

# Community Link

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## The sky's the limit for Pilot Academy

The New Zealand International Commercial Pilot Academy (NZICPA) has been awarded a multi-year, multi-million dollar contract to train pilots under a cadet pilot programme for India's most successful airline, IndiGo Airlines. The partnership means that hundreds of IndiGo pilot students will live and train in Whanganui.

NZICPA was established by Whanganui District Holdings Ltd as a regional economic development initiative and operates from a purpose-built professional pilot training complex at Whanganui Airport. The academy currently trains 80 pilots from around the world, contributing \$10M to the economy annually.

NZICPA Board Chair, Matthew Doyle, says he couldn't be more pleased to sign the agreement. "While establishing the NZICPA, we developed a strategy and had planned to be operating cadet pilot training within five years of starting operations from Whanganui – we are therefore well ahead of our programme."

Whanganui Mayor, Hamish McDouall, says he is "extremely excited by this opportunity".



New Zealand International Commercial Pilot Academy Board Chair, Matthew Doyle (left) and NZICPA Chief Executive, Phillip Bedford

"This will be transformative for the district – Whanganui can become the aviation training capital of New Zealand," Mayor McDouall says.

NZICPA Chief Executive, Phillip Bedford, says that being selected by India's premier airline is recognition of the effort put into establishing the NZICPA brand as the "professional's choice".

## Rates rebate reminder

Ratepayers who may qualify for a rates rebate must apply by **Sunday, 30 June 2019 for the 2018/19 rating year** (the rating year runs from 1 July to 30 June).

If your income is low to moderate (maximum \$25,180) you may be eligible for a rates rebate of up to \$630. To determine whether you are eligible, the Council requires your gross income earnings (before tax) for the tax period ending 31 March 2018.

The rates rebate will be calculated on your income earnings and your 2018/19 Whanganui District Council rates and Horizons Regional Council rates. Please contact the Council's rates department on (06) 349 0001 for further information.

## Rat baiting

### Area near St John's Hill look-out

Rat baiting is being carried out on the hillside below the St John's Hill look-out on Parsons Street. The bait (Pestoff) is in approved bait stations and signs are in place. Although the bait stations are not in the parking area, dog owners are advised to keep dogs on leads at all times until the baiting is finished.

## Council meetings

### You are welcome at our meetings

#### All Council meetings for July 2019

Council Meeting	1.00pm Wednesday 10 July	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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Statutory Management Committee	9.00am Tuesday 16 July	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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- Submissions hearing and deliberations
  - Earthquake Prone Buildings - Priority Thoroughfares and Routes
  - Proposed Digital Strategy

Council Meeting	1.00pm Thursday 18 July	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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- This meeting is to strike the 2019/20 rates

Infrastructure Committee	1.00pm Tuesday 23 July	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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Youth Committee	4.00pm Monday 29 July	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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Statutory Management Committee	9.00am Tuesday 30 July	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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- Submissions hearing and deliberations
  - Proposed Housing Strategy

Whanganui Rural Community Board	3.30pm Wednesday 31 July	Nagaizumi-Cho Room, 101 Guyton Street
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Agendas are available at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas) or you can view hard copies at 101 Guyton Street or the Davis Central City Library.

## Input wanted on proposed Springvale housing expansion

Whanganui District Council is seeking community feedback on a proposed residential expansion of Springvale. The proposed Springvale Structure Plan was developed to facilitate new housing in the Fitzherbert Avenue, Mosston and Fox Road areas on the western boundary of the city, in response to projected demand for housing land out to 2065.

The plan proposes rezoning properties in the identified area from rural to residential to create a high-quality urban environment, with streets joining onto public spaces and a shared cycleway network linking schools and nearby areas.

Council Planning Manager, Hamish Lampp, says, "Rezoning the land for residential purposes has been earmarked for many years. The scale of residential growth will create long-term community benefits, boost local job creation, and bring to the market quality housing stock while increasing housing choice."

To view the proposal and to make a submission, go to the District Plan Changes page on the Council's website at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/springvale-structure-plan](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/springvale-structure-plan) Submissions close at **5.00pm on Friday, 12 July 2019**.

## World Refugee Day marked

This Thursday, 20 June 2019 is World Refugee Day, an occasion that honours the strength and courage of refugees and encourages public awareness and support of refugees.

Whanganui has been selected as a national refugee centre, and will begin receiving refugees from March 2020.

If you would like to be involved in supporting Whanganui's refugee newcomers, please contact Welcoming Communities Co-ordinator, Katy Newton, by emailing: [katy.newton@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:katy.newton@whanganui.govt.nz) or call (06) 349 0001, or 027 603 6984.

## Online services increase

As part of Whanganui District Council's roll-out of online services, dog owners can now pay their registration fees directly through the Council's website (dog registration letters will be posted next week). In previous years this could only be done with a RealMe login. The Council's Online Transaction Processing Service also offers this direct payment method for rates, infringement payments and consent payments. For more information, please visit: <https://eservices.whanganui.govt.nz/online-services>

## Welcoming newcomers to our community

"You can make a difference to a newcomer simply by starting a conversation or sharing a meal."

Katy Newton - Welcoming Communities Co-ordinator

Newcomer information is available from:

- (06) 349 0001, 027 603 6984
- [katy.newton@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:katy.newton@whanganui.govt.nz)
- [www.whanganui.govt.nz/welcome](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/welcome)
- [www.newzealandnow.govt.nz](http://www.newzealandnow.govt.nz)
- [www.cab.org.nz](http://www.cab.org.nz)

## WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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

Have your say  
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- **Proposed Digital Strategy** (submissions close at 5.00pm on Friday, 21 June 2019)
- **Proposed Priority Thoroughfares and Routes** (submissions close at 5.00pm on Friday, 28 June 2019)
- **Proposed Housing Strategy** (submissions close at 5.00pm on Friday, 5 July 2019)
- **Proposed Springvale Structure Plan** (submissions close at 5.00pm on Friday, 12 July 2019)

For more submission information please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay)

The Council is also seeking public engagement via a short survey on the following topic:

- **Whanganui's View on the Regulation of Fireworks** (this survey closes at midnight on Sunday, 23 June 2019)

To complete this survey, go to: [www.whanganui.govt.nz](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz)