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# Have your say - gambling, Easter trading and parking

Whanganui District Council is currently seeking your feedback on the following:

### Proposed Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy

The Council is asking for community feedback on whether to allow shops to trade on Easter Sunday. Without a policy only some shops can trade under the Shop Trading Hours Act 1990 (the Act).

A local policy can permit shop trading on Easter Sunday but cannot place other conditions around shop trading (for example, types of shops and opening times). If a local policy is adopted the choice to open remains with individual retailers and all shop employees retain the ability under the Act to refuse to work on Easter Sunday without providing a reason to their employer.

Submissions close at 4.00pm, Friday 27 October 2017.

### Proposed Gambling Venues Policy

The Gambling Venues Policy aims to control the growth of gambling and minimise harm caused by gambling. We want to ensure the community is involved in decisions about the provision of gambling in the Whanganui District.

The proposed policy would:

- allow only one standalone TAB venue in our district at any time
- set out conditions for any relocation of existing Class 4 venues. Class 4 venues are those which the Gambling Act 2003 classifies as high-risk, high-turnover gambling, such as in pubs and clubs.

We would like your views on two options:

**Option A:** Class 4 venues can relocate under certain circumstances, providing location conditions are met

**Option B:** No Class 4 venues will be permitted to relocate

- permit clubs to merge gambling licences on condition that the total number of gaming machines is reduced ('sinking lid' approach)

Submissions close at 4.00pm, Monday 30 October 2017.

### Proposed Parking Management Plan and Parking Bylaw

The Council is consulting the community on changes to the Proposed Parking Management Plan and Proposed Parking Bylaw 2017. We are suggesting some parking changes to encourage pedestrian activity and longer stays for visitors. These are:

- to increase parking time limits within Victoria Avenue from 60 minutes to 90 minutes
- to increase the parking time limits in St Hill Street (between Guyton Street and Ingestre Street)
- to include airport parking and disabled parking outside of the town centre in the parking management plan
- to include parking exemptions for mobility card holders, SuperGold Card holders and tradespersons or special event permits

The Council is proposing to retain parking rules controlling:

- parking vehicles on a roadway
- parking vehicles for display or sale
- carrying out major repairs of vehicles on the road
- leaving broken down vehicles on the road for a period exceeding seven days

Submissions close at 4.00pm, Friday 3 November 2017.

### How to have your say

All information on these consultations is available at [www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay), including electronic submission forms.

You can also email your thoughts to [policysubmissions@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:policysubmissions@whanganui.govt.nz)

Hard copies of the proposed documents, supporting materials and submission forms are available from the Customer Services Counter at the Council's Municipal Building, 101 Guyton Street and at Whanganui libraries.



A weekend stall at the River Traders - Whanganui's Market by the River, provided an opportunity for people to meet members of Council's policy team and chat about the proposed changes

## Glass winners

Two glass design ideas were made into a reality when New Zealand Glassworks held a design competition to celebrate its first birthday.

Kahureremoa Hiroti-Ashford, aged 5, won the under-12 category with a flower design while Rowan Love won the aged 13-and-over-section for a design featuring a mountain contained within glass. The competition was held on Saturday, October 14.

The local glass artists who created the winning designs were Claire Bell, Rhys John, Rowan Love, Scott Redding, Katherine Robinson, Philip Stokes and Brendon Sole (pictured creating the flower design).



## Road closure Whanganui River Road

### Shellrock Bluff - Revised timing

Council contractors will be doing major earthworks at Shellrock Bluff on the Whanganui River Road.

This work will take place from 9.00am on Monday 6 November 2017 until 9.00pm on Friday 8 December 2017 and there will be road closures during this time. Please note the opening and closing times have been revised.

The road will be open on Saturdays, Sundays and during public holidays.

This work may take longer than four weeks, depending on the weather.

The work will take place from RP: 13.413 to RP: 13.932 - Culvert Number 61 to Bridge Number 23 (Whautehi Stream). This work is to fix damage from the 2015 rain event.

The revised opening and closing times are:

- 9.00am to 12.00pm noon - CLOSED
- 12.00pm noon to 1.00pm - OPEN
- 1.00pm to 3.00pm - CLOSED
- 3.00pm to 4.00pm - OPEN
- 4.00pm to 5.30pm - CLOSED
- 5.30pm to 6.30pm - OPEN
- 6.30pm to 9.00pm - CLOSED

From 8 December 2017 until 23 December 2017, works will continue but traffic will be controlled using a 'stop/go' system. Thanks for your patience.

## Dispose of your farm chemicals

### The Great DDT Muster

The Great DDT Muster is a nationwide campaign for the collection and disposal of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs). POPs include Lindane, Dieldrin, Chlordane, Aldrin and other pesticides which were in widespread use in rural New Zealand in the 1940s to 1970s.

The Great DDT Muster is your chance to get rid of these pesticides for free.

Visit <http://thegreatddtmuster.co.nz/> to book your collection online or to download a booking form or call 0508 374 768 for more information.

This initiative is supported by the Whanganui District Council Waste Minimisation Working Party.

## Council meetings

We welcome members of the public to attend our meetings.

Strategy and Finance Committee	1.00pm, Thursday, October 26	Council Chamber
Council meeting	1.00pm, Tuesday, October 31	Council Chamber
Infrastructure and Special Projects Committee	1.00pm, Tuesday, November 7	Council Chamber
Youth Committee	4.00pm, Monday, November 13	Council Chamber
Statutory Management Committee	9.00am, Tuesday, November 14	Council Chamber

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.