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# Community Link

## Relief fund open for cyclone victims

In the wake of the destruction caused by Cyclone Gabrielle through much of the North Island last week, Whanganui Mayor Andrew Tripe and district councillors have launched the Whanganui Mayoral Relief Fund to show support to the victims of this national disaster.

Mayor Andrew says, “Our hearts go out to our fellow North Islanders who have been affected so badly by Cyclone Gabrielle. At this stage cash donations are what’s required. I have, with support from councillors, opened a Whanganui Mayoral Relief Fund for donations. If you would like to help out in any way, large or small, we encourage you to donate via this fund.”

Mayor Andrew says that one hundred percent of donations from this fund will go directly to Cyclone Gabrielle relief.

Whanganui Mayoral Relief Fund

CYCLONE GABRIELLE

Donations to  
01-0790-0157888-00  
Ref no CG23

### Hipango Park jetty

**River jetty closed for safety reasons**

Please be aware the river jetty at Hipango Park is closed until further notice for safety reasons. Engineers are in the process of determining the current state of the jetty following recent damage.

### Applications now open

**Creative Communities Scheme fund**

Applications are open for Whanganui Creative Communities Scheme funding.

Whanganui District Council **creative nz** COMMUNITIES

The scheme is a partnership between Whanganui District Council and Creative New Zealand, and supports local arts projects focused on diversity, accessibility and youth participation in the arts.

Funding applications close at **12 noon on Friday, 17 March 2023**. To find out if your project is eligible to apply for funding, please email: [anique.jayasinghe@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:anique.jayasinghe@whanganui.govt.nz)

For more information about the scheme, please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/creative-communities-scheme](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/creative-communities-scheme)

### Request for tender

**Contract 2013: Wastewater treatment plant biofilter media replacement**

Whanganui District Council is seeking a capable contractor to complete media replacement work for the two biofilters at the Whanganui wastewater treatment plant, and replacement work of the geotextile layer.

- TenderLink reference: **WANGDC-1047643**
- Tender deadline: **4.00pm on Thursday, 23 February 2023**.

For all tender documents and TenderLink registration information, please visit: [portal.tenderlink.com/whanganui](http://portal.tenderlink.com/whanganui)

For TenderLink enquiries, call **0800 698 363**. For any other tendering assistance, contact the council’s senior procurement officer, Lana Treen, on 06 349 3105 between 10.00am-4.00pm weekdays or email: [lanatreen@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:lanatreen@whanganui.govt.nz)

### Council meetings

Upcoming meetings		
Strategy and Policy Committee	9.30am Wednesday 22 February	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Council-Controlled Organisations Committee	9.30am Tuesday 28 February	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Meeting in March		
Risk and Assurance Committee	1.00pm Thursday 9 March	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street

Agendas: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas)  
Livestreamed council meetings:  
[www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil](http://www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil)  
[www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings)

## Motorcycle safety a priority Free bus rides all this week!

SHINY

Talk Series

SIDE UP

Where Riders’ Questions Get Answered

The Shiny Side Up Talk Series is happening at the Whanganui War Memorial Centre **next Wednesday, 1 March 2023, from 6.00pm until 9.00pm (meet and greet from 5.30pm)**. This free event is aimed at increasing motorcycle safety on our roads and is a must for anyone interested in motorcycles. Talk to motorcycle experts, meet fellow riders, enjoy some refreshments and learn something new to get the most out of your riding. The Shiny Side Up Talk Series is part of ACC’s Ride Forever and Road to Zero initiatives. For more information, please visit: [www.facebook.com/ShinySideUpBikeFest](http://www.facebook.com/ShinySideUpBikeFest)



Whanganui’s new Aramoho-to-Castlecliff bus service, Te Ngaru The Tide, launched on Saturday, 18 February, with karakia followed by a welcome to attendees from Whanganui Mayor Andrew Tripe. To mark the special occasion, Whanganui bus users are able to ride for FREE on all urban routes this week up to and including this Saturday, 25 February! Te Ngaru The Tide is a collaboration between Whanganui District Council and Horizons Regional Council – find bus timetables at: [www.horizons.govt.nz/buses-transport/the-tide](http://www.horizons.govt.nz/buses-transport/the-tide)

## Port project briefing attracts over 40 interested parties

Last week’s project briefing for Te Pūwaha, the Whanganui Port revitalisation project, attracted more than 40 interested contractors and associated businesses as they grabbed the opportunity to learn more about the planned port rebuild and to see the work site first-hand.

Presentations were made by Te Pūwaha project director Hayden Turoa, along with representatives from the Whanganui Port Operating Company, the Port Employment Precinct and Whanganui & Partners.



“It was humbling to see so many interested parties in attendance as this is a major infrastructure project which is so innovative in its approach – it is really exciting for relevant industries and our wider communities,” Hayden Turoa says. “What’s more, we were able to create an environment for prospective contractors to learn more about our values under Te Awa Tupua, while also providing a space for connections to be made between providers.”

For more information, please read the latest Te Pūwaha media release at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/port](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/port)

COMMUNITY KŌRERO  
Chat with your Mayor and Councillors

Mayor Andrew Tripe and Whanganui District Councillors invite you to talk with them about key topics in a series of community sessions.

5.15pm – TONIGHT  
Wednesday 22 February  
Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Tupoho  
18 Cross Street, Castlecliff

5.30pm – Tuesday 28 February  
Hakeke Street Community Centre  
65 Hakeke Street, Whanganui East

12.30pm – Wednesday 1 March  
Majestic Square  
98 Victoria Avenue, Central City

5.15pm – Wednesday 1 March  
St Mary’s School – **VENUE CHANGE**  
30 London Street, Aramoho

5.15pm – Tuesday 7 March  
St John’s Hill School  
71 Parkes Avenue, St John’s Hill

Haere mai  
Everyone is welcome

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