

# Community Link

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## Revamped Council area re-opening

A five-month project to modernise Whanganui District Council's Customer Services area at 101 Guyton Street (pictured) is now complete and doors will re-open to the public on Friday, 3 May.

Chief Executive, Kym Fell, says the building work has been signed off and staff will have access to the area before the end of April. He says the Council's Customer Services team needs to have an opportunity to get used to the new floor plan, processes and technology prior to the opening.

Mr Fell says while the ground floor will be fully operational, the first-floor mezzanine area will remain a construction site after the re-opening as there is work still to be completed in that area.

In the meantime Council meetings will continue to be held at Heritage House, 136 St Hill Street.



## Get your health care at the right place, first time

Whanganui health organisations are continuing a campaign to help people get the most appropriate health care for the illness or injury they are experiencing at the right place, first time.

Healthy Families Whanganui Rangitikei Ruapehu joined with the Whanganui District Health Board, the Whanganui Regional Primary Health Organisation, Ngā Tai o Te Awa and Te Oranganui last year to develop the *Where should I be?* campaign, which is designed to help manage demand for acute services in the region.

A key focus of the campaign is to reduce Whanganui Accident & Medical (WAM)/Emergency Department presentations for illnesses and injuries that could easily (and often more quickly) be treated by a patient's GP or other primary healthcare provider.

Whanganui District Council is a member of Healthy Families, which is empowered with making our communities healthier places to be.

Mayor Hamish McDouall is part of the Healthy Families governance group, while Safer Whanganui manager Lauren Tamehana is a member of the partnership prevention group.

Mrs Tamehana says, "It is great to be supporting our partners and community to ensure that really sick people are getting the help they need when they need it. And it is hoped our district's performance in relation to national health targets set by the Ministry of Health will improve."

"This campaign links to our Safer Whanganui principles around having a strong and collective voice working together to create positive change, showing local and national leadership can mobilise community response."

The campaign has been rolled out across the Whanganui community.

## Whanganui & Partners' public forum rescheduled

Last week's Whanganui & Partners Public and Stakeholder Forum was cancelled suddenly because of an unexpected medical event.

The forum has been re-scheduled for **Tuesday, 14 May 2019 at 5.15pm** in the Whanganui War Memorial Centre's Concert Chamber.

Whanganui & Partners Chief Executive, Mark Ward, expressed his gratitude to the roughly 200 people who attended the cancelled forum. He said there was clearly great interest in the development agency's activities, and invited those who missed the opportunity to hear his organisation's presentation and to express their thoughts to attend the re-scheduled event.

Key stakeholders from Whanganui's business community will be present at the event, and attendees can talk with Whanganui & Partners' Board members and staff at the forum's conclusion. Light refreshments will be provided. To register for this forum, or if you have any questions or ideas to share, please email: [info@whanganuiandpartners.nz](mailto:info@whanganuiandpartners.nz) before Friday, 10 May.



### WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

Whanganui District Council is seeking public consultation on the following topic:

- Annual Plan 2019/20 Consultation Document (submissions close at 4.00pm on Wednesday, 24 April 2019)

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



## House plan changes

**Property information to be emailed**

From Friday, 3 May 2019 general property information held by Whanganui District Council will be supplied by email and can be kept by the customer for permanent review.

These changes are the result of a project to scan all property-related information held by the Council to ensure it remains a secure and permanent record.

To request property information please email: [yourcouncil@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:yourcouncil@whanganui.govt.nz)

You can also call the Council on (06) 349 0001, or come into Customer Services at 101 Guyton Street from 3 May to make a request. Requests will be processed within three working days. A \$30.00 fee will apply for this service.

Paper-based property packs will no longer be available for public viewing at Customer Services.

## Mill Road shutdown

**Gravel section closure from 6 May**

The gravel-only section of Mill Road (between Rakau Road and Manuka Street) will be closed to all traffic from Monday, 6 May 2019 for about 12 weeks for stormwater upgrades.

Whanganui District Council contractors are installing large stormwater infrastructure as part of a Council project to allow for expansion of the 120-hectare Mill Road Industrial Zone. The road closure is to allow contractors to work safely.

Detours will be in place. Access from Mosston Road will still be available for Mill Road businesses, and cars and light vehicles will be able to use Mosston Road to access Castlecliff.

The gravel section of Mill Road will be sealed later this year. Thank you for your patience.

## Submissions closing

**Public input sought on Annual Plan**

Whanganui District Council wants public feedback on its Annual Plan 2019/20 Consultation Document. The document identifies one key change from the Long-Term Plan 2018-2028 and outlines information on some other projects and changes to fees.

Submissions close at **4.00pm on Wednesday, 24 April 2019**. For more information please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay)

## Council meetings

You are welcome at our meetings

Meetings next week		
Strategy and Finance Committee	1.00pm Tuesday 30 April	Heritage House, 136 St Hill Street
Whanganui Rural Community Board	3.30pm Wednesday 1 May	Heritage House, 136 St Hill Street

Agendas are available at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas](http://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.

UNWELL OR INJURED?  
Where should I be?

For more information visit [www.manageme.org.nz](http://www.manageme.org.nz)

1  
Home  
(Self Care)

2  
General  
Practice (GP)  
& After Hours

3  
Emergency (ED)