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# Smithfield Road project progresses

In the past eight weeks about 130 metres of new, bigger stormwater and wastewater pipes have been laid in Smithfield Road by Whanganui District Council contractors. The existing stormwater mains were close to a century old.

Upgrading the wastewater pipes is part of the council’s 30-year infrastructure strategy to improve the system. This project will benefit the Smithfield Road, London Street and Konini Street areas by providing a better drainage network to reduce flood risk, help with the projected effects of climate change, and cope with increased demand from new developments. Stage 1 work is expected to be completed at the end of July.

Council contractor ID Loader has completed about 40 percent of stage 1 pipeline work. To keep contractors safe Smithfield Road, from the intersection with Carlton Avenue to the intersection with Moore Avenue, is closed during the construction period with resident-access only. Detours are in place around the worksite.

For more information about the Smithfield Road drainage upgrade project, please visit: [bit.ly/3Wjtpa3](https://bit.ly/3Wjtpa3)



## Proposed Plan Change 60 submissions open

Submit on or before 25 June

Public notice of Proposed Plan Change 60 to the Whanganui District Plan Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act) – Whanganui District Council hereby gives public notice pursuant to Clause 5 First Schedule of the Act of proposed Plan Changes to the Operative Whanganui District Plan.

PC60 Miscellaneous 2 covers a number of minor matters including:

- the simplifying of zones on some properties identified as having more than one zone
- clarification of rules for height in relation to boundary, minor residential units, and vehicle crossings
- policy alignment for highly productive land
- additions to the protected tree schedule with modification to the rules of protected trees
- typographical and numbering amendments.

You can make a submission by sending a written or electronic submission to **Whanganui District Council, PO Box 637, Whanganui 4541** – email: [leayne.huirua@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:leayne.huirua@whanganui.govt.nz)

For further details about the proposed plan change, locations where information may be viewed, and for more submission details including a downloadable form, please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/plan-change-60](https://www.whanganui.govt.nz/plan-change-60) Submissions close at **5.00pm on Sunday, 25 June 2023.**

**David Langford**, chief executive  
Whanganui District Council – 24 May 2023

## Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw changes endorsed



Whanganui District Council is looking at its Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw, which sets out the way cemeteries and memorials are managed across the district. The following changes were recommended at a meeting of the Strategy and Policy Committee on Tuesday, 16 May 2023, following recent community consultation as part of a bylaw review – changes will be finalised at the next full council meeting:

- Design work approval for a water feature at Aramoho Cemetery, for the purpose of scattering ashes into moving water
- An amendment to the natural burial guidelines
- Grave cleaning to be undertaken by a third-party group only when families cannot be contacted.

The committee approved the initial design and preparatory work of the water feature, with the full costs and approval of the project to follow at a later date. For more information, please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/news](https://www.whanganui.govt.nz/news)

## Emergency Mobile Alert nationwide test this Sunday



The nationwide test of the Emergency Mobile Alert system takes place **between 6.00pm and 7.00pm this Sunday, 28 May 2023.** An alert will be broadcast to all capable phones. The Emergency Mobile Alert test allows the National Emergency Management Agency to evaluate the system, cell towers, and the ability for mobile phones to receive the alert. The test also helps to familiarise the public with what an Emergency Mobile Alert looks like and how their phone presents the message. More details at: [bit.ly/3MPaWz5](https://bit.ly/3MPaWz5)

## Tree removal programme

Whanganui District Council has started its annual tree removal programme in various areas around the city. The removals are needed due to tree decay and for safety reasons, and the work will continue until August. New trees will be planted as replacements in late winter-early spring. More details at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/public-notice](https://www.whanganui.govt.nz/public-notice)

## Temporary closure

Regional Museum closed 24-25 May

Whanganui Regional Museum will be closed **today, Wednesday, 24 May and Thursday, 25 May** for the installation of the taonga, Te Koanga o Rehua, which is being returned to Whanganui. The museum will reopen as usual from 10.00am this Friday, 26 May.

## Senior online banking

Sessions at Alexander Library in June

The Alexander Heritage and Research Library Te Rerenga Mai o Te Kāuru is running a series of three one-hour sessions for seniors about online banking during June.

The sessions will cover:

- Session 1 – Introduction to online banking
- Session 2 – Online banking safety and security
- Session 3 – Online banking transactions.

Learn how to check your account balance, pay bills, transfer money between accounts, and avoid scams.

To register now for these sessions, please email: [rachel@whanganuilibrary.com](mailto:rachel@whanganuilibrary.com) or call or text **027 211 4261.**

## Council meetings

Meeting next week

Annual Plan 2023/24 deliberations	10.30am Tuesday 30 May	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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