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Council consultations out and about

Whanganui District Council will be setting up its stall and asking for public feedback at the Whanganui River Traders Market on Taupō Quay this **Saturday, 25 May 2019** from 8.30am until 1.00pm.

The Council is consulting on its Proposed Digital Strategy and Proposed Housing Strategy and wants to hear your views on these topics.

The purpose of the Council’s Proposed Digital Strategy is to drive digital innovation and opportunity in Whanganui in partnership with the community.

The Proposed Housing Strategy sets out a vision on how the Council and the community can collectively ensure that all Whanganui residents have a warm, safe house to live in.

The Council is also currently consulting with the community on which areas of the city to prioritise for the seismic assessment of buildings.

As part of the consultation, the Council is holding an informal information evening for building owners on **Monday, 27 May 2019 from 5.30pm-7.30pm** at the Whanganui War Memorial Centre to explain seismic strengthening requirements and options.

At this informal session the Council’s Building Control Manager, Greg Hoobin, will answer questions about priority thoroughfares and routes.



Whanganui District Council’s Policy and Governance Manager, Stephanie Macdonald-Rose, will be at the River Traders Market this Saturday, 25 May

Heritage EQUIP’s Fund Manager, Mike Frew, will also speak on how building owners can access central government Heritage EQUIP funding for earthquake-strengthening, and seismic-strengthening case studies will be presented by two engineering firms – Miyamoto International NZ and the BPL Group.

For more information about the Earthquake-Prone Buildings – Priority Thoroughfares and Routes consultation, to view a map of the priority areas identified by the Council or to submit feedback online, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay

Thinking of standing in the place where you live?

Are you considering standing for Whanganui District Council or the Whanganui Rural Community Board in this year’s local elections?

If so then come to an information evening for potential candidates on **Wednesday, 29 May 2019** from 6.00pm-7.00pm in the Whanganui War Memorial Centre’s Pioneer Room. Council staff will give brief presentations and the Council’s Electoral Officer will be available to answer questions.

If you’re interested in attending this event, please RSVP to the Council’s Governance Team by email to: governance@whanganui.govt.nz or call (06) 349 0001 extn 3003.

This year’s local elections will be held on Saturday, 12 October 2019. For more information please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/election2019



Rating database available

Whanganui District Council’s Rating Information Database (RID) is available for public inspection as per section 28 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

The RID contains a record of all information required for setting and assessing rates and allows for the calculation of rates liability for each rating unit.

The database is available to view between 8.00am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday, in the Council’s Customer Services area at 101 Guyton Street.

It is free to inspect the rating information database, but a fee may be charged to supply a copy of particulars from the database.

For more information please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/rating-information-database

Upgrade for traffic signals

Traffic signals at the intersection of Victoria Avenue and Ingestre Street are about to be upgraded.

Work is scheduled to begin in the first week of June, and is expected to take three weeks to complete.

The upgrade involves new underground ducts, cables and vehicle sensors as well as new traffic light poles and other above-ground equipment. There will also be minor changes to approach lanes to improve right-turn sight lines.

Separate streetlight poles close to the intersection will also be removed. Replacement streetlights will be mounted on the new traffic signal poles. A traffic camera, to be monitored on a 24-hour basis by the New Zealand Transport Agency, will also be installed. A temporary roundabout will be in place for the duration of the work.

WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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

- 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)

For more submission information please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay

The Council is also holding submission hearings and deliberations on the following topics (and dates):

- Annual Plan 2019/20 Consultation Document**
A Council meeting for submission deliberations will be held from 1.00pm on Wednesday, 22 May 2019 (the reserve day is Thursday, 23 May 2019)
- Water Supply Bylaw / Sports and Recreational Facilities Strategy**
A Statutory Management Committee meeting for submission hearings and deliberations will be held from 9.00am on Thursday, 30 May 2019

All members of the public are welcome to attend.

Have your say

Kōrero mai

Rates reminder

Instalment 4 due date 29 May

A reminder to all ratepayers that the due date for payment of Instalment 4 rates is **Wednesday, 29 May 2019**.

For people who pay by instalment, Whanganui District Council offers direct debit as a payment method. Frequency of payments can be weekly, fortnightly, monthly, quarterly or yearly. Please contact the Council’s rates department on (06) 349 0001 for further information.

You can also visit www.whanganui.govt.nz for online credit card payments.

Electric blanket testing

Free safety checks at Fire Station

So you can rest easy this winter, Safer Whanganui in association with Whanganui Fire and Emergency, and Laser Electrical is offering free electric blanket testing to all Whanganui residents (no commercial operators please).

Just bring your blanket into the Whanganui Fire Station at 89 Maria Place Extension on Friday, 24 May between 9.00am and 3.00pm for a safety check-up.

There is no limit to the number of blankets you can have tested for free.

Council meetings

All Council meetings for June 2019		
Council Meeting	1.00pm Tuesday 11 June	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Infrastructure Committee	1.00pm Thursday 13 June	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Youth Committee	4.00pm Monday 17 June	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Statutory Management Committee	9.00am Tuesday 18 June	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
• Submission hearing and deliberations – Mill Road Development Contributions		
Wanganui Rural Community Board	3.30pm Wednesday 19 June	Council Building, 101 Guyton Street
Strategy and Finance Committee	1.00pm Tuesday 25 June	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Council Meeting	1.00pm Thursday 27 June	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
• Adoption of 2019/20 Annual Plan		

Agendas are available at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas or view hard copies at 179 St Hill Street (the temporary Council Customer Services area) or the Davis Central City Library.