgway Street and Wilson Street intersections with Taupo Quay and Ridgway Street will be closed overnight for three nights from **Thursday**, **19 November until Sunday**, **22 November** for road resurfacing work.

The work will take place **between 6.00pm** and **5.00am** during the closures.

These roads will reopen during the day with a 30km/h temporary speed limit.

Detour signs will be in place – Heads Road, Guyton Street and St Hill Street are advised as alternate routes.

New parking form

Contest a ticket online

If you receive a parking infringement you will now need to go online to contest it by filling out a form on the council website.

The online form is available at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/contest-parking-fine

You will need your parking ticket (infringement notice) to begin the online process.

If you are unable to access the online form, or need further information, call us on (06) 349 0001 or visit us at Customer Services, 101 Guyton Street.