

Community Link

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Love Whanganui? Vote!

Voting papers have been sent out for the 2019 local elections, which means voters need to fill out their forms and return them by post or in person to Whanganui District Council by midday, Saturday, 12 October 2019.

In case you're not in the habit of visiting a post box, the Council's Senior Democracy Advisor, Kate Barnes, says there is another option – Vote Day, on **Saturday, 5 October, 2019**.

“We want to encourage people to vote, so we're taking the ballot box into town and the suburbs on that day. The idea is that you bring your envelope to one of our Vote Day stations and simply drop your papers in the box. We'll be easy to see – look for the blue flags and the orange box.”

Ballot boxes will be located at stations around Whanganui where voters will be able to place their votes – locations and times are:

- Rangiora Street Library, Castlecliff – 10.00am-12 noon
- Gonville Library, Gonville – 10.00am-12 noon
- Aramoho Shopping Centre, Aramoho – 10.00am-12 noon
- Whanganui River Markets, Taupō Quay – 10.00am-12 noon
- Whanganui East Shopping Centre, Whanganui East – 10.00am-12 noon
- Springvale Garden Centre, Springvale – 10.00am-12 noon
- Trafalgar Square Shopping Centre, Taupō Quay – 1.00pm-3.00pm

There will also be ballot box facilities to accept votes at Council Customer Services, 101 Guyton Street, from **9.00am to 12 noon on Saturday, 12 October 2019**.

The Council's Electoral Officer, Noeline Moosman, advises, “If you haven't made it to a post box by Monday, 7 October, bring your voting envelope in person to Council Customer Services to ensure it is received in time.”

Voting in this year's local elections closes at **12 noon on Saturday, 12 October 2019**.

October planned works

Flood damage recovery (2017 storm event): Whangaehu Valley Road

Pavement road maintenance: Fields Track, Georgetti Road, Heads Road, Makirikiri Valley Road, No 2 Line, Rapanui Road, Toi Street, Whanganui River Road, Wicksteed Street

Unsealed road grading: Okoia and Mangamahu areas, Kauarapaoa Road

Kerb and channel renewal: Swiss Avenue, Liverpool Street

Footpath renewal: Liverpool Street

Pavement reinstatement: Swiss Avenue, Liverpool Street

Water table/culvert maintenance: Denlair Road, Fields Track, Kauangaroa Road, Rapanui Road

Mowing and vegetation treatment: Kauarapaoa Road

Service lid adjustment: Argyle Street, Georgetti Road, Heads Road, Hipango Terrace, Shakespeare Road, Toi Street, Wicksteed Street

Stormwater: Mosston Road (Wharf Street to Heads Road), Mosston Road (Heads Road to Cross Street), Mill Road (Rakau Road to Manuka Street)

This year's Lights On Bikes parade a brilliant success



PHOTO: JOHN SMART

Weaving its way alongside the Whanganui River and through a glowing Kowhai Park, more than 500 people turned out with illuminated bicycles, scooters, roller skates, buggies and more for this year's Lights On Bikes parade on Friday, 27 September. A shining example of a community event!



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Alexa Pl walkway upgrades

Alexa Place walkway, from Alexa Place to Halswell Street, is closed for two weeks while overhead power cables are moved underground and walkway lighting is improved. The walkway will reopen at weekends. The temporary closure is from **8.00am-5.00pm, Monday to Friday, until Friday, 11 October 2019**. Signs are in place and the walkway will reopen earlier if work is completed before Friday, 11 October.

Ready to roll for ShakeOut?

ShakeOut is the annual New Zealand-wide earthquake drill and tsunami hikoi (evacuation). This year's official event takes place on **Thursday, 17 October 2019 at 1.30pm**, and is intended to remind and educate people about the right action to take in the event of an earthquake and tsunami.

Whanganui District Council's Emergency Management team will be out and about at schools around Whanganui during the week of ShakeOut to get the “Drop, Cover and Hold” and “Long or Strong, Get Gone” earthquake and tsunami messages out to tamariki and beyond.

To sign-up for ShakeOut 2019 and for more information, please visit: www.shakeout.govt.nz

WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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

- **Climate Change Discussion**

To share your ideas and insights on how Whanganui can become a resilient district in the face of climate change, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay



Request for tender

Contract 1847: New water main – Mill Rd, Mosston Rd and Clarkson Ave

Whanganui District Council is inviting tenders from suitably experienced contractors for a new water main from the Mill Road area, down Mosston Road towards Fitzherbert Avenue. The tender documents are available at: www.tenderlink.com/whanganui

Tender Link reference: **WANGDC-885139**
 Tenders for this contract must be submitted no later than **4.00pm on Thursday, 24 October 2019**. For Tender Link enquiries, please call 0800 698 363. For any other tendering assistance, contact Council Procurement Officer, Lana Treen, between 10.00am and 3.00pm weekdays at: lane.treen@whanganui.govt.nz or call (06) 349 3105.

Shared pathway closure

The shared pathway running from Balgownie Avenue to the back of Affco will be closed until **Friday, 4 October 2019** so the current narrow and unsealed path can be widened and concreted. The work began on Monday, 23 September. An alternative route is available via Heads Road and Beach Road during this work.

Council meetings

You are welcome at our meetings

Meeting next week

Council Meeting	1.00pm Tuesday 8 October (originally scheduled for 1 October)	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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- *Adoption of Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2019*

Agendas are available at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas or view hard copies at 101 Guyton Street or the Davis Library.

GET READY TO Shake Out

OCTOBER

17TH

1.30PM

NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE DRILL AND TSUNAMI HIKOI

SIGN UP TODAY

SHAKEOUT.GOV.T.NZ