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# Whanganui's appeal wins judges' tick

Whanganui has won the Most Beautiful City and Best Street categories in the Keep New Zealand Beautiful Awards announced at a ceremony in Dunedin last Thursday, 24 October 2019.

The awards celebrate towns, cities and local heroes who lead the way with outstanding environmental and beautification work.

The Most Beautiful Towns and Cities finalists were judged by Keep New Zealand Beautiful chief executive, Heather Saunderson, and celebrity chef Michael Van de Elzen.

Mr Van de Elzen loved the fact that everyone in Whanganui was getting involved in making the city better, from the Council to surrounding iwi. "The recycling centre was just incredible and really set Whanganui apart – I wish every town and city could have one," he says.

Whanganui Mayor-elect Hamish McDouall says winning two categories was quite simply outstanding.

"There has been a big surge in beautification projects happening in Whanganui over the past year – and these wins showcase the town-beautification work and sustainability initiatives that are in our community."



The Ridgway Street precinct between Drews and Victoria avenues won Best Street category.

Councillor-elect Helen Craig, who entered Ridgway Street into the awards in her personal capacity, says, "Ridgway Street is one of New Zealand's most beautiful streets – and it's thanks to Town Centre Regeneration Project Manager, Ellen Young, and citizens like Dave Corney, who have generously supported the pop-up park, that helped us to win this award."

## New Tylee Cottage artist-in-residence in the frame

Photography and video artist Marie Shannon (pictured) is the new artist-in-residence at Tylee Cottage until January 2020.

Ms Shannon graduated from the University of Auckland's Elam School of Fine Arts with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in 1983.

Her still photographs are characterised by finely rendered detail, made possible with the use of a large-format analogue camera. Ms Shannon's work frequently draws on her immediate environment, and she is interested in presenting the seemingly mundane aspects of everyday life.

Ms Shannon's Tylee Cottage project seeks to display the Whanganui River through a series of photographs and video work. Capturing the river mouth at different times of day, as well as throughout different weather conditions to encapsulate and convey mood and atmosphere, she plans to focus on the details of the water as opposed to the landscape or location.

While artist-in-residence, Ms Shannon also intends to photograph the interior of Tylee Cottage and then construct models of the details.



## Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees Bylaw review

Animals are an important part of how we choose to live our lives and provide significant enjoyment to many people. This includes our pets and livestock, poultry and bees.

Whanganui District Council is in the process of reviewing the Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees Bylaw and wants to know from the community if it has got the right balance between recognising the importance of animals while ensuring they don't create a nuisance to neighbours.

The Council is conducting a brief online survey about this bylaw review at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay) The survey closes at 5.00pm on Friday, 15 November 2019.

### WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

Whanganui District Council invites you to have your say on the following topic:

- Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees Bylaw review

An online survey on this topic closes at 5.00pm on Friday, 15 November 2019. For more information, please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay)



## LIKEABLE RECYCLABLES

The Whanganui Resource Recovery Centre is able to accept a wide range of items for recycling, often at very little or no cost.

### RECYCLABLE ITEMS AT NO COST – FREE!

- Aerosol cans – all varieties
- Batteries – household and car
- Clothing – bins available
- Power tools
- Scrap metal – small items only
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes

Visit the ReSource Whanganui website at: [resourcewhanganui.org.nz](http://resourcewhanganui.org.nz) for a full A-to-Z list of recyclable items and related costs.



## Planned works

### November 2019

**Flood damage recovery 2017:** Major works will be happening along Whangaehu Valley Road

**Pavement road maintenance:** Denlair Road, Georgetti Road, Hipango Terrace, No 2 Line, Rapanui Road, Shakespeare Road, Whanganui River Road, Wicksteed Street

**Unsealed road grading:** Areas of Okoia, Mangamahu and Westmere

**Minor safety works:** Somme Parade raised platform (near Dublin Street)

**Tree removal:** Harper Street

**Kerb and channel renewal:** Swiss Avenue, Liverpool Street, Harper Street

**Footpath renewal:** Liverpool Street, Harper Street

**Pavement reinstatement:** Swiss Avenue, Liverpool Street, Harper Street

**Water table/culvert maintenance:** Brunswick Road, Georgetti Road, Kauangaroa Road, Rapanui Road

**Mowing and vegetation treatment:** Group 1 roads (roadside mowing), Rangitatau East Road (vegetation mower)

**Service lid adjustment:** Shakespeare Road

**Stormwater:** Titoki Street (Mosston Road to 36 Titoki Street), Kowhai Street (7 Kowhai Street to 22 Kowhai Street)

## Rat baiting operation

Rat bait will be laid on the Christie's Hill walkway (Hillside Terrace) over the next several weeks. The bait is Pestoff and will be in approved bait stations. Signs will be in place and the public are advised to keep dogs on leads while using the walkway.

## Skate park maintenance

The Castlecliff Domain skate park is scheduled to close for essential maintenance and repairs on **Tuesday, 5 November 2019** and is planned to reopen on **Friday, 29 November**.

## Council meetings

### You are welcome at our meetings

Meetings this week		
Council Meeting	4.00pm Thursday 31 October	Royal Wanganui Opera House, 69 St Hill Street
Whanganui Rural Community Board	4.30pm Thursday 31 October	Royal Wanganui Opera House, 69 St Hill Street

Agendas are available at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas) or view hard copies at 101 Guyton Street or the Davis Library.

Full Council meetings are livestreamed on Facebook and on the Council website.