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Whanganui’s population on the rise

Our population has risen by 700 people (1.6%), according to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) and Statistics New Zealand, which selected Whanganui to participate in a Census test in April 2017.

Since 2014, the Whanganui District has been steadily growing, from 43,400 in 2014 to 44,500 in 2017, making the current population the highest it’s been since 2000. This is the biggest annual increase since population changes were first recorded in 1996.

Part of the increase is due to growing international migration to Whanganui. In 2014, 63 people migrated to Whanganui from overseas. In 2017, the number increased to 211.

Mayor Hamish McDouall says it is a clear sign that people are seeing Whanganui as an attractive place to live with an enjoyable lifestyle.

“The population increase reflects what people are experiencing – a lot of Whanga-newbies, rising house prices, and a growing economy. The previous two government projections did not seem to reflect the growth that most people could see around them, but the Census test has clearly flagged that Whanganui is becoming more popular,” he says.



The Whanganui population has been growing steadily since 2014, according to statistics from the 2017 Census test

The Council is working on a Long Term Plan that incorporates this population growth, to ensure Whanganui can provide for a larger number of residents.

GDP per capita has also been rising in Whanganui, reaching \$35,280 in 2017, which is a 3.5% increase from 2016’s GDP per capita of \$34,070.

Mayor McDouall says, “Growth in both population and our economy are fantastic signs for Whanganui and signify that our beautiful city is heading in the right direction. A growing economy is beneficial for everyone in Whanganui as it means there are employment opportunities, increasing money flow for businesses and ultimately leads to more money in the pockets of Whanganui residents.”

All of these statistics are publicly available on MBIE’s Regional Economic Activity App and Statistics New Zealand website. Whanganui was selected to participate in a Census test in 2017 to help Statistics New Zealand test its systems and processes for the nationwide Census in March 2018.



Proposed Development Contributions Policy

We anticipate urban expansion and growth within the Springvale Urban and Otamatea West areas of Whanganui, which will require significant investment in infrastructure.

We are seeking your views on a proposed development contribution policy to provide the Council with a clear framework for recovering contributions to help meet the costs of capital expenditure necessary to service new developments. **Consultation closing date: Monday 5 February 2018**

Whanganui District Council’s Investment Plan

The Council’s Property Group has drafted a property portfolio investment plan for managing property investment and divestment opportunities. Feedback is sought on:

- investment outside the district
- ways the Council could invest in or divest property
- views on specific properties that may be surplus to the Council’s requirements

Consultation closing date: Friday 16 February 2018

Proposed Trade Waste Bylaw 2018

With a new Wastewater Treatment Plant currently being built, Whanganui District Council needs to have a fair and effective system of control over trade waste entering the system to ensure design performance and discharge consent conditions can be met.

We are asking for feedback on a proposed bylaw which will apply to all trade premises where sewage of a non-domestic nature, including tankered waste, is discharged or likely to be discharged to the Council’s sewerage system. **Consultation closing date: Friday 23 February 2018**

How to have your say

Visit www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay to provide feedback and get more information, or collect hard copies from the Customer Services desk, Municipal Office Building, 101 Guyton Street and Whanganui libraries.

What’s on at the Museum

What’s going wrong with New Zealand conservation?

Dr Mike Dickison, the Museum’s Curator of Natural History, will talk about how he believes the Department of Conservation’s conservation policy has to be driven by what New Zealand people care about. 7.30pm, Tuesday, January 30 at the Davis Theatre, Whanganui Regional Museum, Watt Street. Adults \$4.00, children \$2.00. No booking necessary but limited to 200 people.

Lunch ‘n learn – Whanganui: Concrete City

Museum Director Frank Stark is keeping the content of this talk close to himself ... but we do know it involves concrete. Find out just what concrete has to do with Whanganui and what Whanganui has to do with concrete! 12.00pm, Wednesday January 31 Free entry, but koha appreciated. Finger food and refreshments provided. Wheelchair access is available on request for both of these events.

Planned works

January 2018

Clean-up works from 2015 storm event: Major works are occurring along Whanganui River Road (Shellrock/Oyster Bluff), Garlands Bridge (abutment rock protection), Whanganui River Road (Jerusalem Bluff) and Papaiti Road realignment (Mosquito Point). There will be a ‘stop/go’ system in place for Jerusalem Bluff and Shellrock/Oyster Bluff

Road sealing and pavement maintenance: Heads Road, Whanganui River Road, Somme Parade, Raine Street, Hinau Street

Road resealing: Mangamahu Road, No 2 Line, Koatanui Road

Underground works: Rangiora Street (Cornfoot Street to Seafont Road)

Kerb and channel renewal: Marybank Road (No.26 to No.30), Rangiora Street (Cornfoot Street to Seafont Road), St Hill Street (Guyton Street to Ridgway Street)

Footpath renewal: Springvale Road (Peakes Road to Caversham Road), Rangiora Street (Cornfoot Street to Seafont Road), St Hill Street (Guyton Street to Ridgway Street)

Pavement reinstatement: St Hill Street (Guyton Street to Ridgway Street), Rangiora Street (Cornfoot Street to Seafont Road), Marybank Road (No.26 to No.30)

Water table/culvert maintenance: Whanganui River Road

Vegetation treatment: Whanganui River Road and Okoia

Unsealed road grading: Kai Iwi and Okoia

Water main works: Dublin Street (Somme Parade to Pitt Street), Heads Road (Cavell Place to Kings Avenue)

Underground stormwater works: Mosston Road (Wharf Street to Heads Road), Mosston Road (Heads Road to Hinau Street), Glasgow Street (Keith Street to Harrison Street)

Ikitara Road walkway

Temporary closure

The Ikitara walkway, between Ikitara Road and Mt View Road, will be closed for stormwater improvements from Thursday, January 25. It is expected to reopen on Friday, February 9. Signage will be placed at the entry and exit of the walkway. Thanks for your patience.

Council meetings

We welcome members of the public to attend our meetings.

Property and Community Services Committee	1.00pm, Wednesday February 7	Council Chamber
Statutory Management Committee	9.00am, Monday, February 12	Council Chamber
Council meeting	1.00pm, Tuesday, February 13	Council Chamber
Wanganui Rural Community Board	3.30pm, Wednesday, February 14	Committee Room 2

Agendas are available at the Customer Services Counter, Municipal Office Building, 101 Guyton Street and the District Library two working days prior to the meeting.

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