

Te Hononga a Hapori Community Link



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Take our Community Views Survey!

Have you visited the Royal Whanganui Opera House, Cooks Gardens or the Splash Centre recently? These are just some of the questions in Whanganui District Council's Community Views Survey – take the survey and go into the draw to win one of three \$100 grocery vouchers!

The survey asks all residents aged 16 and over for feedback on council services and facilities, as well as their perceptions of wellbeing and emergency readiness.

It includes questions about culture and recreation, safety and wellbeing, the performance of the council and its response to community needs and issues. If you live in a rural area, you will also be asked about the Whanganui Rural Community Board.

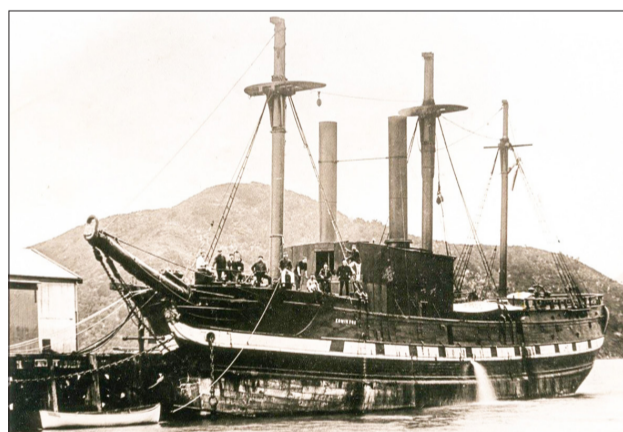
Independent research company Versus Research runs the survey on behalf of the council. The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete online – all respondents are anonymous, and no individual responses will be supplied to the council.



The survey closes at **5.00pm on Tuesday, 2 April 2024** and the results of the survey are expected to be available in August this year.

For more details and to take the online survey, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say

Edwin Fox book talk ahoy!



Come along to the Alexander Heritage and Research Library Te Rerenga Mai o Te Kāuru on **Sunday, 7 April from 2.00pm** to hear a presentation from Canadian historians and authors Adrian Shubert and Boyd Cothran on their recent book, *The Edwin Fox: How an Ordinary Sailing Ship Connected the World in the Age of Globalization 1850-1914*, and how their research has revealed some surprising connections with Whanganui.

The ship *Edwin Fox* – pictured above in the late-19th century when it served as a mobile freezing hulk around New Zealand – was built in India in 1853, and had a long and varied career throughout its working life before becoming the historic maritime attraction it is in Picton today. Nau mai – all are welcome to attend this FREE talk!

THROUGH-TRAFFIC CLOSURES

Bedford Ave rail-crossing closure over Easter

The railway level crossing in Bedford Avenue will close to all through-traffic for KiwiRail repairs from **7.00am this Saturday, 30 March until 5.00pm on Wednesday, 3 April 2024**. During the work, access to Bedford Avenue will only be available via the Balgownie and Kings avenues intersection.

Caffray Ave through-traffic closure next week

Caffray Avenue will close to all through-traffic from **7.00am next Tuesday, 2 April until 5.00pm on Friday, 5 April 2024** for the installation of utility services by Whanganui District Council contractors. Detour signs will be displayed.

NZ Glassworks residency

New Zealand Glassworks is excited to announce that applications are open for their artist-in-residence programme for 2024. This Creative New Zealand-funded programme, which runs for four weeks in July, will give an established or emerging glass artist the opportunity to create a new, innovative body of work. Applications need to be submitted by **5.00pm on Wednesday, 1 May**. Check out all the details and find an application form at: buff.ly/3x7ksIH



Funding from Whanganui River Enhancement Trust

Do you or someone you know have an innovative environmental project in mind that could contribute to the health and wellbeing of the Whanganui River catchment? If so, now's the time to turn that vision into reality! Applications for funding from the Whanganui River Enhancement Trust (WRET) are open until **midnight on Tuesday, 30 April 2024** – find more information and an application form at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/public-notice



Heritage Grant Fund open

Whanganui District Council's Heritage Grant Fund provides financial help to building owners to undertake external work that enhances the historic character of heritage buildings. Funding applications for the current round close at **5.00pm on Tuesday, 30 April 2024**. For more details and to make an application, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/funding

WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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

- 2024 Community Views Survey
- Streets for People

More details at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say



Easter holiday hours

Council reopens on Tuesday, 2 April

Whanganui District Council offices will be closed over Easter Weekend 2024 from **Good Friday, 29 March to Easter Monday, 1 April**. Customer services at 101 Guyton Street will reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday, 2 April 2024.

For a full list of opening hours for council facilities and services over the long weekend, visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/easter-2024

Hazardous Waste Day

Register your household waste now!

Whanganui District Council is holding this year's Household Hazardous Waste Day in April. The event gives households the chance to register their hazardous waste like pesticides, solvents, paint, oils, cleaning chemicals and aerosols with the council then drop them off at a designated location.

Registrations are essential so that we can arrange for correct disposal of the different types of waste. Please register your hazardous waste by **5.00pm on Friday, 12 April 2024** so its safe disposal can be planned. We'll then get back to you with a drop-off time and location.

For more information and to register your household hazardous waste, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/household-hazardous-waste-day

Arts & crafts for adults

Wednesday sessions at Davis Library

Come and join fellow craft enthusiasts at the Davis Library for a morning of creativity on **the first Wednesday of every month from 10.30am until 12 noon**. The sessions are free, fun, friendly and eco-friendly, with no booking required – just turn up ready to be inspired! For more information, please email: iva@whanganuilibrary.com

Justice of the Peace

Free JP services during April

A Justice of the Peace will be at the Alexander Heritage and Research Library Te Rerenga Mai o Te Kāuru to provide JP services such as witnessing signatures on documents and certifying copies of documents on **Friday mornings from 10.30am until 12 noon** on these dates:

- 5 April
- 12 April
- 19 April

Please note this service is FREE and you don't need an appointment – for a checklist of what to bring, please visit: www.justiceofthepeace.org.nz

Council meetings

Upcoming meeting in April

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| Strategy and Policy Committee | 9.30am Tuesday 9 April | Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street |
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Agendas: www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas
Livestreamed council meetings:
www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil
www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings