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Community Views Survey now open

Have you used libraries, visited a local park or accessed Whanganui District Council facilities recently? These are just some of the questions in our annual Community Views Survey – take part and you’ll be able to enter a draw to win one of three \$100.00 grocery vouchers.

The independently-conducted online survey by Versus Research is now open and asks all residents aged 16 and over for feedback on the council’s services and facilities as well as community perceptions of wellbeing in Whanganui. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete online – please visit: bit.ly/43qVcaX

The survey also includes questions about culture and recreation, emergency planning and readiness, 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.

Council policy manager, Elise Broadbent, says, “We want to hear from people who visit the skate parks and libraries, dog owners who visit the canine-friendly reserves, and those who make the most of our sportsgrounds and cultural facilities.



“If you live in the Whanganui district, whether you’ve had council contact or not, we would love to hear from you.”

Elise Broadbent says the results are an important tool for the council when looking at future improvements to services and for strategic planning.

All respondents are anonymous, and no individual responses will be supplied to the council. This year’s Community Views Survey closes at **11.59pm on Wednesday, 14 June 2023**, with results expected to be available in August.

Public Places, Parks and Reserves Bylaw review

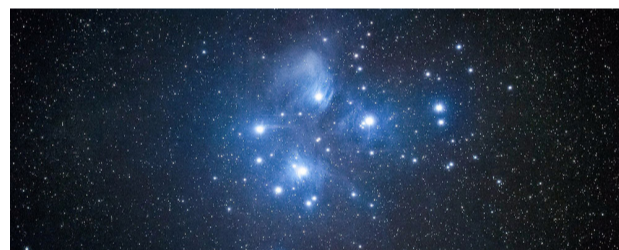
Whanganui District Council is calling for feedback on proposed changes to its Public Places, Parks and Reserves Bylaw 2016. A draft review has been put together with changes including simplification and legibility improvements, and a review of the fees structure.

The council charges a fee to book public spaces for events – how these fees are structured is a key theme of the bylaw review. Previously most bookings of outdoor spaces were handled with a flat fee. The council is proposing that the fee should be variable depending on factors like the activity and park being booked, and who is making the booking.

Three different fee structures are proposed. The first option is no fee, where bookings cost nothing. Second is a fixed fee, when the booking fee starts at the same base level but the total amount may differ depending on size of event, use of space or other factors. The third option is a variable fee, where bookings are charged a different base fee (including no fee) depending on the booking, with the total amount also differing based on various factors.

For more information and to make a submission, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say
 Submissions close at **5.00pm on Friday, 30 June 2023**.

Puanga events at the Sarjeant



The Sarjeant Gallery Te Whare o Rehua Whanganui concludes its Wānanga Whetū series with two upcoming events in celebration of Puanga / Matariki in July. Both FREE events are being held at Sarjeant on the Quay, 38 Taupo Quay, on **Saturday, 10 June 2023**. All are welcome – nau mai!

Wānanga Whetū 2 – Artist’s kōrero with Greg Donson and Vanessa Edwards from 11.00am-12 noon – Join a kōrero around the group exhibition, *He Tohu Tēnā Pea - It Is Perhaps a Sign*, curated by Vanessa Edwards and the Sarjeant Gallery. Book at: info@sarjeant.org.nz or call 06 349 0506.

Wānanga Whetū 3 – Rāranga Whetū - Weaving stars from 1.00pm-4.00pm – This wānanga is hands-on using customary rāranga practices to create star formations. No booking necessary for this event. Young and old welcome, stay for as long as you like!

King’s Birthday hours

Council services for Monday, 5 June

Whanganui District Council offices will be closed for the King’s Birthday public holiday on **Monday, 5 June 2023**. Customer services at 101 Guyton Street will reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday, 6 June. For a list of opening hours for council facilities and services, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/kings-birthday-2023

Dog registration fees

Discount applies until 31 July

Pay your dog registration fees on or by **Monday, 31 July 2023** to receive a prompt payment discount. Whanganui District Council is also running a competition to win a doggie gift bag to the value of \$250.00 – the draw is open to everyone who pays their fees by 31 August 2023. Pay your dog registration fees online at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/pay-dog-rego

Hazardous Waste Day

Register household items by 17 June

Register for Whanganui District Council’s Household Hazardous Waste Day by 5.00pm on 17 June 2023. The council will then contact you with a drop-off time and location for the actual day on Saturday, 24 June 2023. More details / register at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/household-hazardous-waste-day

Event funding available

Applications close this Friday, 2 June

Whanganui & Partners provides funding and support for events that represent a significant economic and positive contribution to the Whanganui community. Applications for events between 1 July, 2023 and 30 June, 2024 are now open – details at: discoverwhanganui.nz/business/event-support-funding
 Applications close at **5.00pm this Friday, 2 June 2023**.

Upcoming road closure

Purnell-Ingestre streets intersection

The intersection of Purnell Street and Ingestre Street will be closed to all through traffic **from 7.00am on Saturday, 10 June until 5.00pm on Sunday, 11 June 2023** to allow KiwiRail to make rail crossing repairs. Hatrick Street East and West will serve as detours around the worksite during the repairs. More information at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/public-notice

Council meetings

Meetings in June

Risk and Assurance Committee	1.00pm Thursday 8 June	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Council meeting	9.30am Tuesday 20 June	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street

• adoption of Annual Plan 2023/24

Agendas: www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas
 Livestreamed council meetings: www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil
www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings

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As mornings and evenings get darker, wear lights and reflective clothing whether you are cycling, walking or running.