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Castlecliff Coastal Reserve

Draft management plan

A Draft Reserve Management Plan has been prepared for the Castlecliff Coastal Reserve. The plan will guide the management of the reserve for the next 10 years and provides an outline of the Council's intentions for its use, development, maintenance, protection and preservation.

The Castlecliff Coastal Reserve encompasses the gazetted Castlecliff Domain Recreation Reserve, the North Mole, the land directly to the north-west of the gazetted reserve and the land seaward up to the mean high water tide mark.

To read the draft plan and a summary sheet of the plan's key objectives and policies, visit www.whanganui.govt.nz/castlecliff-coastal-reserve

To make a submission, you can fill out and submit an online form, or fill out a printed form which can be returned to the Council office at 101 Guyton Street, Whanganui 4500.

Copies of the plan and submission form are also available from the Council office and copies can be viewed at Whanganui libraries.

If you have any questions, please contact Policy Planner, Victoria Edmonds. Phone 349 3168 or email victoria.edmonds@whanganui.govt.nz

Submissions close at 5.00pm on Friday, 17 August 2018.

Low water pressure

30 June 2018

Low water pressure can be expected throughout the Castlecliff area between 8.00am and 4.00pm on Saturday 30 June 2018, as new and existing supply water mains are joined.

The new 457mm concrete steel-lined pipe replaces an existing 60-year-old pipe and feeds the Castlecliff industrial area. This work began in February 2018.

The water main runs from the back of Belmont Golf Course through to the Tayforth Road/Westmere Road intersection.

Thanks for your patience during this work.

Council meetings

We welcome the public to our meetings.

Statutory Management	9.00am Monday, 25 June	Council Chamber
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Submission hearing - Proposed Road Naming and Numbering Policy 2018

Strategy & Finance	1.00pm Tuesday, 26 June	Council Chamber
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Council Adoption - Long Term Plan 2018-2028	1.00pm Thursday, 28 June	Council Chamber
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Council	1.00pm Tuesday, 3 July	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



Rolling out the welcome mat

Hellen Puhipuhi, from community group Born & Raised Pasifika, says it "gladdens her heart" to have a plan in place to help Whanganui become even more welcoming for newcomers.

Ms Puhipuhi's organisation was instrumental, along with other community groups which represent newcomers, in developing the Whanganui Welcoming Communities Plan.

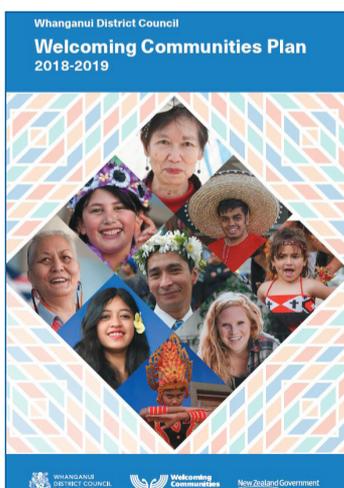
"We were given the opportunity to gather our thoughts on our challenges and visions for new migrants and the community who have made Whanganui their home," says Ms Puhipuhi.

The plan actively involves locals in welcoming newcomers and lists actions to help newcomers belong and contribute to the Whanganui community. It can be read at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/welcome

Katy Newton, co-ordinator for Welcoming Communities, says 345 people responded to a public survey which asked what a welcoming community meant and what improvements could be made in Whanganui.

"We also looked at existing Whanganui District Council policies and strategies and thought about them in terms of whether they are welcoming to newcomers," says Ms Newton.

While the plan has been primarily developed for recent migrants, former refugees and international students, Ms Newton says it will help anyone moving to Whanganui, whether from the North Shore, Norway, Thailand or Nigeria, to become part of the community.



Ms Puhipuhi says the plan is a collective effort between community groups who work with newcomers, the Council and the newcomers themselves so that everyone can thrive in and contribute to the Whanganui community.

"For me, the plan means that our communities have better access to services which are available and to work in collaboration with all ethnic groups."

Whanganui District Council is one of nine councils in five regions taking part in the Welcoming Community pilot programme. It is led by Immigration New Zealand in partnership with the Office of Ethnic Communities and supported by the New Zealand Human Rights Commission.

More than 20 people (pictured above) were welcomed as new citizens by Whanganui Mayor Hamish McDouall at a special ceremony on Thursday, 31 May. Mayor Hamish McDouall says he is delighted they have chosen to make Whanganui, and New Zealand, their home.

"You belong to a community that is rich in its diversity, bringing greater opportunities for celebrating and understanding our differences and embracing what it means to be a New Zealander," he says.

The new citizens are Mr Raymond Frederick Coates, British; Mrs Thessa Mae Ibanez Curamen-La Madrid, Filipino; Mr Le Roy Santos La Madrid, Filipino; Mrs Janice Elizabeth Gray, British; Mr Jonathan David James Iliffe, British; Mr Teddy Ray Marks, American; Dr Cynthia Flippen Marks, American; Mr Charles Whitfield Marks, American; Mr William Sanderlin Marks, American; Mr Jesse Burch Marks, American; Miss Cameron Marie Marks, American; Mrs Puspa Wati, Fijian; Mr Mohammed Tauwab Khan, Fijian; Mrs Anggi Willis, Indonesian; Mr Paul Alexander Dorricott, British; Mr Joshua Aden Lilford, American; Mrs Carol Lesley Maclean, British; Mr Rakesh Ryechand, Fijian; Mrs Kiran Devi, Fijian; Mr Ronald Christopher Patan, Fijian; Mr Martin Richard West, British.



Mayor Paul Antonio (pictured right) and Chief Executive Officer Brian Pidgeon admire the work at NZ Glassworks during their Whanganui visit

Sister city visit from Toowoomba

Whanganui District Council and Whanganui & Partners hosted a group from Toowoomba Regional Council last weekend. Toowoomba has been a Whanganui sister city for 37 years.

The delegation was in New Zealand to attend Access NZ, looking at opportunities to link food, energy, resource, logistics and tourism industries.

Mayor Mayor Paul Antonio, Chief Executive Officer Brian Pidgeon and Principal (Commercial Development) Bill Sankey enjoyed visits to NZ Glassworks, the Sarjeant Gallery, the Whanganui River Markets and a scenic flight provided by the New Zealand International Commercial Pilot Academy. They also learned about Study Whanganui, Safer Communities and other projects of interest.

Whanganui & Partners general manager Philippa Ivory says, "We can learn a lot from this sister city about economic development and making the most of opportunities. They were genuinely impressed by what they saw and heard."