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Less waste the Recycling Week goal! Lab

Recycling Week runs this week from 16-20 October. Ahead of kerbside recycling collection being introduced next year, Whanganui District Council is encouraging the community to think about ways to minimise waste.



The council's general manager - property and open spaces, Sarah O'Hagan says, "Over the course of Recycling Week, the council will be sharing tips about not only recycling but also waste minimisation in general, and running several competitions on social media."

As well as encouraging more sustainable practices in the community, the council is looking at its own practices too. Sarah O'Hagan says, "We are investigating how the council can phase out the use of single-use products like paper towels and cups, and looking at sustainable procurement practices across the organisation.

"We recognise these are small steps, but we'll continue to look at ways we can minimise waste and grow more sustainable as an organisation."

As well as sharing tips, we'd also like to hear your ideas. Keep an eye on the council's Facebook page this week – there will be competitions for individuals, with the chance to win boxes of fresh veges from Laugesen's Gardens.

Heavy truck movements on Wikitoria and Airport roads

Whanganui Airport is carrying out night works to resurface its runway **from Tuesday, 24 October until Thursday, 30 November 2023.** The work will involve overnight truck movements on Wikitoria Road and Airport Road by contractor Fulton Hogan between 6.00pm and 6.00am from Sunday evening through to Friday morning during the work period. If you are a resident or visitor to this area, please stay alert for additional traffic at all times. For more information, visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/public-notices

Early-birds get the discount!

Early-bird registrations for the Pak'nSave Whanganui 3 Bridges Marathon close **at midnight on Tuesday, 31 October 2023.** Whanganui District Council has been supporting this event since 2016 through the Mā Ake Let's Go Whanganui 1.2km Kids Fun-Run-Athon for ages 13 years and under. This year's marathon is on **Sunday, 10 December** – for more information and to register, please visit: **www.whanganuithreebridges.co.nz**



There will also be opportunities for businesses to win a free sustainability audit from the Whanganui Sustainability Trust to identify ways to reduce waste and save money.

During Recycling Week, people will also have the chance to recycle their old mobile phones through the RE:MOBILE scheme. Simply drop your old phone into Whanganui District Council at 101 Guyton Street – funds raised (through parts salvaged) will help support the national Sustainable Coastlines coastal restoration project.

For more information about Recycling Week, please visit: www.reclaim.co.nz/recycling-week

Sports Hall of Fame returns



Nominations are being sought for the Whanganui Sports Hall of Fame for the first time since 2019. A partnership between the mayor's office at Whanganui District Council and Sport Whanganui has resulted in the relaunch of the Hall of Fame this year.

Mayor Andrew Tripe says the Hall of Fame is an important avenue to recognise our outstanding athletes and coaches who are continuing to perform on the world stage. "It is important we recognise the achievements of those that reach their international sporting goals and bring credit to sport in our district."

Nominations are open until **5.00pm on Friday, 24 November 2023** – for more details and to download a nomination form, please visit: **www.sportwhanganui.co.nz**



Labour Day hours

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Council services on 23 October

Whanganui District Council offices will be closed for the Labour Day public holiday on Monday, 23 October 2023. Customer services at 101 Guyton Street will **reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday, 24 October**. For a list of opening hours for council facilities and services on Labour Day, please visit: **www.whanganui.govt.nz/labour-day-2023**

Alcohol special licences

Application deadline is 21 November

If you are planning to sell or supply alcohol at an event or function over the 2023-2024 Christmas / New Year period, you must obtain a special licence from the Whanganui District Licensing Committee.

Your special licence application must be received 20 working days before your event takes place – applications for some large events may require in excess of 25 working days. The Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 section 5 states that working days do not include weekends, public holidays or the period from 20 December 2023 to 15 January 2024 inclusive.

If you are planning an event to be held over the 2023-2024 Christmas / New Year period, your application needs to be submitted no later than 5.00pm on Tuesday, 21 November 2023 to be processed and granted before Wednesday, 20 December 2023.

PLEASE NOTE: This means that special licence applications for Waitangi Day, Tuesday 6 February 2024, must be received no later than Wednesday, 13 December 2023.

If an on-licence, off-licence, club licence or manager's certificate expires during the period 20 December 2023 through to 15 January 2024, you will also need to submit your application for renewal no later than 5.00pm on Tuesday, 21 November 2023.

For more information, please visit: **www. whanganui.govt.nz/special-alcohol-licence** or call Whanganui District Council on **06 349 0001** and ask to speak with an alcohol licensing officer.

Council meetings

Meeting next week

| Council meeting • adoption of A | 10.00am Tuesday 24 October | Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street |
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| Meetings in November | | |
| Whanganui Rural Community Board | 2.00pm Wednesday 1 November | Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street |
| Operations and Performance Committee | 9.30am Thursday 2 November | Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street |
| Council- Controlled Organisations Committee | 9.30am Tuesday 7 November | Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street |

Agendas: **www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas** Livestreamed council meetings:

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