

# Te Hononga a Hapori Community Link



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## Wakefield St overbridge vehicle limits

Whanganui District Council is reminding heavy vehicle users to avoid using the Wakefield Street overbridge in Whanganui East.

Currently under a maximum weight-limit restriction of 4500kg with a maximum axle loading of 2500kg, the bridge is due to be replaced in the 2024/25 financial year.

Signs stating these vehicle restrictions are clearly displayed on either side of the bridge. The bridge also has a speed limit of 30km/h, and a speed hump is in place on the Wakefield Street approach to the bridge.

In the past few months a number of vehicles using the bridge well in excess of the allowable limits have been recorded. Follow-up action has been taken where the company or individual vehicle has been identified.

If your vehicle exceeds either of the weight or axle limits, you must use the alternative route available via Eastown Road. To ensure the bridge can remain open before replacement work begins, it's essential that bridge users follow the heavy vehicle restrictions.



Design work is currently underway for the replacement bridge, which has funding support from NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi.

If you're using the Wakefield Street overbridge, please keep to the stated vehicle restrictions and reduced speed limit at all times.

## Somme Pde riverbank slip repairs extended into March

The complexity of the work at the Somme Parade drop-out repair site means detours will remain in place until mid-March to keep Whanganui District Council contractors and the community safe.

It was expected the repairs would be completed by the end of January but extra work has been needed, including stabilising the ground underneath the 160-tonne crane as it moved along the site. This involved driving 12-metre-long steel piles under the crane tracks. The drop-out has also continued to slip, with work extending further at both ends of the site.

A taper wall at the upstream end of the site has also been added to improve river flows past the area during high river-level events. Read more information about this project at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/somme-parade-dropout](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/somme-parade-dropout)



The scope and complexity of the Somme Parade drop-out repair project was demonstrated to a group of district and regional engineers during a site visit on Thursday, 25 January

## Survey on Rural Community Board open to all residents

Are you up-to-date with the Whanganui Rural Community Board and its activities? An online survey on the board's advocacy role and where future support can be focused is now open to all rural and urban residents in the Whanganui district. The Rural Community Board survey closes at 5.00pm on Friday, 9 February 2024 – complete the online survey at: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/D89WDXJ](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D89WDXJ)

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## Digital Skills for Seniors sessions start in February

Gain computer or smartphone and internet skills and confidence with FREE Digital Skills for Seniors sessions starting in February at Whanganui District Library. Learn to communicate online with friends and whānau, manage your passwords, use apps, protect yourself from scams, shop and bank online, and more.

Bookings are essential – please register your interest by emailing: [rachel@whanganuilibrary.com](mailto:rachel@whanganuilibrary.com) or drop into the Alexander Library to fill in a registration form.

## Hipango Park jetty

Please keep off until further notice

Whanganui District Council reminds all river users to please keep off the jetty at Hipango Park. Over time, the jetty has suffered flood damage that has undermined its piles so it is NOT SAFE to use until it's repaired. Planning for repairs is now underway – please keep off the jetty and refrain from using it until further notice.

## Funding applications

Creative Communities Scheme

Applications for Whanganui Creative Communities Scheme funding open tomorrow, Thursday 1 February. The scheme supports local arts projects focused on diversity, accessibility and youth participation in the arts. To find out if your project is eligible to apply for funding, please email the scheme's funding manager: [anique.jayasinghe@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:anique.jayasinghe@whanganui.govt.nz) Applications close at 12 noon on Thursday, 29 February 2024.



## La Fiesta at the library!

District Library events in Feb-March

Whanganui District Library is celebrating La Fiesta! 2024 with a range of events at the Davis, Alexander, Gonville and Hakeke Street libraries during February and early March. Events include a quiz, Dungeons & Dragons, talks on a variety of subjects, story-times for pre-schoolers, an art / craft session, creative writing workshops, exercise sessions and more. For a full list of library-related La Fiesta events, please visit: [www.facebook.com/WhanganuiDistrictLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/WhanganuiDistrictLibrary) or pick up a copy of the library La Fiesta brochure at the Davis or Alexander libraries. La Fiesta! 2024 runs from 10 February until 10 March – for more information, visit: [www.lafiesta.co.nz](http://www.lafiesta.co.nz)

## Upcoming night work

Guyton St-Victoria Ave intersection

The intersection of Guyton Street and Victoria Avenue will close overnight to all through-traffic from 6.00pm until 6.00am on Wednesday 7 February, and Thursday 8 February 2024 for repairs to the intersection's roading surface. Guyton Street and Victoria Avenue will become temporary cul-de-sacs on either side of the intersection during the work nights. More information at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/public-notice](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/public-notice)

## Council meetings

Upcoming meetings

Youth Council	4.00pm Monday 12 February	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Council meeting	9.30am Tuesday 13 February	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street

Agendas: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas)  
Livestreamed council meetings:  
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[www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings)

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